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ACTIONS ARISING FROM CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ON 5TH OCTOBER 2011

I wrote to you on 26th October following my appearance at the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee on 5th October providing information in relation to action points 2, 3 and 4 raised by Committee members. In the letter I also informed you that the statistical information in respect of action points 1, 5 and 6 had been requested from the Youth Justice Board. This information is provided below.

Action Point 1: The breakdown of placements of children within secure custody in Wales including location and gender breakdown¹.

The following tables provide snapshot data on the number of Welsh young people under 18 years in custody by Youth Offending Team (YOT), 2009-10 (table 1), the number of Welsh young people under 18 years in custody by establishment, 2009-10 (table 2) and the number of Welsh females under 18 years in custody by establishment, 2009-10 (table 3). Please note that due to the small numbers of Welsh females in custody and hence the risk of being easily identified, table 3 indicates the names of the establishment only and the average number of girls distributed among them during 2009-10.

¹ These figures are a monthly snapshot of the custodial population, taken on the last Friday of the month or the first Friday of the following month, depending on which is nearer to the actual month end. This data is a subset of the data published in the annual Youth Justice Statistics 2009/10. The YJB does not hold data at local authority level. However, it does hold data down to Youth Offending Team area which has been provided. The information comes from the YJB's Secure Accommodation Clearing House System (SACHS) database. These figures have been drawn from administrative IT systems, which, as with any large scale recording system, are subject to possible errors with data entry and processing and can be subject to change over time.

Table 1 - SNAPSHOT DATA - Number of Welsh young people under 18 years in custody by YOT, 2009-10

YOT	Apr-09	May-09	Jun-09	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09	Oct-09	Nov-09	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Average
Blaenau, Gwent and Caerphilly	8	6	4	6	7	8	7	8	8	6	8	7	7
Bridgend	5	6	8	8	8	9	9	11	10	12	12	8	9
Cardiff	33	33	36	37	34	37	32	22	17	24	24	28	30
Camarthenshire	11	9	9	12	9	9	7	6	8	4	3	6	8
Ceredigion	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Conwy and Denbighshire	11	6	6	5	4	6	7	7	4	9	9	5	7
Flintshire	8	9	7	6	4	5	5	5	6	5	6	4	6
Gwynedd Mon	4	4	3	6	5	6	7	3	4	5	2	2	4
Merthyr Tydfil	18	20	16	17	16	11	12	14	11	11	11	13	14
Monmouthshire and Torfaen	1	1	3	4	6	1	3	4	6	6	5	6	4
Neath Port Talbot	7	5	4	4	4	5	5	2	2	3	4	5	4
Newport	6	8	10	7	11	10	10	5	5	6	6	8	8
Pembrokeshire	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
Powys	4	3	3	3	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	3	3
RCT	10	8	10	12	11	9	9	8	9	8	10	11	10
Swansea	11	9	10	11	7	7	6	6	5	4	4	3	7
Vale of Glamorgan	8	8	7	4	4	5	6	6	4	5	6	7	6
Wrexham	14	15	13	9	7	11	12	11	6	7	7	5	10
Total	160	151	151	153	143	143	141	122	108	117	119	121	136

Table 2 - SNAPSHOT DATA - Number of Welsh young people under 18 years in custody by establishment, 2009-10

Establishment	Apr-09	May-09	Jun-09	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09	Oct-09	Nov-09	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Average
Ashfield	32	30	26	35	33	25	24	22	17	15	16	19	25
Atkinson Unit	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Aycliffe Young People's Centre	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Barton Moss													
Secure Unit	1	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	1	1	1	1	1
Brinsford	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Castington	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
Clayfields House	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cookham Wood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Downview	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
East Moor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Eastwood Park	2	0	0	2	1	0	1	2	2	2	3	2	1
Feltham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Foston Hall	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Hassockfield													
STC	1	0	0	3	2	0	4	4	2	2	4	2	2
Hillside	13	13	14	14	14	15	14	14	13	14	13	13	14
Hindley	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	4	2	2
Huntercombe	1	3	4	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Medway	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Hall	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oakhill STC	2	2	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
Parc	59	54	62	56	57	60	55	45	43	51	54	55	54
Rainsbrook	5	5	5	7	6	5	5	5	3	2	2	4	5
Red Bank													
Community Home	1	2	3	3	0	0	0	1	2	2	1	1	1
Stoke Heath	25	21	19	15	15	25	25	20	15	16	10	9	18
Swanwick Lodge	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Vinney Green	1	2	3	4	3	4	5	5	6	4	4	6	4
Warren Hill	3	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Werrington	4	6	3	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	3	3	2
Wetherby	1	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	1	0	0	1	2
Total	160	151	151	153	143	143	141	122	108	117	119	121	136

Table 3 - SNAPSHOT DATA - Number of Welsh females under 18 years in custody by establishment, 2009-10

Establishment	Apr-09	May-09	Jun-09	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09	Oct-09	Nov-09	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Average
Aycliffe Young People's Centre													
Downview													
Eastwood Park													
Foston Hall													
Hassockfield													
STC													
Hillside													
New Hall													
Rainsbrook													
Red Bank													
Community Home													
Vinney Green													
Grand Total													6

Action Point 5: The number of nights that children have spent in secure remand, to see whether the total has been reduced as opposed to the number of children.

The total nights² spent in custody (Secure Children's Home, Secure Training Centre and Young Offender Institute) on secure remand by Welsh young people has increased from 8,329 bed nights in 2009/10 to 9,058 bed nights in 2010/11.

Action point 6: The numbers of secure remands ending in custodial sentences.

In 2010 the estimated number of young people on secure remand who received a custodial sentence in Wales (combined court) was 71 (42%)³.

I would be grateful if you could share the above information with members.



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² Bed nights are calculated by counting every bed night that occurred during the period, regardless of whether the custodial episode had started or ended during the period.

³ Defined as being aged 10 - 17 at the date of appearance in court, Includes those remanded in custody at any stage of proceedings at magistrates' and the Crown Court who may also have been given bail at some stage of those proceedings. Magistrates' courts figures exclude those committed for trial or sentence at the Crown Court and those who failed to appear. Every effort is made to ensure that the figures presented are accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that these data have been extracted from large administrative data systems generated by the courts. Prepared and supplied by Justice Statistics Analytical Services within the Ministry of Justice.