



# North Tyneside Youth Justice Plan

## 2023 – 2024

# WHAT ARE WE PROUD OF?

The YJS takes a child first approach.

In 2021 North Tyneside YJS was rated as Outstanding by HMIP.

“The work of the YJS is overseen by well-informed and committed Board members who strongly champion the work with children”.

“The Chair of the Board provides purposeful leadership of the YJS”.

“The operational team is a dedicated, skilful, knowledgeable and experienced group”.

“A trauma-informed approach to the work with children is fully supported by resources within the partnership arrangement”.

The YJS has a Reoffending rate of 32% for the 2022/23 period. In line with family averages

Only 16 children became a First Time entrants, better than both the family average and national average.

No children were made subject to a custodial sentence in the 2022/23 period.

An established regional prevention pathway supports better children from overrepresented groups.

## WHAT ARE WE WORRIED ABOUT?

There is a high percentage of Children with SEND and an EHCP (60%)

The single most offence committed in North Tyneside is one of violence.

Children not attending 25 hours Education.

The number of children that have been a victim of crime.

The increase in technology assisted offending.

The regional Out of Court arrangements have not been reviewed by the partnership for 2 years.

Children subject to a custodial sentence has increased.

The age of Children entering the youth justice system has decreased from average of 15 years to 13 years.

# WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN?

## **Out of Court Process.**

Embed the Prevention Service (Turnaround and Divert) into the out of court process.

Dovetail the Prevention Service into the wider Early Help offer.

Evaluation and Review of the impact of the Out of Court Diversion Process, alongside Regional Partners.

## **Informed approach to Serious Youth Violence.**

To produce with partners a local Serious Youth Violence Strategy.

Represent the 6 Northumbria YJS's on the Violence Reduction Unit, Serious Violence delivery group.

## **Improve access to Health and Wellbeing.**

Produce a Health and Wellbeing Strategy to ensure there is an integrated health response for all children.

## **Develop specific services for young victims of crime.**

We will undertake a full review of the practice relating to the young victims following a specific report commissioned on the nature of violent offending. This report identified a higher rate of young victims against adult victims.

## **Support young people with additional Needs / Education. Training and Employment.**

Challenge exclusionary barriers.

Support parents to advocate for best fit provision.

All children screened re SALT and offered assessment where necessary.