

Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Thursday 18 July 2019 at 10.00 am

Cabinet Suite - Shire Hall, Gloucester



AGENDA

6	Children and Young People and the Criminal Justice System (Pages 1 - 18) The committee to receive a presentation on the work/impact of the Children First initiative; and verbal feedback from the visit to Gloucestershire by HMIP as part of their thematic inspection on youth resettlement.	Andy Dempsey, Kate Langley
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Membership – *Cllr Chris Coleman, Cllr Stephen Davies, Cllr Bernard Fisher, Cllr Colin Hay, Cllr Dr Andrew Miller, Cllr Loraine Patrick, Cllr Alan Preest, Cllr Brian Robinson (Chairman) and Cllr Lesley Williams MBE (Vice-Chairman)*

Added Members - *Charlotte Blanch (Clifton Diocese) and Dr Richard Castle (Primary Sector Parent Governor Representative)*

Co-Opted Member - *Ambassador for Vulnerable Children and Young People*

- (a) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Please declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or personal interests that you may have relating to specific matters which may be discussed at this meeting, by signing the form that will be available in the Cabinet Suite. Completing this list is acceptable as a declaration, but does not, of course, prevent members from declaring an interest orally in relation to individual agenda items. The list will be available for public inspection.

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- (b) **INSPECTION OF PAPERS AND GENERAL QUERIES** - If you wish to inspect Minutes or Reports relating to any item on this agenda or have any other general queries about the meeting, please contact:

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(c) **GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS**

- 1 Will Members please sign the attendance list.
- 2 Please note that substitution arrangements are in place for Scrutiny (see p88 of the Constitution).

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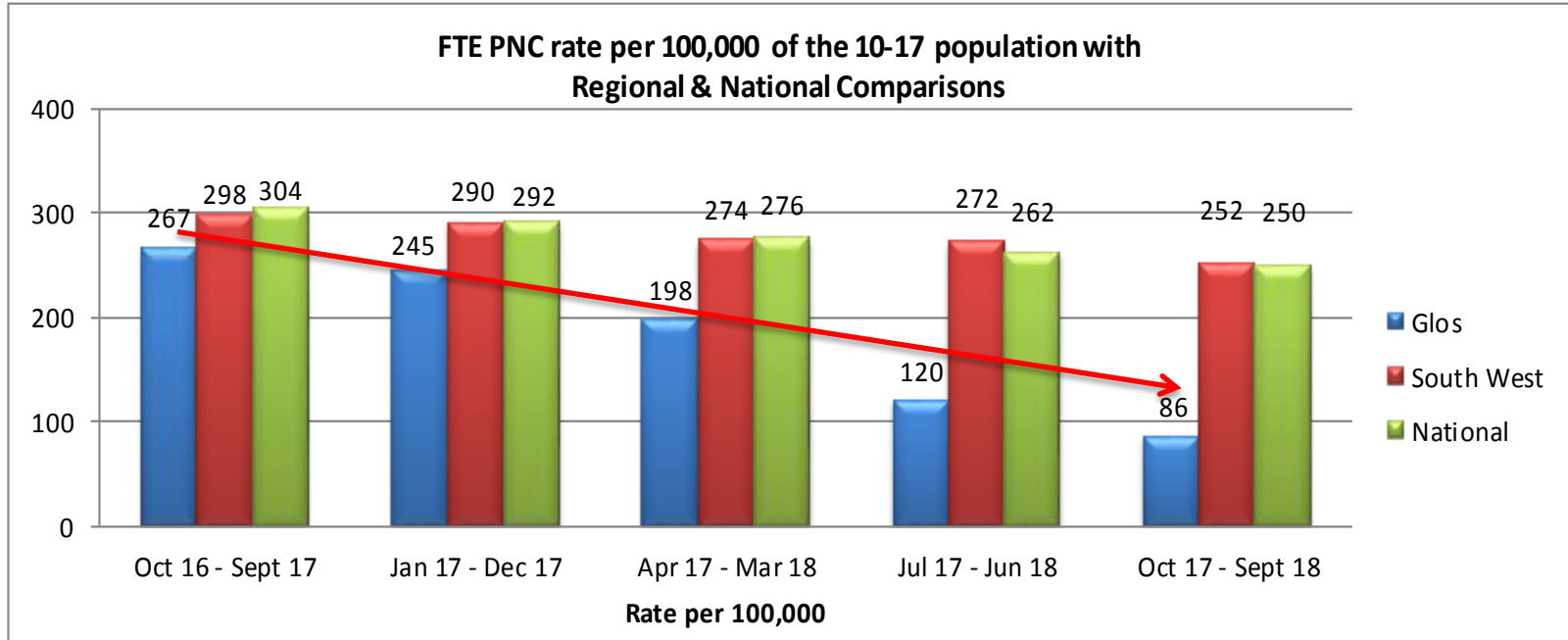


Youth Justice Children First update and HMIP Feedback July 2019

Andy Dempsey
Director of Partnerships & Strategy
Kate Langley
Head of Youth Offending Service



First Time Entrants 2016 - 2018



First Time Entrants 2013-2018

First Time Entrants (Actual Numbers)						
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Gloucestershire	216	200	159	161	135	40

First Time Entrants PNC Rate per 100,000 of the 10-17 Population						
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Gloucestershire	391	371	294	295	245	72
South West	457	436	375	335	290	242
Nationally	453	413	374	331	292	238

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Aims of Children First.

- To divert children and young people away from the formal criminal justice system wherever possible and reduce unnecessary criminalisation particularly of vulnerable groups
- To encourage children and young people to take responsibility for their own actions and promote reintegration into their communities
- To ensure children and young people are offered the right support in order to prevent further offending at the earliest opportunity
- To make restorative Interventions the norm and default disposal for children and young people who offend.
- To see the child first and offender second
- To put the victim at the heart of the youth justice system

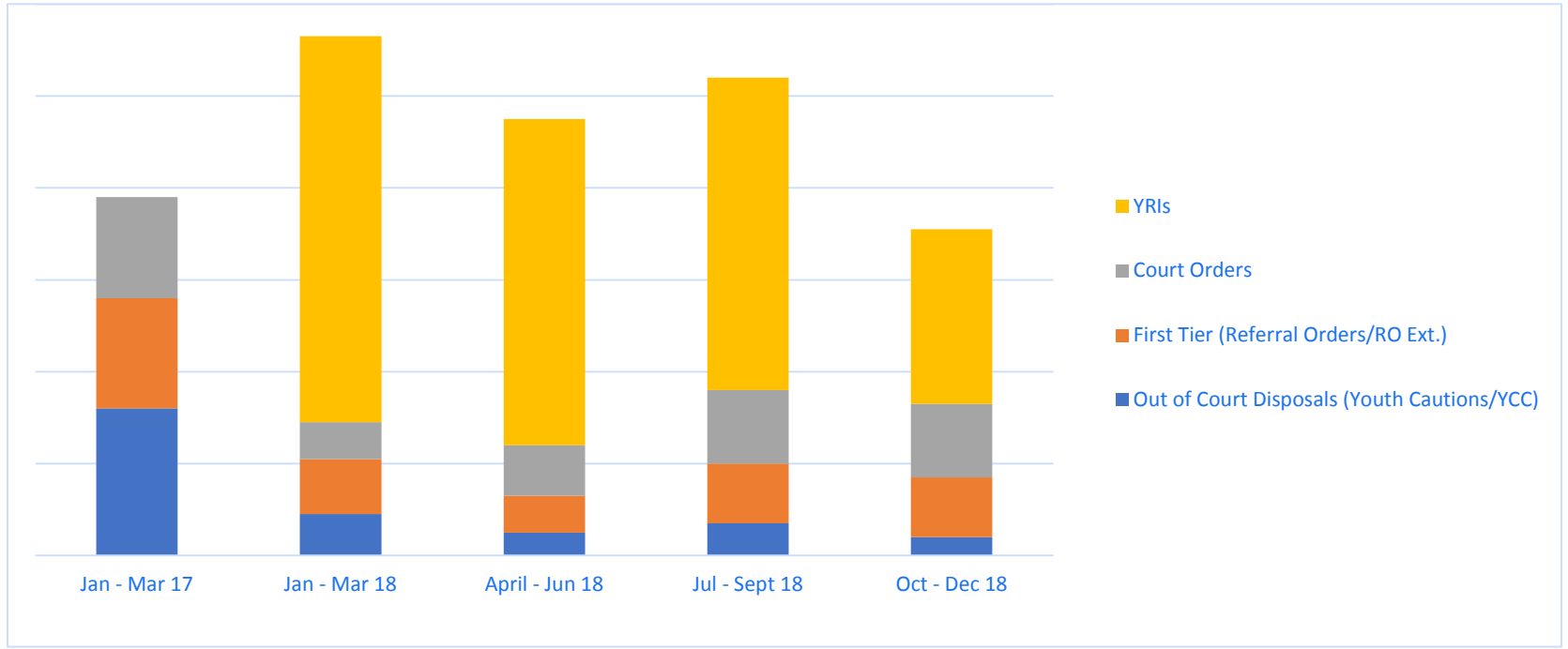


Youth Restorative Intervention

- Seeks compliance in non formal restorative disposal as direct alternative to criminal sanctions
