

Youth Justice Legal Centre

Membership

YJLC is the centre of excellence and innovation in youth justice law in England & Wales.

YJLC exists for professionals to help get the best possible outcomes and experiences for children and young people in contact with the criminal legal system. This ultimately benefits the whole community and wider society. YJLC is not for profit.

Core Services

YJLC provides the legal expertise and practical support needed to navigate a complex legal landscape with confidence.

Up-to-date Legal Resources

Clear, accessible guides on key areas of youth justice law to support day-to-day practice and decision-making.

Specialist Training

Targeted training designed for YJS professionals, helping staff understand legal frameworks, thresholds, and rights in a practical context.

Direct Access to Legal Expertise

Our national advice line connects your team with specialist youth justice lawyers for timely, case-specific support.

A National Best Practice Network

Join a community of professionals committed to improving youth justice practice and sharing learning

Membership Benefits:

- Free access to over 25 legal guides
- Free access for the entire team to regular live expert webinars throughout the year (non-member rate £15pp).
- Free access to the dedicated YJLC advice line staffed by youth justice lawyers offering answers to one off enquiries or ongoing individual case support, transforming outcomes for children nationally.
- Reduced-rate team training days – £1,600 per day for up to 20 delegates (£80pp). Non-member rate £2,600.

"YJLC has provided invaluable legal support to the Youth Justice Service through two key avenues: membership services and training and development opportunities. Their offerings cover a wide range of pressing and relevant topics that directly impact the day-to-day work of frontline practitioners within the service."

Matthew Knights
Head of Service, Haringey YJS

- 50% discount on all our interactive workshops - £60pp (Non-member rate £120).
- Profile visibility in the YJLC Members' Directory and use of digital members badge for your email signature.
- Discounted tickets for our Annual Youth Justice Summit.
- Bi-monthly legal update newsletter with updates on new case law, guidance and legislation.

Join today: info@yjlc.uk | Learn more: [yjlc.uk](https://www.yjlc.uk)

Membership rates

YJLC Annual Membership	Basic ★★★	Classic ★★★★	Enhanced ★★★★★
Small Team (Under 20 members)	£400 Includes 2 Hours Advice Line Access	£700 Includes 6 Hours Advice Line Access	£1000 Includes 12 Hours Advice Line Access
Large Team (20+ members)	£600 Includes 3 Hours Advice Line Access	£950 Includes 9 Hours Advice Line Access	£1500 Includes 15 Hours Advice Line Access

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Training for Youth Justice Services

We offer team training and online workshops on key areas of youth justice law and practice. Courses are directly aligned to HMIP inspection standards and designed to improve both inspection outcomes and everyday practice.

Our courses empower Youth Justice Services to navigate the law confidently, work effectively with lawyers and courts, and support children to participate meaningfully in legal processes.

Delivered by leading youth justice lawyers, our courses are interactive, practical and evidence-based, ensuring teams can immediately apply their learning to real cases.

Core modules include:

Deferred Prosecution & Deferred Cautions	Out of Court Resolutions	Overnight Police Detention	Court Bail & Remand	Court Confidence – New Starters
Sentencing	Pre-Sentence Report Writing	CBOs and Civil Injunctions	Child Criminal Exploitation	Turning 18 & Criminal Records
Anonymity	Participation	Sexual Offending	Joint Enterprise & Conspiracy	Digital Offending
Deprivation of Liberty Orders	Breach	Safeguarding First	Weapon and Knife Offences	Child Victims & Witnesses
Children, Neurodiversity and the Criminal Legal System	Racism, Bias & Adultification	Traffic Offences		

Email
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to book team
training

Book our upcoming
workshops here:
[yjlc.uk/training/
online-courses](https://yjlc.uk/training/online-courses)

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Advice line

The YJLC advice line is run by youth justice specialist lawyers. We help Youth Justice Services working with children in the criminal legal system achieve the best possible outcomes.

The service we provide through the advice line ranges from general information to detailed ongoing support with specific cases.

You may have a general question about the law, for example, the legal mechanics around bail & remand, sentencing or exploitation. Or, you may wish to discuss a particular child's case in more detail, and get advice on whether there is action you, or others involved, can take to secure a better outcome. Our legal advice line exists to provide this service. We discuss cases over the telephone and via email and often provide detailed written advice and ongoing support throughout the life of a case.

We are the only legal advice service in England and Wales offering this unique and personalised service to Youth Justice Services, lawyers, families, children and other professionals with youth justice enquiries.

Case study

YJLC enquiry:

"I am drafting a PSR for a child convicted of serious sexual offences. I am unsure what sentencing options are available and what the criminal records implications are including around SHPO and notification."

