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## Youth Justice SEND Project

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Dear Colleagues

Welcome to the November issue of the Youth Justice SEND Project Newsletter. We have had a brilliant month, with lots to share with you.

We are also delighted to announce that our partnership was awarded a “runners up” highly commended certificate at the **Howard League’s “Organisation of the Year” Ceremony**. These awards are usually given to frontline service providers rather than projects, but the panel wanted to acknowledge the work that we are doing to support young people with special education needs in the youth justice system. We are truly honoured!

We are also extremely happy to report that our work with 50 Local Authority areas to benchmark SEN practice in youth justice has yielded excellent opportunities to share effective practice. A number of partnerships have terrific improvement plans in place and are working towards Quality Lead and Quality Mark status.

Thank you once again for your collective participation. If you are attending the Youth Justice Convention this month in Leicester, have a chat with Phil Sutton at the AYM Stall about the project. He will be delighted to see you.

The Youth Justice SEND Quality Mark Process



Our original target was to try and work with around 35 area partnership teams to benchmark SEN practice and to develop improvement plans... such as been the interest, we are now working in 50 Local Authority areas!

This has been an incredible response. It has enabled us to develop a rich informed overview of effective practice, so that individual partnerships can be inspired by what others around the country are doing: sometimes you don't know what you don't know!

We have developed a simple PDF document that highlights examples of effective practice, and links to resources, aligned to each of the Ten Key Statements.

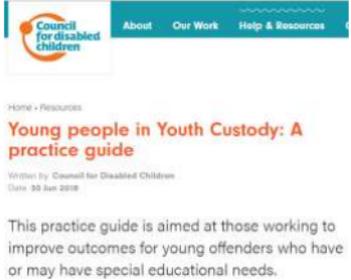
**This document hyperlinks to additional resources, Case Studies and sections in The Bubble of interest and relevance.**

**CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD YOUR COPY NOW:**

[http://res.afa3as.org.uk/YJBubble/YJ10\\_Statements\\_Sharing\\_Practice.pdf](http://res.afa3as.org.uk/YJBubble/YJ10_Statements_Sharing_Practice.pdf)



## Resources, ideas and examples of effective practice

Key Statement	Questions to prompt reflection, and examples gathered from interviews, field visits and benchmarking exercises
<p><b>1. All Local Authority SEND Team staff, health and social care workers (and others who work regularly with YOTs) have working knowledge of SEND Reform practice in the Youth Justice System</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When did teams last have specific training / information on SEND Reform Practice in the Youth Justice System?</li> <li>• Are responsibilities and "duty to cooperate" principles and practice outlined in job descriptions, operating procedures and accountability frameworks?</li> <li>• What evidence is there that the training has had an impact on better outcomes for CYPs with SEND?</li> </ul> <p><b>Examples of effective practice</b></p> <p><b>WILTSHIRE HILLINGDON BRISTOL</b> (sample): Considering using <b>YJSEND Bubble Module Unit 1.2</b> as basis for staff awareness raising and professional development (in particular <b>Discussion and Reflective Activity 1.2.3</b>)</p> <p><b>STOCKTON-ON-TEES</b> (Notes from benchmarking):  <i>"LSC (post-16)-experienced LA SEND Manager. Work closely with YOT Manager. When SEND Reforms came in, internal processes set up. EHCP Link person passes on information. High Needs Funding Panel (YOT attends); LAC Panel Meeting (both LA SEND and YOT sit on it). Capita 1 data system used by both teams."</i></p> <p><b>EXAMPLE PROTOCOLS can be found in 4a</b></p> <p><b>COUNCIL FOR DISABLED CHILDREN RESOURCE WEBSITE</b>            CDC (Council for Disabled Children) have produced a comprehensive set of guidance resources to support system improvement.</p> <p>CLICK ON IMAGE or:  <a href="https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/help-resources/resources/young-people-youth-custody-practice-guide">https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/help-resources/resources/young-people-youth-custody-practice-guide</a></p> 

We also thank Shelley Nicholls and her team at Nottingham City who have shared their six-month review document for others to see- we particularly like there “progress icons”... they look well on their way to Quality Mark status!

