

# Camden Youth Justice Service- Setting our annual Priorities

May Board Event 2025



# Programme

1. 5pm: Welcome from Tim Aldridge:  
Context, HMIP Inspection Headlines Feedback, Existing Priorities
2. 5.10pm: Integrated Youth Support Service (IYSS) - Tim Cosh
3. 5.20pm: Overview of performance and progress 2024/25 - Catherine Knowles
4. 5.30pm: Split into groups for 30 mins discussions
5. 6.30pm: Reconvene for food and refreshments

# Context

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Annual Youth Justice Plan

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Condition of grant from Youth Justice Board

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Accountability and forward planning

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Overseen by Management Board

# Our Youth Justice Service delivery model: partnership arrangements

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Camden's Youth Justice Service Management Board is chaired by Camden's Executive Director, Children and Learning and is **regularly attended by all statutory partners**.

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In 2024 the membership arrangements for the Board were reviewed to achieve **the right connections across our wider strategic partnership landscape**.

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Well-connected partnership boards **align priorities and enable mutual challenge and assurance**; where there is no *one voice* but a culture of strong support and high expectation.

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**Our dual YJS Peer Advocates and CSCP Young Advisors** bridge the gap between Leads, Workers and local children's experiences, enhancing partnership learning through direct experiences.



# HMIP Headline feedback

Assessing activity is exceptionally high quality

Planning is very strong and contributes to achieving positive change in 100% of cases reviewed

Practitioners have meaningful and trusted relationships with children and families

There is a collective responsibility to victims – everyone has a role, and it is everyone's business

Management oversight and quality assurance really contribute to effective practice

# Existing Youth Justice Plan strategic priorities 2023-2025

Maintain and continue work on tackling **disproportionality**

Improve and increase **Education, Training and Employment** opportunities/interventions

Continue to invest in the **staff teams' development and wellbeing**

**Evaluate and evidence** Camden interventions and approaches

Continue to **use feedback from children and families** to improve the service

Strengthen the **Prevention** approach provided within YJS

Responding to **social inequality**

# Consultation stages

Working group with  
managers - April

Workshop with the  
team - May

Board  
consultation/workshop  
- May

Participation with  
children and parents-  
April/May/early June

Chair of board signs off  
plan

Submit Youth Justice  
Plan to YJB 30<sup>th</sup> July

# What we need from our Board Members/Partners

What should our priorities be?

What are your ideas?

What can you contribute to help the YJS achieve these priorities?

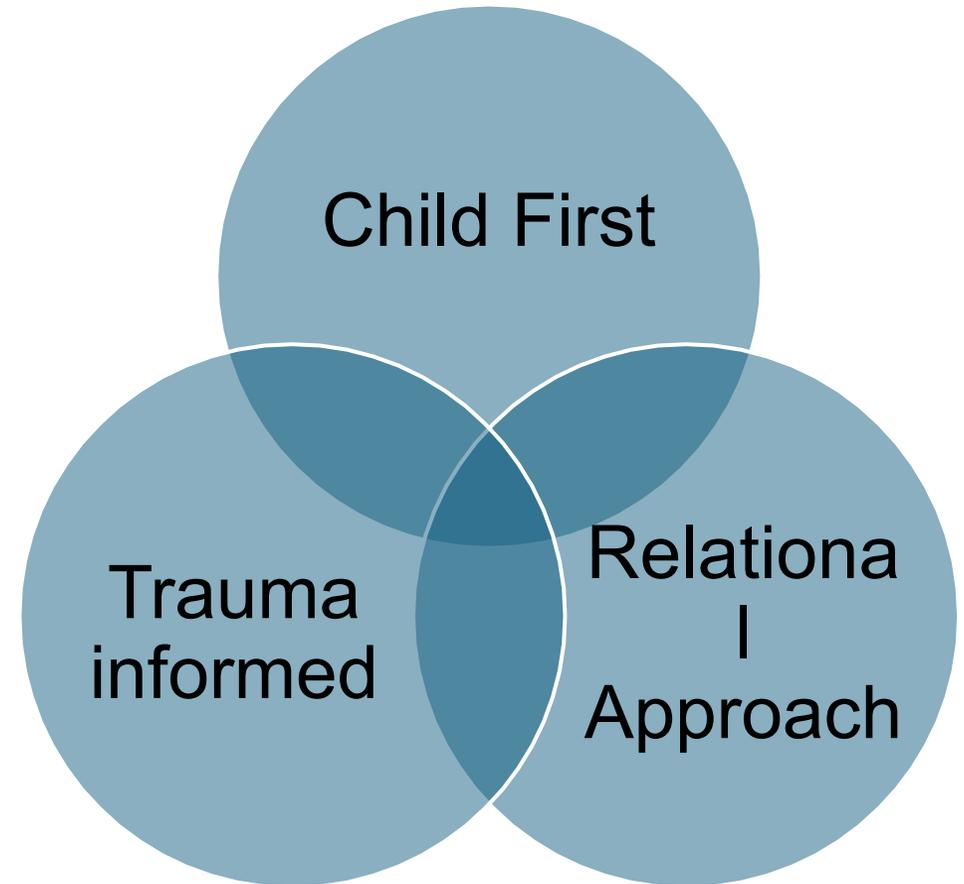
What else is already happening that we can link in with?

