



Family Services

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## 1. Report Overview

This report provides an overview of:

- Supporting Families Programme (formerly Troubled Families Programme)
- Youth Justice Services
- Violence & Vulnerability Action Plan
- Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women & Girls

The report provides the Community Safety Partnership with an overview of activity and/or key developments across the four domains of delivery. The report will highlight national initiatives, local innovation and current/future challenges to delivery and supplements the power point presentation and other documents as relative to these domains to the Board.

## 2. Supporting Families Programme

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### Barnet Supporting Families Programme Brief (Families First)

Barnet continues to deliver against the outcomes of the Supporting Families Programme and have exceed claim submission targets each quarter.

Q4 targets are expected to be met

The new Supporting Families framework will begin on 1 April 2022 for a further 3 years (2022- 2025). The government has announced an additional £200m of funding to help up to 300,000 more families facing multiple issues access whole -family support which equates to a 40% uplift in funding for the programme by 2024-25.

Barnet's funding allocation and targets for the new programme are awaited

Quarter	Target 388	Actual Submission	% Achieved
Q1	97	115	119%
Q2	97	104	107%
Q3	85	86	101%
Q4	83		
Total		305	

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2.1 The Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities has proposed a new framework for the Supporting Families Programme in 2022- 25. With 10 proposed outcomes, replacing the previous 'problem domains'; these are:

- Good School Attendance /Behaviour
- Good mental health
- No/managed substance misuse
- Good Early Years development
- Financial Stability
- Secure Housing
- Good family Relationships
- Children safe from abuse or exploitation
- Safe from Domestic Violence
- Families Diverted from crime

2.2 Continuous employment has been removed and regression checks have been simplified with two regression checks at point of claim which are, no re-referral accepted into early help or children's social care since case closure (minimum of 6 months) and attendance for every child is above 90%\* for 2 consecutive terms

### 3. Youth Justice Services

- 3.1 On 17 December, Barnet Youth Justice Services received an inspection announcement for the week of 14 – 18 February 2022. Barnet Youth Justice Services previous Short Quality Screening (SQS) inspection was undertaken in June 2014, there were two recommendations: for assessments and plans to be reviewed when children’s circumstances change, and that managers should ensure that staff are able to use the electronic recording systems to a sufficient standard. The service and the recording system have evolved considerably since this time.
- 3.2 The Inspection of Youth Justice Services will examine three domains of practice, each of which is scored Outstanding, Good, Requires Improvement or Inadequate.
- 3.3 **Domain 1:** Examines the Governance and leadership of Youth Justice Services (YJS). Section 39 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 placed a duty on each local authority, acting in cooperation with statutory partners (police, the Secretary of State, probation and health), to establish Youth Justice Services (Youth Offending Teams or YOT) in their area. Barnet’s Youth Justice Matters (YOT Management Board) is the statutory partnership board through which YJS in Barnet are given strategic direction to prevent offending by children. The inspection will look at the vision and effectiveness of the YJS partnership in driving delivery of forward-looking, high-quality evidence-informed services that are personalized and take into account children’s diverse needs and protected characteristics: race, age, disability, gender, sexuality, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, marriage or civil partnership and religion or belief. This domain also examines staffing, information and facilities, case management systems and data
- 3.4 Barnet’s vision and arrangements for delivery of Youth Justice Services is set out in the Youth Justice Plan 2020 – 2022. [022345\\_youth\\_justice\\_plan\\_2021\\_web.pdf \(barnet.gov.uk\)](#). Barnet YOS have also developed a Desistance and Diversity Action Plan which is an appendix to the Youth Justice Plan.
- 3.5 **Domain 2.** Examines post-court supervision of young people in the community, it will examine the quality of risk, safety and wellbeing of young people being supervised in the community and the quality of intervention towards desistance. 17 young people sentenced to orders in the community between May and August 2021, including Youth Rehabilitation Orders with Intensive Supervision and Surveillance