**DOWNLOAD NOTTINGHAM CITY REVIEW PAPER HERE:**

[http://res.afa3as.org.uk/YJBubble/NOTTINGHAM\\_CITY\\_BENCHMARKING\\_REVIEW.pdf](http://res.afa3as.org.uk/YJBubble/NOTTINGHAM_CITY_BENCHMARKING_REVIEW.pdf)

NOTTINGHAM CITY 6 MONTH REVIEW

QUESTION	START RATING	01/11/2017 Direction of Travel FINISH RATING	NOTES START	NOTES MONITORING 01/11/2017	NOTES END
1	5	↑	In terms of relationship with Clayfields- Linda Wright instrumental in drawing up DfE guidance. Framework and processes well developed.	Shared SEND Bubble and other resources with Local Authority SEND colleagues and CityCare Specialist Nurses as well as other relevant partners	
2	4	↑	Initial awareness training. Looking to get up-to-date knowledge training. Our specialist ETE has left team, so shared understanding needs to be developed across teams (looking for a case manager champion)	75% of the YOT's Case Managers now have had SEND specific training for two days. Exercises/ training is planned for business support and reception staff.  Case Manager Champions have been identified.  Learning has been disseminated across teams and a whole service day is planned to take this forward/secure greater ownership and practice change.  Developed "recording practice" sessions for peer supporting responding to SEND etc. and increasing confidence.	
3	6	↑	RCSLT training has taken place. Mandatory training on Communicating with YPs. Specific 2 day training around ASSET+. Continued training in place. Using other screening tools alongside ASSET+. Strong Head to Head CAMHS and Nursing support. Good case management approach- specialists on hand to support case workers.	Training above was skills based to provide practice/interventions across a range of SEND/Lds etc.  Increase in available resources and development of new ones e.g. revision of letters, information & leaflets to reflect SEND as well as toolkits	
4a	7	↔	Information exchange- case management meetings for every YP, specialists around the table; regular meetings; Core processes meets standards.	Plan to review links with Werrington and other local secure estate engaged in the project and share YOT's learning.  (Nat to work with specialists to provide case examples.)	



The campaign is going really well. Active members has grown from around 600 in March this year to over 900 members, which is a fabulous achievement. BUT WE WANT MORE!

We have made significant improvements to our on-line platform, The Youth Justice SEND Bubble. It is now much easier to navigate around, and contains more information, case studies and ideas to support improvements in partnership working and delivery.

**STEP 1** If you have an account, spend just ten minutes looking around- you will not be disappointed

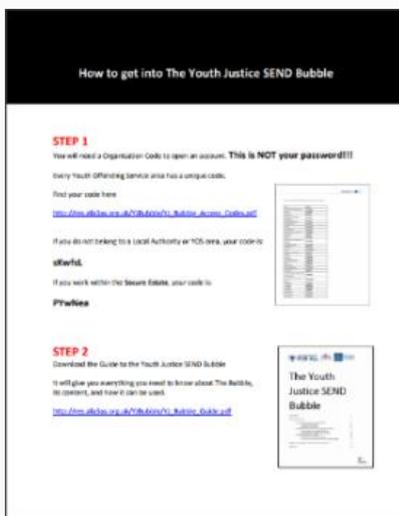
**STEP 2** If you haven't opened a learning account, please do so using the instructions below

**STEP 3** We would like everyone who receives this Newsletter to send it on to at least one other colleague, perhaps from another Local Authority team, from a health or housing service partner, or a judicial, constabulary or third sector volunteer that you work with.

With your help, we will increase significantly the user base. Thank you in anticipation.

Here are some documents to help spread the word.

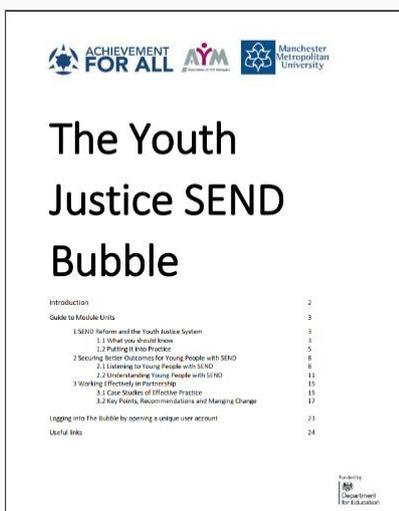
### How to get into the Youth Justice SEND Bubble



Simple instructions on how to open an account, with links to the individual codes for each Local Authority area in England.

