

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Monday, 24 October 2022 at 6.30 p.m., Committee Room One - Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG

SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA B

This meeting is open to the public to attend.

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The Youth Justice Board annual plan sets out the priorities and strategic goals of the Youth Justice Executive Board and operational frontline service delivery. The Committee is asked to review the accompanying presentation in order to inform discussion.

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Youth Justice Annual Plan

October 2022

Agenda Item 7.1



HMIP Inspection April 2022















Youth Justice Service HMIP Inspection outcome



- In April 2022, the Youth Justice Service was inspected on their Governance arrangements and the work undertaken with children and young people between April – November 2021. We received a judgement of 'Requires Improvement'.

**Tower Hamlets and City of London
Youth Justice Service**
Fieldwork started: April 2022

Score 8/36

| Overall rating | | Requires improvement |  |
|----------------|--|----------------------|---|
| 1. | Organisational delivery | | |
| 1.1 | Governance and leadership | Inadequate |  |
| 1.2 | Staff | Requires improvement |  |
| 1.3 | Partnerships and services | Requires improvement |  |
| 1.4 | Information and facilities | Inadequate |  |
| 2. | Court disposals | | |
| 2.1 | Assessment | Good |  |
| 2.2 | Planning | Requires improvement |  |
| 2.3 | Implementation and delivery | Requires improvement |  |
| 2.4 | Reviewing | Requires improvement |  |
| 3. | Out-of-court disposals | | |
| 3.1 | Assessment | Requires improvement |  |
| 3.2 | Planning | Inadequate |  |
| 3.3 | Implementation and delivery | Inadequate |  |
| 3.4 | Out-of-court disposal policy and provision | Inadequate |  |
| 4. | Resettlement | | |
| 4.1 | Resettlement policy and provision | Requires improvement |  |



Overview of Youth Justice Service

Context and profile of the children we're working with



- Tower Hamlets has an estimated population of 310,000. It also has a comparatively young population, the fifth youngest nationally with a median age of 31.9, and around 80,000 children between the ages of 0-19.
- Tower Hamlets has the highest child poverty rates in England, at 32 per cent.
- The Youth Justice Service works with approximately 80 children at any given time.

Population information⁴

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| 267 | First-time entrant rate per 100,000 in Tower Hamlets and City of London ⁵ |
| 154 | First-time entrant rate per 100,000 in England and Wales |
| 25.5% | Reoffending rate in Tower Hamlets and City of London ⁶ |
| 33.6% | Reoffending rate in England and Wales |
| 342,907 | Total population Tower Hamlets and City of London |
| 30,659 | Total youth population (10–17 years) in Tower Hamlets and City of London |

Caseload information⁷

| Age | 10–14 years | 15–17 years |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Tower Hamlets and City of London YJS | 20% | 80% |
| National average | 18% | 82% |

| Race/ethnicity ⁸ | White | Black and minority ethnic | Unknown |
|--|-------|---------------------------|---------|
| Tower Hamlets and City of London YJS | 17% | 83% | 0% |
| Youth population (10–17 years) in Tower Hamlets and City of London | 18% | 82% | 0% |

| Gender | Male | Female |
|--------------------------------------|------|--------|
| Tower Hamlets and City of London YJS | 90% | 10% |
| National average | 86% | 13% |

Inspection Recommendations

Youth Justice Governance Board Improvement areas



- The Inspection provided 7 recommendations in total that need to be implemented to impact positively on the quality of the Youth Justice Service
- The Executive Board received 4 recommendations and the Head of Youth Justice Service received 3
- Below are the 4 recommendations set out for the Youth Justice Executive Board

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| Recommendation 1 | Recommendation 2 | Recommendation 3 | Recommendation 4 |
|--|--|--|---|
| Review the Board attendees to ensure the right people attend and engaged more effectively. | The Governance Board to have better oversight of the team's performance and understand the profile and needs of all children supervised by the YJS | Make sure that all data and management information is accurate, and helps inform decision-making | Review its out-of-court provision to ensure that processes are in place to divert children away from the criminal justice system. |

Inspection Recommendations

Youth Justice Head of Service Improvement areas



- Below set out the 3 recommendations for the Head of the Youth Justice Service to deliver