YJLC Response:

- provided a detailed written response outlining the relevant sentencing guidelines and advised on the correct sentencing approach from a children's rights perspective
- researched and provided information on potential therapeutic options to be included in the PSR
- set out the criminal records and notification implications, explained the process of issuing SHPO and advised what this would mean for the child
- provided follow up telephone support to answer any further questions around the law.

How to access our advice line

Via our **website** online form:
yjlc.uk/advice-line/advice-lawyers-and-other-professionals

"Thank you so much for your response and advice with this matter. It can sometimes feel hopeless when trying to advocate for children during complex court proceedings. It is the first time I have used your service and I'm so pleased to have reached out. Thank you for doing what you do and no doubt I will come back to you for further guidance when needed."

YJS officer

"I wanted to say thank you to you for your help and persistence with 's case. When the world seems so unreasonable/judgemental it means so much to have someone like yourself at our side. You've made a huge difference to our lives and we really appreciate it. Wishing you a wonderful day, and thank you again for all that you have done"

Parent

"I think of you as the 4th Emergency Service!"

YJS Officer

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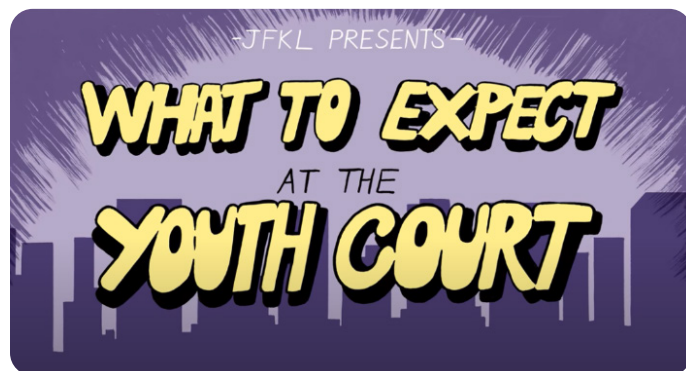
Resources

YJLC produce resources to help practitioners work with children better. Our legal guides and updates will help you understand key areas of youth justice law. Our materials encourage best practice and promote children's rights within the criminal legal system.



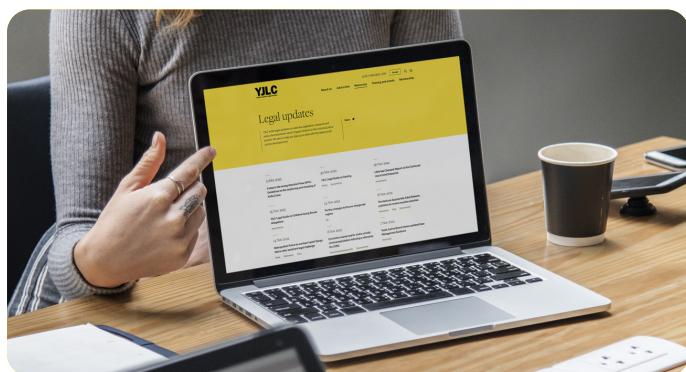
Legal guides

Endorsed by the Law Society of England & Wales, our legal guides to help you navigate the different rules, regimes, and principles in key areas of youth justice law. The guides encourage best practice when working with children in the criminal legal system.



Explainer videos for young people

YJLC has produced a series of explainer videos for young people and those supporting them to share key information on what to expect if they find themselves in the criminal legal system.



Legal updates

YJLC write legal updates on case law, legislation, research and policy developments which impact children in the criminal legal system. We aim to help you stay up to date with the latest youth justice developments.



A-Z of youth justice terms

YJLC have a dictionary of youth justice terms to help demystify the legal language heard when going through the court process.

Book Your Training

Our team training courses can be delivered in person or online and are available as bespoke packages tailored to your team's needs. Email info@yjlc.uk to organise team training.



Our interactive online workshops are delivered weekly. See what is coming up next here: yjlc.uk/training/online-courses

Our training helps Youth Justice Services evidence what HMIP expects to see: high-quality, personalised and responsive work that achieves positive change and keeps children and communities safe.

Email: info@yjlc.uk

Website: www.yjlc.uk

Linkedin: linkedin.com/company/youth-justice-legal-centre

“The training has been amazing!

Honestly, it has been a pleasure having you with us for training and I know staff both experienced and new have found it informative. I think that it will also increase the level of use of the guides and use of the advice line.”

Lara Mellor,
Somerset YJS

“Exceptional... engaging and insightful. It's improved our consistency and confidence across the team.”

Kasey Whiting,
Staffordshire YJS