

OFFICIAL



Neil Schneider
Chief Executive
Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council
Municipal Buildings
Church Road
Stockton-on-Tees
TS18 1LD

15 February 2016

Dear Chief Executive

Subject: Sustained Performance by Stockton-on-Tees Youth Offending Service.

It has recently been brought to our attention by Linda Bush, YJB Partnership Adviser, that Stockton YOS has demonstrated sustained high performance in reducing first time entrants (FTE) to the youth justice system, and maintaining reoffending performance significantly lower than both the national and North East averages for over 2 years. Stockton currently has the best binary reoffending rate and the best FTE rate of the 11 North East YOTs.

In addition to this excellent performance we have been informed of the standing of your Head of Service, Miriam Sigsworth, as particularly well regarded both within the 'North East region' and throughout the youth justice sector nationally. It is particularly pleasing to have this level of performance highlighted especially when there is significant evidence to suggest that Stockton YOS deliver real value for money services.

The YJB are always looking to learn key lessons from effective partnerships and how they have achieved positive results. This will form the basis of future engagement between the YJB and your YOS partnership, as we look to share your effective practice throughout the sector.

Congratulations on achieving and maintaining this level of performance.

Best wishes



Gary Oscroft
Head of Business Area (North East England)
E: gary.oscroft@yjb.gsi.gov.uk
T: 07979 070 328



Lisa Harvey-Messina
Head of Business Areas - England
E: lisa.harvey-messina@yjb.gsi.gov.uk
T: 07747 564 850

Youth Justice Board for England and Wales
102 Petty France, London, SW1H 9AJ

T 020 3334 5300 F 020 3334 2250 E enquiries@yjb.gsi.gov.uk W www.justice.gov.uk/youth-justice