



**INDEPENDENT MONITORING BOARD**

**HMP YOI HINDLEY**

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**For the attention of the Secretary of State**

## **Section 1**

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## **Section 2**

### **THE STATUTORY ROLE OF THE IMB**

The Prisons Act 1952 and the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 require every prison and IRC to be monitored by an Independent Board appointed by the Home Secretary from members of the community in which the prison or centre is situated.

The Board is specifically charged to:

- (1) Satisfy itself as to the humane and just treatment of those held in custody within its prison and the range and adequacy of the programmes preparing them for release.
- (2) Inform promptly the Secretary of State, or any official to whom he has delegated authority as it judges appropriate, any concern it had.
- (3) Report annually to the Secretary of State on how well the prison has met the standards and requirements placed on it and what impact these have on those in custody.

To enable the Board to carry out these duties effectively its members have right of access to every prisoner and also to the prison's records (it is accepted that certain records are restricted e.g. Medical Records.)

### **Section 3**

#### **DESCRIPTION OF THE PRISON**

##### 3 (1) Population figures

The numbers of YAs in Hindley grew during the year until the anticipated 192 was reached in October. The numbers of YPs continued to fall until there were 71 YPs and 180 YAs on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014 due to the decision to re-role Hindley to YAs and Category C prisoners. The YJB announced on 23<sup>rd</sup> October withdrawal of funding for juveniles from Hindley to be complete by the end of February 2015. The existing 192 places for YAs will remain.

3 (2) During the year a Chaplaincy Centre with good facilities was opened in Zone 2 after temporary accommodation in a room in the Education block and a Care and Separation Unit for YAs was established on one side of E wing on the ground floor. As numbers of YAs increased the other side of E wing was opened to house YAs with double cells on the ground floor and single cells on the first floor.

Reception for YPs has taken place on D wing with no YP s resident there. An MDT suite was established on 'D' wing for juveniles.

During the year not all floors of A,B and C wings have been open and by December only part of A and C wings were open. YPs were not sent to Hindley from court and YPs began to be placed in other Juvenile Establishments from the first week in December

3 (3) The strict segregation of Zones 1 and 2 has been maintained throughout the year with YPs and YAs never meeting but with Visits and Healthcare being shared facilities used by different populations on different days.

3 (4) Learning and Skills have been delivered by TMC ( The Manchester College) providing a wide range of vocational training places, comprehensive Physical Education programmes, staff delivering these courses are employed by the Prison, and a number of different education courses though at the beginning of the year comprehensive provision for the Young Adults took some time to get established as the prison had been given only two weeks notice before the arrival of the YAs.

3 (5) Healthcare has been provided by the Bridgewater NHS Foundation Trust (Physical) and Greater Manchester West NHS Trust (Mental Health)

3 (6) The process of change continued from the end of 2013 throughout the whole of 2014. Governing Governor Mr Peter Francis left on 10/10/14 and Governor Mr Paul Holland took up the post on 17/11/14 with Governor Mr Richard Suttle acting Governing Governor in the interim and continuing as Acting Governing Governor. from 17/11/14 to enable Governor Mr Paul Holland to be the Sponsor for the Project Team for the re-role.

3 (7 ) At the end of the year Mr Paul Holland and Mr Richard Shuttle worked closely together with the Senior Management Team to mitigate the staff problems arising from loss of experienced staff, the need to train all the new staff and the loss of staff from the establishment due to detached duty demands.

## **Section Four**

### **THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### **Issues for the Minister**

None

#### **Issues for the Prison Service**

None

#### **Issues for the Deputy Director of Custody**

None

#### **Issues for Governor**

None

#### **Previous Year's Issues**

Since HMP/YOI Hindley is now a different place from what it was in 2014 and concerns we had in 2014 were addressed in that year, we refer to this in the conclusion.

#### **Areas of Good Practice**

- (1) VIP - Section 13(1)
- (2) Healthcare – Section 8
- (3) Induction – Section 13(3)
- (4) Chaplaincy – Section 13(4)
- (5) Education – Section 6 (15)

## **Section 5**

### **EQUALITY AND INCLUSION**

5 (1) The Equality Action Team meets bi-monthly and considers the results of the Equality Monitoring Tool, the Equality Impact Assessments and Equality Action Plan and actions resulting from these.