Should we retain any existing priorities? Or should they become *business as usual*?

What is realistic and achievable over the next 3 years?

Remain flexible to changes that National Reform of Social Work may bring.

# An Integrated Youth Support Service: focus on children through whole systems approach



# What we want our partnership victim strategy to achieve

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**Early Identification:** *We want to do more to join up our early help systems to identify victims at an earlier stage to offer intervention through voluntary programmes and participation.*

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**Breaking the cycle:** *We know from extended learning reviews that being the victim of a violent crime increases the likelihood of going on to cause harm to others and entering the youth justice service.*

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**Disproportionality:** *Data tells us we have work to do to ensure that all members of our community feel able to ask for help when they have been the victim of a crime and access the relevant support.*

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**Camden wide approach:** *We want to develop a clear and consistent approach to supporting victims across all council services. Embedding relational practice and shared learning to be at the core of what we do.*

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**Health and Well-Being:** *We want children to thrive in Camden & recognise being the victim of a crime can have a detrimental impact on childhood. We will build on our trauma informed practice and multi-agency offer to support recovery.*

# Feedback: new or continued areas of focus

Develop and implement a new partnership victim strategy	Strengthening partnerships with VCS and wider youth offer	Enhance and improve our offer to the most persistent re-offenders	Domestic abuse/toxic masculinity
Working with Girls	Disproportionality	Feedback from children and participation	Prevention work – mentoring
More paid work experience	Focus on children/family health	Work with schools	Transitions

