

## **Young Offenders in Custody and Community**

Impact of Machinery of Government Changes

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## **Young Offenders in Custody**

### **Background**

The government recently announced changes to commissioning and funding for pre and post-19 learning. The changes included plans to place local authorities in the lead for commissioning and funding education and training for young people in custody from 2010.

Subject to the passage of legislation, local authorities will become responsible for education and training for juveniles in Her Majesty's Prison Service (HMPS) Young Offender Institutions (YOIs) from September 2010. This coincides with the wider changes to planning and funding for mainstream pre and post 19 learning (the creation of the new Skills Funding Agency (SFA) and Young Peoples' Learning Agency (YPLA)).

Therefore, from this date, education and training for young people in juvenile custody will form part of the new service to be funded via the new YPLA, and commissioned via local authorities and relevant partners.

**In the South East region these changes will affect the funding for education and training for young people in custody at Her Majesty's Young Offender Institutions;**

**HMYOI Huntercombe – Oxfordshire (Male Under 18 – capacity 365)  
HMYOI Cookham Wood – Medway, Kent (Male Under 18 – capacity 157)  
HMYOI Downview – Surrey (16 bed female unit inside HMP Downview Adult Female site)**

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## **Current arrangements**

The Learning and Skills Council (LSC) is responsible for the Offender Learning and Skills Service (OLASS), which has ring-fenced funds to deliver learning and skills to offenders including the Under 18 cohort. The service to young people under 18 in custody in the South East is currently delivered through a contract with CfBT. The contracts, awarded through an open and competitive tendering round in 2005/06, cover the period from August 2006 and are due to expire in July 2009.

A new round of tendering is currently underway to award new contracts for delivery of learning and skills in custody for three years (plus two years) from 1 August 2009 to 31 July 2014. The Invitation to Tender (ITT) was broadcast on the 9<sup>th</sup> October 08 on the LSC tendering portal system – BRAVO. The tendering portal closes the OLASS 3 ITT on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2008. Scoring of the tender responses will take place between Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February by a team of LSC staff and partner organisations including the National Offender Management Service (NOMS). Presentations from providers who are successful during the scoring process will take place during late February/early March and will be complete by March 20<sup>th</sup>. Notification to successful organisations will take place by 31<sup>st</sup> March 09. The new service commences on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2009.

## **Future contractual arrangements**

The organisation that is successful in tendering for provision in the Under 18 estate in the South East will be offered a contract with the LSC for the Integrated Offenders' Learning and Skills Service from 1 August 2009 to 31 July 2014. This is subject to an annual review of satisfactory performance and the relevant funds being agreed by Parliament.

Under the new arrangements, responsibility for this contract will novate in September 2010 from the LSC to the host Local Authority or designated lead local authority for the remainder of its term. The LSC is seeking to engage local authorities with the current tendering assessment process to ensure approval and endorsement of the future chosen provider. As such, an initial email has been sent regarding the tendering process to Leads for Children's Services in the relevant Local Authorities mentioned above to initiate conversations as to the most appropriate way forward.

## **Curriculum**

The curriculum for young people is guided by the Offenders Learning Journey for Young People, which is owned by Joint Youth Justice Unit (JYJU) DCSF and the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) and the Youth Justice Board (YJB). The document can be viewed at the following location:

[http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/offenderlearning/uploads/documents/05%200111\\_Juvenile\\_OLJ%20v04.doc](http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/offenderlearning/uploads/documents/05%200111_Juvenile_OLJ%20v04.doc)

From September 2010, it is planned that the Offender Learning Journey will be replaced by the National Delivery Framework, which builds on the Offender Learning Journey document aligned with education and training in the mainstream education sector and the 14-19 curriculum reforms, as far as practical, in the custodial environment.

## **Young Offenders in the Community**

The OLASS service makes no provision for young offender learners in the community, beyond what is available to these learners through LSC mainstream funded and ESF programmes.

Currently each LSC region receives a small amount of funds from the YJB to support and facilitate ETE access for young offenders in the community. The South East region holds contracts with the following YOT teams.

Bracknell Forest, Brighton and Hove, Buckinghamshire, East Sussex, Kent, Medway, MK, Oxfordshire, Reading, Slough, West Berkshire, West Sussex, Windsor and Maidenhead, Wokingham.

Young offenders are supervised in the community by Youth Offending Teams within each of the South East Local Authorities. The Youth Justice Board (YJB) for England and Wales has to date been responsible for monitoring the performance of Youth Offending Teams including the target measuring the number of young people in employment, education or training, set nationally at 90%. Under the wider changes taking place as part of the 14-19 transition, the YJB is expected to play a more strategic role with Youth Offending Teams. This change comes as local authorities begin to take greater ownership of delivery, reflecting local needs and priorities, as voiced through appropriate target setting and the adoption of key national indicators as part of their local area agreements.

The following local authorities have adopted indicator 45 (Young Offenders into suitable Employment, Education or Training) as a priority indicator within their Local Area Agreements (LAA's)

Slough  
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