

Howard League for Penal Reform

Children facing sentence in the criminal courts in England and Wales

List of Useful Resources

Guidance for Professionals

ADCS Leading Children's Services	Organisation whose members hold leadership roles in children's services departments in local authorities in England. Publishes guidance on issues affecting children including guidance on age assessments .	http://adcs.org.uk/
Advocates' Gateway	Offers guidance on vulnerable witnesses and defendants including Advocates' Toolkits and guidance on intermediaries .	http://www.theadvocatesgateway.org/
Bar Standards Board	Publishes Youth Proceedings Competencies setting out the crucial competencies needed by barristers for youth proceedings.	https://www.barstandardsboard.org.uk/media/1821763/bsb_youth_competencies_2017_for_website.pdf
Beyond Youth Custody	Organisation which provides guidance on the effective resettlement of young people.	http://www.beyondyouthcustody.net/
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service	A range of services that work with children and young people who have difficulties with their emotional or behavioural wellbeing , differing by area.	https://www.nhs.uk
Council of Europe	Publishes guidelines on child-friendly justice .	https://www.coe.int/en/web/children/child-friendly-justice
Criminal Cases Review Commission	Investigates suspected miscarriages of justice from the magistrates' courts and the Crown Court.	https://ccrc.gov.uk/

Department for Education	Publishes guidance on care planning, placement and case review under the Children Act 1989.	https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/441643/Children_Act_Guidance_2015.pdf
Department for Local Governments and Communities	Publishes guidance on homelessness .	https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/7841/152056.pdf
Every Child Protected Against Trafficking	Provides assistance to professionals dealing with trafficked children .	https://www.ecpat.org.uk/
HM Government	Publishes guidance on safeguarding children .	https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/592101/Working_Together_to_Safeguard_Children_20170213.pdf
HM Inspectorate of Prisons	Publishes guidance and reports on the conditions for and treatment of those in the secure estate, including the treatment of detainees in court custody .	https://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk/hmiprison/
The Howard League for Penal Reform	Publishes guidance and reports on children and young people in contact with the secure estate including detailed guidance on resettlement .	https://howardleague.org/
The Inns of the Court College of Advocacy	Produces guidance for practitioners representing children in the youth justice system.	https://www.icca.ac.uk/youth-justice-advocacy
Judicial College	Publishes Equal Treatment Bench Books including guidance on accommodating children and vulnerable people.	https://www.judiciary.gov.uk/
Legal Action Group	Reports on the availability of legal aid for children and young people.	http://www.lag.org.uk/
National Referral Mechanism	Framework for identifying victims of human trafficking or modern	http://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk

slavery and ensuring they receive the appropriate support.

Sentencing Council	Produces guidelines on sentencing for the judiciary and criminal justice professionals.	https://www.sentencingcouncil.org.uk/
Solicitors Regulation Authority	Provides resources for solicitors practising in the youth courts .	http://www.sra.org.uk/solicitors/cpd/youth-court-advocacy.page
Youth Justice Board	Oversees the youth justice system in England and Wales, including guidance on the AssetPlus assessment and planning interventions framework, the reports which are to be prepared by Youth Offending Teams, and managing bail and remand services.	https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/youth-justice-board-for-england-and-wales
Youth Justice Legal Centre	Provides legal information about children's rights in the criminal justice system, including in relation to age assessments and defences of trafficking or modern slavery .	http://www.yjlc.uk/

Additional resources for child defendants and their families

Child Law Advice	Provides advice and information on child, family and education law .	www.childlawadvice.org.uk
Coram Children's Legal Centre	Advice line for migrant, asylum-seeking and refugee children .	http://www.childrenslegalcentre.com/get-legal-advice/immigration-asylum-nationality/advice-line/
Family Lives	Provides advice on parenting as a young person.	http://www.familylives.org.uk/advice/your-family/parenting/where-can-young-parents-go-for-support/
I CAN	Provides support for parents, practitioners and children with speech and communication difficulties .	http://www.ican.org.uk

Independent Parental Special Education Advice (IPSEA)

Offers resources to support families of children and young people with **Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities**.

<http://www.ipsea.org.uk>

National Appropriate Adult Network

Provides training for and information about **appropriate adults**.

<http://www.appropriateadult.org.uk>

Personal Communications Passports

Site offering templates to create documents for those with **speech or communication difficulties**.

<http://www.communicationpassports.org.uk/Home/>

Unlock

Provides advice and **support for people with convictions**.

<http://www.unlock.org.uk/>

Young Minds

Provides information and assistance in relation to **mental health** for children and young people.

<https://youngminds.org.uk/>

You&Co

Offers **support for young people affected by crime**.

<https://www.youandco.org.uk>