

# Children and Education Scrutiny Sub-Committee Youth Justice Spotlight

The Youth Justice Service performance with a specific focus on drugs, grooming of young people and county lines

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# Overview of Youth Justice Service

## Strategic context, profile of children



- 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.

### Population information<sup>4</sup>

267	First-time entrant rate per 100,000 in Tower Hamlets and City of London <sup>5</sup>
154	First-time entrant rate per 100,000 in England and Wales
25.5%	Reoffending rate in Tower Hamlets and City of London <sup>6</sup>
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 information<sup>7</sup>

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

Race/ethnicity <sup>8</sup>	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%

<sup>4</sup> Office for National Statistics. (2021). UK population estimates, mid-2020.

<sup>5</sup> Youth Justice Board. (2022). First-time entrants, October to September 2021.

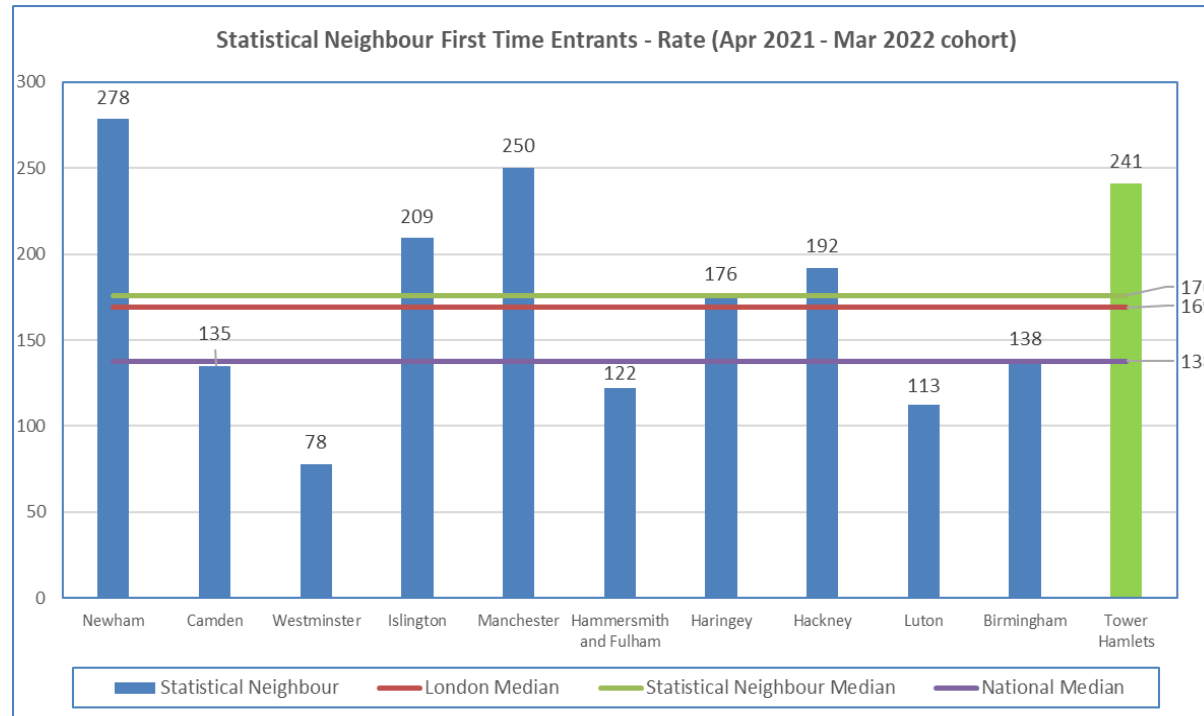
<sup>6</sup> Ministry of Justice. (2022). Proven reoffending statistics, July 2019 to June 2020.

<sup>7</sup> Youth Justice Board. (2022). Youth justice annual statistics: 2020 to 2021.

<sup>8</sup> Data supplied by the YJS.

# Performance & Impact from Interventions

## *Is it making a difference, First Time Entrants KPI*



**Latest MOJ number:**  
**Apr 2021 – Mar 2022:**  
**72**

**Local Data:**  
**Apr 2022 – September 2022:**  
**25**

There is a higher rate of children entering the Youth Justice System in comparison with our statistical neighbours across PAN London and Nationally.

There is evidence that this is reducing for children referred to the YJS for an Out of Court Disposal and is likely to further reduce as a result of the effectiveness of Out of Court Joint Decision Making Panel.

This KPI belongs within the YJS dataset, however there is a need for further prevention and early intervention from the partnership for where children are at risk.

