

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CORE CASE INSPECTION OF THE STATUTORY YOUTH OFFENDING WORK IN HAVERING.

Changes were necessary to ensure that, in a higher proportion of cases:

- (1) a timely and good quality assessment and plan, using Asset, was completed when the case starts (YOS Manager)
- (2) specifically, a timely and good quality assessment of the individual's vulnerability and *Risk of Harm to others* was completed at the start, as appropriate to the specific case (YOS Manager)
- (3) as a consequence of the assessment, the record of the intervention plan was specific about what would now be done in order to safeguard the child or young person from harm and to minimise any identified *Risk of Harm to others* (YOS Manager)
- (4) sentence plans in custodial cases fully reflect the assessed likelihood of reoffending, identified Risk of Harm to others and, where applicable, victim safety. They then specified who was responsible for the delivery of each intervention and when they would be delivered (YOS Manager)
- (5) the plan of work with the case was regularly reviewed and correctly recorded in Asset with a frequency consistent with national standards for youth offending services (YOS Manager)
- (6) there was regular and effective oversight by management, especially of screening decisions, that was clearly recorded within the case record, as appropriate to the specific case (YOS Manager)
- (7) sufficient attention was given to the safety of victims throughout the course of the sentence (YOS Manager).
- (8) clear arrangements should be in place, that were understood and applied by staff, for all cases that were transferred in or out, or where work was undertaken by or on behalf of another YOS. Such arrangements should include agreement on responsibilities for all relevant aspects of assessment, planning and delivery (YOS Manager).