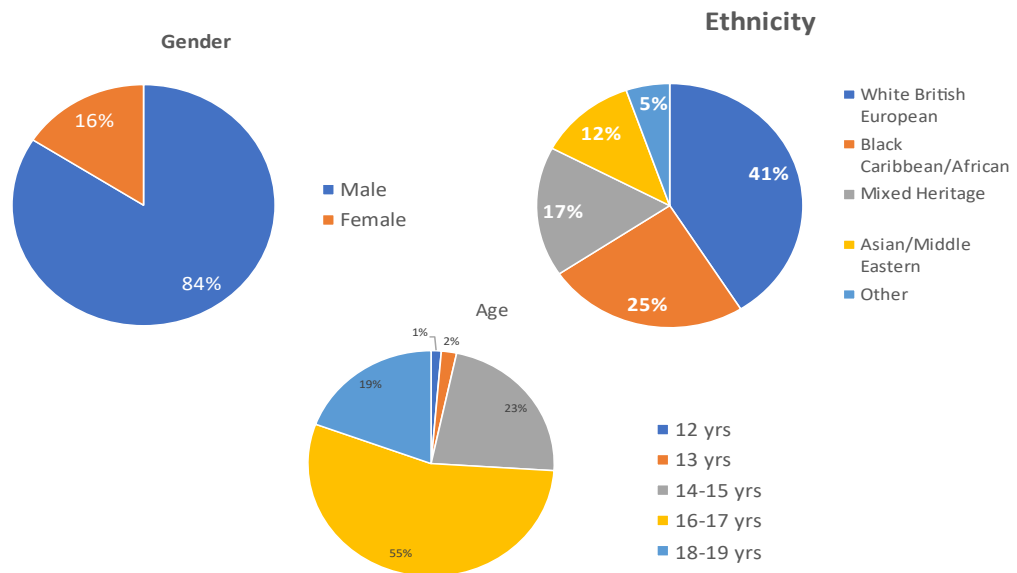
- 3.6 **Domain 3.** Examines Out of Court Disposals, there has been a change in inspection of OOCB standards which previously judged joint working with the YOS and Police, the judgement is now based on policy and provision of OOCB work and its effectiveness in promoting diversion and sustainable desistance. 17 young people subject to Youth Cautions and Youth Conditional Cautions between September and December 2021 will be selected, community resolutions and other OOCB's where YOS has been asked to provide an assessment or intervention may also be selected.
- 3.7 Diversity is explicitly explored with consideration as to how services meet individual needs, including protective characteristics. This is not part of the composite score, but an overall score of Outstanding could not be given if this area is judged as Inadequate.
- 3.8 There is also a **resettlement standard** which will examine the quality of services provided to young people in custody and out on license. The domain has a stand-alone score which does not impact on the overall score of the YOS Inspection, however an Inadequate judgement would mean an overall Outstanding score would not be given. In this domain, up to six young people, sentenced or released between February and November 2021 will be reviewed.
- 3.9 During the Fieldwork Week (14-18 February), a Day 1 presentation will be given to the Lead Inspector by the Chair of YJ Matters Board, board members will also meet with the Lead Inspector separately. Caseworkers will meet with inspectors throughout the week. Feedback will be sought from the Chair of the Youth Bench and from children, young people and families.
- 3.10 The final sample will be confirmed on 10 February. The draft report is not received until 2 May 2022 and following factual accuracy amendments will not be published until 30 May 2022. The local authority has two weeks to create an improvement plan in relation to any recommendations.

## YOT Interventions January 2021 – December 2021

- 3.11 During January 2021 – December 2021 there were 151 young people aged between 12 – 19 years in contact with Barnet’s Youth Justice Services. There were 24 females, representing 15% of the cohort, and 127 males.