Tower Hamlets Ranking First Time Entrants by Rate									
Cohort	Apr 19 - Mar 20	Jul 19 - Jun 20	Oct 19 - Sep 20	Jan 20 - Dec 20	Apr 20 - Mar 21	Jul 20 - Jun 21	Oct 20 - Sep 21	Jan 21 - Dec 21	Apr 21 - Mar 22
Reporting Quarter	Qtr1 20-21	Qtr2 20-21	Qtr3 20-21	Qtr4 20-21	Qtr1 21-22	Qtr2 21-22	Qtr3 21-22	Qtr4 21-22	Qtr1 22-23
London - rank out of 33	30	33	32	33	31	28	28	30	30
Inner London - rank out of 13	12	13	12	13	12	11	11	12	12
Statistical Neighbour - rank out of 11	11	11	11	11	10	9	9	10	9

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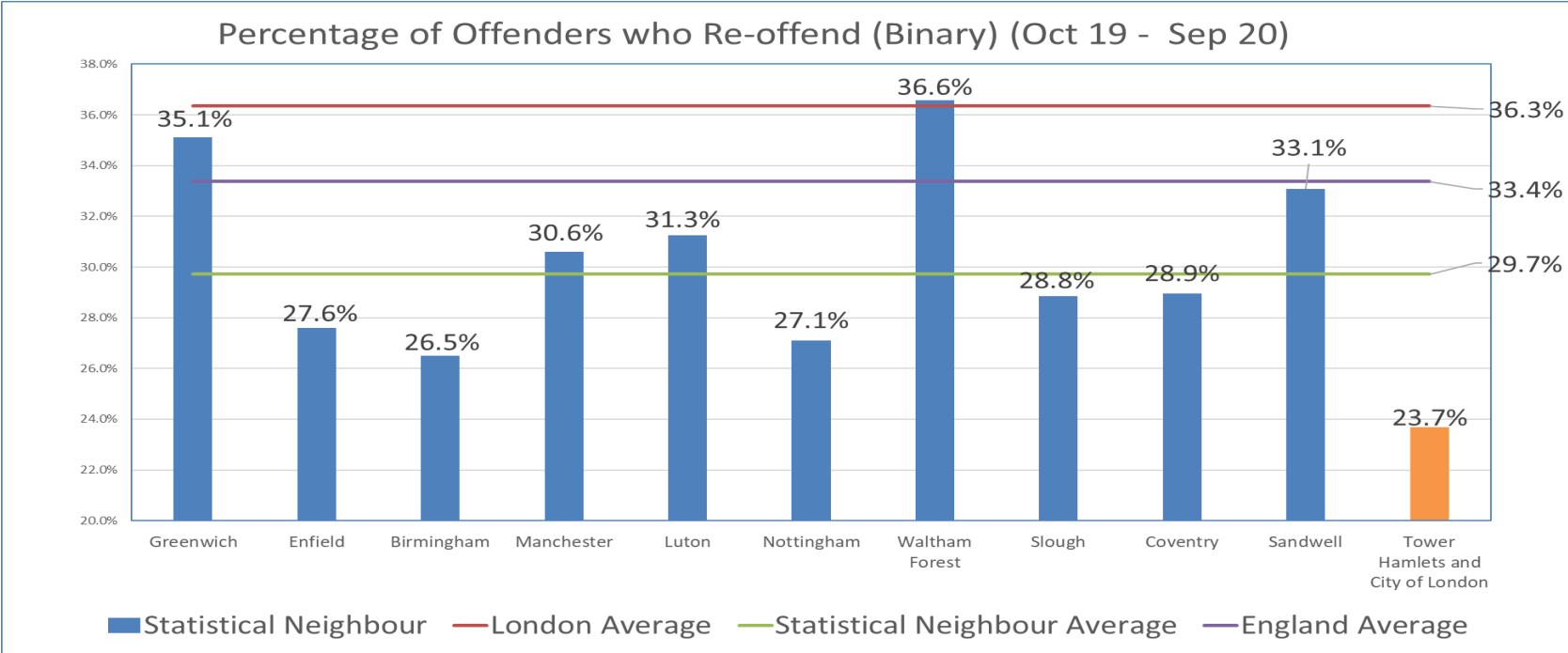
## *Is it making a difference, Re-offending KPI*



It is important to note the data is approximately 24 months behind as it tracks a specific cohort over a designated length of time to track re-offending.

