

To: PCT Chief Executives (The Week)

**cc: SHA Chief Executives (The Week)
Regional Directors of Public Health (The Week)
Heads of Local Authorities (YJB distribution)
Chairs of YOT Management Boards (YJB distribution)
Directors of Children's Services (YJB distribution)**

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Dear Colleague,

**INVITATION FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST: PATHFINDERS FOR CHILDREN AND
YOUNG PEOPLE POINT OF ARREST DIVERSION – DEVELOPMENT PHASE**

The Department of Health invites PCTs, Local Authorities and their partners to submit joint expressions of interest to receive funding to further develop their existing youth justice point of arrest diversion schemes. A funding allocation formula will be used based on local demographics, and youth justice caseloads to ensure sufficient allocations to bolster the health component of currently existing schemes. Pathfinders selected will provide early identification of mental health, learning, communication difficulties or other vulnerabilities affecting the physical and emotional well-being of under 18 year olds, and to support these young people into appropriate evidence based interventions at the earliest stage possible.

Following the recommendation made in the Bradley report (April 2009) for a national model of liaison and diversion to be rolled-out across the country, and the recently announced Spending Review, the Government has committed to having police and court liaison services in place by November 2014 subject to business case. The diversion initiative comprises of parallel workstreams for adult offenders and young people in contact with the youth justice system. Pathfinders for adult diversion models are also being selected, and an evaluation will be measuring outcomes for all selected pathfinders.

This document invites local areas to join the development phase of this programme in relation to youth justice. Areas selected as pathfinders will be required to contribute to the evaluation, in order to support the building of a robust evidence base to support implementation. Annual

funding will be provided, although provision of funds from 2012/13 will be dependent upon ministerial approval of the overall business case.

This programme reflects the Government's commitment to:

- Promote the life chances, and support the healthy development of vulnerable children
- Intervene early to support families with multiple needs
- Reduce reoffending
- Ensure fairness in the justice system
- Introduce a "rehabilitation revolution"
- Protect the public
- Have police and court liaison services in place by November 2014.

You are invited to submit an expression of interest to receive funding as a Pathfinder for Children and Young People Point of Arrest Liaison and Diversion. For further details, and instructions on how to submit an expression of interest please follow the link to:

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Healthcare/Offenderhealth/index.htm>

You will need to download the accompanying documentation consisting of:

Annex A	Scope of Work
Annex B	Instructions for applying
Annex C	Application form
Annex D	Youth Justice Liaison and Diversion process flowchart

By CoP Friday 18th March 2011 you are required to complete Annex C and submit your expression of interest electronically to carly.tutty@dh.gsi.gov.uk and by post to:

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Yours faithfully



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