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### YOS Demographics January – December 2021



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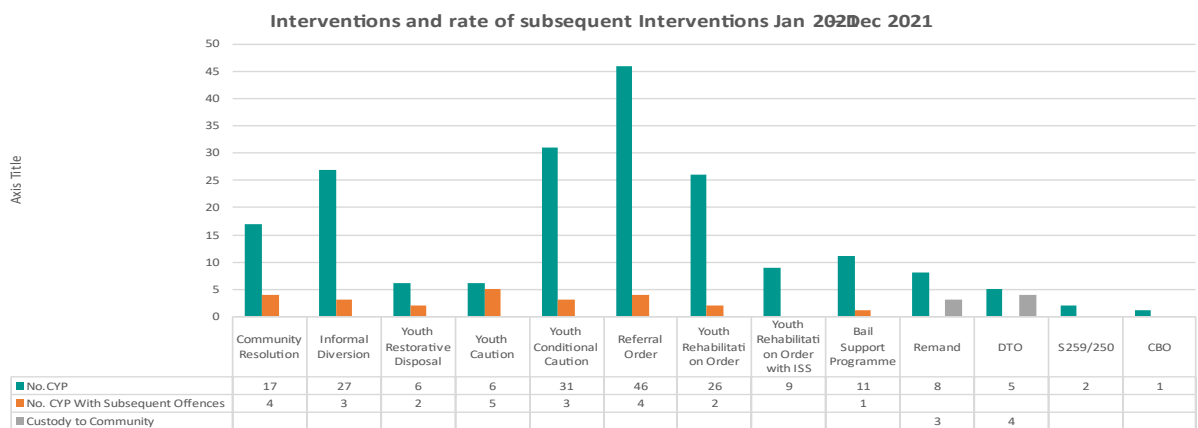
- 3.12 In total 62 (41%) young people were from White British/European backgrounds, 37 (24.5%) from Black Caribbean/African backgrounds, 26 (17%) from mixed racial backgrounds, 18 (12%) from Asian/Middle Eastern backgrounds and 8 (5%) from Other backgrounds.
- 3.13 The report focuses on interventions provided to young people in a range of age cohorts over the period January 2021 – December 2021. In total there were 151 young people subject to 200 Out of Court and Post-Court and/or custodial interventions. 31 young people (YP) were subject to more than one Youth Justice (YJ) intervention, with 80 interventions having taken place between them.
- 3.14 The subsequent intervention data needs to be read with caution, as the data is for one year only it does not provide an accurate indicator of post-intervention offending i.e. some interventions will have started later in the year or be on-going and some YP will have had prior

interventions. The data does support the reported lower than London and National Re-Offending rates that have been consistently reported in Barnet over the past 3 years.

3.15 The chart below sets out the volume of interventions as measured against subsequent interventions. The data review does not suggest that all subsequent interventions are at a higher tariff i.e.5 of the 6 young people subject to Youth Caution interventions received a subsequent Out of Court Disposal (OCD)

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## Interventions



3.16 The young people in the cohort are aged between 12 – 19 years. At the lower end there are two white males, both aged 12 and made subject to Youth Conditional Cautions in November 2021 and at the upper end one 19 year-old Black male subject to a Detention Training Order post-custody license programme.

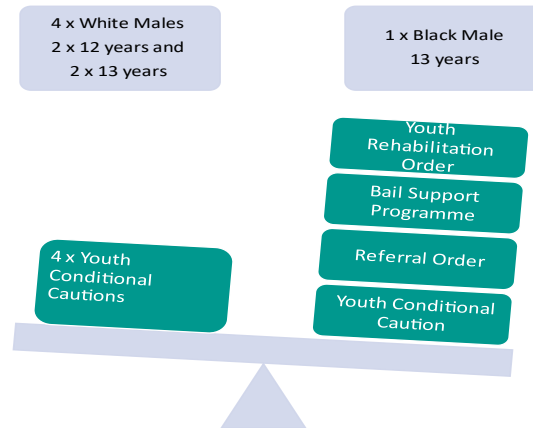
### **12 & 13 Year Old's**

3.17 As noted above there are 2 males aged 12. There are 3 males aged 13 years, 2 of which are of a White ethnicity, both are subject to a Youth Conditional Caution. The other male is of a Black Caribbean background, he has been subject to four YJS interventions over the reporting period including a Youth Conditional Caution, A Referral Order, Bail Support Programme and

a Youth Rehabilitation Order. The young person is in the care of the local authority and is considered to have high levels of vulnerability and risk.