Although we have no clear answer as to why our re-offending rates are so positive, we believe that our work is supported, in part to the following:

- Staff's ability to engage children using restorative approaches and trauma informed practice;
- Dedicated specialists;



### Tower Hamlets and City of London Ranking: Percentage of Cohort that Re-offends (Binary rate) - Annual Average

Cohort	Oct 17 - Sep 18	Jan 18 - Dec 18	Apr 18 - Mar 19	Jul 18 - Jun 19	Oct 18 - Sep 19	Jan 19 - Dec 19	Apr 19 - Mar 20	Jul 19 - Jun 20	Oct 19 - Sep 20
Reporting Quarter	Q1 20-21	Q2 20-21	Q3 20-21	Q4 20-21	Q1 21-22	Q2 21-22	Q3 21-22	Q4 21-22	Q1 22-23
London - rank out of 31	6	9	18	13	4	1	1	1	1
Inner London - rank out of 13	3	5	8	5	2	1	1	1	1
Statistical Neighbour - rank out of 11	3	2	10	10	5	1	4	1	1

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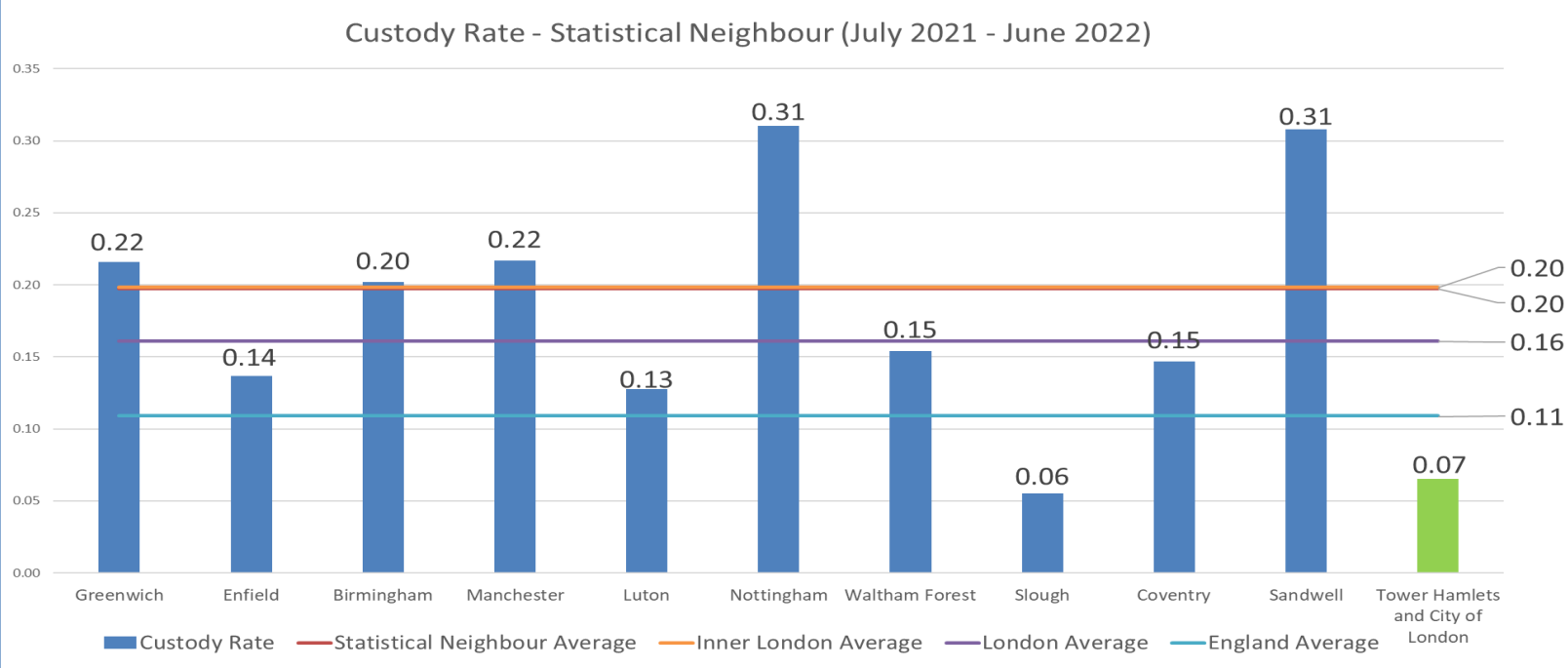
## *Is it making a difference, Custody KPI*



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.



### Tower Hamlets and City of London Ranking Custody Rate per 1,000

Cohort	Jul 19 - Jun 20	Oct 19 - Sep 20	Jan 20 - Dec 20	Apr 20 - Mar 21	Jul 20 - Jun 21	Oct 20 - Sep 21	Jan 21 - Dec 21	Apr 21 - Mar 22	Jul 21 - Jun 22
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Statistical Neighbour - rank out of 11	1	1	2	2	2	4	4	2	2
Inner London - rank out of 13	3	2	4	6	7	5	5	4	4
London - rank out of 31	6	3	6	10	14	15	14	10	9

# Offence Profile

## *Exploitation Inc. grooming, drugs and county lines*



- Due to the small residential population of the City of London, the Youth Justice Service has not had a City of London child on its caseload for approximately three years.
- As of September 2022, we are working with 81 children.
- There is a strong drugs market in the borough although affiliation to gangs is extremely transient. This is reflected in our caseload with over 50% of our children having been involved in drugs or violent crimes.
- In relation to the Metropolitan Police's data, the borough has one of the highest numbers of violent crimes with children and young people (aged 11-25) and this is against the background of 39% of Tower Hamlet's families living in poverty.

Offence Types	%
Violence against the person	50%
Burglary	11%
Fraud and forgery	11%
Robbery	6%
Theft and handling stolen good	6%
Drug offences	6%
Summary motoring offences	6%
Other indictable offences	6%

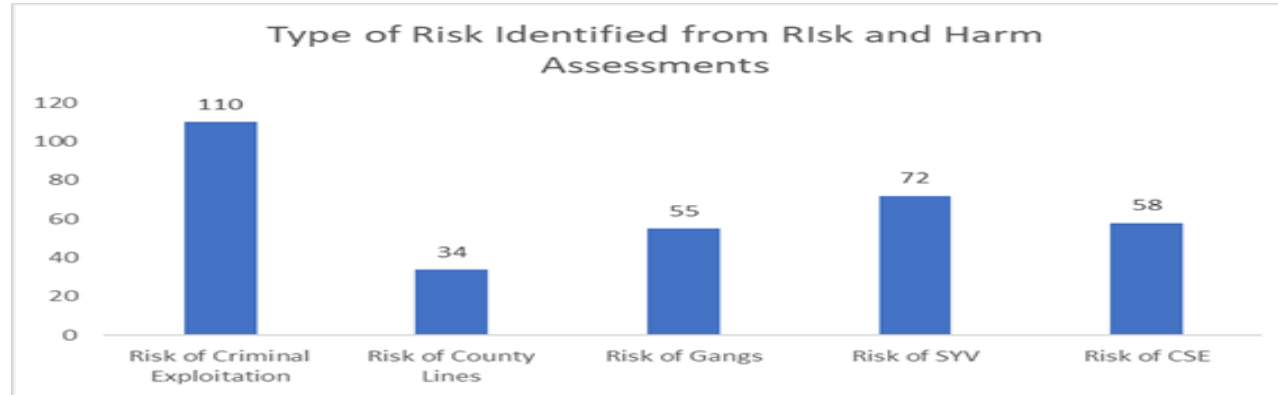


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## *Exploitation in the borough*



- Currently 227 children with a risk and harm assessment – 47 of these identified as high risk/high harm



- Many children have more than 1 risk/harm identified – this is in line with the wider national picture of multiple risk factors when harm is outside the home
- Criminal exploitation is our largest risk and harm factor for children
- 34 children identified for risk and harm from County Lines – 5 children confirmed through police and the Operochi Team. Internal county lines are the issue not external county lines therefore not picked up with rescue and response or CLICMM data.
- For the last 3 months there has been no CLICMM data from the police and county lines in relation to LBTH children outside area but an increase in Class A possession with intent to supply arrests within LBTH.





# *Exploitation in the borough – What are we doing?*



- Intensive support workers providing one to one support to children at high risk/high harm from exploitation and or serious youth violence
- Locations of concern planning in partnership with Community Safety and the Police through neighbourhood tasking and Tactical Tasking Coordination Group (TTCG)
- Intelligence development to ensure intelligence is shared and informs planning for children, families and communities
- Multi-agency training across LBTH
- Framework development for response to Harm outside the Home
- Integration of support through MASH to ensure early identification and cross agency planning for children being harmed through exploitation.
- Multi Agency Child Exploitation (MACE) Panel



