THE MOPAC YOUTH OUTCOMES FRAMEWORK (2016)

Overview

This resource presents the MOPAC Youth Outcomes Framework (2016), which was developed by MOPAC and Project Oracle in 2013. The Outcomes Framework is based on:

- A review of existing children and youth outcomes frameworks
- Consultation with over 75 youth justice organisations, funders and commissioners across London
- A pilot of the MOPAC Youth Outcomes Framework within three London local authorities and lessons learned from their experiences

This is the second, 2016, version of the Youth Outcomes Framework.

What is the Youth Outcomes Framework?

The Youth Outcomes Framework is a tool to support those working in the youth justice sector to identify their intended outcomes, and to assess and demonstrate those outcomes. It is essentially a 'menu' of **outcomes** and **measurement tools** which organisations can select from to explore and demonstrate the impact of their work. See table below. Page2

What is the purpose of MOPAC's Youth Outcomes Framework?

The framework is intended to support a shift towards evidence-based practice and commissioning. It will support:

- **Consistent data** across London on what works, what doesn't and what needs improving to improve youth justice outcomes
- **Better commissioning** based on understanding of what works and what is likely to work
- **Improved tracking** of progress during projects, and support to providers to have a positive impact
- **Greater learning** across the sector from gathered evidence of what works

The Youth Outcomes Framework (2016): Your outcomes and tools menu

The table below outlines the core outcomes that currently make up MOPAC's Youth Outcomes Framework and what measurement tools are currently recommended to measure these outcomes. The selection of outcomes and tools in the current Framework is not limited and can be expanded over time to cover additional outcome areas, outcomes related to other types of services, and alternative measurement tool options.

Offending, Violence and Victimisation

Outcome	Administrative Data Sources	Young person's self-report	Coach and Parent Report
Reduced offending of identified individuals*	Police data (CRIS/CRIMINT) Justice Data Lab (JDL)	Project Oracle Impact tool	
Reduced violence committed by and against the identified individuals	Police data (CRIS/CRIMINT)	Project Oracle Impact tool	
Reduced risk of harm to self and others	Police data (CRIS/CRIMINT)	Project Oracle Impact tool	
Reduced risk of harm to self and others	MAPPA risk level (within Asset/Onset)	Buss Perry Aggression Questionnaire	Risk assessment (Asset/Onset)
Reduced seriousness of offending	Categorised police data (CRIS) Justice Data Lab (JDL)	Project Oracle Impact tool	
Reduced time to reoffend	Justice Data Lab (JDL)		
Reduced involvement in gangs*		Project Oracle Impact tool	

Behaviour

Outcome	Administrative Data Sources	Young person's self-report	Coach and Parent Report
Improved engagement with support services	Caseworker reports (GP registration, A&E attendance, drugs & alcohol services attendance)	Project Oracle Impact tool	
More individuals in education & employment / improved likelihood of entering employment*	Job centre confirmation that a young person has entered employment Employer confirmation that a young person has entered employment	Jet framework p63 – 65, on whether the young person is actively seeking work P69-70, quality of work assessment	Masscap job observation tool
Decreased drugs & alcohol misuse*		National Institute for Drug Abuse: Quick screen tool	Substance misuse worker reports/caseworker reports

	Outcome	Administrative Data Sources	Young person's self-report	Coach and Parent Report
Attitudes & Relationships	Improved positive peer relationships*	Peer association reports (caseworker & police intelligence)	The Multidimensional Students Life Satisfaction Scale Inventory of Parent and Peer Attachment	
	Improved family relationships*	Health worker reports	The Multidimensional Students Life Satisfaction Scale	
			Inventory of Parent and Peer Attachment	
Personal Skills & Attributes	Improved self-esteem*		Rosenberg self-esteem scale The Multidimensional Students Life Satisfaction Scale	
Mental Health & Wellbeing	Improved mental health and improved wellbeing		The Multidimensional Students Life Satisfaction Scale	Interactive Psycholops tool Strengths and difficulties questionnaire
			Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Wellbeing Scale	