

YOUTH JUSTICE AGENCYCRIMINAL JUSTICE INSPECTION OF WOODLANDS – NOVEMBER 2011RECOMMENDATIONS & YOUTH JUSTICE AGENCY RESPONSE

	RECOMMENDATION	RESPONSE	ACTION TAKEN ON REQUIREMENTS & TIMESCALES	STATUS	LEAD RESPONSIBILITY
1	The YJA should canvass a wide range of options to reduce the number of PACE admissions to the JJC with its criminal Justice and Social Services partners and set appropriate targets (paragraph 1.23)	Accepted	The Youth Justice Agency will contribute to the development of a strategy along with DOJ, DHSSPS and PSNI. DOJ will take lead responsibility.		Dept of Justice
2	<p>By April 2012 all male children who are sent into custody should be treated equally with female children ie, their default placement should be Woodlands JJC.</p> <p>The JJC should take a more central role in the YOC planning process for children. This should include chairing the meetings. Terms of reference should be prepared for these meetings whose primary purpose ought to be to establish the child's suitability for transfer to the JJC and a robust quality assurance process should be introduced (paragraph 2.28)</p>	Partially Accepted	<p>This extends beyond the responsibility of the Youth Justice Agency and will be a decision for the Department of Justice.</p> <p>Subject to the outcome of the public consultation on the Youth Justice Review, it is the Department's intention to work towards implementing the recommendations of that review with regard to young people under the age of 18 years. However this will take significantly longer than the timescale recommended in the CJINI report.</p> <p>In the meantime we will continue with the current arrangements for case management which appear to be effective.</p>		Dept of Justice
3	The JJC database should be developed to generate more detailed information about the offending profiles and risk levels of children who are sent there. The database should include the number and seriousness of previous convictions as well as current and pending charges; and it should specifically profile the looked-after section of the JJC population (paragraph 2.2)	Not Accepted	The current JJC database cannot be changed as this would involve substantial cost with little benefit. The proposed case management system may be able to incorporate the data demands however it has yet to be commissioned.		Graeme Cumming

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4	JJC Managers should use their involvement in the Regional Child Protection Panel and in the individual Trust Child Protection Panels to address strategic and operational issues relating to child protection and safeguarding as they arise (paragraph 4.17)	Accepted	Woodlands will continue to do this via existing multi-agency child protection arrangements.	Achieved	Paul McStravick
5	The teaching staff and instructors should review their teaching and training approaches to provide more opportunities for children to develop the skills needed to become independent learners and to plan, problem solve and apply their knowledge to new situations (paragraph 6.7)	Accepted	'Assessment for Learning' training to be progressed over the next 12 months.	April 2012	Jim Begley
6	A safety audit should be carried out by a competent person in relation to the woodwork facility (paragraph 6.7)	Partially Accepted	Safety audits are already in place however the recommendation is in relation to a post primary school – Woodlands College is not a post primary school. We will investigate examples of best practice in schools and FE colleges.	Partially Achieved	Michael Bingham
7	The Education & Learning Centre should continue to develop efficient systems to transfer academic information to other education providers when children transfer at short notice to ensure the continuity of education provision (paragraph 6.7)	Accepted	Woodlands will ensure all academic information is transferred as soon as possible on each case.	On-going	Jim Begley
8	The JJC should fully implement the education recommendations from the last inspection (paragraph 6.10)	Accepted	This recommendation covers the same issue as in 5 above	April 2012	Jim Begley
9	Management should facilitate access to professional training for Education & Learning Centre staff as a matter of urgency to develop their awareness and knowledge of the wider educational system, and to keep abreast of current educational developments (paragraph 6.10)	Accepted	Curriculum training will continue to be made available to appropriate staff.	On-going	Jim Begley
10	Short term care plans are developed when appropriate in respect of identified nursing care needs (paragraph 7.5)	Accepted	Work has already begun and short term care plans are now in place.	Partially Achieved	Jim Begley

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11	Policies and procedures in relation to healthcare should be individualised to the healthcare department and reflect the local procedures applied (paragraph 7.7)	Accepted	The healthcare team will review policies and develop new policies when appropriate for consideration by the Policy & Procedure Review Group.	Review by March 2012	Dr Fiona McCartan
12	Clinical governance systems should be introduced into the healthcare department to maintain and improve the quality of nursing care provision (paragraph 7.8)	Accepted	Woodlands will look at the issue of governance and put in place improved arrangements	Work in Progress	Dr Fiona McCartan Phil Tooze
13	Staff from the healthcare department should consider introduction of the Regional Risk Assessment tool and a Care Programme Approach to the management of mental health to ensure continuity of care and a standardised approach for children (paragraph 7.15)	Partially Accepted	YJA have a current assessment tool for this purpose. Further enquiries will be made particularly as a review of this national tool is currently being conducted by the Dept of Health.	Work in Progress	Dr Fiona McCartan
14	The Regional Infection Prevention and Control Manual should be adopted by the JJC and regular awareness training in infection prevention and control should be provided for all staff (paragraph 7.23)	Accepted	Improved training will be put in place	On-going	Jim Begley
15	Work to replace the decked areas outside the houses should be expedited to ensure there is a suitable slip resistant surface and brought to completion prior to the end of 2011 (paragraph 8.3)	Accepted		To be completed by end of March 2012	Michael Bingham
16	Fire resisting doors which are required to remain open for operational or other reasons are fitted with automatic self closing devices which are linked to the fire alarm and detection system eg swing free closers or magnetic hold-open detents. Particular attention should be given to doors to rooms which are considered to present an increased fire hazard and which are subject to high volumes of use on a daily basis such as the laundry, kitchen etc (paragraph 8.9)	Accepted		To be completed by end of March 2012	Michael Bingham
17	During future decorative upgrading or refurbishment of bedrooms in the Centre, electrical sockets are relocated to a position similar to that in House 2 to reduce the need for trailing electrical extension leads (paragraph 8.11)	Accepted		Between 2012 - 2014	Michael Bingham