



Lambeth Youth Justice Service

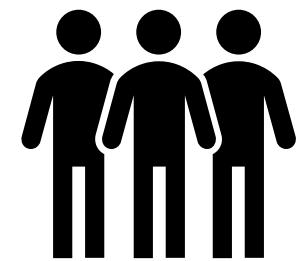
Engage & Turnaround



Lambeth Youth Justice Q & A

- Q1. What broadly is the objective of the Youth Justice Service (YJS) (Crime and Disorder Act 1998)?
- Q2. How many children and young people under the age of 18 live in Lambeth?
- Q3. How many children and young people are currently required by Police/Courts to attend Lambeth YJS?
- Q4. For what 3 offence categories are children and young people most likely to be referred to Lambeth YJS?
- Q5. Police and Courts are the only pathway to services offered by Lambeth YJS. True or False?
- Q6. How many children are currently remanded or sentenced to custody Lambeth-wide?
- Q7. Education standards are suspended for children in custody settings. True or False?
- Q8. The National Youth Justice Board definition of education differs slightly to the DoE. True or False?

Lambeth Youth Justice Service User profile



95% Male



78% 15-17 years



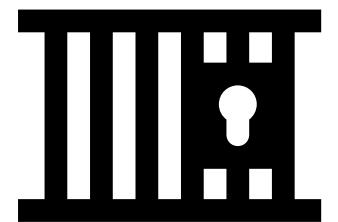
86% Minority Ethnic Groups



14 % LAC



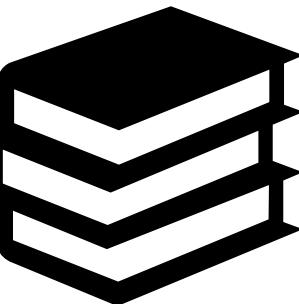
5.5% Alternative Provision



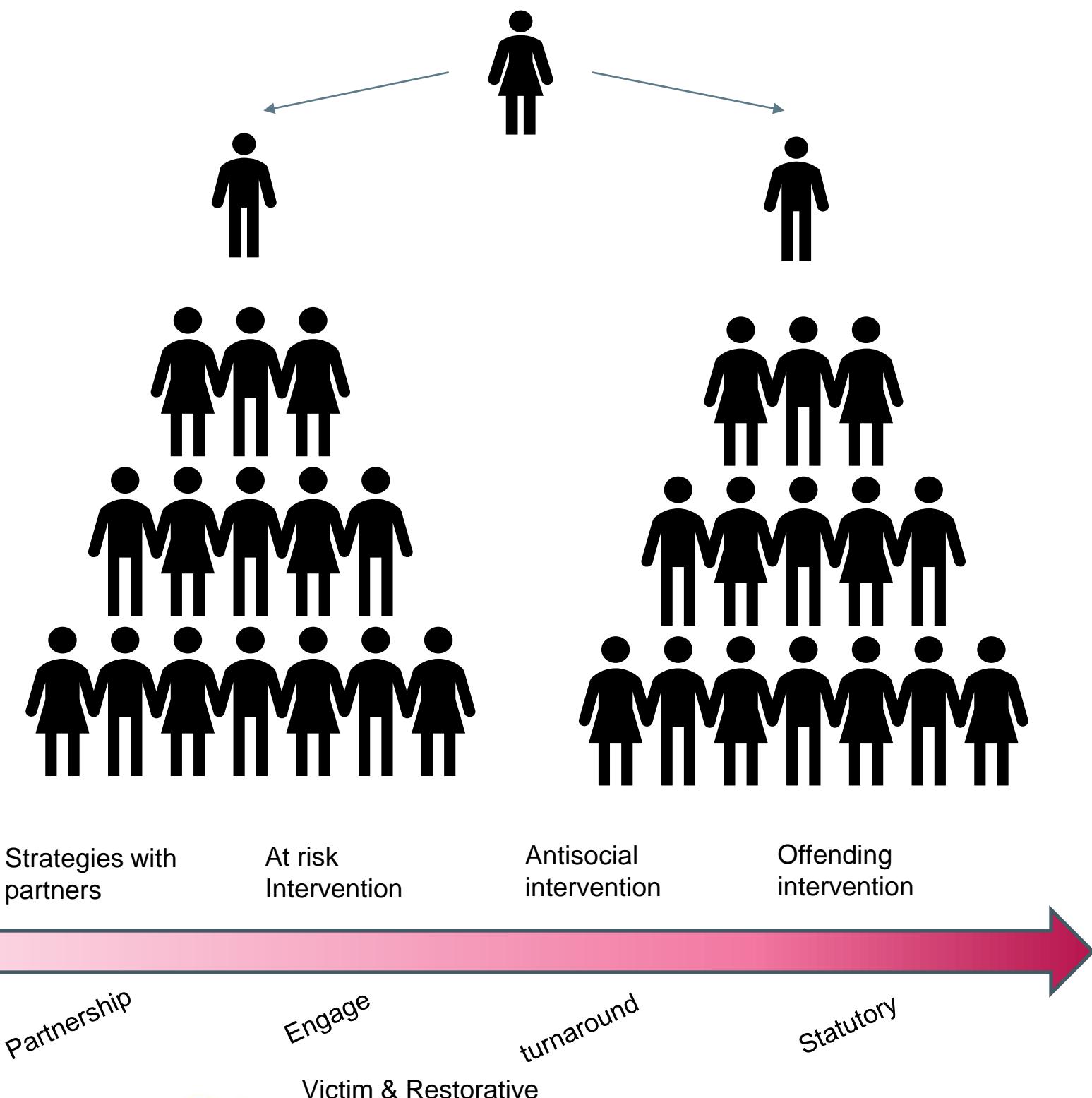
7.5% Custody Setting



70% Not in suitable ETE



13.5% EHCP



Lambeth YJS provide prevention and statutory services:

- **Strategic partnerships** – Children Services, Health, Education, Police, contextual safeguarding etc
- **Engage** – Police custody intervention
- **Turnaround** - have come to notice of enforcement agencies for anti-social behaviour. I.e. CR, NFA, injunction, acquittal
- **Police referrals** – Referral indefinite or conditional or offer of brief intervention as alternative to Court.
- **Court referrals** – community or custody sentences with reporting and other offence-targeted interventions and/or requirements.
- **Victim & Restorative Service** – support services to those directly impacted by offending



Definitions, Legislation and Guidance framework

Prevention (2021) has been defined by the Youth Justice Board (YJB) as 'support and intervention with children (and their parents/carers) who may be displaying behaviours which may indicate underlying needs or vulnerability'. In this definition there are two tiers:

- early prevention: for children with no linked offence, targets unmet needs or welfare concerns, and is usually delivered by non-criminal justice agencies, (i.e. children's social care and/or voluntary sector groups).
