

## FOI: 9759567 Statutory Youth Justice Plan

### A) Statutory Youth Justice Plan and YOT Performance Data

I understand that there is a statutory requirement for each Local Authority area to set out an annual youth justice plan for the delivery of the Youth Justice Service within their area and therefore;

1) Please, can you kindly forward me copies of all your annual statutory Youth Justice Plan (YJP) for the period covering from 2015 to present?

Please find attached London Borough of Tower Hamlets Youth Justice Plan for 2016/17 and 2017/18.

The Youth Justice Plans for 2015 and prior are currently in an offsite archive storage due to structural and management changes that occurred in 2015. The archived files are not in an easily retrievable structure or format. To retrieve the information requested for 2015 or prior will take a significant amount of time that will exceed the appropriate limit set under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The information requested for the period of 2015 is therefore being refused under section 12 of the Act – *Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit*.

I am sorry that your request is not being fully met on this occasion.

2) Please can you forward me your annual youth justice performance data as listed below if not already included in your statutory YJP for the period from 2014 to present:

- The rate of first-time entrants;
- The rate of proven re-offending by offenders;
- The rate custody;
- Rate of victim satisfaction;

The three statutory data return information is available on the Youth Justice Board website, and a narrative is available in each plan.

3) Please, can you provide me with dates if not included in your statutory youth justice plan as to when each Plan was presented at a full Council/Cabinet meeting and approved?

Neither plan attached has been presented at Cabinet/council meetings, scrutiny of the plan has been through the Director of Children's Services, Lead Member Children's Services and the Community Safety Partnership.

### B) YOT Financing & Staffing Levels

1) Please, can you provide me with the total 'full-time equivalent' headcount in each of the last three financial years (2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17)?

Total posts existing in 2015/16 = 44

Total posts existing in 2016/17 = 41.

2) Please, can you provide me with the total spending by the YOT in each of the last three financial years (2014-15, 2015-16, and 2016-17)?

Spend is outlined in the Youth Justice Plans, and includes revenue budget, partnership and grant funding.

3) The total number of cases LBTH YOT managed in each of the last three financial years (2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17) for:

- Per-court or equivalent disposals.
- Out of Court disposals.
- Court Orders including custody disposals.

This information is available publicly through the Youth Justice Board. Below is a link to their website.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/youth-justice-board-for-england-and-wales>

4) The total number of young people that have been found guilty of a crime in your YOT's operational area in each of the last three financial years (2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17).

This information is published on the Youth Justice Board website and is reflected in the First Time Entrant numbers and the Re-offending Rates for the service.

5) The number of young offenders that have been detained in the secure estate/YOIs in your YOT's operational area in each of the last three financial years (2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17).

This is reflected in the custody return to the Youth Justice Board and is published on the YJB website.

6) Your expected total spending/ financing for 2017 -18 and 2018/19 or your latest estimate made for planning purposes if finalised figures are not available.

£1,820,000 is the current budget for the service. Each team incorporates a 6% reduction into each new budget year against the revenue percentage of the budget. Revenue budget for the service is 60% of annual spend.

7) Your expected headcount for 2017-18 or your latest estimate made for planning purposes if finalised figures are not available.

Total posts existing in 2017-18 = 38

8) The number of staff made redundant since April 1st, 2014

Please see the response to Question 10.

9) The number of staff placed on notice of redundancy and still at risk since April 1st, 2017?

No staff are currently at risk in the service.

10) The number of contracted staff whose contracts have been terminated since April 1st, 2015?

Since October 2015 , three staff contracts have been closed due to redundancy.

11) The number of contracted staff who have been notified that their contracts are to be terminated since April 1st, 2017.

April 2017 was a point part way through a restructure. Two staff members were working their notice in April 2017.

12) Please, can you advise me on the number of consultants engaged with the YOT since 2014 and the amount spent in securing their services?

From April 2016 one consultant's time has been secured for two days per week to support the Youth Justice Service. The cost has been corporately funded and has not been taken from the Youth Justice budget.