



Hillingdon Youth Justice SEND

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About Hillingdon

- Hillingdon is the second largest London borough and home to Heathrow airport which is one of the main local employers, but also a significant entry point for children being trafficked into the country.
- In 2022/2023 66% of children were aged between 15&17, this is a decrease from 74% in the previous years. The proportion of 13- & 14-year-olds had doubled from 15% in 2021/2022 to 30% in 2022/2023 and figures continue to grow.
- The most common offence was violence against the person related (37%) followed by drug offences (28%). Violence against the person remains the most common offence.
- Hillingdon achieved Quality Mark status in December 2019 and following ongoing improvements we achieved Quality Lead status with a Child First Commendation in 2023.

Collaboration

- SALT has delivered specialist training to all YJS staff, including community panel members, security and court staff
- All staff have been provided with access to autism training through targeted programmes and Autistic Society
- Weekly CAMHS drop-in consultations are offered
- Reflective supervision with FCAMHS is available as well as monthly peer group supervision
- ETE Officer meets with SEND and Virtual School and local schools, PRUs monthly
- RJ Co-Ordinator delivers RJ training to local placements to reduce police call outs
- All SALT assessments are shared with education providers and followed up by caseworkers to ensure recommendations have been followed
- Work is completed with Social Care and placements
- YJS are part of placement searches, placement profiles and grab packs

Child First Appointments

- Appointments usually take place at the YJS Office
- All children who come to the office are searched by the YJS security
- The security is ASD and trauma trained
- Appointments tend to be in the same room with minimum stimuli
- Fidget toys, spinners and white boards are utilised during sessions to help children stay focused
- All interventions have been reviewed by the SLC therapists

Child First Support Plans

- Each child completes their **support plan** which explores their likes, dislikes, identity, diversity needs, and how they would like to be supported
- Each child receives a **monthly calendar**, and their appointments are scheduled one month in advance
- Appointments are usually on the same day and time
- Walking in our shoes training is delivered by YJS children to staff and external agencies to give them insight of the children and service to consider what in terms of the impact we have on children

Child First Working with SEND

- ETE Officer meets monthly with SEND and VS to discuss children open to both services
- EHCP recommendations are implemented within assessments and interventions and review dates discussed with ETE Officer
- **Autism Passports are created with children**
- SEND officers and VS officers often join ETE appointments at the YJS and attend YJS reviews
- YJS are invited and present during PEP meetings
- ETE forum was set up with local YJS'

Child First NEET

- Children who are NEET are encouraged to complete **AQA coursers** with the ETE Officer and the **Building Resilience Programme** (tailored by the Speech and Language Therapist)
- ETE Officer works closely with the **local schools** and meets with the Safeguarding Lead monthly to ensure all YJS children are supported and to prevent exclusions
- ETE Officer attends the **Fair Access Panel** to ensure children are supported back into ETE
- YJS and ETE Officer actively work with NEET children on a 1:1 and take them to schools to enrol

Barriers

- Resources
- Colleges and the knife policy
- Post code
- CCE / Missing episodes
- Looked after children