



Inspection of  
Youth  
Offending

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## Independent inspection of youth offending work



### **EMBARGOED UNTIL 2 SEPTEMBER 2009 PUBLICATION OF INSPECTION REPORT Inspection of Youth Offending work in Manchester**

The latest inspection report of Youth Offending work in England and Wales was published today. Alan MacDonald, Assistant Chief Inspector, said:

“This Core Case Inspection of youth offending work in Manchester took place as part of the Inspection of Youth Offending programme. We have examined a representative sample of youth offending cases from the area, and we have judged how often the Public Protection and the Safeguarding aspects of the work were done to a sufficiently high level of quality. Our findings will also feed into the wider annual Comprehensive Area Assessment process.

Over the Manchester area as a whole, we judged that the Safeguarding aspects of the work were done well enough 64% of the time. With the Public Protection aspects, work to keep to a minimum each individual's *Risk of Harm to others* was done well enough 51% of the time, and the work to make each individual less likely to reoffend was done well enough 62% of the time.

We also found that the slow responsiveness of the YOIS case management system was making it more difficult for case managers to do their job properly.

Overall, we consider this an average set of findings. The implementation of the recommendations in this report will contribute to positive prospects for the future for Manchester YOS.”

## NOTES FOR EDITORS

1. The report is available at <http://www.justice.gov.uk/inspectors/hmi-probation/>
2. This Inspection of Youth Offending (IYO) programme started in April 2009. Youth Offending work in all 157 areas of England & Wales will be inspected over the course of a three-year cycle.
3. In England, the results of these inspections provide a source of evidence for the Comprehensive Area Assessment in the relevant local area(s). Comparable arrangements for Wales are being planned.
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