# Feedback from Youth Justice Children

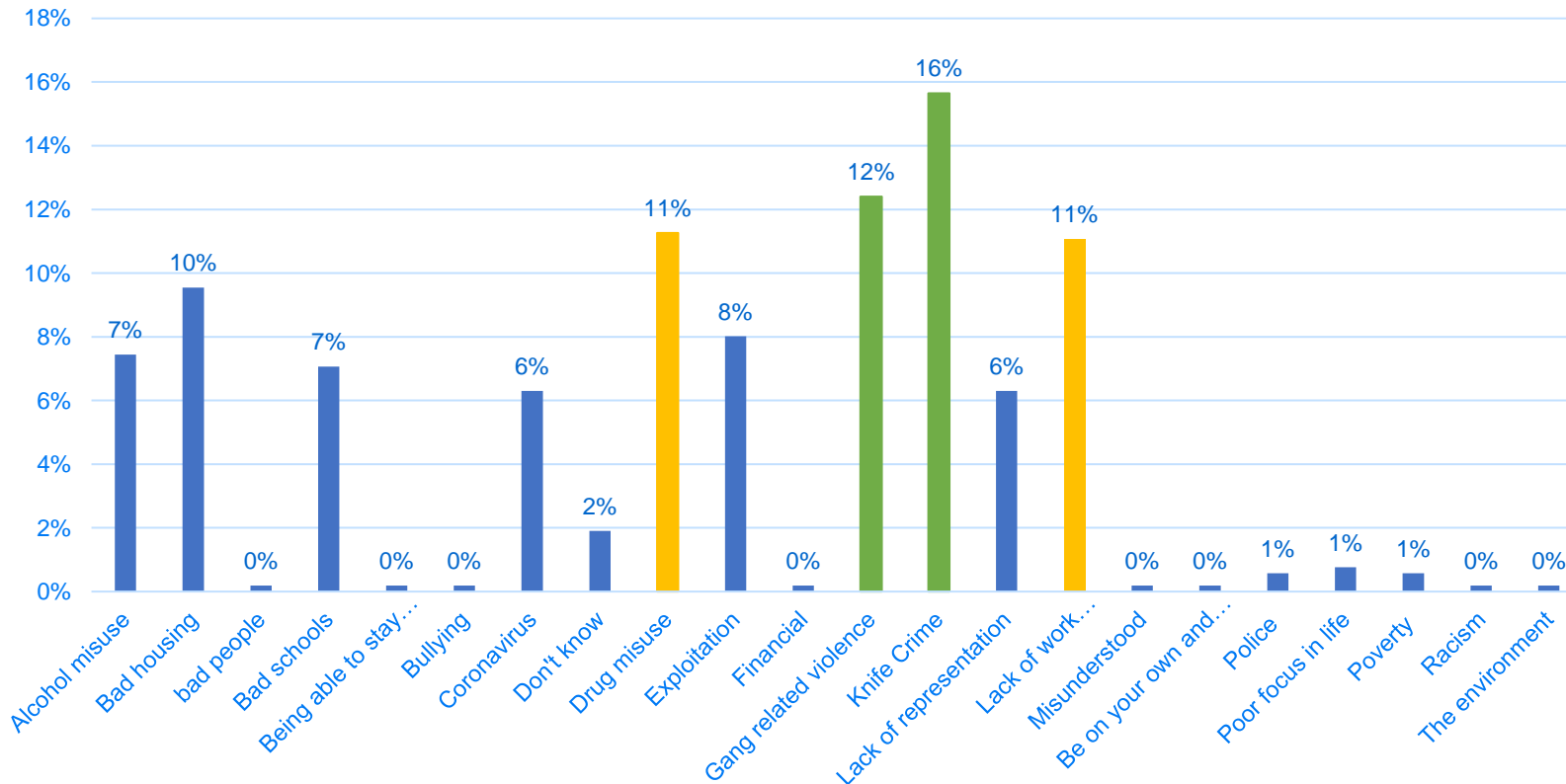
*YJS children were asked the following question as part of their intervention and what needs to be set up next*



Between June 2021- September 2022, 160 children within the YJS were asked as part of their initial self assessment...

**What do you think are the biggest challenges to young people in Tower Hamlets?**

Youth Justice Children said....



Setting up a Youth Forum for children allocated in the youth justice services

Young Mayor of Tower Hamlets focus on youth crime

Quality Assurance activity in the Youth Justice Service and Young People Service will include individual views of children and their families

# Challenges & Impact of Interventions

*Partnership response to borough wide offending, public protection & safeguarding*



- The offer is holistic and targeted to young peoples specific needs to prevent offending and at risk behaviour



Key challenges for partnership to address:

- Demand and supply of drugs (including criminal exploitation of vulnerable children)
- Highest proportion of children living in poverty and further impact of the cost of living crisis
- Serious violence and community safety
- Children remaining in education, training or employment
- County lines
- Multi agency response to safeguarding & risk management including responses to serious incidence

# Questions