# Our children: 2024-25 data

The vast majority (93%) of are boys and 72% are 16-17 years old

21% of our children have a current Child in Need or Child Protection Plan

23% of our children have an Education Health Care Plan

16% of our children are Care Experienced

70% of our children are from Global Majority backgrounds

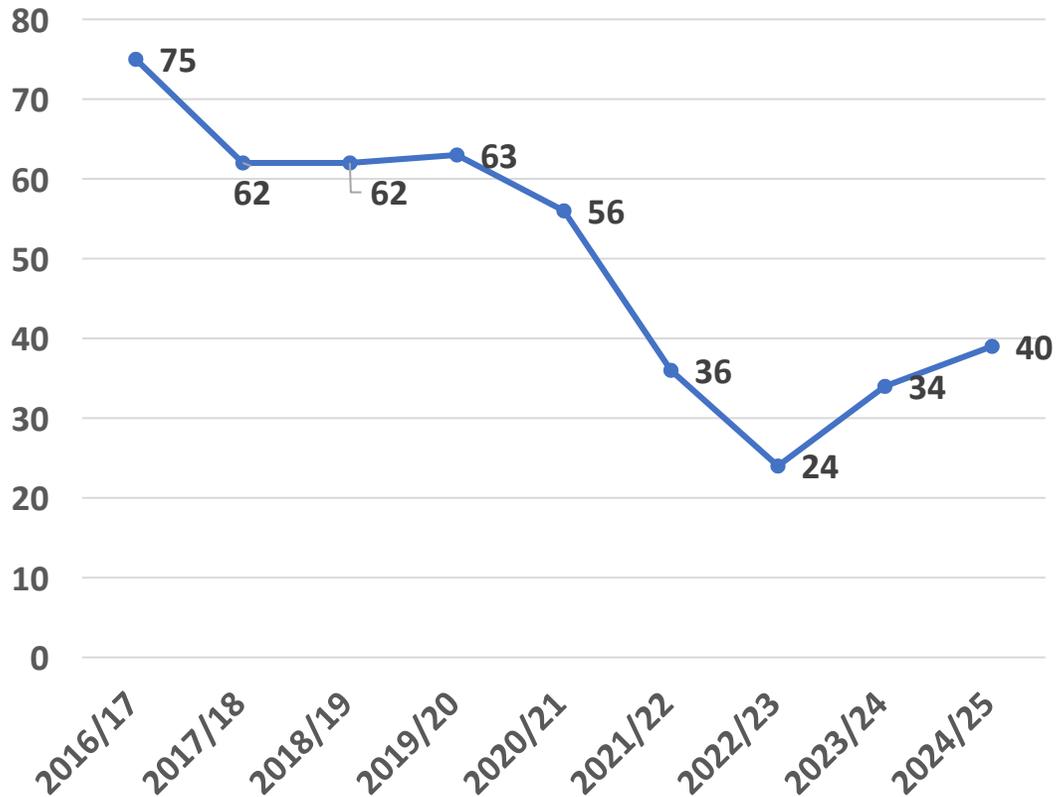
Of 154 offences, 50 (32%) were for Violence against the Person. Motoring 20 (13%). Drugs 15 (10%) Theft and handling 15 (10%)

31 Weapons offences & 19 Violence against the person

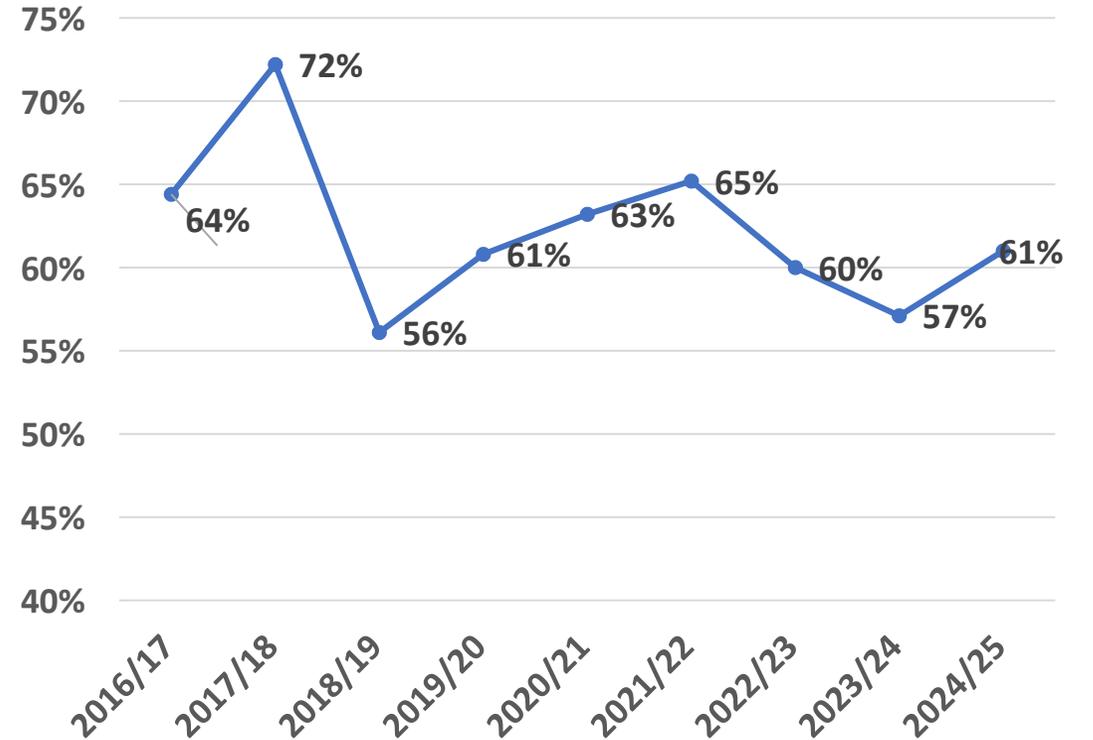
Small cohort with 61 children receiving a substantive outcome

