

# Future of youth offending teams

## Early findings

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# Introduction

- This document provides insight into early findings from a survey on the future of youth offending teams.
- So far, the survey has been completed by staff from youth offending teams, local authorities and offices of police and crime commissioners.
- The survey explores possible scenarios that may arise out of the Charlie Taylor review of youth justice, including:
  - Regional teams, i.e. youth offending teams are joined together to work across multiple local authority areas.
  - Status quo, i.e. the current arrangement for youth offending teams is maintained.
  - Re-integration, i.e. the requirement to establish multi-agency teams is removed and partners re-integrate support for young offenders into other existing teams.
- We have summarised here early findings in relation to respondents' views on:
  - Likelihood of each scenario meeting a range of different outcomes.
  - Overall views on each scenario.
  - Their preferred solution.



There is still time to complete the survey in order to give your views.  
Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/futureofyots>.

# