

**Briefing to:** Sefton Community Safety Partnership  
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## **1 Purpose / Summary**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the SSCP regarding progress and achievements of the Integrated Youth Service since December 2019.

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

## **3 Youth Offending Team (YOT)**

### **3.1 Performance**

3.1.1 **Re-offending-** this is defined as the percentage of those young people who have re-offended from an identified cohort of first offenders. Sefton's rate of re-offending is 50.8%; therefore approximately 5 out of 10 young people re-offend. Re-offending rates have increased compared to the previous quarterly data but given the fluctuation of the re-offending rate means the data needs to be examined in terms of the longer-term trends. Particularly, it should be noted that the numbers in the cohort i.e. the number of first-time offenders increased by 15 and the number of those re-offending increased by 11.

3.1.2 **First Time Entrants** – this relates to those young people who receive a criminal record for the first time. Sefton continues to deal with less serious crime by way out of court disposals a method of resolving low-level crime by providing first time offenders a community resolution if they have taken responsibility for the offence, this offers the offender a 'second chance', provided they make amends to the victim.

3.1.3 National figures show a 26% decrease comparing Oct 18 to Sept 19 with Oct 17 to Sept 18, the rate decrease is from 262 to 195 per 100,000. In terms of numbers, this is a decrease 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. Sefton's national performance is lower than Merseyside with a rate of 267 and England 220 but higher than the YOT Family average of 165. Sefton is slightly below average, listed seventh as having the highest rate of first-time entrants out of 10 similar YOTs

3.1.4 **Custody Rate** – There is currently 1 Sefton young person serving a custodial sentence. YOT performance within this domain is good with a low custody rate compared to National figures.

3.1.5 Sefton YOT has strong performance with regards to the reduction of custody. Performance, despite some fluctuations in other key indicators, considering historical trends and comparison with other YOTs, good performance is maintained. An area to monitor closely is first time entrants to ensure the increase in numbers do not continue.

#### **4 Victim Work**

4.1 During January the YOT Victim Worker contacted 21 victims of young offenders. Of these, 9 were victims of young people who were dealt with via Out of Court Disposals and 12 were victims of young people who received statutory court orders. The Victim Worker is currently preparing several restorative conferences involving young people working with YOT and their victims.

4.2 Restorative conferences where the young person and victim have the opportunity to meet tend to have a powerful impact on both parties, victims often feel less worried about being further targeted and young people understand the consequences of their actions. A great deal of preparation is required to ensure that the victim and young person are ready to meet, however the impact far outweighs the work it takes to facilitate the conference.

#### **5 Princes Trust – Achieve Programme Training**

5.1 Approximately 30 staff across the Family Wellbeing Centres and our partnership have been trained to deliver the Princes Trust Achieve Programme, which offers positive activities for young people 11-19 years old, with an education element right through to supporting young people to write CV's and prepare to apply for employment. Many of the courses award accreditations so young people can achieve at their own pace and develop friendships in a positive setting.

#### **6 Trauma Informed Practice**

6.1 The Adverse Childhood Experiences Programmes in Sefton continue to develop, in March, four programmes will be delivered including the first 'dads only' programme. There will also be further mums only and young peoples' programmes, plus a follow on programme for young people as part of their ongoing support which will utilise the Princes Trust Achieve Programme framework.

6.2 The programmes adopt a trauma informed approach and this model of good practice was shared with a network panel in February consisting of colleagues from Wirral, Knowsley and Liverpool. The model was also shared with Sefton LSCB learning group. Trauma Informed Practice

- 6.3 Having received funding from Merseyside Police Violence Reduction Partnership, together with Public Health we have implemented a series of Trauma Informed Practice training sessions, which are available to the wider workforce.
- 6.4 Strategic leaders from across the partnership attended a bespoke Trauma Informed Practice workshop in February and provided excellent feedback. Subsequent staff sessions have been delivered including partners and further Trauma Enhanced training will be delivered for front line staff who are working with our most vulnerable people and families.

## **7 Youth Work**

- 7.1 There continues to be a wide range of youth provision across the borough being delivered by council colleagues and our commissioned youth providers. A key date in the calendar is the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Ceremony which takes place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at the Convention Centre in Southport where young people will celebrate their achievements and collect their awards.

## **8 Recommendation**

- 8.1 It is requested that the SSCP notes this report.