Youth Justice Board

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# Resettlement - a new approach

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# YJB's approach to Youth Crime

## Interventions

Before → During → After

- Delivered on the basis of risk based assessment
- By a co-ordinated multi agency Youth Offending Team, working as one…
- Well integrated into wider services, with the capability to route children out of the youth justice system

**Differences with adult criminal justice system**

- Principal aim is to prevent offending
- Punishment is central but the welfare of the offender has also to be considered
- Approaches have to acknowledge that the offender is a child

# Youth Justice System - It's Working!

**First Time Entrants** – decrease of 21.6% from 2007/8 to 2008/09

**Frequency of Reoffending** has been significantly reduced, falling 24.8% between 2000 and 2008, and 1.5% in the last year

**Custody** – numbers of young people in custody falling. In December 2009, the number of under 18 year olds in secure estate stood at 2,200 – down 15% in year.

# Current performance in Education, Employment and Training

16-18 year olds in ETE

| | All YP | YP in YJS |
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| Quarter 2 2006/7 | 88% | 60% |
| Quarter 2 2009/10 | 88% | 69% |

# ETE opportunities

**The new Apprenticeship, Skills, Children and Learning Act**

Important provisions to ‘mainstream’ offender learning, establishing a statutory entitlement for young people in custody to receive education (including having any special educational need (SEN) met) by scrapping pre-existing legislation denying any entitlement.

Guidance for LA’s to support the implementation of the ASCL Act is due to be published for September 2010. It is currently out for consultation via the DCSF Consultations website.

**New IAG guidance due in the near future**

Support the signposting of young people to ETE and supporting needs that will best support their development according to the children’s plan

# ETE opportunities continued…

**The national roll-out of the Foundation Learning Tier (FLT)**

Support those young people with greater academic and social support needs to make progress in education, training and employment.

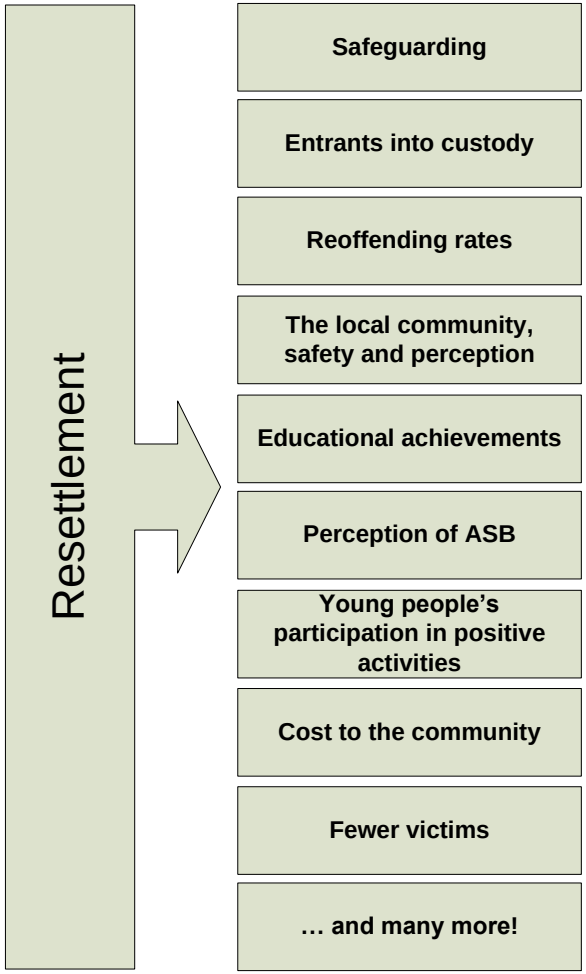
**Continuation of KYPE funding to provide mentoring support to high end offenders**

**September and January guarantee to ensure all 16 and 17yr olds are offered a place in education.**

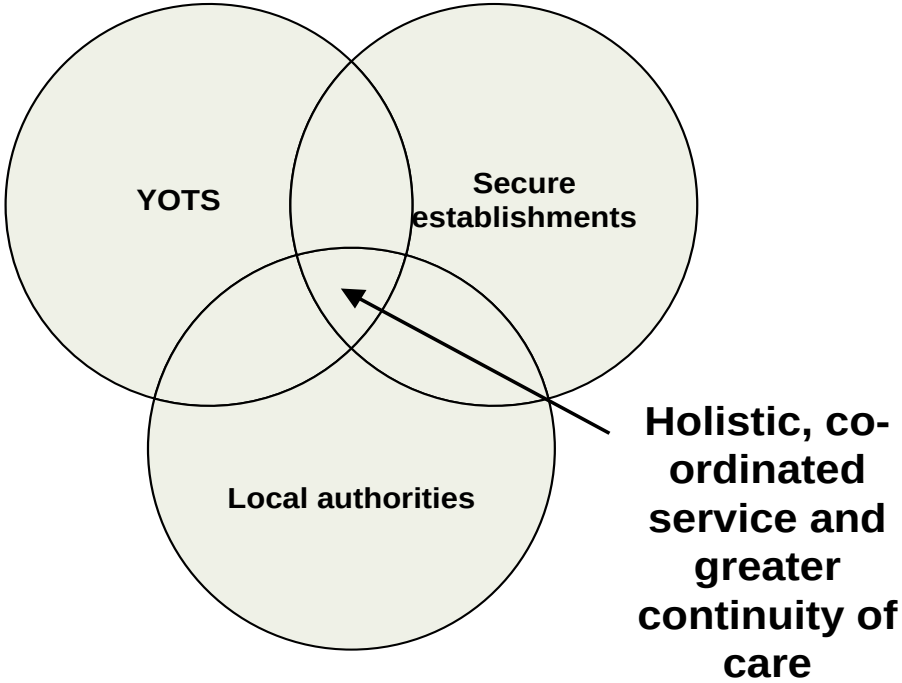
**Joint work with YPLA to improve future community education provision for young offenders**

