

Youth Justice Blueprint for Wales

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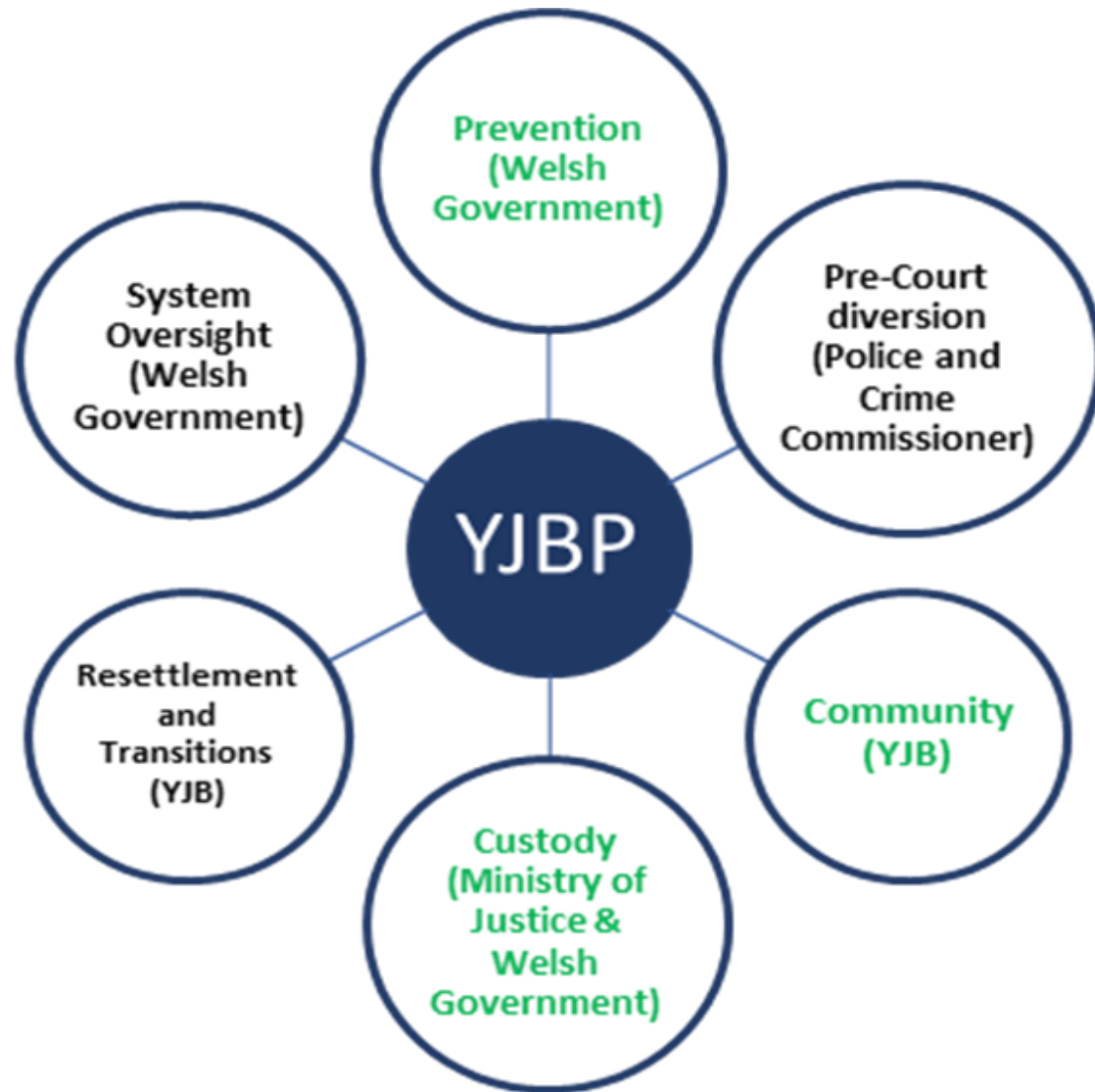
Youth Justice Blueprint

Jointly owned and delivered by the Welsh Government, Youth Justice Board, Ministry of Justice and Policing in Wales.

Our vision

- a 'children first' rights approach.
- working in a child-centred rather than service-focused way.
- taking a trauma informed approach.
- meeting the individual needs of children.

Blueprint workstreams



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Some Achievements to date:

- We have commenced referrals to the Forensic Adolescent Consultation Treatment Service (FACTS) for Enhanced Case Management.
- Enhanced Case Management is available to all Youth Offending Teams (YOT) in Wales for children in voluntary and statutory contact with YOTs.
- Training on Constructive Resettlement for the youth justice sector in Wales.

Our approach to criminal justice – including on ASB

- Adverse Childhood Experiences, or ACEs – a trauma-informed practice framework for Wales.
- Prevention and intervention initiatives
- Children and Young people's plan published March 2022

Specific Welsh Government support

- Welsh Government Children and Communities Grant (CCG)
- Promoting Positive Engagement fund
- PPE funds anti social behaviour projects such as;
 - YOS Youth Outreach Project
 - Youth Service Project
 - REACH Prevention (Reach, Engage and Change Happens) Projects

Prevention workstream

The Prevention workstream seeks to reduce the number of children entering the youth justice system. The objectives are to:

- Develop a practical Framework for the Delivery of prevention services in Wales
- Build on existing good practice and evidence of what works

The Framework will dovetail with larger systems of prevention in place in Wales.

**Criminal Justice
in Wales
Prevention Work**

Looking across
preventative
services and
building an
'Integrated front
door' approach

Pre-Court Diversion

For children who have offended but whose offending is not serious enough or in the public interest to proceed to court.
Led by YJ Blueprint Pre-Court Diversion workstream.

'Turnaround' support

Support for children referred to YOTs by police who, for instance, have a first time youth caution or who have received a fine.
Incoming MoJ project with a 'dotted line' into the Blueprint.

Specific preventative activity

Support for children at risk of entering the system, such as PPE projects.
Within scope of the Youth Justice Blueprint Prevention workstream.

General preventative activity

Support available across Wales for children and young people, such as high quality education and family support services.
Captured in the Welsh Government Children and Young People's Plan

Applying this to ASB

- Importance of a Public Health informed, preventative approach – focussing on the drivers of ASB
- Recognising and maximising the preventative role played by a range of services – including devolved services
- Drawing on expertise – listening to those working on the ground, working in collaboration with expert bodies, drawing on lived experience

Any Questions?



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