South and West Yorkshire Resettlement Consortium

Resettling Looked After Young People

Accommodation Protocol
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Gap Analysis

- National Evidence
- Local Views
- Case Data



Accommodation – a key issue

- Nearly 50% of young people did not know the address they would be returning to a month in advance of release
- A quarter of young people in Wetherby YOI identified having a place of their own as a key factor in preventing reoffending.



So...Where Next?

- Strategic discussions including regional meetings of Directors of Children's Services
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Multi-agency workshop



Stakeholder Engagement

- Policy
- Culture and Practice
- Communication
- Status
- Placement Suitability
- Resources
- Our Young People



Potential Solutions

- Develop a set of accommodation standards for areas to sign up to and embed in practice.
- Workshop findings used in strategic discussions.
- Case Law and expert help/guidance



Developing a Standard

- Agreed and endorsed by Directors of Children's Services.
- 18 months of collaborative working
- Assessing impact



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