[http://res.afa3as.org.uk/YJBubble/How\\_to\\_open\\_a\\_Bubble\\_Account.pdf](http://res.afa3as.org.uk/YJBubble/How_to_open_a_Bubble_Account.pdf)

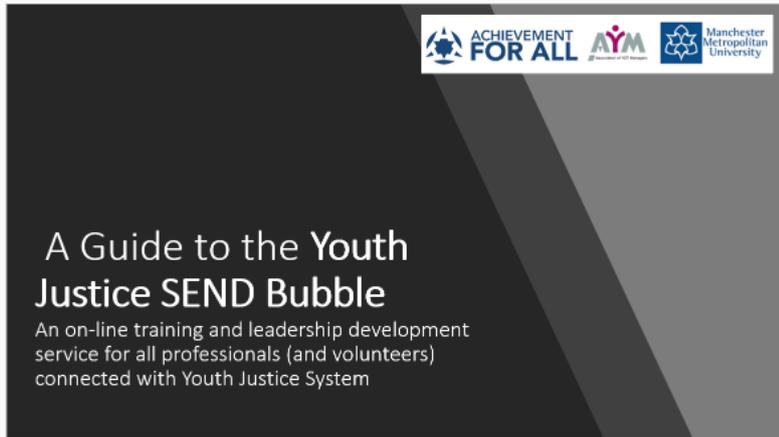
### The Youth Justice SEND Bubble



A downloadable PDF document with a detailed description of the content of each Module and Module Unit, with suggestions how the content could be used:

[http://res.afa3as.org.uk/YJBubble/YJ\\_Bubble\\_Guide.pdf](http://res.afa3as.org.uk/YJBubble/YJ_Bubble_Guide.pdf)

### **A Guide to the Youth Justice SEND Bubble**



Similar information produced as a PowerPoint presentation, so that it can be used for local training and awareness raising events.

The PowerPoint also includes tips and hints about how best to navigate the new Bubble platform.

[http://res.afa3as.org.uk/YJBubble/YJBubble\\_Guide\\_2017.pptx](http://res.afa3as.org.uk/YJBubble/YJBubble_Guide_2017.pptx)

A social media platform for Youth Justice Professionals?

We have been exploring the possibilities of setting up a social media platform for professionals working in the

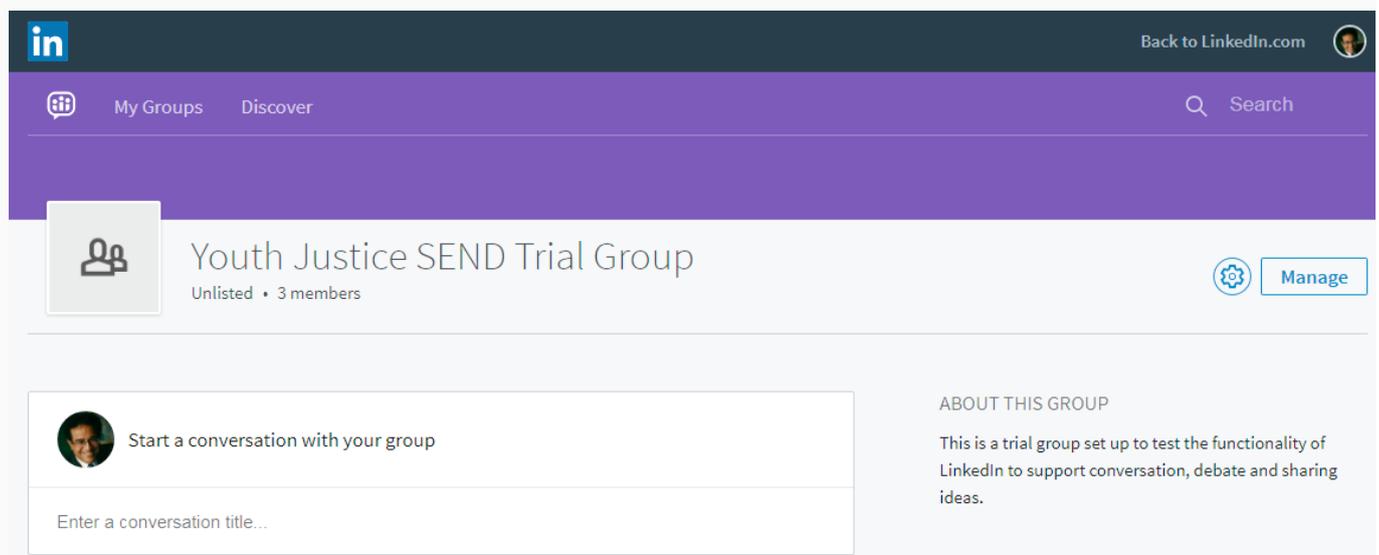
Youth Justice System. Speech and Language Therapists have set up their own network, AYM have a communication system linking Managers together: maybe the time is right to see if other professionals would like a means of sharing thinking, strategies and ideas? If you work in a small team, perhaps geographically isolated too, sometimes is good to share thinking.