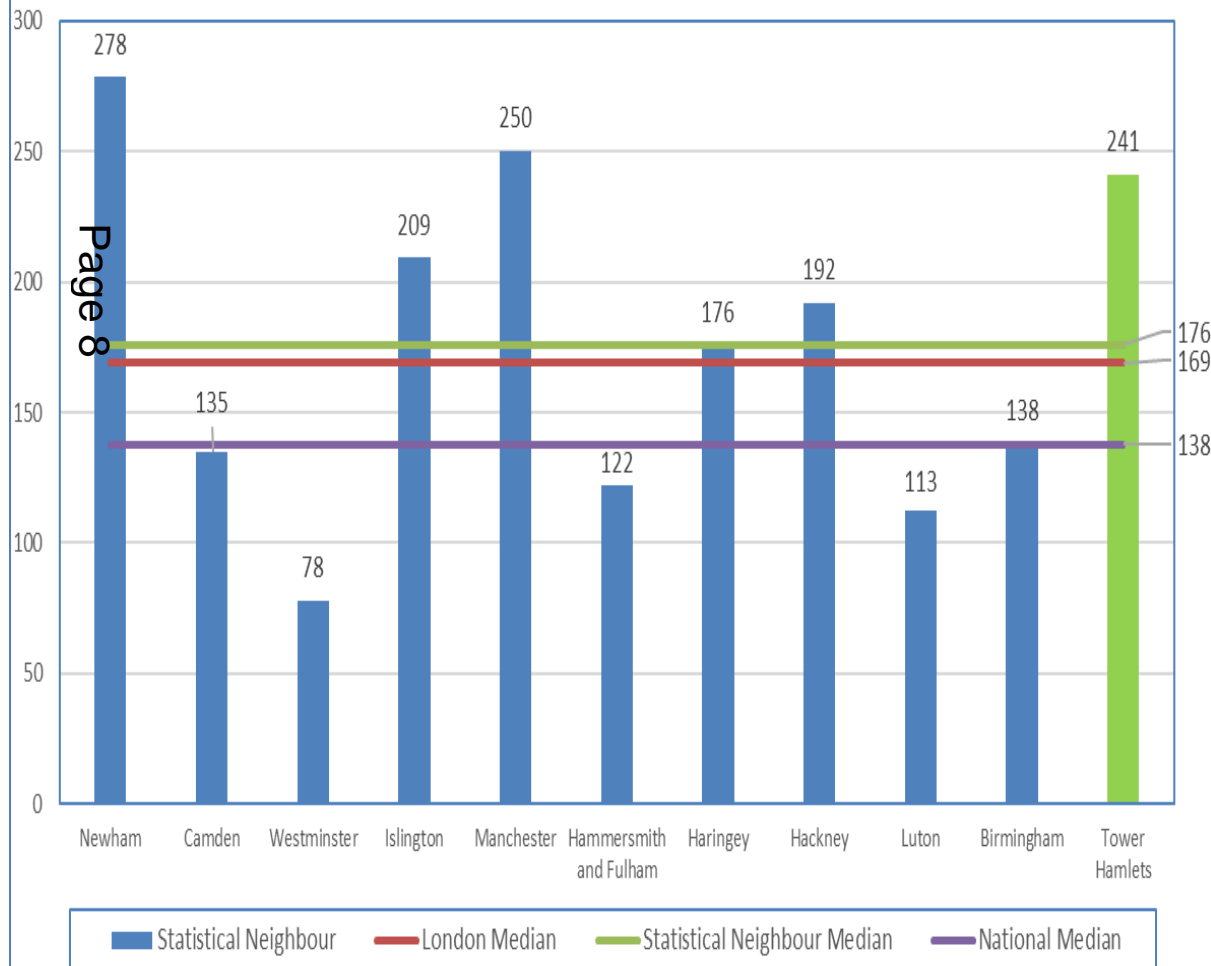
| Recommendation 5 | Recommendation 6 | Recommendation 7 |
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| <p>Improve the quality of assessment and interventions delivered with children and young people, especially in relation to their risk of causing harm.</p> | <p>Improve safety planning with children and families</p> | <p>Improve safety planning for the wider public and victims when serious incidents happen</p> |

Key Performance Indicator 1 – First Time Entrants

Are we diverting children away from the Criminal Justice System



Statistical Neighbour First Time Entrants - Rate (Apr 2021 - Mar 2022 cohort)



Latest MOJ number:

Apr 2021 – Mar 2022:

72

Local Data:

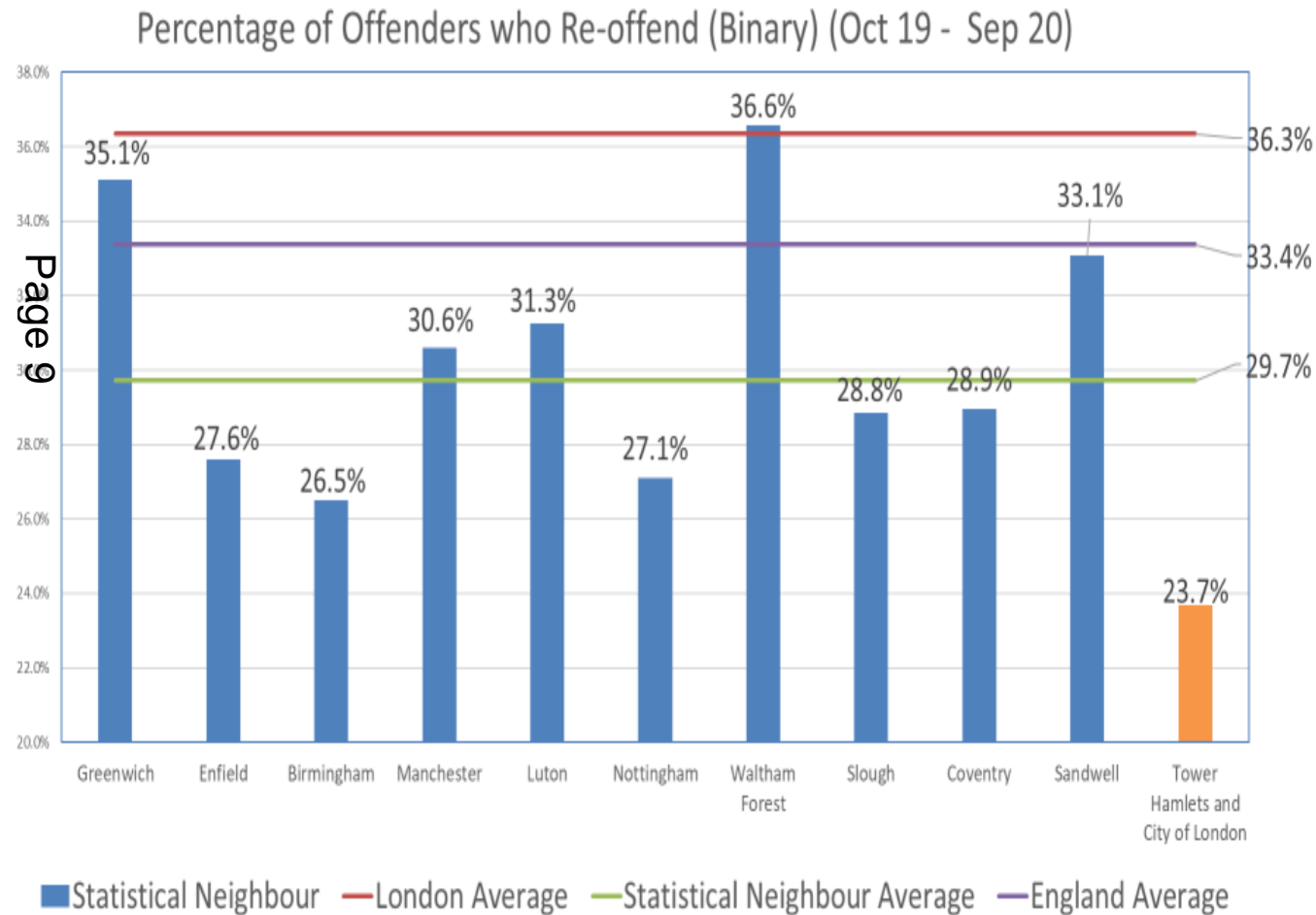
Apr 2022 – September 2022:

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- Tower Hamlets has a higher number of children entering the Criminal Justice System than our statistical neighbours and PAN London. However, our number has reduced year-by-year in line with the current trend.
- We have looked into why we have higher numbers and it is clear that we were not using the diversion schemes effectively. We have reviewed and changed practice which is already making a difference.
- We will be working with the Police in the coming months to explore how we can reduce this number further.