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## 12 – 13 Year Olds in the Youth Justice System



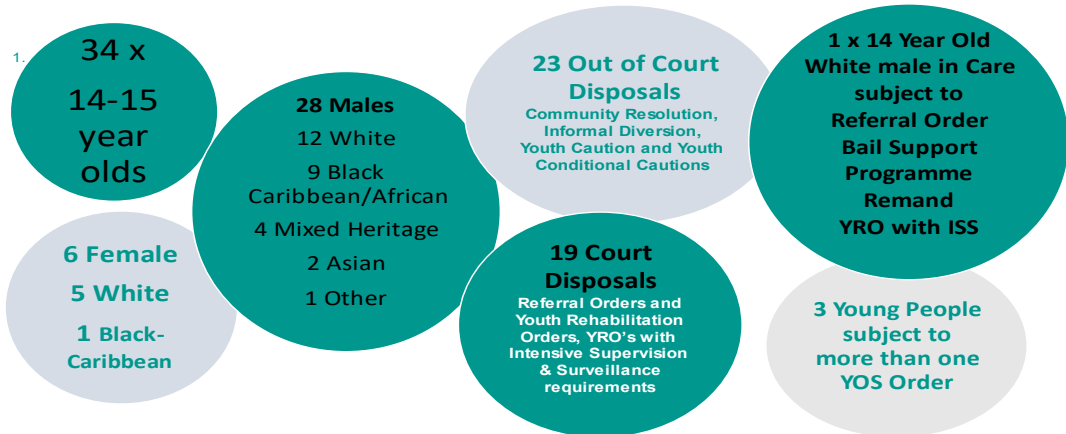
There are **five** young people in this age group **4 White** boys and **1 Black Caribbean** boy, the latter of which received four separate YOS Interventions during March -November, the young person is a **Child In Care** with a range of high risk needs and vulnerabilities

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### 14-15 year Old's

- 3.18 There are 34 young people aged between 14-15 years. There is an increased rate of offending in this age group and includes girls as First Time Entrants who are mainly of a White ethnicity. 54 % of the male cohort are from racially minoritised groups. 64% of interventions for this cohort are Out of Court Disposals, although repeat offending in this cohort is low, with just 3 young people \*notwithstanding data limitations in the reporting period. There is one 14-year-old from a White background was subject to Referral Order, Bail Support Programme, Remand and Intensive Supervision & Surveillance interventions between March and December 2021; he is in the care of the local authority.

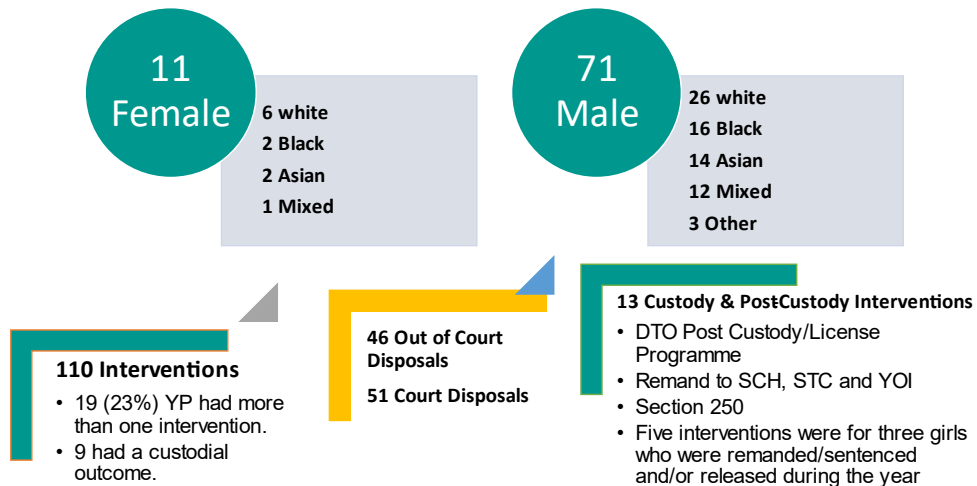
## 14 – 15 Year Olds in Youth Justice System



