

# Supporting implementation of care and support for children and young people in the secure Estate

A short presentation :

- HMP & YOI Parc Young Persons Unit
- Young Persons Population, HMP & YOI Parc
- The local issues for operational implementation

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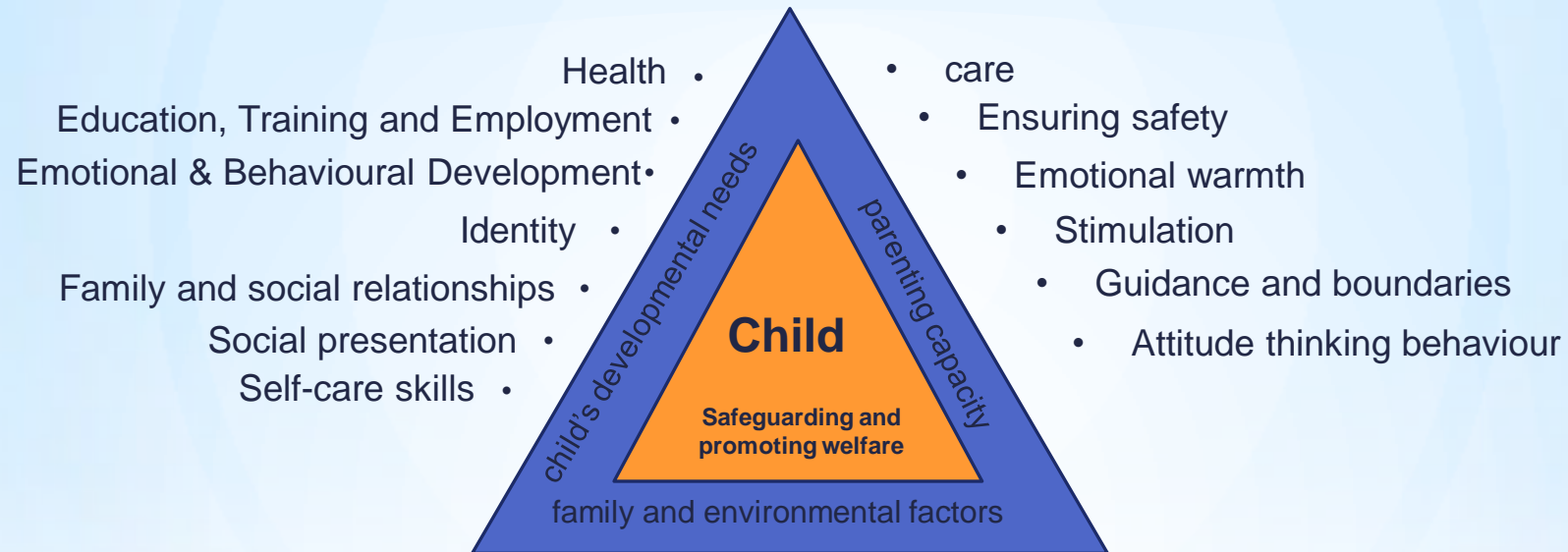
# \* What is HMP & YOI Parc 's Young Persons Unit?

- \* The Young Person's Unit at HMP & YOI Parc consists of two small residential living units, providing 64 beds for male sentenced and remand young people between 15 and 18 years old. The residential units are located closely to associated, learning and skills and physical education facilities. The unit is secure and set within the confines of a category B prison run by G4S, commissioned in 1997 providing 1659 available prisoner places and 64 Places for Young People.
- \* Parc promotes a holistic, multi-agency approach that sets clear targets and objectives for young people and everyone involved in their care. These targets are reviewed at monthly care plan meetings.
- \* The young people placed at Parc have a range of complex needs, presenting risks and challenges that are not considered appropriate for a community order or placement in the other secure residential settings.
- \* Accommodation at Parc is a mixture of single and double rooms. All young people are risk assessed to share under NOMS framework outlined in *PSI 09-2011 cell sharing risk assessment*. On occasions the number of young people assessed as high risk of sharing can impact our ability to run at full capacity. This recently resulted in a reduction of capacity from 64 to 61 for a short period, due to the number of young people assessed as high risk for room sharing.
- \* Our court catchment areas have expanded in recent times and now includes South Wales, Bristol, Somerset, Devon, Cornwall, Wiltshire and South Gloucestershire. We also receive transfers from other out of area establishments for a variety of reasons including disciplinary and vulnerability concerns.