Key Performance Indicator 2 – Reducing Re-offending

Is the work we are doing with children and their families making a difference



- This data is approximately 24 months behind as it tracks a specific cohort over a length of time to track their re-offending.
- This KPI demonstrates that our staff work well with the children. This is demonstrated by our re-offending figures which show the impact of our work.
- Our work is supported in part to the following:
 - Staff's ability to engage children using restorative approaches and trauma informed practice;
 - Dedicated in-house specialists
 - Family Group Conferencing
 - Positive relationships with local Courts
 - Being in the wider Supporting Families directorate and the support that provides us

Performance & Impact from Interventions

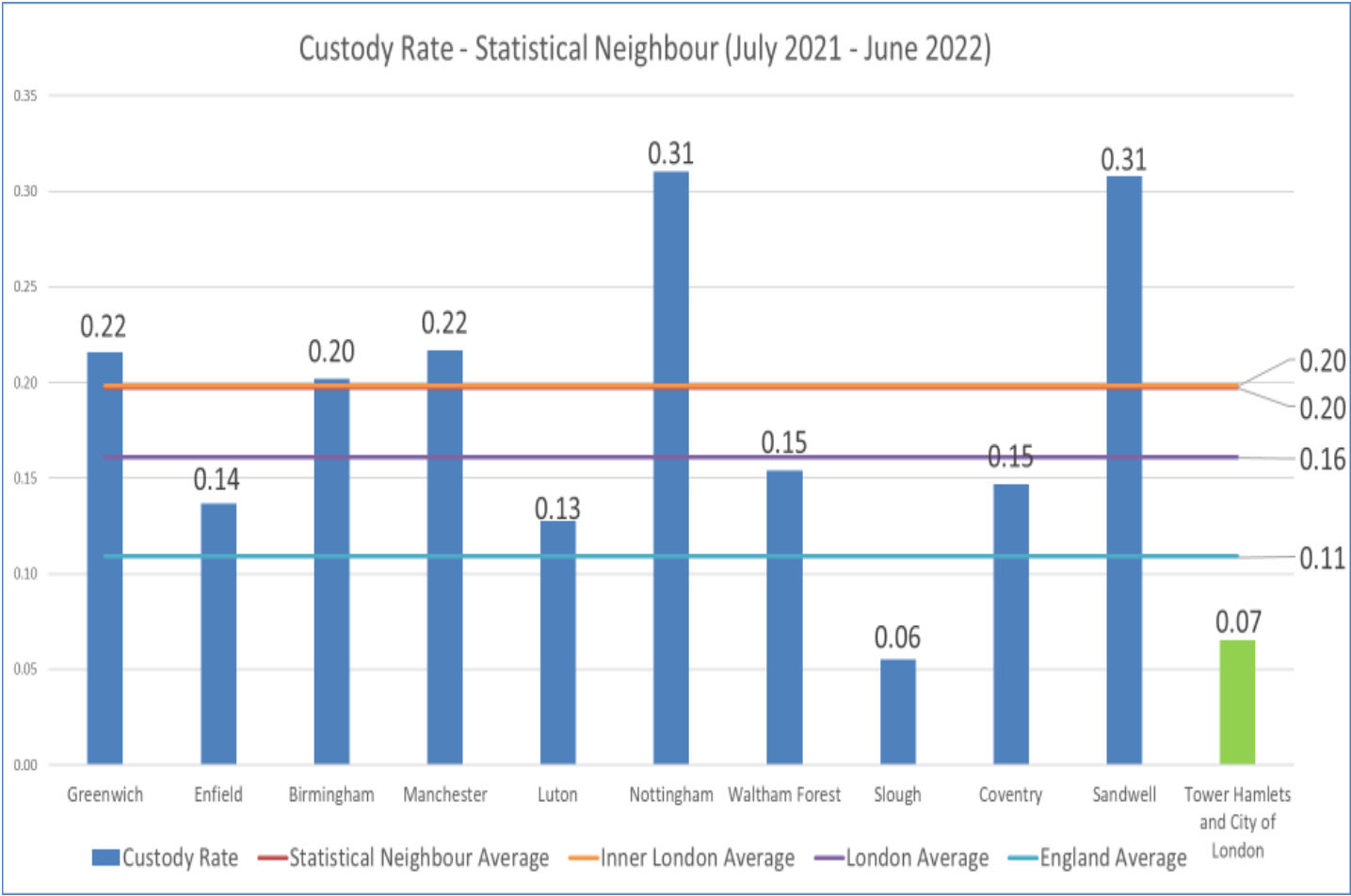
Is it making a difference, Custody KPI

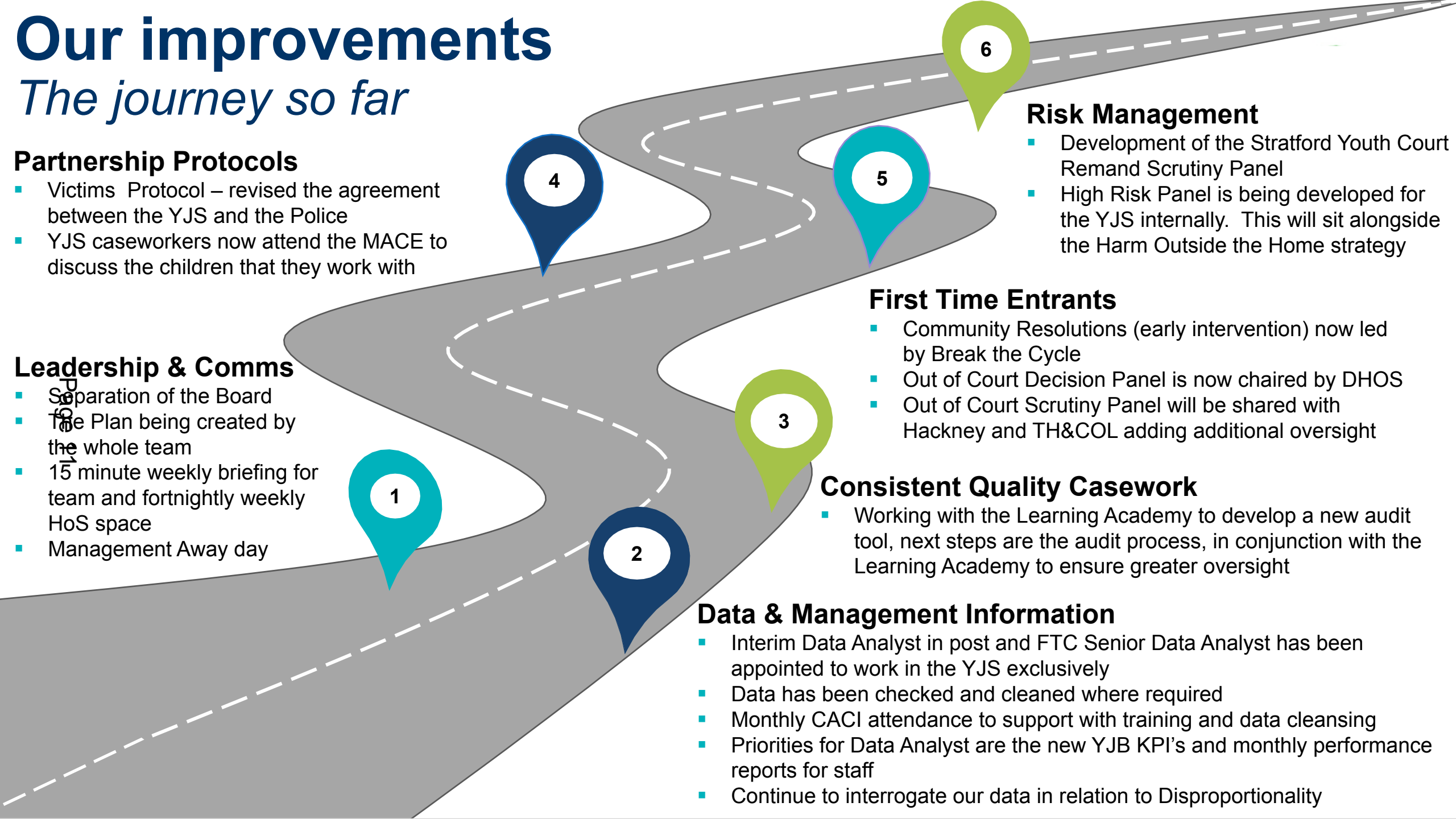


- We are pleased to demonstrate that we have continue to have a low number of children that are in custody.

Our low figures are supported by our continued investment into the Intensive Supervision and Surveillance offer.

- By October 2022, we will also have the additional resource of the London Accommodation Resettlement Pathway, a residential unit in Newham.





Questions

