

YJB Pathfinder – Constructive Resettlement

The Youth Justice Board (YJB) is working to support frontline service improvement through grants and activity which target system-wide challenges. This involves a pathfinder approach whereby local authorities and partners can pilot, develop and disseminate whole system solutions.

Organisations

South and West Yorkshire Resettlement Consortium

Comprises of 9 Youth Offending Teams, led by Leeds, includes secure establishments (HMYOI Wetherby) and partner stakeholders.

The 9 Youth Offending Teams are:

Barnsley
Bradford
Calderdale
Doncaster
Kirklees
Leeds
Rotherham
Sheffield
Wakefield

What does your project aim to achieve?

The project seeks to implement the YJB framework document “Making Resettlement Constructive”:

The Resettlement Consortia will work with the YJB to develop and deliver interventions to young people which will help bring around positive changes in their thinking and self-image.

Overview of planned activity

There are two core elements which will run together and inform one another:

One looks to work with the structural barriers that impact on resettlement: money, health, accommodation for example.

The other will work directly with young people, staff, carers and family and other stakeholders to address the thinking and behaviour of young people and encourage them to adopt a pro social set of beliefs and behaviours.

The aim is to work with the strengths of young people, build on the positives, encourage them to take responsibility for their own lives and behaviour, to reduce and stop offending.

Milestones

This project is being built in partnership with numerous stakeholders which requires some detailed consultation and communication.

The project will start immediately and we will be able to share more detailed delivery dates and dissemination information here in this document and via the YJ Bulletin at a later date.

How will the outcomes and benefits of this work be shared with YOTs and others? (Both universal offer and any additional intensive support that will be available)

The YJB will work with the Consortium to help identify emerging and effective practice which will be made available nationally. It is intended that this work will become a resource and that the YJB will encourage its sharing and dissemination. The YJB will help them identify services who would benefit from the Constructive Resettlement Pathfinder programme in England and Wales and work directly with them to offer advice

Early thinking includes local and possibly national workshops. A workshop at the Youth Justice Convention (2021 or 2022) is being considered alongside the use of other dissemination methods like social media.

A full dissemination strategy is being prepared.

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Why this project was chosen:

The Resettlement Consortia has demonstrated consistent positive performance around Resettlement, the capacity to manage complex regional programmes, budgets and resources, and an ability to design and deliver innovative and effective programmes.

Due diligence:

All Youth Justice Board grants for pathfinder activity have been through the Ministry of Justice Grant Challenge Panel. This panel scrutinises grants made by the MoJ and its arms-length bodies to ensure public money is being spent effectively and responsibly. It provided objective scrutiny of our business case for the grant in line with guidance on managing public money. The YJB will monitor the project at intervals agreed with the grant recipient.