

13 July 2015

Agenda Item: 06

REPORT OF THE TEMPORARY SERVICE DIRECTOR, YOUTH, FAMILIES AND CULTURE

OUTCOME OF THE YOUTH JUSTICE SERVICE SHORT QUALITY SCREENING INSPECTION

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide the Committee with the outcome of the Youth Justice Service Short Quality Screening Inspection conducted by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation.

Information and Advice

2. Between 11th and 13th May 2015, Nottinghamshire Youth Justice Service was visited by 5 inspectors from Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation under the Short Quality Screening Inspection arrangements. The report on the outcome of the Inspection, attached as **Appendix 1**, was published on 10th June 2015. A total of 34 cases were inspected. The Short Quality Screening criteria focus upon the initial stages of the order or sentence and forms judgements around the quality of initial assessment and planning and the likely impact of these upon the future achievement of positive outcomes for the child or young person. Unlike full inspections, the findings of the Inspection are not graded but are presented in the form of quality judgements and statements in the style of a letter, which is published on Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation website. The service is inspected against 5 main areas:
 - Reducing the re-offending of the young person
 - Protecting the public
 - Protecting the child or young person
 - Ensuring that the sentence is served by the child or young person
 - Operational Management of the service.
3. The outcome of the inspection was positive with acknowledgement that the service has continued to improve since its full core case inspection in 2012. The service performed well against all 5 criteria.

Other Options Considered

4. As this was an external inspection, no other options have been considered.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

5. The Committee is asked to note the report as this reinforces the quality and performance of youth justice services in the County.

Statutory and Policy Implications

6. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the positive outcome of the Youth Justice Service Short Quality Screening Inspection and the progress that the Youth Justice Service continues to make are noted.

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Constitutional Comments

7. As this report is for noting only, no Constitutional Comments are required.

Financial Comments (CDS 12//06/15)

8. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All

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