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Young people not in Education, Employment or Training Conference

Resettlement - a new approach

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Resettlement historical perspective

2000-03 Thames Valley Partnership – VCS led consortia overseeing resettlement around Huntercombe YOI

PRISE ESF funded scheme in 2003 led by Rainer - effective in NW

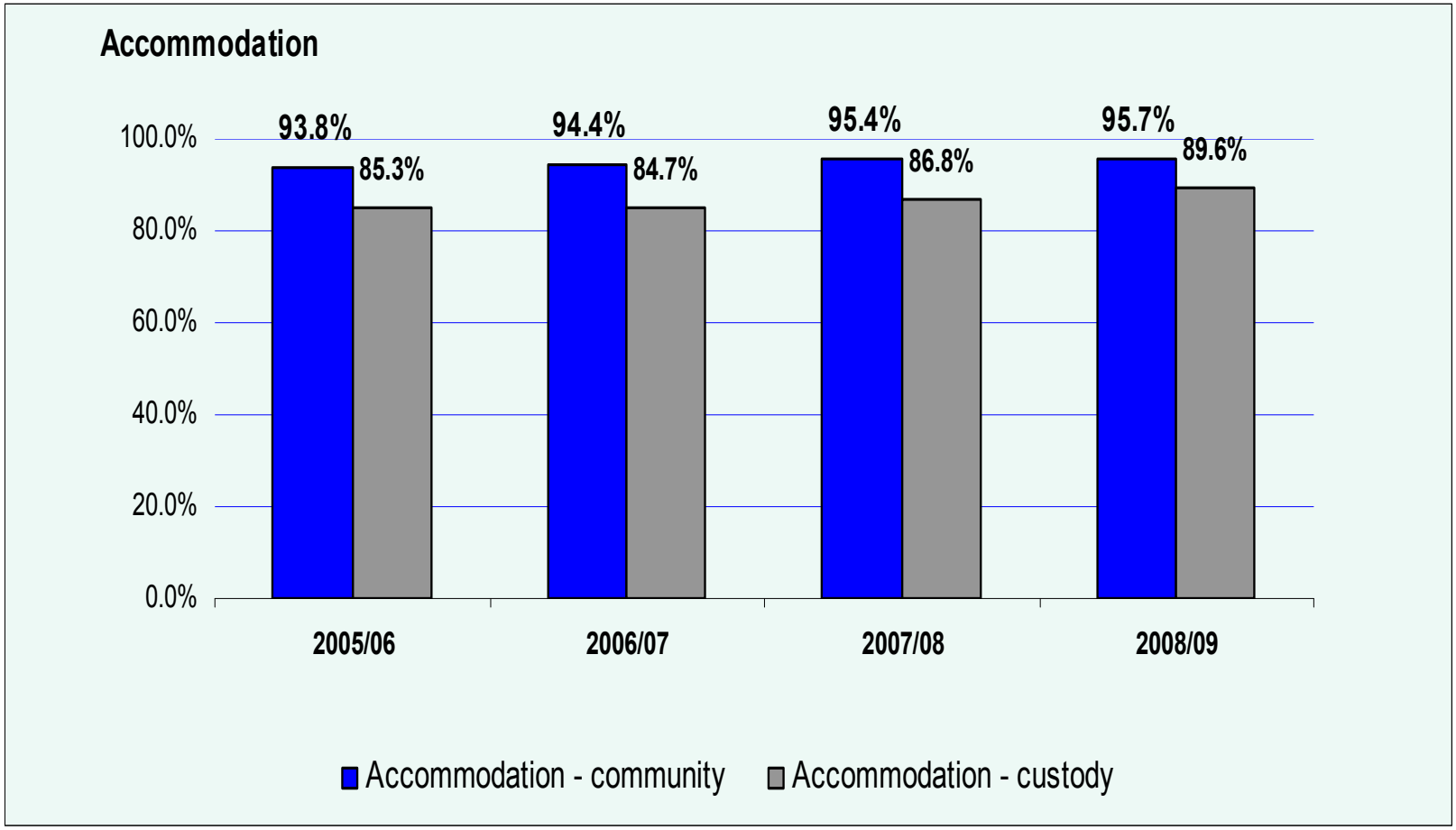
YJB -Youth Resettlement: A Framework for Action 2005 – pathway approach