5 (2) There are plans to create a programme of support groups to be delivered by the Equalities Officer each month for BME, Travellers, Welsh young adults and Foreign Nationals.

5 (3) Training has been given to young people and young adults for their roles as representatives to attend the EAT meetings though their attendance will not be mandatory and if they are unable to attend their views will be captured through the VIP minutes.

5 (4) There has been constant monitoring of the number of choices served on the menu and an increase in the spicy food on offer and training has been given to ensure that correct utensils are used for the serving of halal food.

5 (5) Equality assessment is taking place concerning whether young people with learning difficulties and BME young people are more likely to be subject to Minor Reports and Adjudications.

5 (6) The most popular languages for translation services in the last 12 months have been Polish and Vietnamese.

5 (7) There was a bid for religious resources and artefacts and these were acquired for the new Young Adult site and these resources were shared between young adults and young people.

## **Section 6**

### **EDUCATION, LEARNING AND SKILLS**

6 (1) As previously stated the Young People and Young Adults at Hindley in 2014 have had completely separate provision in two different Education blocks and separate workshop provision.

6 (2) Young Adults are assessed on Induction using a paper based Functional Skills test and their previous qualifications are checked. Those assessed as having greatest need are given a diagnostic test and an interview about their learning needs.

6 (3) Young People are given an Education Induction when they undergo various assessments which are recorded on eAsset. The Induction Team and the SENCO research learner history and the SENCO organises further screening if and when required including referrals to LDD, Mental Health and SpLD (LDD Learning Difficulties and Disabilities, SpLD Speech and Language Difficulties).

6 (4) Any YA learners who are below Level 1 in both Literacy and Numeracy are mandated to attend an appropriate Function Skills class to up skill to another level which is supported by their Sentence Plan.

6 (5) YP will get in class or workshop and/or one to one support with their needs via the Inclusive 3 Waves of Interventions Model. This is included in their DTO (Detention and Training Order).

6 (6) YA arrived at Hindley with little warning at the end of 2013 and the funding for classes and workshops took quite some time to become available. At the beginning of the year there was discontent about what was available. As the Works Department was extremely busy with their own work there was an impact on the preparation and delayed opening of the Joinery Skills Centre, the Barista and the Baking Skills Workshops. The Restaurant was still not open by the end of the year. All the workshops have been set up by The Manchester College staff along with learners who have carried out all the installation and alterations using skills they have previously gained within the joinery, brickwork and painting and decorating courses. There was enough activity all year but not necessarily appropriate to the needs of the learners.

6 (7) By the second half of the year the curriculum had been developed to meet the needs of the learners as shown in the need analysis.

6 (8) In 2015 all the workshops will be available to YAs which will give them a greater choice.

6 (9) The provision of courses for the YPs has been good and as numbers have reduced there had been greater opportunity for individual attention though less opportunity for meaningful group work. The Recycling workshop, in particular, had difficulty completing the work needed because of the reduction in YP workers at the end of the year. The tutors are looking forward to working with Adults in 2015.

6 (10) During the course of the year a tutor was allocated to E wing CSU each morning to deliver Literacy and Numeracy to the resident YAs. A number of YAs have sat exams there and Education have a designated classroom. A number of VP are offered in cell education on both E and F Wing.

6 (11) Willow and Sycamore Units have a provision of one teacher and 1.5 LSP to support both units as required by the Governor for Willow and Sycamore. The IMB meets the teacher at Reviews and are impressed by the work she has done with the residents.

6 (12) Education is provided for all learners in cell on residential wings by a LSP in co-operation with teachers and the SENCO.

6 (13) Pay discrepancies for prisoners have not been a problem in Hindley but the IMB will keep an eye on this next year after the re-role.

6 (14) Learners do return to education after Healthcare appointments though Healthcare have told us they sometimes wait quite a long time before being collected. Negotiations with other agencies has reduced the number of learners being taken to do other courses without consultation. Generally learners are assessed to ensure they have adequate time in Hindley to complete the course they are signed up to.

6 (15) The IMB has seen information from Education, Training and Employment showing YA and YP going from Hindley into Education or Employment directly related to their experiences in Hindley and see case studies of how workers met in Hindley have enabled the YP and YA to establish themselves in the community and attend education and/or employment due to qualifications and experience gained in Hindley.

6 (16) The YPs who have gained qualifications in the Fork Lift Truck, Bricks, Fitted Interiors, Plastering, Recycling and Industrial Cleaning workshops are pleased to have done so.

6 (17) The views of the YA and YP on Education and workshops vary from those who just regard it as an opportunity to get out of their cells to those who say they have made much quicker progress in Hindley than in outside provision.

SENCO – Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator

LSP – Learning Support Practitioner

## **Section 7**

### **RESIDENTIAL SERVICES**

#### Accommodation

7 (1) The site has seven units (Alder, Beech, Cedar, Dove, Elm, Fir and Juniper). Juniper is the designated first night unit and induction for Young People. Elm and Fir units accommodate Young Adults. Hindley also has a complex needs unit for young people who require more intensive interventions (Willow). Sycamore Unit is still used as the Segregation Unit for Young People, and during the course of the year has had an upgrade, with the showers being replaced. Part of Elm is still being used as a Segregation Unit for Young Adults. During the course of the year the other part of Elm Unit has been brought into use for Young Adults. Fir Unit is used wholly to accommodate Young Adults.

7 (2) Dove unit was used, after conversion, as a Reception and MDT area. Once the Young People are no longer at Hindley this will become an accommodation unit once again for the Cat C prisoners that the prison will be receiving.

#### Catering

7 (3) The main kitchen provides all the meals in the establishment. Menus are changed on a regular basis and special dietary requirements are catered for. The views of the Young People and Young Adults are sought on the meals provided.

7 (4) Care is taken to make sure that the halal meals are easily identified on the food trolleys.

7 (5) There has been a marked improvement this year in the catering equipment in that the IMB have not received as many complaints from the Catering Manager about breakdowns and the length of time taken to repair such items.

#### Cleanliness

7 (6) On occasions the site is untidy, the main corridor can be littered with leaves etc. which are blown in through open doors. The various yards in the prison can also be untidy with litter at times.

#### MDT – Mandatory Drugs Testing

## **Section 8**

### **HEALTH CARE**

8 (1) During the year HMIP inspected the prison. Their comments about Health Care were very favourable. They offered no negative or critical comments. Board members have reported no concerns and visits have been very positive and we have had good interactions with all staff.

8 (2) DNA rates are low and prisoners can be seen without undue waits by the GP surgeries still held on the wings. The new furniture in the waiting area (part of the King's Fund initiative ) stands up well with only one minor episode of damage. (sadly will not be suitable for adults).

8 (3) The new members of management have settled in well and the systems seem to be working well. Since the opening of the YA end no strains have been apparent. In Mental Health the story is similar but there are one or two areas of concern. The extra work generated by the YA's has been recognised but the extra funding has not been matched by increased staffing owing to recruitment problems. The department is currently 4 whole time equivalents down at the moment.

8 (4) A Substance Misuse service is to open at the top end ( YA) for 2015. The services of a Brain Injury specialist from the Bridgewater Learning Disabilities Team were available for a short time. This post was one of 4 pilots in the country. The concept of the service was to be screening, diagnosis, investigations with the findings being absorbed into the Juvenile's treatment plan. Sadly the person in post moved after an appointment nearer home. Obviously now – no replacement.

8 (5) One of two negative features in the department is the problem arising from the activities of the Deltas (escort officers). It seems there can be delays of up to half an hour waiting for Deltas to arrive at the end of sessions. This can leave up to 10 or so Juveniles becoming bored and disruptive without the presence of an Officer. This situation is being raised with the Governor and will be monitored.

8 (6) The other worrying trend is an increase in the DNA rate for hospital appointments as PO's cannot be spared for escort duty. The Board will monitor this trend as staff numbers reduce and more of the adult population may need specialist outside care.

As this report is written the Health Care Departments are coming to terms with the changes planned for 2015.