## 16 & 17 Year Old's

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## 16 – 17 Year Olds in Youth Justice System





3.20 There are 82 young people in this age group representing 54% of the YJS cohort in the reporting period. Males account for 84.5% of the cohort and 63% are from racially minoritised backgrounds. There were 110 YJS interventions with this age cohort over the year including 46 Out of Court Disposals, 51 Court Disposals and 13 custody/post custody interventions. Re-offending in this group is highest of all age ranges with 1 in 4 receiving a subsequent intervention. 11 (13%) of the YP subject to a subsequent intervention were initially handed down an O OCD. 9 (10%) of the YP had a custodial intervention in the year of these were three girls who were detained and/or released during the year.

### **18 & 19 Year Olds**

3.21 There are 29 young people in this age group who received 38 interventions over the period Jan – December 2021. Of these, 7 are young women and 22 are young men. 10 are white, 7 Black, 8 mixed, 1 Asian, 2 Other. 13 Out of Court Disposals, 20 Court Disposals and 5 custody and post-custody interventions (DTO Post Custody/Licence Programme, DTO Post Custody/Licence Programme, Remand to STC and YOI.),

3.22 6 Young people had more than 1 intervention, including one young person who received a Criminal Behaviour Order.

## **4. Violence, Vulnerability & Exploitation**

4.1 Due to a need to focus on the Local Violence and Vulnerability Action Plan, the annual report for Adolescents at Risk will be presented at the next Safer Communities Partnership. This will coincide with the ending of the Home Office 4-Year Trusted Relationships Project against which a project report will be provided.

4.2 The MOPAC Local Violence and Vulnerability Action Plan has been developed in partnership with key agencies including police, probation and community sector partners. The final draft of the Local Violence and Vulnerability Action Plan has been circulated to core membership of the Safer Communities Partnership for further comment and/or contributions. At time of this report there has been no further additions to the Action Plan which is presented to the Safer Communities Board 21 January 2022. The Plan is due for submission to MOPAC on 31 January 2022 following agreement of the SCPB having final oversight of the document ahead of final sign off by the Chief Executive, Lead Member and Borough Commander. **Appendix 1**

- 4.3 The Action Plan has 32 actions across 7 key areas; governance, analysis and enforcement, reducing access to weapons, safeguarding and educating children and young people, working with communities and neighbourhoods to reduce violence, supporting victims of violence and vulnerability and positive diversion from violence
- 4.4 The Action Plan weaves together existing partnership arrangements and aims to strengthen these and alongside new arrangements to improve oversight, coordination and collaboration within the partnership and alongside communities and schools. The actions set out in the Plan will be regularly monitored for progression towards the expected outcomes at the Safer Communities Partnership Board.

## 5. Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women & Girls (VAWG)

- 5.1 The public consultation of the Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy 2021 – 2024 ended on 20 December 2021. The consultation feedback is shared as a separate report to the Safer Communities Partnership for consideration. **Appendix 2**
- 5.2 The final and approved Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women & Girls Strategy will be launched in March 2022. The VAWG Report for Q4 – Q3 2020/21 is at **Appendix 3**