

REDUCING THE CRIMINALISATION OF CHILDREN IN CARE

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Targeting in Action

“Where were we?”

Separate organisations

Separate agendas

High levels of calls from residential care homes to the police

High numbers of reported absences of Children in Care

Lack of knowledge and understanding of the roles of Children in Care staff, Youth Offending Team and Police.

Quick to identify fault or lay blame with other agencies

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"How did we improve?"

Introduction of the Children in Care Police Officer
Creation of the Reducing Offending Behaviour of
Children in Care Planning Group
Introduction of annual Reducing Offending Behaviour
multi-agency events

Quarterly area based multi-agency meetings

Reducing Offending Behaviour multi-agency good practice
guidance document

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"How did we improve?"

More training of Children in Care staff in Restorative Justice approaches

Building relationships with the Placement Service

Introduction of the joint protocol for Children Missing from Care

Identified senior officers from each agency championing the reduction of the criminalisation of Children in Care

Shared statistical evidence

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“Where are we now?”

Just held our 3rd Reducing Offending Behaviour Event

Rolling out of the Good Practice Working Guidance document

Increased work with Private placement providers

A 34% reduction in numbers of calls made by residential care home staff to police control (including MISPER)

A reduction in numbers of notifiable events

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“Where are we now?”

Reduction in the criminalisation of Children in Care
(PAF C18)

Improved policing

Launch of the Targeted Support Team within the CiC
service to stabilise placements and support young
people returning home.

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“Where are we now?”

Key influential factors

Multi-agency commitment to improving outcomes for Children in Care

Improved and shared understanding of the roles of partner organisations

Shared accountability

Trust and relationship building

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Future challenges

Sharing practices at the “Reducing Offending & RJ Networking Group – Midlands”

Ongoing liaison and relationship building with private placement providers

Development of the CiC Police Officer role into the Fostering service

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Progress made

December 2008	
Missings	66
Notifiables	5
Emergency call outs to Police	1
Restraints	1

December 2009	
Missings	8
Notifiables	0
Emergency call outs to Police	1
Restraints	0

	2009	2008	2007	2006
PAF C18: Final Warnings, Reprimands & Convictions of LAC. See note 1	1.8	1.7	2.6	3.7
Note 1. Figure for C18 2007 is estimate. This PAF is calculated from data provided by YOT.(2009 calculation for C18 is based on 2007 population stats).				