8 (7) In Mental Health staff numbers are falling. As the Young People leave the hours provided by psychology and psychiatry will reduce. There will almost certainly be an increase in substance misuse services. There is real concern about the future for current Willow residents – some of whom could be hard to re-locate. It seems a shame that such a specialist team and such a well accredited unit are to be disbanded. In Health Care generally the change from Juvenile to Adults will mean many changes. The type of prisoners may be from the older age range and hence have more chronic diseases, not seen in Hindley before, e.g. heart and lung problems, diabetes and a range of psychiatric disorders. No doubt thought will be given to mobility issues and

wheelchair use. Because of the demographic changes it is anticipated the paediatrically trained staff may leave to other nursing posts. Again it is anticipated there will be much more drug-related services needed. These changes will need close monitoring throughout 2015.

Overall, Health Care services are of a high quality which is confirmed by feed-back sessions with the prisoners.

DNA – Did not attend

## **Section 9**

### **PURPOSEFUL ACTIVITY**

9 (1) 2014 was a very challenging year for Hindley. There was a great deal of uncertainty for staff. The arrival of the young adults presented many problems which had to be addressed. The issue of providing purposeful activity for the young adults continued throughout 2014. However, a great deal of work went into providing courses and this was successful. It was necessary for staff to start thinking 'outside the box'; not easy when there is not much money available to alleviate the problem.

9 (2) There were several new innovations. The Barista was opened and has proved very popular, leading to some friendly rivalry with the Staff Mess. The Barista provided a delightful buffet for the IMB Christmas meeting. Board members unanimously agreed it was delicious and extremely good value.

9 (3) Young Adults began working in the kitchen; this worked very well and seemed to be popular with the young men working there. The young adults were involved in re-cycling and a gardening project was developed.

9 (4) When we are full a complete range of activities will be provided, with all workshops working towards Level 2 (the Young People worked towards Level 1). Several new and purposeful activities are being explored for 2015.

9 (5) Although the Young People numbers were dwindling during 2014, courses were maintained at a very high level. The very popular Painting and Decorating Workshop submitted several exhibits from Hindley to an exhibition at the Castlefield Gallery in Manchester. This was organized by the Koestler Trust, a prison charity which promotes artistic achievement in prisons and other secure units. Four of the works from Hindley received awards.

9 (6) As the juveniles were transferred out of Hindley, every effort was made to allow them to continue and complete the course there were attending and handovers were sent to the receiving establishment.

9 (7) Hindley no longer provides Awareness courses for Alcohol, Cannabis and Substance Misuse. The Youth Club run by the YMCA ceased to operate during the year. The parenting classes are still in existence to cater for the young fathers at Hindley.

9 (8) The radio station is no longer broadcasting. However the equipment will be used to service the Multi-media Hub, which will offer an accredited course.

9 (9) A float for the Manchester Pride event was designed, constructed and decorated at Hindley. Styal Prison, Buckley Hall and Manchester Prison were also involved in this project

9 (10) Although the past year has been an extremely challenging one, all staff involved in providing purposeful activity are confident that Hindley is well-prepared to face the future.

## **Section 10**

### **RESETTLEMENT**

10 (1) 2014 saw fundamental changes in the way Hindley operates. At the end of 2013, the young adults began arriving, and it was necessary for staff to undertake a great deal of training.

10 (2) The announcement in October 2014, that Hindley was to be re-roled to receive Category C prisoners, meant that a major re-think was necessary. A Project Team was set up to prepare for the new arrivals. It is very much the case that, as with 2014, the coming year will be one of massive change.

10 (3) Many of the partners previously involved in managing re-offending are no longer operating at Hindley. The YMCA, Connections, Barnardos and Youth Offending Team, and some health care provision have all gone.

10 (4) The Chaplaincy Team has been maintained and will be delivering a victim awareness course named The Sycamore Tree Project.

10 (5) A needs analysis was done with the young adults, involving 50 or 60 inmates. Until Hindley is full it is not possible or practical to do a full analysis that will allow Hindley to plan for the future. Other Category C establishments will be contacted to obtain a flavour of how they operate.

10 (6) There were previously eight resettlement pathways, now there are seven:

- 1 Accommodation.
- 2 Education, Employment, Learning and Skills.
- 3 Mental and Physical Health.
- 4 Substance Abuse.
- 5 Finance, Benefits and Debt.
- 6 Children, Families and Community Support.
- 7 Attitude, Thinking and Behaviour.

There is a strategic lead for each pathway and this will have to be revisited using different members of staff.