- Has compulsory restorative component and seeks to bring together victim and offender wherever possible.
- Information gathering from range of sources to inform assessment and decision making
- Partnership approach from the outset.



Youth Restorative Interventions



Children who have benefited

- From 1st January 2018 to 30th April 2019, there were **309 Youth Restorative Interventions given to 275 Young People.**
- A young person can have a maximum of three Youth Restorative. The table below show how many YRI's each young person has received during the reporting period:
 - 245 young people have received 1 YRI
 - 26 young people have received 2 YRIs
 - 4 young people have received 3 YRIs
 - There were 225 young people who received a Youth Restorative intervention from the Youth Support Team.



Children First so far..

- Significant Reduction FTE
- Higher levels victim engagement and participation
- 309 YRI's
- 13.5% Re-offending Rate
- 275 children not criminilised
- No known further offending where YRI's given for Knife Offences in 8/10 cases.



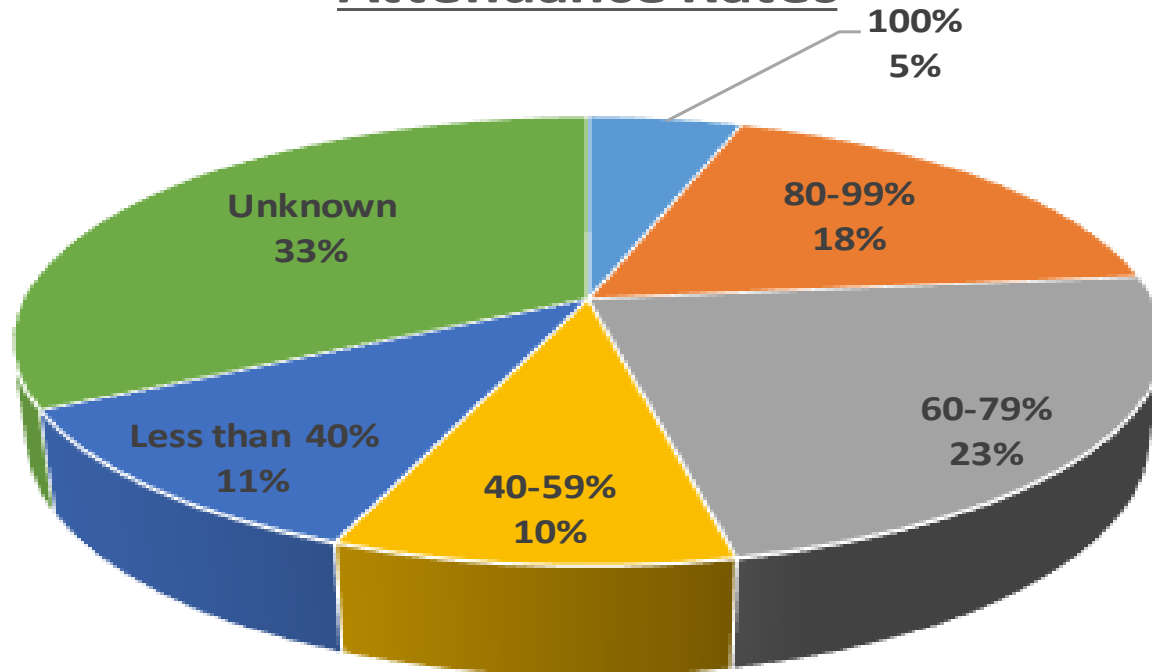
Key Themes

- Over-representation of:
 - Females
 - Children from BAME groups
 - Children in Care;
- At least half of children open to Social Care
- High rates of exclusion from school
- Poor school attendance
- One quarter with Education, Health and Care Plan;
- Half with identified Additional Needs;
- Almost half in receipt of Pupil Premium;
- Violent Offences are by far most common offences, followed by Drugs, Theft and Criminal Damage;

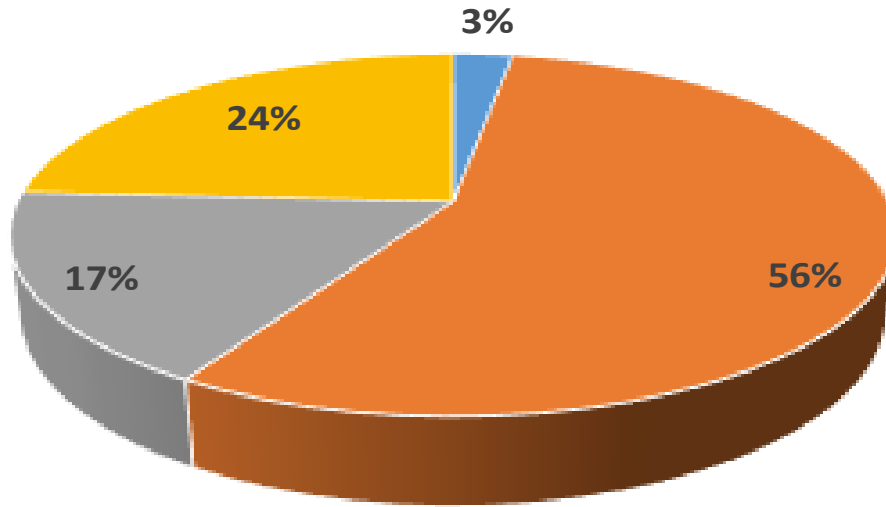
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Attendance Rates



Exclusions



■ 1x Fixed ■ More than 1 fixed ■ Fixed and Permanent ■ None/Not stated



Next Steps 2019 / 20

- Maintain progress with Children First Development Plan
- Secure further funding for Children First Coordinator
- Refresher Training
- Consultation with Solicitors
- Update Constabulary Intranet
- Review of processes and procedures
- Feedback- good news stories, learning opportunities
- Driving Awareness Course
- National Standards Self Assessment Out of Court Work



HMIP Inspection Framework for Youth Offending Work

- Full Joint Inspection
- Short Quality Screening
- Thematic Inspections



HMIP Inspection Framework



HMIP Resettlement Inspection

April 2019

- Completed in two parts- Custody and Community
- 3 children's cases inspected in Gloucestershire following their release from custody
- Consisted of: Focus groups with professionals involved (Social Care/ YOS/Probation/YOI) case file audits, meeting with young person/ parent/carer.
- Verbal feedback only
- Report to be published in two parts- Custody (HMI Prisons) August 2019 and Community HMI Probation September 2019



Good Practice noted...

- Standard of joint working and positive relationships between Gloucestershire YOS and Parc YOI
- Good attendance at all review meetings in custody by YOS and good contribution noted.
- Use of Programme Officers and Support Workers in custody and their relationship with the young people.
- Relationships being sustained whilst the young person is in custody- exceeding minimum required monthly visit
- Consistency in worker and approach within YOS is good and it is clear there is always someone from YOS maintaining that relationship with a young person
- All three cases had a Social Worker and were open to social care- this may not be reflected elsewhere.



Areas for consideration..

- The need for greater input from Parc YOI in the community following release
- A lack of consistency of approach to resettlement planning from social care perspective and the frequent changes of SW in 2/3 of the cases
- Resettlement Plans needing to be clearer at the very beginning of any custodial sentence, rather than emerging during the sentence; to include plans for accommodation and education upon release.
- Children in Care at a disadvantage to children returning home with family upon release
- Where there is no ETE provision, resettlement plans needing to clearly include what steps will be taken to ensure a provision is in place.
- YOI's should be challenged to ensure they complete and follow through with required work in respect of Health/Mental Health & Substance Misuse assessments and intervention in custody
- Lack of use of Release on Temporary Licence (ROTL) and the importance of the YOS challenging YOI's about its use
- Assessment of Living Arrangements; to inform the resettlement plan and to be very clear re: type of placement and support that YP needs



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