We have been looking into the possibility of using LinkedIn as the vehicle to share ideas about developing practice. We have set up a trial space, called the **Youth Justice SEND Trial Group**.

It will be by invitation only, and so a reasonably secure place to share thinking (nothing confidential, of course!)

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE TRIAL, OR HAVE IDEAS ABOUT HOW A PLATFORM LIKE THIS COULD SUPPORT SHARING PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE PROJECT TEAM:**

[YouthJusticeSEND@afaeducation.org](mailto:YouthJusticeSEND@afaeducation.org)



The screenshot shows the LinkedIn interface for the 'Youth Justice SEND Trial Group'. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the LinkedIn logo on the left and 'Back to LinkedIn.com' with a profile picture on the right. Below this is a purple navigation bar with 'My Groups' and 'Discover' on the left, and a search icon and 'Search' on the right. The main content area has a white background. On the left, there is a group profile card with a grey icon of three people, the group name 'Youth Justice SEND Trial Group', and the text 'Unlisted • 3 members'. To the right of the group name is a gear icon and a 'Manage' button. Below the group profile card is a section for starting a conversation, featuring a circular profile picture of a man and the text 'Start a conversation with your group'. Below this is a text input field with the placeholder 'Enter a conversation title...'. To the right of the conversation section is a section titled 'ABOUT THIS GROUP' with the text: 'This is a trial group set up to test the functionality of LinkedIn to support conversation, debate and sharing ideas.'

## Youth Justice Convention 2017

YJC17 will, as ever, address the critical questions of the day: How the implementation of the Charlie Taylor Review will affect the sector? The changes you need to know? When these changes will happen? What input in the sector you can have? At the same time, the Convention will maintain its focus on the key day-to-day challenges affecting Youth Offending Teams and Services, Local Authorities and Police forces across England and Wales.

Phil Sutton from the Project Team will be at YJC2017 to answer any queries you have about our activity, to gather ideas about how we can develop The Youth Justice SEND Bubble still further, and to find out what you feel is needed in terms of support once the Project exits from the DfE-funded contract in April 2018.

Do have a chat with him at the AYM Stall.

# YOUTH JUSTICE CONVENTION 2017

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About the project: The Youth Justice SEND Project will help embed a culture-change around effective SEND joint working, transforming outcomes for young people with SEND who offend (or are at risk of doing so). **Our end goal, with your help, is to create a more supportive system facilitated by knowledgeable professionals who will identify and meet the needs of all children and young people, allowing more effective engagement**

**and more positive long term outcomes.**

The Youth Justice SEND Project is funded by the Department for Education and delivered in partnership between Achievement for All, The Association of YOT Managers and Manchester Metropolitan University. For more information on the project, please [click here](#).

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