

**Community Protection Overview and  
Scrutiny Committee  
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Warwickshire Youth  
Offending Service



# Warwickshire Youth Offending Service

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# Background

- Crime & Disorder Act (1989)
- Children Act (2004)
- Criminal Justice and Immigration Act (2008)

# How is Performance Measured?

- National targets set by Youth Justice Board for England and Wales
  - First time entrants to the youth justice system
  - Re-offending
  - Use of custody
  - BME representation in the youth justice system
  - Access to education, training or employment
  - Access to suitable accommodation
- National Standards for Youth Justice

# How is Performance Judged?

- 3 year cycle of inspection
  - focus on management of risk, public protection and safeguarding
- Youth Justice Board for England & Wales
  - quarterly feedback against targets and other priorities
  - validation of annual Youth Justice Plan – outcome feeds into annual Corporate Assessment

# Contribution to local performance frameworks

- Corporate Business Plan
- Local Area Agreement
- Children & Young People's Plan
- Local Criminal Justice Board

# YOS Performance 2008/09

- HMIP Inspection June 2008
- YJB validation and scoring of YJ Plan 2008/09
- National Performance Framework

# YOS Inspection June 2008

- Multi-inspectorate inspection
- 92 files scrutinised, interviews with staff service users, partners and Chief Officers
- Outcome – 4 out of 7 areas judged “good”
  - Work in the courts
  - Outcomes for children and young people
  - Services for parents
  - Management and Leadership



# YOS Inspection June 2008

- Full inspection report available on:

<http://inspectrates.homeoffice.gov.uk/hmiprobation>

# Youth Justice Plan

- New format piloted October 2008
- Validation visit December 2008
- Outcome – “excellent” status
- 2009/10 YJ Plan now in draft based on Oct 2008 submission to YJB

# National Performance Framework

- Rate of re-offending ✓
- First time entrants to youth justice system ✓
- Use of custody ✓
- Access to education, training, employment ✓
- Access to accommodation ?
- BME representation ✓

# Challenges

- Implementation of Criminal Justice & Immigration Act
- Implementation of “Scaled Approach” (risk led allocation of resources)
- Sustaining and improving practice within increasing budget constraints

# Priorities 2009/10

- Continued focus on management of risk, public protection and safeguarding
- Improving assessment and planning practice
- Implementation of new legislation and risk led allocation of resources
- Access to suitably supported accommodation for young people