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Junior Attendance Centre Operating Manual

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Youth Justice Board

Introduction

- Outlines the background to the intended changes.

Junior Attendance Centre Operating Principles

- Will provide details of the flexibility to be provided in terms of when JAC's can operate and the various models that can be employed to deliver services.
- It will stress the importance of developing structures that are designed to develop young people and provide them with opportunities to receive recognition for the work they have done through attendance at the JAC.
- That the operation of the JAC must support the local case management ethos of the YOT and be complimentary to the vision of the YOT in terms of reducing re-offending.

Using Junior Attendance Centres

- Emphasize that the JAC must be able to deliver suitable interventions regarding any YRO Attendance Centre Order made by the courts.
- To formalise current interventions regarding providing support to other court orders and pre court disposals (e.g. ISSP support; Youth Conditional Caution interventions)

Safeguarding

- Ensuring that the appropriate safeguards and assessments are undertaken to ensure that the JAC operates in such a way to protect the young people in attendance and takes account of their vulnerabilities and needs. There are certain aspects of a young person previous behaviour that will make them unsuitable for participation in programmes. These will be identified within the document.

Public Protection

- Ensuring that the appropriate steps are taken to protect the public from inappropriate behaviour by young people attending the JAC.

Health and safety

- Ensuring that any activity or programme taking place is assessed under Health & Safety requirements to make sure that both the young person and instructional staff are considered safe.

National Standards

- To follow existing National Standards as they apply to YRO's but to also align activity in line with other relevant National Standards as identified

- There are no Attendance Centre rules in existence at the moment which will emphasise the importance of working to the Youth Justice National Standards.

Enforcement

- Will provide details of what is expected in terms of process when dealing with a young person who is not compliant with meeting the requirements of attendance and participation in programmes at JAC's.

Transition

- Provide details of the transition arrangements regarding young people who attend the JAC and who turn 18 years of age through the programme of attendance.

Performance Management

- To outline that the impact of the work of JAC's will be based on the premise of what they have achieved in terms of reducing the re-offending of the cohorts of young people attending such centres.
- This will be monitored by the Youth Justice Board.

Junior Attendance Centre Programmes

- Details the types of programmes that are currently being delivered in JAC's.

Appendices