- targeted prevention: for children who have come into contact with the criminal justice system (CJS) but not yet received a court disposal or out-of-court disposal and are not being seen under a diversion scheme or other statutory order.

Diversion is a term that has no fixed meaning in law. For the purpose of this policy and guidance this refers to the two most common concepts:

- diversion from court, and
- diversion at point of arrest.



Prevention Disposals and Services

Outreach – targeted or non-targeted community engagement work. Outreach workers are deployed within the borough on a weekly schedule consistent with local intelligence of high incident youth violence and antisocial behaviour (cohort consistent with international definitions of youth as up to age of 24 years). In line with evidenced-based social research of the influence of increased foot patrols as lowering incidence of antisocial behaviour and crime.

Engage – prevention and diversion model aimed to support children/young people in their first contact with police and police cells.

Turnaround – Time-limited prevention model funded by Ministry of Justice (MOJ) where children who come to the attention of agencies for antisocial behaviour can voluntarily receive case management intervention support for up to a year.

Best outcomes for Lambeth children/young people



- Preventing involvement in CJS (FTE)
- Engage with young people during the teachable, reachable moment.
- Promote positive development
- Activation of professional networks to link young people up with positive activities which are sustainable beyond the intervention.
- Focus on setting smart targets with the young person that they wish to achieve, including developing positive improvements in key emotional, physical and vulnerable behaviours.
- It is a holistic intervention which also includes support for parents.
- Support a sustainable move away from serious violence and exploitation
- Prevent further interaction with the justice system.





Contact Us

**Looking for an Engage Youth Worker?
Contact the team.
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**Want to make a referral?
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**Not sure and want to talk to a member of the Youth Justice Service?
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