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To: YOT Management Board Chairs and YOT Managers

Dear colleague,

Revision of the Youth Justice Grant Funding Formula

Many of you will be aware that we are currently reviewing the formula used to distribute the Youth Justice grant amongst YOTs in England and Wales. We are undertaking the review in consultation with YOTs, and have just completed a round of regional and Wales consultation events, where I hope many of you were able to contribute to the consultation process.

This letter sets out next steps in the consultation process and will, I hope, provide some reassurance that any change introduced will be done in a gradual way and in full consultation with you. The letter also contains a report and appendices, which I hope you will find useful.

- Appendix A: This gives you an overview of the formula review process to date and the options that we are considering.
- Appendix B: This contains a report that enables you to review the impact of a number of possible grant formulas on your own YOT grant.
- Appendix C: This contains answers to frequently asked questions relating to youth justice grants.

At the end of this letter is a link to a survey-monkey questionnaire, which provides a further opportunity to input into the consultation process. For those who aren't able to access the survey monkey facility, we also provide details of how you else you can contribute.

Why change?

First, a number of people have asked why we need to change the grant formula at all. One of the reasons we were able to continue with a youth justice grant delivered directly to YOTs was by committing to the UK Government that we would place the funding into a single pot, giving YOTs full flexibility to deploy it against local youth justice risk and need. This meant moving away from the previous 7 (8 in Wales) individual funding streams and their individual formulas, towards a new single pot approach with a single formula. In addition, the old YOT grant formulas

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used data which, in many instances, is now out of date and which we won't be available to collect centrally moving forward.

How are we consulting?

The YJB has been working with a YOT Stakeholder Reference Group, made up of YOT Managers from each of the English regions and Wales, to design and develop proposals and a number of possible options, for the new YOT grant.

We have been consulting with all YOTs on these ideas and options during the regional / Wales consultation events in June and July. These events have given us valuable feedback on your ideas, issues and concerns. These are all being fed into the next stage of the consultation.

The next stage will involve the following:

1. Data Report: Appendix B of this letter provides a data report which will enable you to review the impact of a range of formula options on your own YOT grant.
2. We would then ask you to participate in the next stage of consultation – either via:
 - a survey-monkey questionnaire ([YOT grant distribution - England](#))
 - by requesting a Word version of the questionnaire by e-mailing pcu@yjb.gov.uk
 - by requesting a phone interview with a member of the YJB YJ Grant project team (by contacting pcu@yjb.gov.uk)

The survey-monkey is open until Friday 9th September and we invite all YOT Partnerships to respond.

Further background information on the YOT grant project and on the effect of using different variables and weightings is provided at Appendix A.

Next steps:

The feedback from the consultation events and the survey responses will be collated and shared with the YOT Grant Stakeholder Reference Group, who will work with us to review all of the information and use it to inform recommendations to the YJB Executive Management Group, and to UK Government Ministers.

We anticipate that, subject to the results of the consultation, the earliest the new formula will be implemented will be 2012/13.

We will ensure that we notify YOTs of developments throughout and will confirm 2012 funding allocations by the end of December 2011.

If you need further information on any of the above, please do contact the YOT Grants Project Manager, Mark Summers: mark.summers@yjb.gov.uk

Thank you again for your interest and involvement in this important area of work. I look forward to hearing your responses to the consultation process and to working with you on defining the new formula.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Drew". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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Appendix A: Youth Justice Grant Distribution Report

Appendix B: Individual YOT report showing effect of each funding formula option on grant level

Appendix C: Youth Justice grant distribution options FAQs