Herefordshire Council

Supplement to the agenda for

Children and young people scrutiny committee

Thursday 5 August 2021

2.30 pm

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Presentation to Herefordshire Council's Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

West Mercia Youth Justice Plan 2021/22

5th August 2021

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Youth Justice Plan 2019/20

- Annual youth justice plan is a requirement of Crime and Disorder Act 1998
- Is at level of the youth justice service, where more than one LA are jointly delivering a youth justice service and submitted to the Youth Justice Board (YJB)
- Must comply with content requirements issued by the YJB on behalf of the secretary of state – issued at the end of March 2021
- The purpose is outline how statutory youth justice services are structured and funded
- It is requirement that the plan is approved by the service management board prior to the submission to the YJB by 30th June
- The YJB approve the plan, and approval is a condition for the youth justice grant
- Requires endorsement by each of the four Local Authorities

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2020/21 Review

- Covid-19 – implications for practice and continuing risks; operational manager capacity, effect on staff and increased work loads
- No youth justice plan
- Covid-19 thematic inspection
- Full implementation of joint decision making arrangements for out of court disposals
- National standards self-assessment and improvement plan
- Web-site development

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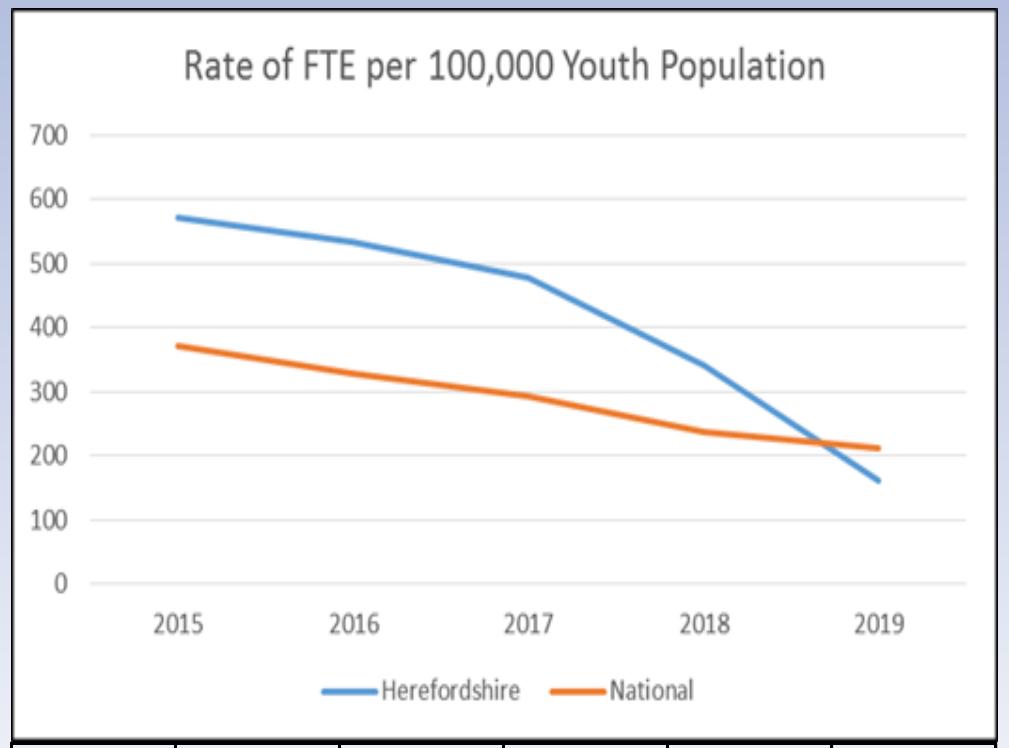
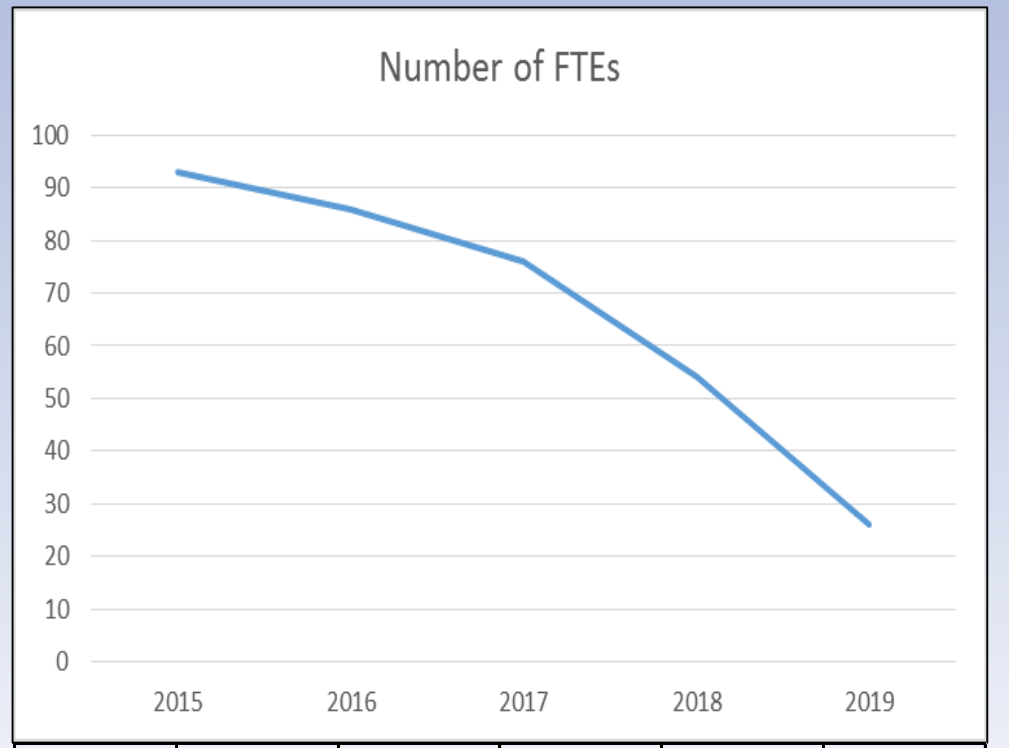
National Indicator Performance – First Time Entrants



Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Rate	571	534	478	341	162



Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Number	93	86	76	54	26

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National Indicator Performance – First Time Entrants

- Young people offending for the first time largely outside control of the Youth Justice Service
- Effective targeting of young people with relevant risk factors
- One significant driver of the rate is Police activity and decision making
- Introduction of the JDMP in mid 2019, brings more young people into scope for informal disposals

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National Indicator Performance – Use of Custody

- Expressed as a rate; number of custodial sentences per 1,000 youth population
- Low rate of custodial sentences in West Mercia
- West Mercia rate (2020), 0.07, Herefordshire 0.00, England 0.17
- There were no custodial sentences made on Herefordshire young people in 2020

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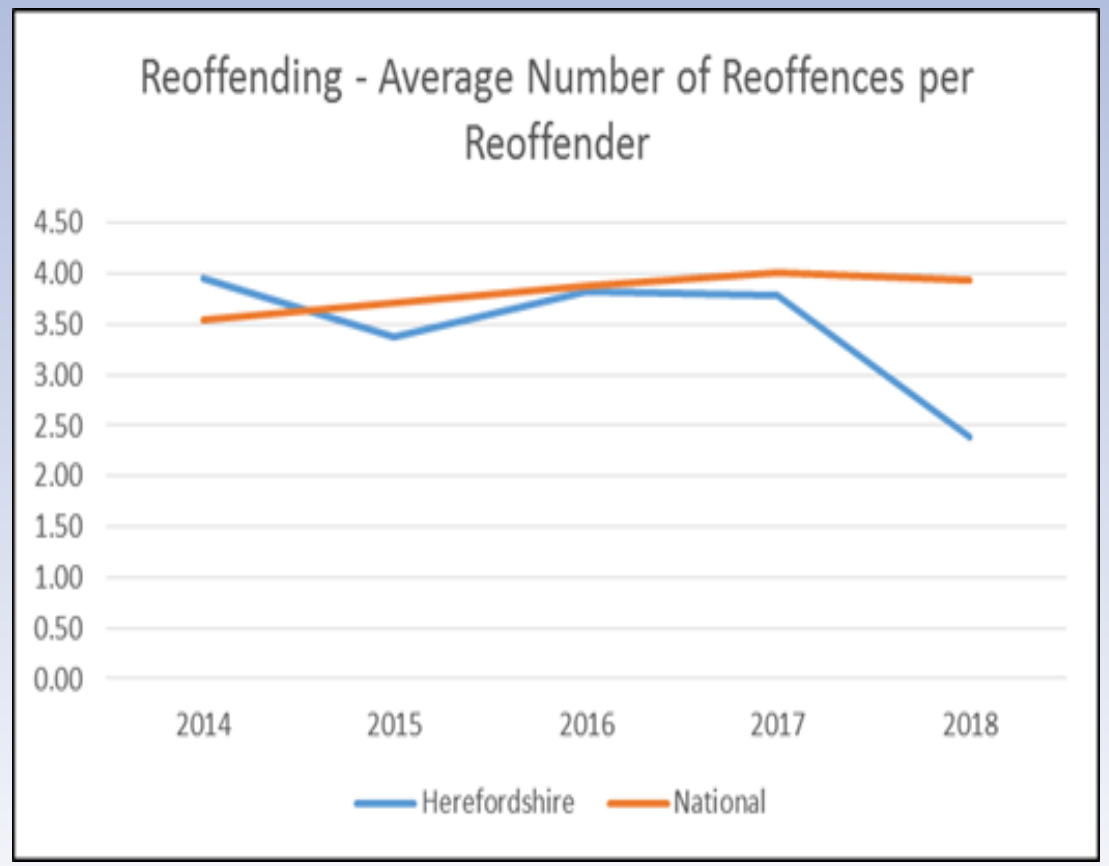
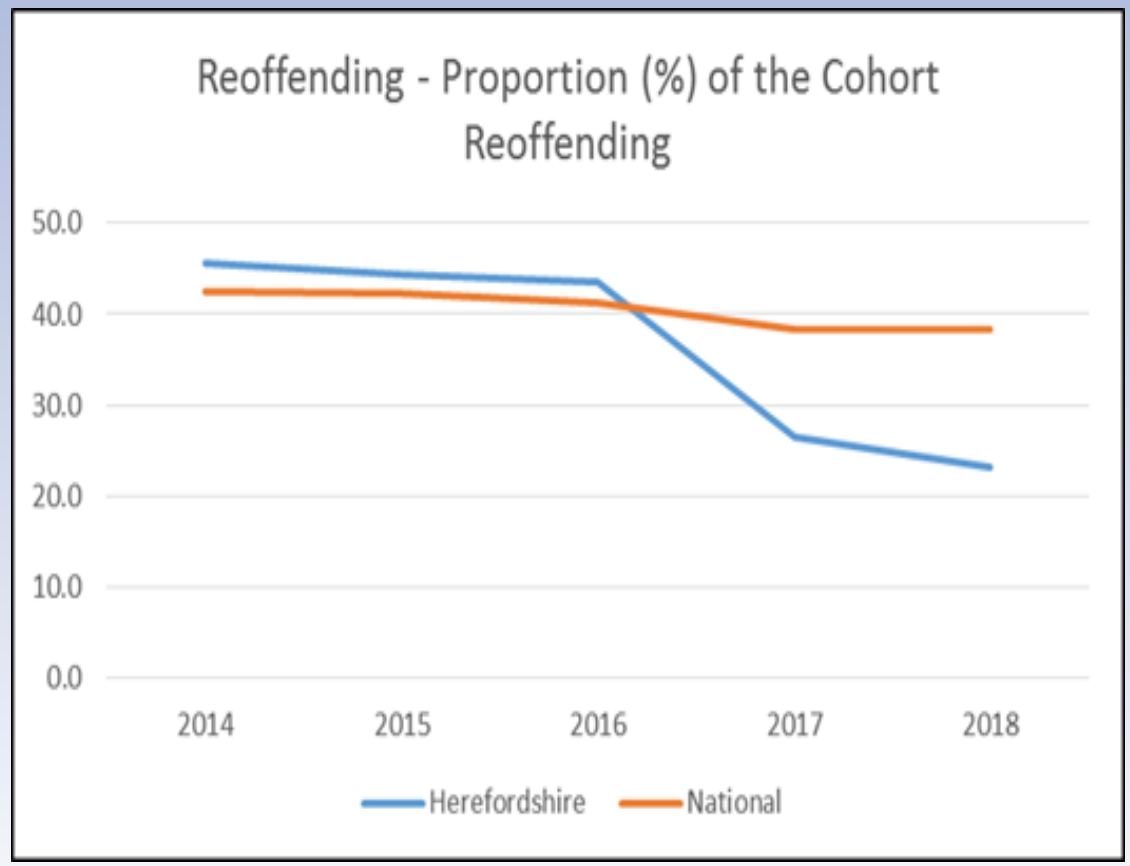
National Indicator Performance – Re-Offending





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National Indicator Performance – Re-Offending

- Two measures for reoffending both applied to the same cohort – firstly average number of reoffences per reoffender and secondly the proportion of the cohort reoffending
- The performance year is the year in which the cohort is identified – the cohort is then tracked for 12 months
- For the cohort identified in 2018, average number of reoffences 2.39 compared to a national figure of 3.93 and reoffending rate is 23.2% compared to a national rate of 38.4%