2005 London resettlement 'Pledge' – cross borough agreement on principles

Rainer/RESET - The Business Case for Youth Resettlement 2007 – identified huge cost of ineffective resettlement

HM Gov't - Youth Crime Action Plan 2008

Youth justice cohort in suitable accommodation at end of sentence four year trend (NI46)



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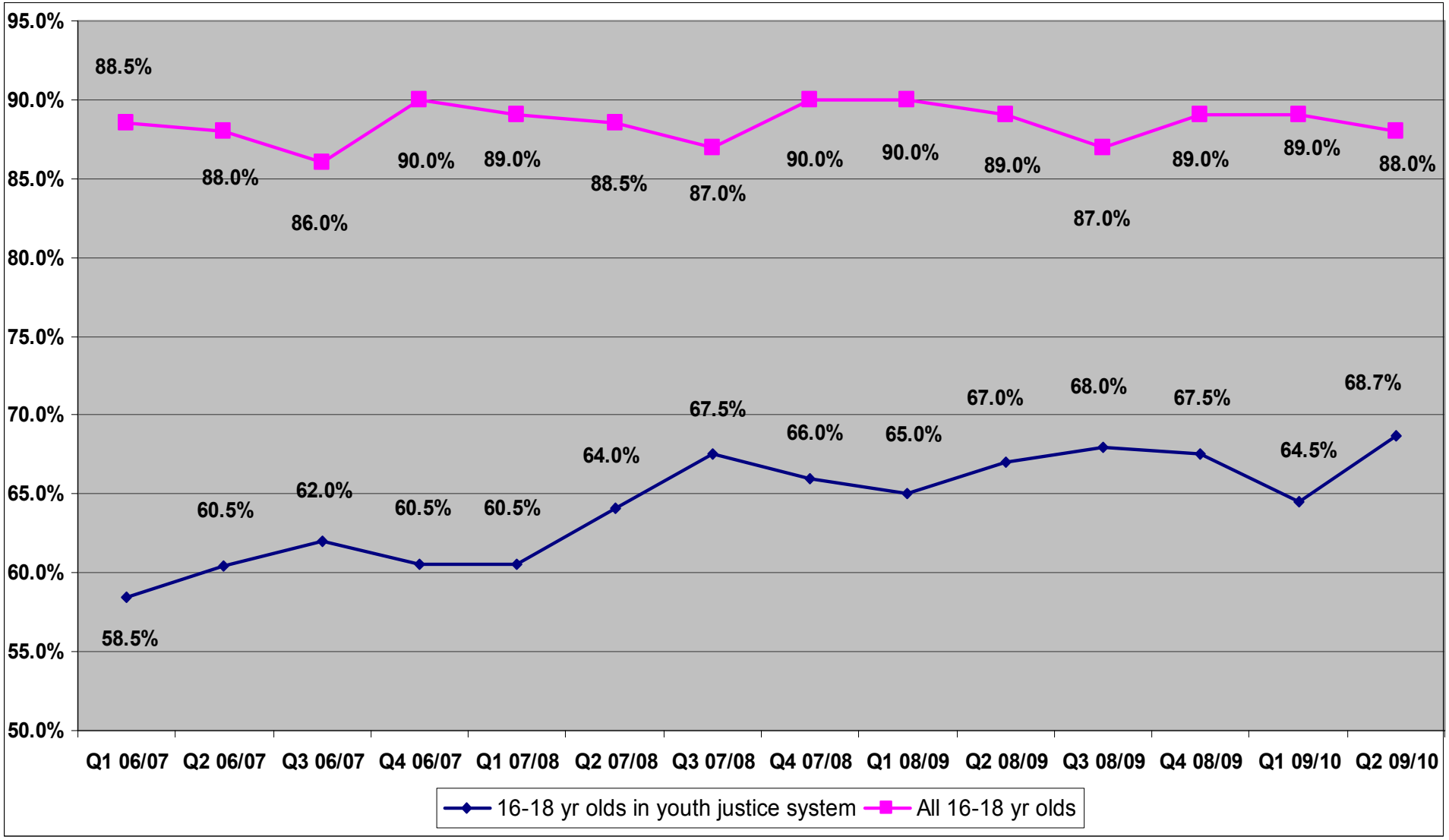
Comparison of 16-18 young people engaged: NEET (national) v Youth Justice system (England) – Q1 06/07 to Q2 09/10



