

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
27TH APRIL 2009**

**CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –
TASK AND FINISH REVIEW**

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the establishment of a Task and Finish Review Group to examine the arrangements in place to minimise youth offending.

Summary

2. At the meeting of the Monitoring and Co-ordination Group held on 2nd March, 2009 approval was given for the establishment of a Task and Finish Review by this Scrutiny Committee to examine specific issues relating to youth offending for which this committee has responsibility for monitoring performance indicators, namely-- NI 043 Young people within the Youth Justice System receiving a conviction in court who are sentenced to custody; NI 044 Ethnic composition of offenders on Youth Justice System disposals; NI 045 Young offenders engagement in suitable education, employment or training; NI 046 Young offenders access to suitable accommodation; NI 051 Effectiveness of child and adolescent mental health (CAMHS) services (relating specifically to young offenders or those at risk of offending); NI 111 First time entrants to the Youth Justice System aged 10-17; NI 115 Substance misuse by young people.

Recommendations

3. It is recommended that Members establish a Task and Finish Review Group, comprising all Members of this Scrutiny Committee to consider these aspects of youth offending.

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Background Papers

There were no background papers used in the preparation of this report.

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S17 Crime and Disorder	This report has no implications for Crime and Disorder
Health and Well Being	This report has no direct implications to the Health and Well Being of residents of Darlington.
Sustainability	There are no issues relating to Sustainability which this report needs to address
Diversity	There are no issues relating to diversity which this report needs to address
Wards Affected	The impact of the report on any individual Ward is considered to be minimal.
Groups Affected	The impact of the report on any individual Group is considered to be minimal.
Budget and Policy Framework	This report does not represent a change to the budget and policy framework.
Key Decision	This is not a key decision.
Urgent Decision	This is not an urgent decision
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	The report contributes to the Sustainable Community Strategy in a number of ways through the involvement of Members in contributing to the delivery of the five themes.
Efficiency	Review Groups are integral to scrutinising and monitoring services efficiently (and effectively), however this report does not identify specific efficiency savings.

MAIN REPORT

4. It is the intention of this Scrutiny Committee to bring together representatives from the policy areas listed and partner organisations mentioned below to inform committee's discussion and facilitate an exchange of views which may lead to recommendations to Cabinet on this very important matter.

5. At the meeting of this Scrutiny Committee held on 9th March it was agreed to undertake a Task and Finish Review to look at developments of the Parenting Strategy; the Safer Schools Partnership; the Clarevaux Trust, the Phoenix Centre and Police liaison in relation to substance misuse. It was also proposed that Members of the Health and Well Being and Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Committees be invited to attend the Task and Finish Review meeting

