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Youth Justice Service: **Havering**  
Local Authority: London Borough of Havering

**Letter sent via email**

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Dear Colleague,

### **2024/25 Youth Justice Grant Award Letter**

I apologise for the delay in notifying you about your youth justice grant for 2024/25. I have now received my delegated budget from the Ministry of Justice. The YJB was delegated £92.2 million for grants in 2024/25, this is an increase of 0.3.% from 2023/24.

We recognise the inflationary pressures you face, as well as the variations in volume and complexity of cases across the country. The allocation is made against the backdrop of a challenging fiscal environment. Maintaining funding in this context reflects the priority placed on youth justice services.

### **Your youth justice grant allocation for 2024/25 will be £352,621**

As part of your statutory duty, local authorities must submit an annual youth justice plan detailing the provision of youth justice services. This requirement is outlined in the terms and conditions of the grant. To facilitate oversight and analysis, we request that services follow the guidance notes available in the [Youth Justice Plan Guidance](#)<sup>1</sup>. The guidance notes include information on what to include in your plans and advice on how to complete the document. If you have not already done so, please submit your Youth Justice Plans to us via [CBU@yjb.gov.uk](mailto:CBU@yjb.gov.uk), copying your YJB lead. You will be aware that you are also required to submit [quarterly data](#)<sup>2</sup> during the year.

Having received notification of your grant for 2024/25 please send the signed terms and conditions of grant to [yjbgrants@yjb.gov.uk](mailto:yjbgrants@yjb.gov.uk) by 31 August 2024.

### **Our strategic plan 2024-27 and business plan 2024/25**

Our [Strategic Plan 2024-27](#)<sup>3</sup> was published on 8 April 2024. It sets out the strategic vision and priorities of the Board, closely aligned with the Ministerial steer. Our focus will be on

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/youth-justice-plans-guidance-for-youth-justice-services>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/data-recording-requirements-for-youth-justice-services-in-england-and-wales>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/youth-justice-board-for-england-and-wales-strategic-plan-2024-27>

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monitoring and understanding performance of youth justice services and promoting good practice; striving to eliminate biases in the youth justice system; and to promote an evidence-based approach throughout the youth justice system.

Our business plan for 2024-25 was delayed because of the pre-election period and will be published when Parliament return from the summer recess. This will translate our strategy into specific actions that we will deliver in the coming year, to establish foundations for work in the subsequent two years.

We are responsible for administering, on behalf of the Secretary of State for Justice, of over £92m a year to youth justice services in England and Wales and delivering our statutory functions. We have a statutory function to monitor local youth justice partnerships, identify effective practices, and provide critical support where needed. We champion local partnerships, actively involving children, families, and affected individuals in our work. Leveraging research and data, we inform strategic decisions and influence policy development across the wider youth justice system.

In 2024/25, we will fund the remaining pathfinder projects to align with our strategic and business plan, including the London Accommodation Project, a community based alternative to custodial remand, and a project in the West Midlands identifying effective practice in reducing racial disparity. During the rest of the year, we will plan targeted investments for 2025/26.

I want to express my gratitude to you, the youth justice services staff, and broader children's services for your exceptional work. I look forward to continuing to work closely and collaboratively for the benefit of children and communities.

Yours sincerely,



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