YOT ETE performance

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Broken down by age and community/custodial sentence

April 2006 – Dec 2008

85%
80%
75%
70%
65%
60%
55%
50%
45%
40%

Q1 06/07 | Q2: 06/07 | Q3 06/07 | Q4 06/07 | Q1 07/08 | Q2 07/08 | Q3 07/08 | Q4 07/08 | Q1 08/09 | Q2: 08/09 | Q3 08/09

SSA community DTO: 53.46%, 57.88%, 61.60%, 59.10%, 61.20%, 64.10%, 65.2%, 68.0%, 66.5%, 65.4%, 73.1%

aSSA community DTO: 43.99%, 50.12%, 54.18%, 50.90%, 49.50%, 59.30%, 61.1%, 55.8%, 60.1%, 60.9%, 61.0%

SSA non-custodial: 72.99%, 73.26%, 75.80%, 75.70%, 75.20%, 76.60%, 77.5%, 79.2%, 75.8%, 77.7%, 78.8%

aSSa non-custodial: 55.85%, 60.99%, 62.16%, 60.90%, 62.20%, 66.70%, 66.6%, 66.6%, 65.5%, 67.3%, 69.3%

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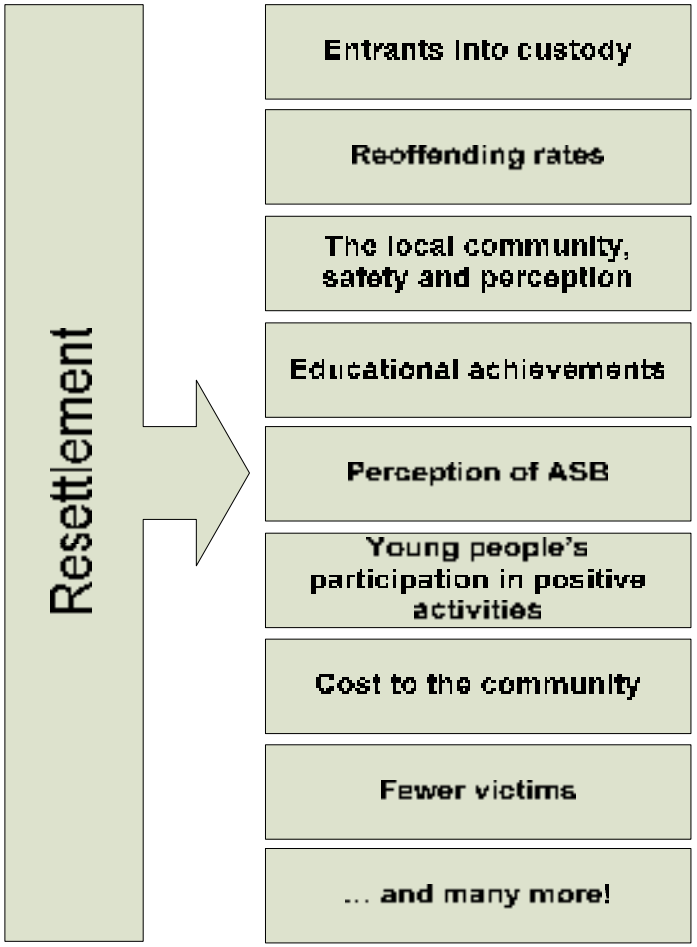
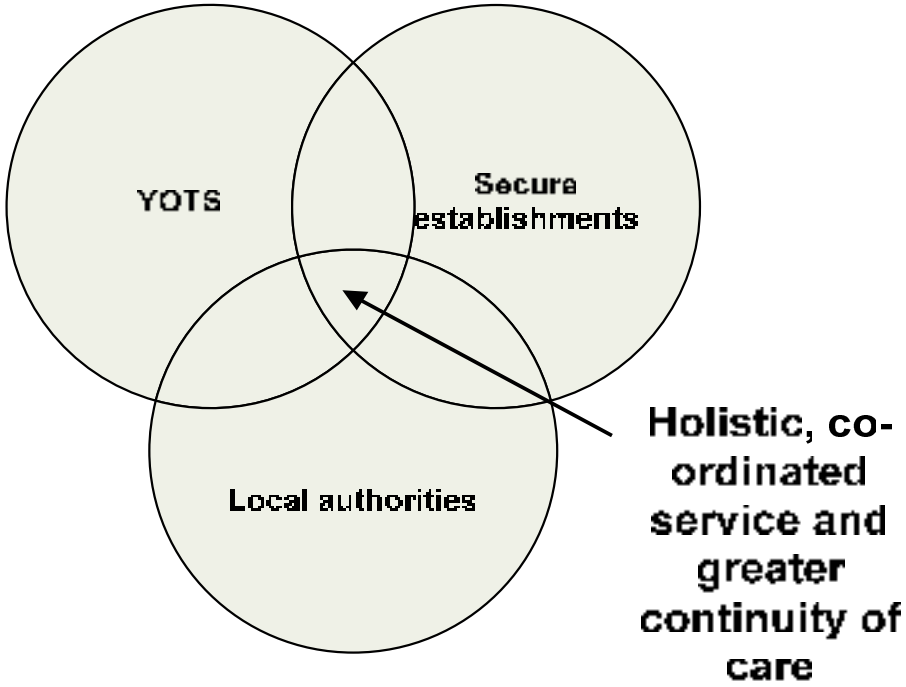
Benefits of improved resettlement

