

# Adolescent Safeguarding in London

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# ALDCS Adolescent Safeguarding – A priority for London



Adolescent Safeguarding includes individual, familial and community risks and safeguarding concerns that children experience as risks to themselves, risk from others and risks to others.

It is a complex dynamic that requires a system wide approach that includes a focus on discrimination requiring multi-layered and systemic solutions.

There is an abundance of activity across London to enhance adolescent safeguarding and some common themes and approaches.

We want to promote integrated child and family methods focusing on experience, rather than multiple responses driven by services

Activity in this realm can be poorly coordinated and risks dissipating the energy and resources being applied



# London Adolescent Safeguarding Oversight Board – Accountable to LSCP executive and reporting into ALDCS and LCJB



**POLICE: PUBLIC PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING**



**LA CHILDREN'S SERVICES: DCS X 2 AND AD'S X 4**



**VIOLENCE REDUCTION UNIT AND OFFICE OF POLICE AND CRIME**



**LA - COMMUNITY SAFETY AND HOUSING**



**VOLUNTARY SECTOR ORGS**



**HEALTH: ICB AND NHSE**



**EDUCATION: LA AND MULTI ACADEMY**



**YJB, YOT NETWORK AND PROBATION**

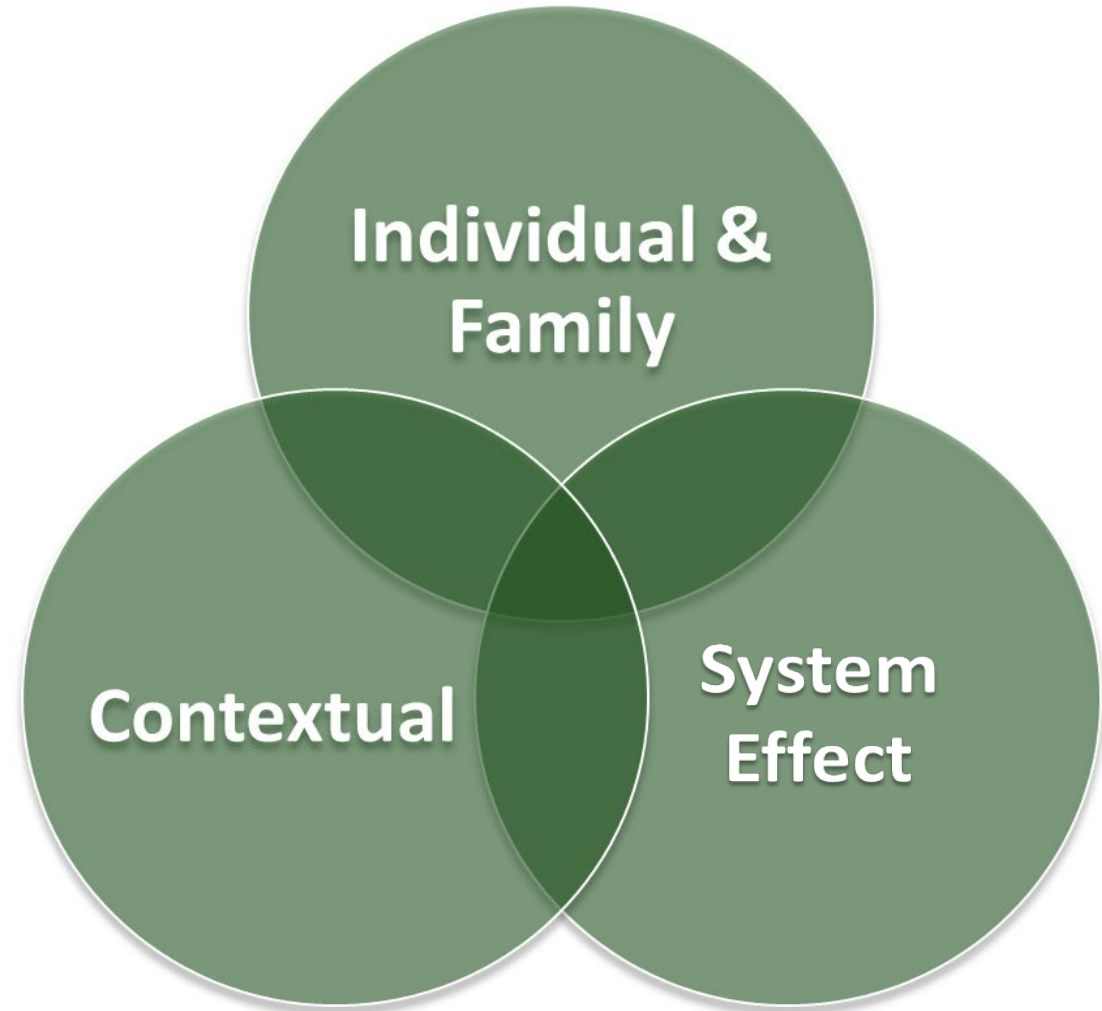


