



Inspection of
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Independent inspection of youth offending work



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EMBARGOED UNTIL 00:01 – 07 OCTOBER 2009 PUBLICATION OF INSPECTION REPORT Inspection of Youth Offending work in Oldham

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 Oldham 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 area as a whole, we judged that the Safeguarding aspects of the work were done well enough 67% 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 60% of the time, and the work to make each individual less likely to reoffend was done well enough 62% of the time.

Overall, we consider this an encouraging set of findings; further improvements will need to be made particularly with regard to *Risk of Harm to others* and ensuring that children and young people comply with their court orders. However, with the recent changes to how *Risk of Harm* and vulnerability are assessed and managed, some marked improvement will likely begin to emerge. We found a management and staff team committed to their work and keen to address the recommendations in this report.

NOTES FOR EDITORS

1. The report is available at www.justice.gov.uk/inspectores/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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