# Our children: 2024-25 data

## First Time Entrants

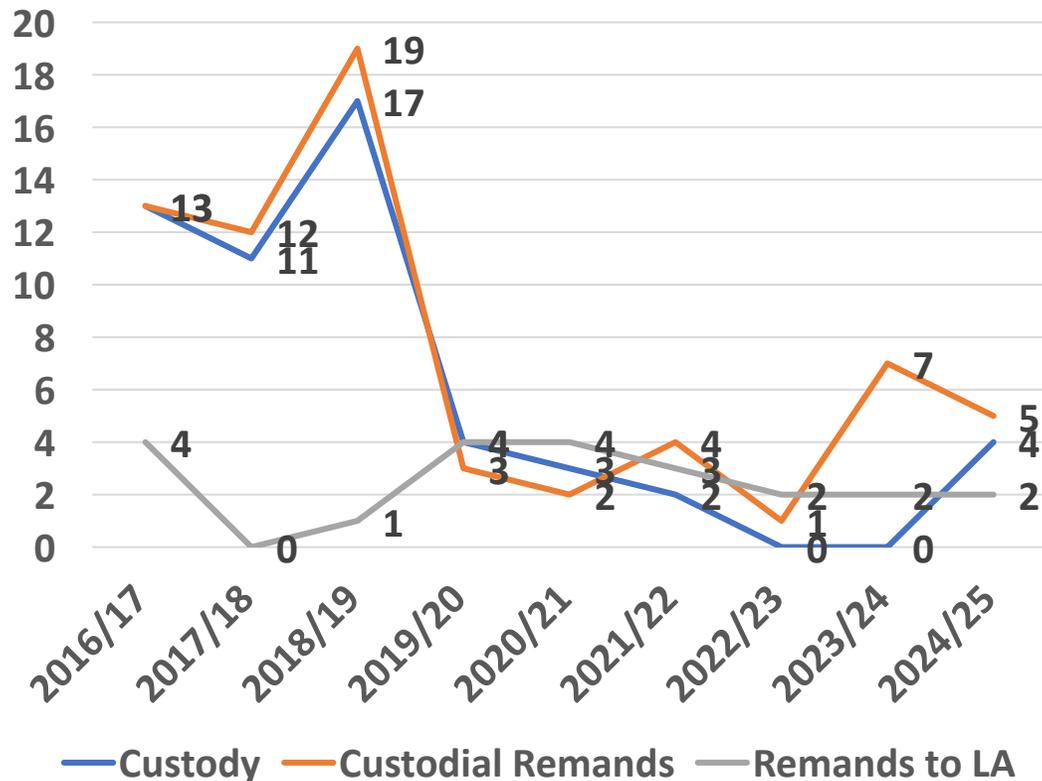


## Children engaging in Education, Training or Employment



# Our children: 2024-25 data

## Custody & Remands



## Re-Offending (2022-23)

### No. of children:

Data shows 50%, 18 of the 36 children re-offended within the time period, in comparison to 21%, 11 of 52 children in the previous year

### Re-offences:

18 children committed 47 reoffences, compared with 11 re-offenders who committed 58 re-offences in the previous cohort

On average children commit 2.6 offences each (compared to an average of 5 in the previous cohort)

# Workshops

**Group 1** in room 4 – Domestic Abuse/Toxic Masculinity/Work with girls – Catherine

**Group 2** in room 5 – Transitions/Children who persistently re-offend/locality working & VCS relationships – Charlotte

- 30 mins then swap

# Youth Justice Service Priorities 2025+