10 (7) It is vital that the safe and decent decant of the young offenders is carried out. Every young person who was transferred had to have a Care and Transition Plan, with input from all stakeholders, including YJB, Youth Offending Team, Health Care staff, Key Work staff and the young person themselves. This was a significant piece of work and also very challenging, as the different external stakeholders were not always in agreement as to where the Young People should be transferred to. The vast majority were transferred either to Wetherby or Werrington. There was a positive response from the Young People's Group about how the process had been carried out.

10 (8) With the re-role of Hindley in 2014, the whole ethos of the prison changed. It was almost starting with a 'clean sheet'. This has involved a great deal of dedication

and commitment from staff. Training is crucial and this will continue throughout 2015.

It is worth noting that 10 staff at Hindley were nominated for Prison Officer of the Year award. The OMU/Custody Team were nominated as Team of the Year.

## **Section 11**

### **SAFER CUSTODY**

11 (1) The board has an open invitation to attend all Safer Custody related meetings

11(2) In September 2014 a Safer Custody Audit was completed by NOMS (Internal Audit and Assurance). The overall Assurance Rating achieved was 'Moderate'. The purpose of the report is to report on weaknesses in risk and control processes. It reported that that improvements could be made to the ACCT management check process and core members did not regularly attend the monthly Safer Custody meetings. They also found that ACCT and CSRA records were not being accurately maintained. An action plan has already been completed for these shortfalls.

11(3) Throughout the year the processes around the Support Intervention Plans (SIPs) and Behaviour Intervention Plans (BIPs) were maintained with BIPs being used to appropriately challenge anti-social behaviour and bullying. SIPs are used to support those who are vulnerable but without self-harm concerns.

11(4) Entries continue to be made in to the Equality High Risk register, usually as a result of information received from a DIRF (Discrimination Incident Reporting Form)

11(5) Gang problems are minimal if not negligible at Hindley at this time. There are no major concerns in this area, though it continues to be monitored.

11(6) There is still some difficulty in getting the Police to take up cases involving assaults on prisoners. Phil Riding (Head of Security ) has done a lot of work in this area but there is still not currently a Police Liaison Officer.

11(7) When benchmarking comes into operation there will be considerable reduction in staff and the IMB will continue to monitor this area.

## **Section 12**

### **SEGREGATION, CARE & SEPARATION, CLOSE SUPERVISION**

12 (1) The segregation Unit for Juveniles has been located on a dedicated Wing – Sycamore.

At the end of 2014 nearly all Juveniles have left Hindley and Sycamore is shortly to close.

However, the Board would still like to make certain comments.

12 (2) Though the staff have worked under difficult circumstances, occupying an aged and tired facility, we have found the unit to be well run and managed under a similar regime to Willow (the complex needs unit) and under the same Governor.

12 (3) The staff, specially selected, in the main developed good relationships with the Young People and their interactions have been mostly positive. As mandated, each prisoner was offered daily exercise in the open, a shower, telephone call and education sessions.

12 (4) The Board attended the majority of GOOD reviews, 339 in the year and all we found to be fair and constructive with the underlying aim of returning the Young Person to normal accommodation as soon as appropriate.

12 (5) The Care and Separation Unit facility for YA's is at the top end of the prison on one leg of Elm Wing. There are 10 dedicated cells on the unit.

12 (6) Since the YA end of the prison has filled up the regime seems to be bedding down but the facility has a variable occupancy holding some prisoners with complex problems. We have no concerns with the staffing of the unit but owing to the timetable on the wing we have not been able to attend all Reviews but the staff are keen to seek solutions with us. Towards the end of 2014 we were able to attend several reviews most weeks. There are however times when the unit is staffed by detached staff not totally conversant with the wing procedures.

12 (7) As the Cat C prisoners start to arrive in March 2015 the plan is for the CSU to expand on Elm Wing until a dedicated unit on Willow is ready later in 2015. We shall monitor the situation as to whether there will be sufficient CRU places as the prison reaches its operational capacity.

12 (8) On the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2012 an investigation took place into the death of a YP at Hindley. Between the 24<sup>th</sup> February and the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2014 an inquest took place. There was a Board presence on some days of the inquest.

The inquest found that his death was caused by, or more than minimally, contributed to failures of the prison to protect his life.

12 (9) An immediate set of actions were implemented after his death and an action plan was implemented. The failures indentified by the coroner at the time of death have now been addressed.