**LONDON COUNCILS AND RIIA**



**INDEPENDENT SCRUTINEER**

**Challenge - Coordinate – Communicate – Collaborate – Develop**



# London Adolescent Safeguarding Programme



Multi-Agency Child  
Exploitation  
Protocol

Adolescent  
Safeguarding  
Practice Handbook

Your Choice –  
violence reduction  
programme

Adolescent  
Safeguarding in  
Education

Learning from  
Rapid Reviews and  
Child Safeguarding  
Practice Reviews

Adolescent  
Safeguarding  
dataset  
development

Reducing  
Criminalisation of  
Children in Care

Met's Children's  
Strategy and  
MOPAC Child First

# What need is Your Choice trying to address?



Children and young people most affected by violence are the ones who most need therapeutic support but are currently the least likely to get it.

**This is what Your Choice aims to change.**

# Your Choice



## The Your Choice offer

1. Goal oriented programme- underpinned by CBT with emphasis on Behavioural Activation
2. High intensity
3. Specially trained coach who receives access to Your Choice resources and clinical supervision



# Your Choice- emerging impact

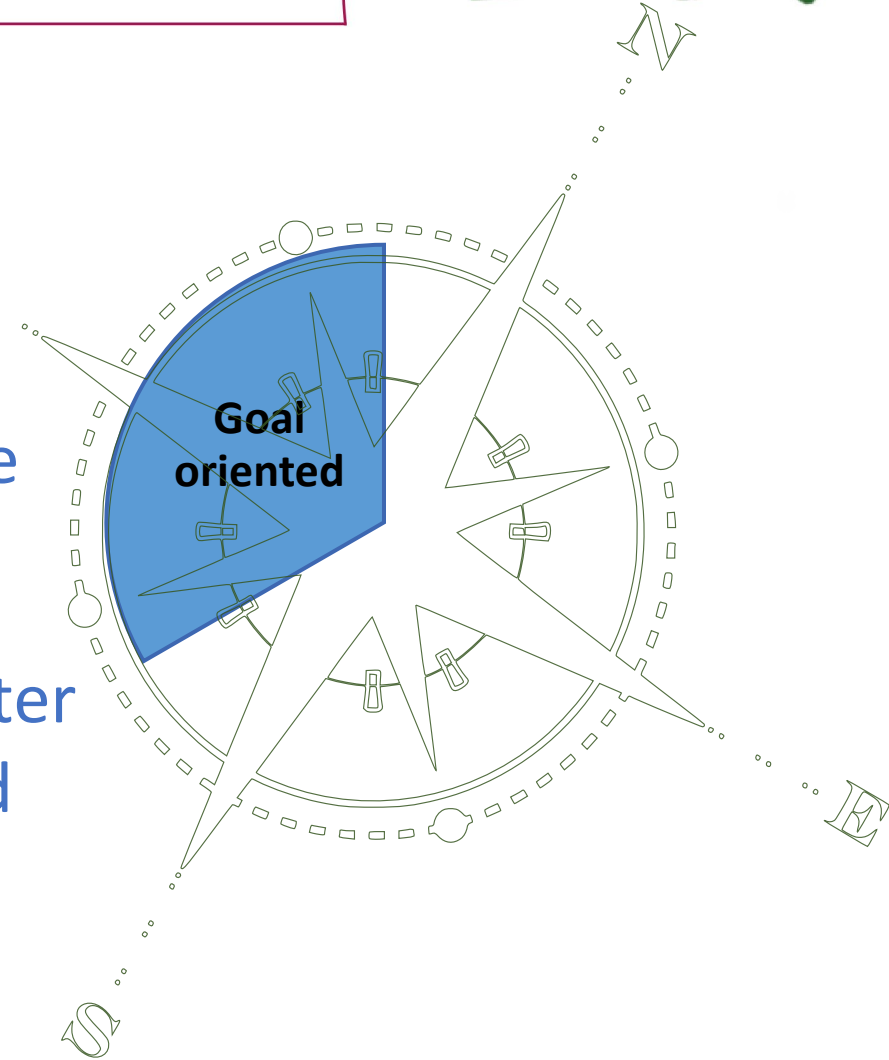
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“Giving young people something to work towards that is meaningful to them has helped to engage those who haven’t engaged with other services”.

“Young people report feeling happier, more positive and purposeful”.

“Helping young people understand themselves better has helped those around them and led to improved relationships”.

“It has supported young people back into ETE”.





# Your Choice- emerging impact



“Seeing young people frequently has helped us to get to know each other better”.

“Now that we have found the young person’s passion, he is asking for more sessions each week”.

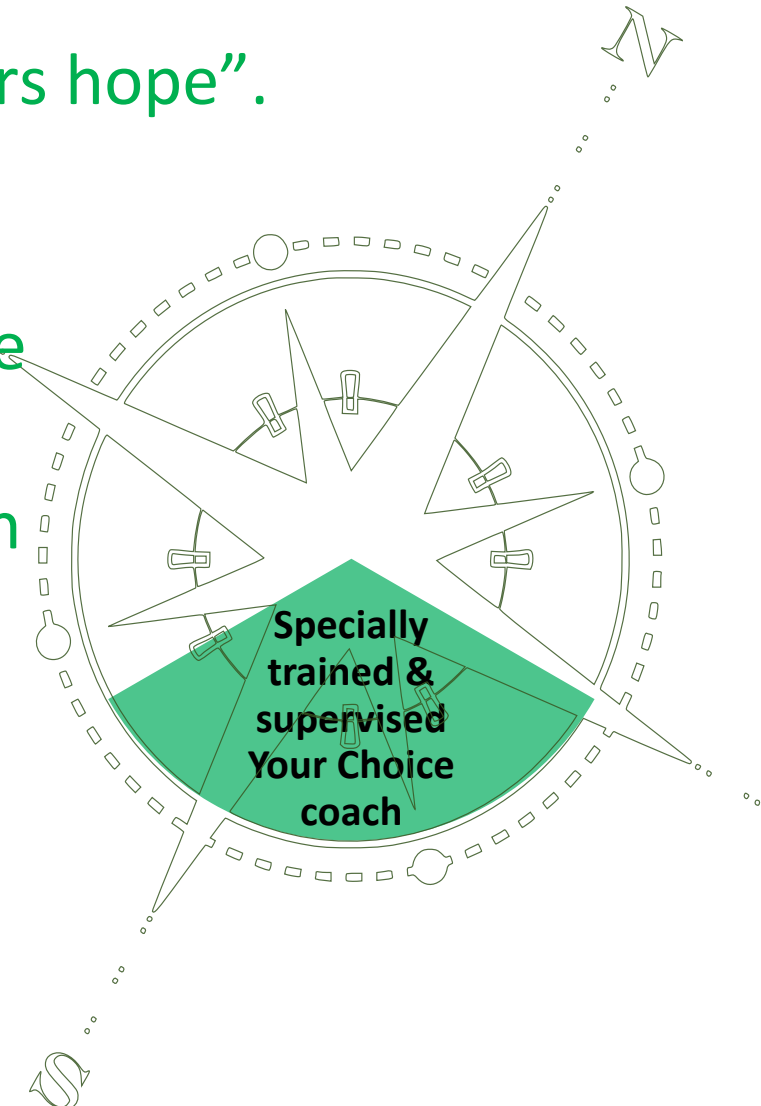
# Your Choice- emerging impact



“Your Choice has given young people and my practitioners hope”.

“Regular clinical supervision has supported my personal and professional development and has helped me to see things from different perspectives. It has also helped to motivate me and give me perspective and support when things have felt draining or stuck”.

“Clinical supervision has helped us to think and talk about risk. This has led to cost savings due to reduced placement costs”.



# Thank you and get in touch!



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