# \* Parc

- \* It is formed by a Multi-Disciplinary Team of knowledgeable practitioners from a range of backgrounds.
- \* It is supported by a network of partner agencies, YOTs, Police, Social Services, YJB etc.
- \* It's ethos is based on child centred principles that puts the young person at the heart of all decision making processes.
- \* Each young person is considered an individual, whose care plan, targets and objectives all reflect this, as each one is suited to his needs.
- \* We place great emphasis on the voice of the young person being heard and ensure their views and opinions are listened to and respected.
- \* We pride ourselves on creating an environment of stability where young people who are in crisis can seek support and reflect in a safe place.
- \* Every young person has a dedicated caseworker who is responsible for overseeing the young person's case and is accountable for ensuring all targets are met in a timely manner.
- \* Positive HMIP Inspections

# \* How do we assess need?



- Family history and functioning
- Asset / PNOMIS
- Wider family
- Housing, Employment, Income
- Looked After Children status
- Finance benefit and debt
- Family's social integration
- Community resources

# \* Learning & Skills

- The Learning and Skills Department at HMP Parc offers a wide range of subjects across a broad curriculum, at levels ranging from Entry 1 through to GCSE and AS 'Level.
- We have ten specialised pathways covering a range of vocational subjects, all of which include regular Essential Skills provision, including:
  - Parc Academy – a 12 week intensive Physical Education course offering a range of Entry, Level 1 and Level 2 qualifications
  - Gym – a 12 week weightlifting course
  - Multi Skills – Entry and Level 1 qualifications in tiling, kitchen fitting and decorating skills
  - Creative Arts – Level 1, 2, GCSE and AS Level qualifications in Music, Art and soon to include Graphic Design
  - Catering – Level 1 and 2 qualifications, including the responsibility of cooking for the wing weekly
  - Carpentry – Entry 3 and Level 1 Awards in Carpentry and Joinery
- All pathways access Essential Skills classes, where they can gain qualifications ranging from Entry 1 to GCSE.

# \*Interventions

There a range of interventions available to young people.

Most are delivered by intervention staff on a one to one basis. Group work is facilitated for some interventions.

Most interventions available are short duration packages due to short duration DTOs being the most common sentence.

The interventions are grouped to look at the following areas;

- Drugs And Alcohol
- Children and Families
- Attitudes, Thinking and Behaviour
- Health

# \*Business As Usual

## **Court stage/ pre-sentencing:**

- Complete a PSR and associated paperwork which is sent to YJB Placements team (pre Asset plus)
- Asset
- the placement information form
- information pertaining to risk and vulnerability including the risk of serious harm Asset
- the risk management plan and vulnerability management plan as appropriate
- post-court report form

## **In the secure estate:**

- YOT's work in close partnership with the secure provider to ensure that sentence planning is led by:
- desistance
- needs and risk
- interventions that are targeted and follow through from the custody to community
- effective information sharing

# \* Business As Usual

Any child who was in the care of or accommodated by the local authority prior to sentence continues to have a right to that support while in custody and on release. Statutory guidance (Children Act 1989: former looked-after children in custody)

An allocated social worker from the responsible authority must visit them within:

- 5 days for looked-after children
- 10 days for accommodated young people of sentence start
- The initial sentence planning meeting must take place within 10 working days of a custodial sentence being given. For this and all subsequent review meetings the YOT case manager is responsible for inviting the child or young person's parents or carers, the local authority social worker and any other relevant attendees from the community.



# \* Additional duties

## **Part 6 and Part 11(SS&WB Act)**

No significant changes in terms of responsibilities for LAC but contains duties (especially for the Local Authority with secure provision within its boundaries) in relation to the care and support needs of those young people not formally LAC (Welsh and English)

## **The Visits to Children in Detention (Wales) Regulations 2015.**

New duties on the local authority to children and young people ordinarily resident in Wales, detained in youth detention accommodation or custody or those that have been placed in Wales but would ordinarily reside outside it

The purpose of the visit is to ascertain *whether the child's wellbeing is adequately being safeguarded and promoted whilst in detention/approved premises* and how it will be promoted on release e.g. provision of necessary accommodation or other services by the local authority

# \*Additional duties

- Visit must be within 10 days of being detained
- The representative will determine the frequency of future contact, taking into account the views of the child and their parents/carers
- The representative must speak to the child in private
- The representative must provide a report on each visit
- Provide advice and support to the child

# \* Before April 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 we should ...

- Strategically - Develop a Memorandum of Understanding required by part 11 between local authorities, secure estates and Youth Justice Board and identify the links to e.g. Safeguarding Children Board's.
- Operationally – Review local protocols between YOTs and Children's Services clarifying roles and responsibilities, in particular for those children and young people with no lack status bringing additional duties.

# Admissions to Young Persons Unit HMP&YOI Parc

	English LA	Welsh LA	Total
Admissions 2015	80	87	167
	47.9%	52.1%	
LAC Status			
Section 31	4	6	10
Relevant	18	4	22
FLA	1	3	4
Remand	32	34	66
CP Register	0	2	2
Totals	55	49	104
Percentage of Respective population	68.75%	56.32%	62.28%

- ❖ Therefore, **62.28** % of the Young People admitted to HMP&YOI Parc in 2015 were already owed a duty by their LA
- ❖ However, Based on the figures for 2015; It will be the responsibility of the Welsh Home Local Authorities that have Young People placed at HMP&YOI Parc to meet the care and support needs of an additional **38** Welsh young people
- ❖ Additionally; It will also be the responsibility of **Bridgend** as the Welsh Local Authority where HMP&YOI Parc is situated to meet the care and support needs of an additional **25** English young people where their home Local Authority does not already owe them a duty.

\* Any questions?