12 (10) In terms of the Coroner's concerns the Coroner noted that during the course of the inquest the evidence revealed a large number of issues which gave cause for concern. However, having heard evidence and being supplied with documentary material showing the changes which have taken place, she was satisfied that actions have already taken place to address the matter which gave rise to concern.

12 (11) The Personal Officer Policy, Incentives and Earned Privileges Policies and Safer Custody Policy have all been reviewed.

12 (12) The Board has been kept informed throughout and have been supplied with all the relevant details.

## **Section 13**

### **AREAS OF GOOD PRACTICE**

#### (1) Consultation

(1) Regular consultation meetings were held throughout the year with both Young Adults and Young People. Concerns were addressed as soon as possible. The relationship with staff and prisoners has been co-operative wherever possible.

#### (2) Healthcare

13(2) We consider Healthcare in the establishment to be outstanding. Section 8.

#### (3) Induction

During the year The Board carried out Induction with 379 young people. Over the years our experience has been that this opportunity to speak individually to each young person within two days of their arrival has been mutually beneficial. The Board consider the process of individual induction interviews could possibly be followed by other juvenile establishments.

#### (4) Chaplaincy

As we commented last year, Chaplaincy's involvement within the prison has continued in an exemplary fashion, contact being maintained with vulnerable YPs, at induction and discharge.

They continue to carry out their regular prayer services to all denominations.

Their involvement in Restorative Justice is developing.

#### (5) Preparation for Employment

Courses are relevant to North West employment needs. Workers at Hindley have enabled YPs and YAs to establish themselves within the community and attend education and/or employment, due to qualifications and experience gained in Hindley.

## **Section 15**

### THE WORK OF THE INDEPENDENT MONITORING BOARD

<b>Board Statistics</b>	
Recommended Complement of Board Members	20
Number of Board Members at the start of the reporting period	14
Number of Board Members at the end of the reporting period	10
Number of new members joining within the reporting period	1
Total number of Board meetings during the reporting period	12
Total number of visits to the Establishment	533
Total number of segregation reviews attended	The Board attended, by rota, the vast majority of reviews held on the Segregation Units 339
Date of Annual Team Performance Review	February 2014

## APPLICATIONS TO THE BOARD

<b>Code</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
A	Accommodation	1	1	1	5
B	Adjudications	2	1	1	1
C	Equality & Diversity (inc religion)	4	0	0	0
D	Education/employment/training inc IEP	1	1	0	2
E1	Family/visits inc mail & phone	7	4	2	3
E2	Finance/pay	1	4	0	0
F	Food/kitchen related	1	1	0	0
G	Health Related	5	2	2	3
H1	Property (within current establishment)	1	0		
H2	Property (during transfer/ in another establishment)	2	1	2	7
H3	Canteen, facilities, Catalogue shopping, Argos	2	0		
I	Sentence relation ( inc. HDC, ROTL, parole, release dates re-cat. Etc)	1	0	2	5
J	Staff/prisoner/detainee concerns inc bullying	9	3	3	2
K	Transfers	4	2	0	4
L	Miscellaneous	2	0	0	4
	<b>Total Number of IMB apps</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>33</b>

## **Section 16**

### **CONCLUSION**

16 (1) At the end of the year Mr Paul Holland and Mr Richard Suttle worked closely together with the Senior Management Team to mitigate problems arising from loss of experienced staff, the need to train new staff and the loss of staff from the establishment due to detached duty demands. We are aware that due to Bench Marking and changing to adults and YAs in 2015 staffing will be much reduced with all needing to be C & R trained as well as receiving Category C Awareness Training. We are confident that the project team has made plans for the re-role and as a Board we shall do our best to monitor the progress.

16 (2) The support provided by Willow has been acknowledged as of great benefit to the Young People and it is hoped that what was learned at Hindley will be replicated throughout the juvenile estate.

16 (3) Because of the greater distance that will have to be travelled to and from court we consider it important that extra care is taken on monitoring the time YPs spend in waiting at court before accessing the transport and then the time of arrivals at establishments.

16 (4) We are concerned that with the reduction in the number of Young People establishments it will mean that some families have considerably further to travel which may impact on the maintenance of good family links. We hope that this situation will be monitored in the coming year.