Individual aims can be achieved by joint working



Joint ownership of resettlement provides better continuity



YCAP resettlement related commitments

Expand Resettlement and Aftercare Programmes (RAP)

Develop a more comprehensive package of care for young people leaving custody backed by legislation

Improve education and training in custody by giving 'host' LAs commissioning and funding responsibilities and 'home' LAs duties to improve attainment

Reinforce the role of children's services in overseeing resettlement provision

Develop regional or sub-regional resettlement consortia to provide coordinated solutions for LAs in a single area

Consultation on making local authorities responsible for the full cost of court-ordered secure remand, and making the costs of custody more visible

Developing a formal review process for children who go into custody… this review could become a formal duty on local authorities

YJB oversight of resettlement activity – a new approach

Overseen by YJB programme board to provide coherence and a governance structure to a complex set of activities:

- **YJB Regional resettlement consortia development**
- **London Criminal Justice Board resettlement pilot including new wing at Feltham**
- **New programme framework for RAP and new funding (£6m) for over 50 additional YOTs to rollout Integrated Resettlement Support**
- **Piloting resettlement panels in Wales**
- **'Making the Change' Half Way House project in Bristol**
- **Catch 22 housing support in greater Manchester**
- **A communications strategy for resettlement**

Consortia objectives

Foster greater links between community based services and custody

Develop a shared understanding and benchmark for good resettlement practice

Improve inter-agency collaboration at strategic and case levels

Identify and exploit resettlement resources across agencies and local authority boundaries

Provide a means of ‘championing’ the cause

Learn lessons through evaluation to feed into the next spending round

Opportunities and challenges going forward

Challenges

- Who ‘owns’ these children and these problems?
- How do we secure buy-in at the highest levels in local authorities and children’s services?
- How can this agenda compete with current children’s services focus on safeguarding?

Opportunities

- R (G) v Southwark judgement
- Falling custody numbers
- Increased focus on justice reinvestment and devolution of custody budgets