# Benefits of improved resettlement

***Individual aims can be achieved by joint working***

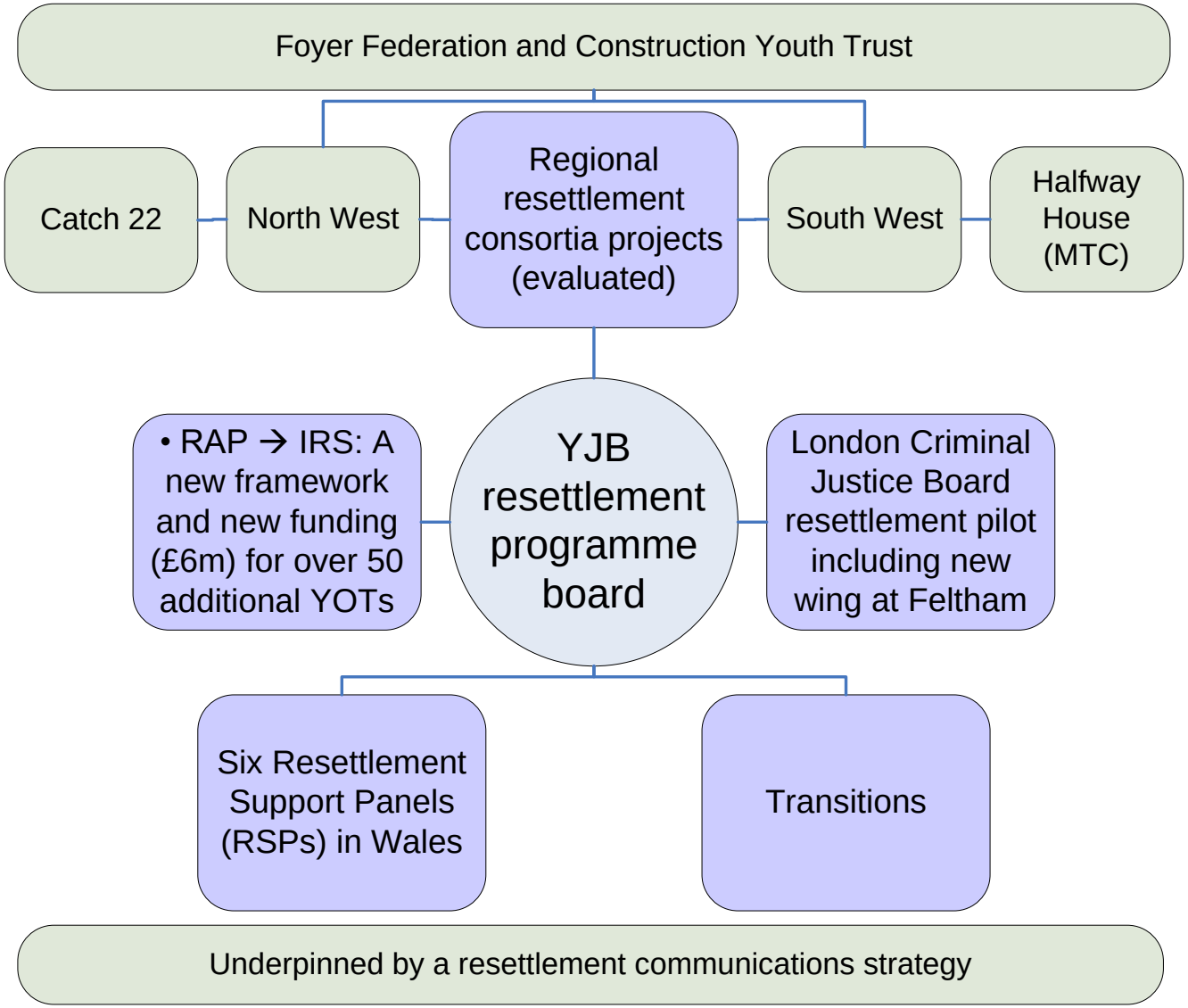



***Joint ownership of resettlement provides better continuity***




***It is about better resettlement planning – before, during and after***

# YJB's resettlement activity – a new approach



# Opportunities and challenges going forward

## Challenges

- Who ‘owns’ these children and these problems?
- How do we secure buy-in at the highest levels in local authorities and children’s services?
- How can this agenda compete with current children’s services focus on safeguarding?

## Opportunities

- R (G) v Southwark judgement
- Falling custody numbers
- Statutory and other guidance as levers
- Alignment of funding
- Identifying and sharing good practice
- Increased focus on justice reinvestment and devolution of custody budgets