

'Exploring Pathways and Transitions between Juvenile and Adult Penal Institutions'

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The research project

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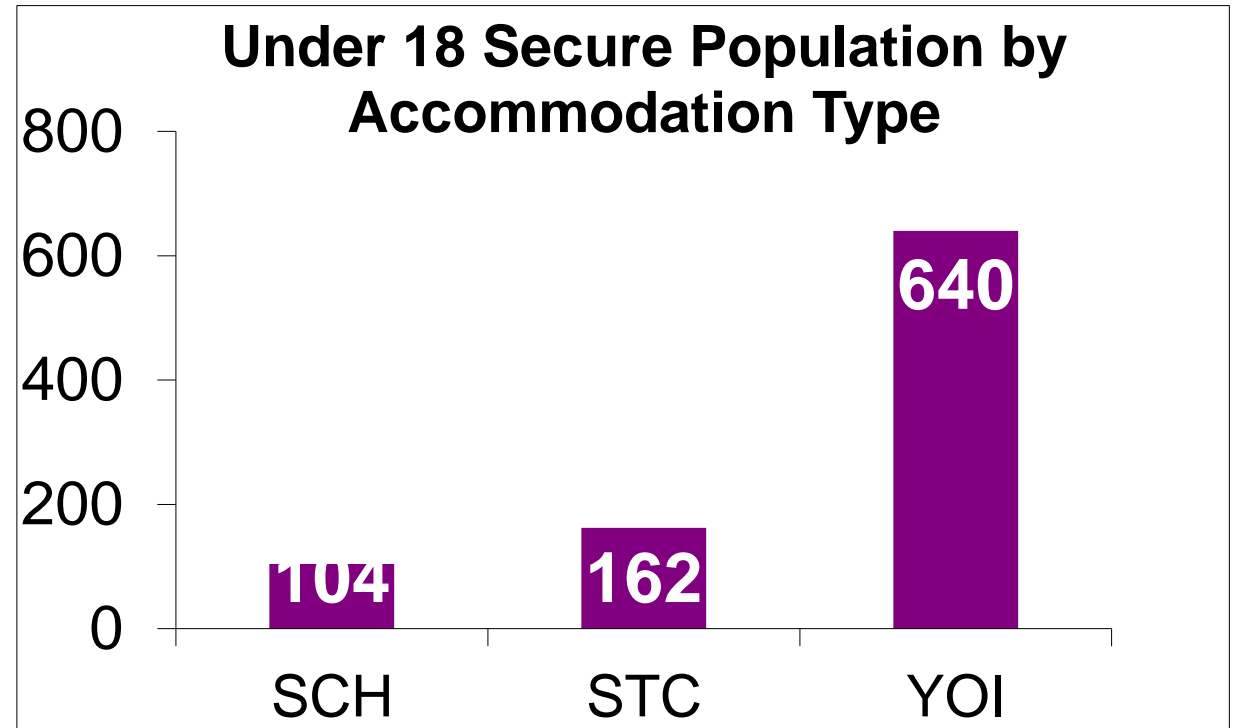
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The juvenile secure estate

- 57% reduction over ten year period
- Secure Children's Homes (SCH)
- Secure Training Centres (STC)
- Young Offender Institution (YOI)



Transitions



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As soon as they enter the system

Placement Identification

Training and planning meetings

Induction at new establishment



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Significance

...’just one further stage in the exclusion of a group of children who between them, have already experienced almost every form of social exclusion on offer’

(Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Prisons, 1999: 3)

“they move from a system that has evolved to look particularly at their needs to an adult system that is not designed in the same way”

(Lin Hinnigan, Chief Executive, Youth Justice Board, cited in the House of Commons Justice Committee, 2016a:29).

Planning

“no evidence of ongoing and effective national monitoring, or review, of the effectiveness of local arrangements for the transfer of young people from youth based to adult based services”

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation, (2016: 12)

‘information is falling through gaps and lives are being put at risk as a result.’

(Harris, 2015: 153)

Rupture in routine

- young adult YOIs have lower staffing ratios and staff may not be so readily accessible;
- although they may be expected to share a cell as a young offender they will not share a cell with anyone aged 21 or over;
- they will receive fewer sentence planning meetings;
- there is no advocacy service in young adult YOIs but alternative support services are available;

Looked after young people

- No central record
- 52% in STCs and 38% in YOIs
- Support services

Girls and young women

- Greater transitional period
- Gender specific needs
- Age specific needs

Emerging findings summary

“frequently abrupt and inadequately planned”

(The Royal College of Psychiatrists cited in House of Commons Justice Committee 2013)

- Inadequate preparation for change in routine and expectation of them
- Inconsistency across establishments
- Neglects to consider maturity