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YJP Delivery Plan – Page 12

1. OUR PEOPLE
    - Rebuilding Teams and Increasing Staff Morale following Covid-19 working arrangements
    - Promoting staff engagement in service development and improvement
2. OUR PARTNERSHIPS
    - Strengthening opportunities for emotional and mental health support for our service users
    - Improving joint and integrated work with partner agencies
3. OUR PRACTICE AND PERFORMANCE
    - Strengthening our Pathways, Intervention and Risk Planning
    - Strengthening and increasing restorative approaches
    - Promoting and understanding the child first approach in our practice
    - Improving our resettlement offer
4. OUR GOVERNANCE
    - How we hear and respond to the voice of the child, our stakeholders and staff
    - Understanding and Communicating Our Vision, principles and priorities
    - Responding to national and local standards, guidance and learning
5. COVID-19 SERVICE RECOVERY AND TRANSFORMATION

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YJP Delivery Plan – Key Actions

- Team development, staff recognition, staff conference and staff engagement
- Review of heath provision into the service with the CCGs
- Agreement of new remand strategy
- Training and development on planning
- Reviewing service delivery arrangements for RJ and victim liaison
- Resettlement Policy
- Review arrangements for hearing the voice of the child
- Promoting the vision and priorities
- Progressing the National Standards improvement plan

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