

Junior Attendance Centres Transfer



Youth Justice Board

Introduction



- In November 2012 the Minister indicated that he wanted to review who was responsible for JAC provision
- This position was supported in recommendations of the Triennial Review of the YJB
- It was agreed, responsibility for JACs would be transferred to local authorities.
- A 12 month transition period was agreed upon.
- The transition period is be April 2014 to March 2015.
- A letter has been sent to Local Authorities with details of the transition



Financial Arrangements

- No additional Burden to the Local Authority
- Transfer the current cost of running the JAC to the Local Authority
- Money will be ring fenced for 2 years
- After 2 years it will be part of the overall grant

Nottingham JAC – strengths, challenges and opportunities



STRENGTHS

- Well established Centre with long history of OIC and a number of the instructors working at the YOT
- Variety of interventions and resources ranging from life skills, through reparative activity to offence focussed sessions
- Strong understanding and knowledge of young people, their risks and behaviour and capacity to feed back to case managers
- Good use of other targeted services, eg CASH nurses to meet broad spectrum of need

CHALLENGES

- Move from vision of AC as stand alone provision to integration within 'whole YOT' programme of interventions
- Significant HR challenges in managing TUPE and other transfer arrangements (particularly in relation to contracts, weekend working arrangements etc)
- Maintaining benefits and good will of experienced Officer in Charge and staff
- Measurement of impact and outcomes in line with our Quality Assurance and Performance Framework

OPPORTUNITIES

- Design AC programmes to be responsive to changes in risk and need across range of diverse factors
- Ensure preparation for and feedback from sessions and programmes is incorporated into APIR processes
- Systematic capture of young peoples' views on 'what works' which then influence development of interventions
- Opportunity to review timing, location of AC provision
- Consideration of programmes for those at risk of offending – preventative work
- Greater integration into other universal and targeted services, including development of reparative activity linked to community need



Key Changes

- Managed through the Local Authority
- Move towards skill acquisition model
- New JAC operating specifications to include the informal work and a flexible delivery model
- YJB to have on-going monitoring role



Questions?

