

Sefton Safer Communities Partnership

1 Introduction

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update SSCP regarding key headlines and achievements of the Integrated Youth Service since June 2018.

2 **Recommendation(s) That:** The SSCP notes the report

3. Youth offending Team (YOT)

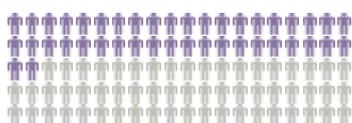
3.1 YOT - Performance

3.1 Sefton's Key National Performance Indicators—headlines (December 2018)

3.2 This report focuses upon Sefton's performance by benchmarking against the 'new' YOT families that groups YOTs that appear similar in terms of the socio-demographic characteristics of their area.

3.3 **Re-offending-** this is defined as the percentage of those young people who have re-offended from an identified cohort of first offenders. Given the small numbers within a three-month cohort, aggregated data is used, taking an average across the four quarters. This shows a Sefton rate of 41.5%; which

Sefton Re-offending Rate



roughly translates to 4 in 10 young people re-offend. The rate is currently lower than our comparison YOT 'family' average 42.4%, England 41.6% and Merseyside 47.8%. Sefton's Performance has shown a slight decrease in this last quarter to previous (-3.2%) comparing

October 15 to September 16 with October 14 to September 15. Performance is good taking account of the longer-term trends.

3.4 **First Time Entrants** – this relates to those young people who receive a criminal record for the first time. Figures show a 29.3% increase comparing April 17 to March 18 with April 16 to March 17, the rate increase is from 215 to 278 per 100,000. This increase for Sefton is unusual given past trends, the last two quarter shows an increase. In terms of numbers, this is an increase of 15 young people for the last quarter. However, the period we are comparing with is one of the lowest numbers of first time entrants in the last five years.

3.5 Sefton's Performance continues to be comparable to Merseyside with a rate of 281 and England 276. Performance is not as good when compared to the overall rate of the YOT 'family'. Sefton is approximately average, listed fourth as having the highest rate of first time entrants out of 10 similar YOTs. Sefton and two other YOTs have an increased rate for 2018/17 compared with 2016/17.

- 3.6 Sefton's continues to be proactive through prevention strategies, particularly with out of court disposals and the use of Community Resolutions. First time entrants are locally tracked at the end of each quarter and while these figures are not always comparable, numbers did increase for the quarter October to December 2017.
- 3.7 **Custody Rate** – the number of young people receiving a custodial sentence expressed as a rate per 1,000 of 10-17 population-data shows a significant reduction of 30%. Sefton's reduced rate translates in actual numbers of 1 young people being sentenced to custody within July 17 to June 18 compared to 8 within July 16 to June 17.
- 3.8 Sefton's custody rate is 0.04, the lowest rate over the last five years. Performance compares extremely well when compared to the North West 0.37, Merseyside 0.35 and the YOT family average 0.22. Sefton the lowest rate of custody amongst the Merseyside YOTs and performance is extremely good within the ranking of the YOT family as shown in chart 3.

4 Youth Justice Board Consultation

- 4.1 The Youth Justice Board has recently consulted with Youth Justice Services regarding proposed changes to the National Standards for Children in the Youth Justice System.
- 4.2 The streamlined standards focus on five key themes and provide flexibility in how local authorities deliver youth justice services. The Cabinet Member for Communities and Housing has been consulted regarding the changes and has agreed Sefton's response.

5 Targeted Youth Prevention

5.1 Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Pilot

- 5.2 Since June 2018, a second programme as part of the ACEs pilot has been delivered with significant success. The feedback from participants in both groups was extremely positive and retention of group numbers was greater for the second group. As already reported to SSCP, John Moores University will deliver a full evaluation report which is expected in January.

- 5.3 Sefton has accessed funding to train a further 12 members of staff in January 2019 who will deliver six programmes across localities throughout 2019, two in each locality. The training delivered by Rockpool has developed and now supports staff to deliver programmes with young people who have had adverse childhood experiences as well as parents.

5.4 Youth Service

- 5.5 There has been extensive activities delivered by the Post 5pm teams, working with young people at youth centres across the borough. The Youth Bus has engaged with our communities, tackling anti-social behaviour and delivering

activities with young people and families such as cooking groups within the summer holidays when children cannot access free school meals. The youth bus also worked alongside partners such as Merseyside Police and Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service across the mischief and bonfire period, supporting our communities to stay safe.

- 5.6 During the summer, young people engaged in the Sefton Rocks project, where youth groups across Sefton decorated dozens of rocks with colourful designs and hid them in parks and green spaces across borough. The aim of the project was to encourage young people and families to search for the rocks and post pictures of their finds on Twitter and Instagram.
- 5.7 Young people from Sefton Youth Voice took part in a series of workshops to create parts ready for the Lost Castles event which took place in North Park during August. The young people participated in creating and building a castle using only cardboard boxes.
- 5.8 This year's Make Your Mark has seen a record-breaking number of votes at 18,004 which equates to 64% of the 11 – 18 youth population in Sefton. This was the highest percentage in Liverpool City Region 2nd highest percentage in North West Region and 9th highest number of votes nationally.
- 5.9 The top 4 issues that all received over 2000 votes each were - End Knife Crime (2,653), Mental Health (2,466), End Homelessness (2,464) and Support Youth Services (2,061). These issues will be debated at the next SYMBOL meeting on 29th November, where area will be nominated as the new campaign for youth cabinet moving forward.
- 5.10 Throughout October and November, detached youth workers have covered the town centre and the area around East Bank street. Workers have engaged with shop keepers and fast food outlets to deliver the Barnardo's 'Be Aware' child exploitation awareness leaflet. The leaflets contain information for businesses and members of the community on how to report any concerns they have regarding child exploitation.