



## **Joint Youth Resettlement Inspection**

### **HMI Probation and HMI Prisons**

#### **Arrangements for Joint Youth Resettlement Inspection**

##### **Introduction**

Children and young people who serve custodial sentences are amongst the most disadvantaged within the youth justice system and need the very best services if they are to overcome the damage that custody does to their life chances. The youth justice systems for resettlement require custodial and community agencies to work together. Because of their age, there are more agencies available to help. However, the number of interfaces means there are more opportunities for them to fall through the net.

In 2018/2019, HMI Probation and HMI Prisons propose to inspect resettlement work by the tracking of cases through the young person's period in custody (in YOIs only) and release into the community. The criteria against which we will be inspecting can be found here – <https://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmiprobation/about-our-work/our-standards-and-ratings/> and HMI Prisons Expectations <https://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmiprison/our-expectations/>

and the specific questions we will be seeking to answer for the custodial phase can be found in Appendix I.

HMI Probation inspectors will join the five inspections of YOIs and carry out case tracking of a small number of cases (about 63 each year).

This will provide information and case data (at the end of fieldwork) to HMI Prisons who will use this to inform their judgements about the resettlement work of the establishment. These findings will be contained in the HMI Prisons report on the establishment. Feedback on each case, on the contribution of the responsible YOT/NPS/CRC will be provided, in a letter, to that agency.

When the custodial aspect of the inspection is complete (when all five establishments have been inspected), the aggregated data will be used to publish an interim report on the findings of resettlement work in custody. This report will be published in the summer of 2019.

Cases will then be followed up (electronically) with individual YOT/NPS/CRCs, three months after release. Feedback will again be provided by letter to individual YOT/NPS/CRCs to help them improve practice.

The final report, on both custodial and community resettlement work will be published when all cases have been followed up. This report will be published in the Autumn of 2019.

### **Custodial fieldwork phase**

HMI Prisons will commence arrangements during their pre-inspection week by requesting a full list of young people in the establishment with release dates and names of responsible YOT/NPS/CRC.

HMI probation will select 13 cases for inspection and advise the relevant YOT/NPS/CRC of their involvement.

### **YOIs will need to:**

- collate all necessary files for inspection to include: resettlement, public protection, vulnerability/safeguarding, interventions
- arrange interviews with the young people in the selected cases
- arrange/enable interviews with relevant staff eg resettlement, programmes, etc, substance misuse, health
- provide a list of scheduled meetings for the young people in the selected cases.

### **YOT/NPS/CRC will need to:**

- provide contact details and availability of the case manager during the inspection week. (Case managers MAY be contacted during the inspection week to discuss the case.)

### **Community case tracking**

YOT/NPS/CRCs involved in the inspection will be requested to forward to HMI Probation, electronic copies of the case records at the three month point following release.

Contact details and availability of case managers will also be required for a designated week.

YOT/NPS/CRCs will also be required to provide contact details for the young person and their parents/carers. YOT/NPS/CRCs will be requested to advise young people and their parents/carers that they will be contacted by HMI Probation inspectors for feedback on their experience. An explanatory letter will be provided to facilitate this.