

County Durham Youth Justice Service

First Time Entrants, Children in Care, Transfers
from Police Custody

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Children in Care

- **15%** of CDYJS cohort are Children Looked After (25/162)
- Remand 'Bed Nights': **464** nights (10 Young People)
- Joint planning: impact on risk of reoffending & care needs considered
- Criminalisation of Children in Care: Research - assurance

First Time Entrants

- **115** young people (2023/24)
- Rate = **252** per 100,000 (10-17)
- National average rate, Regional average rate & Family rate all increased
- **44%** reduction since 2013
- Increases in last 2 years – post Covid restrictions, focus on neighbourhood crime
- **75%** of young people kept out of YJ system (below caution) do not reoffend

Developments

- Reviewed, amended and embedded our out-of-court processes in conjunction with Durham Constabulary and One Point Service (Early Help).
- Developed an escalation process for disagreements in decision making
- Ensured greater coordination between ‘on-street’ restorative approaches by police and CDYJS interventions.
- Implemented a new YJB assessment tool.
- Undertook a review of service structure and restructured the service, including greater collaboration with early help colleagues.

Transfers to Local Authority from Police Custody

- 17 requests from Police
- 13 transferred to Secure (Aycliffe)
- Processes reviewed 2022
- HMI Probation 'Remand Thematic': CDYJS largest number of transfers