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Revised Case Management Guidance

Case management is at the very heart of youth justice work, and so it's vitally important to provide clear guidance which reflects the latest evidence and best practice.

So after a lengthy programme of reviewing, re-writing and testing during which we gained invaluable practice insights from across the sector I am delighted that we have now published revised [case management guidance](#).

I know that many of you have been looking forward to the much-needed clarification that this guidance brings. So, to enable this to be used as soon as possible we have not waited for every element to be completed. Updates to the 'out-of-court disposals' and 'custody and resettlement' sections will be introduced later this year or early next year.

We also listened to your requests to improve its usability and so rebuilt the guidance as a searchable manual.

I want to thank everyone who was involved in this revision. The advice and expertise of many groups, such as our stakeholder fora, was incredibly helpful. In particular, I must thank our user group. This group of 28 members from across England and Wales, included frontline youth justice service practitioners, health, court and police representatives and colleagues from the secure estate. They stuck with us over three years of partnership working, and their expertise was invaluable. Much of their input came under particularly difficult circumstances, including during the pandemic. I can't thank them enough for their resilience and commitment.

Reflecting the evidence in our practice guidance is an important step towards achieving a Child First youth justice system and it will help us to prevent offending with fewer victims and safer communities. I also recommend that you read [this blog](#) by our Board Member Professor Neal Hazel, which goes into more detail on our efforts to ensure that the guidance was in line with Child First.

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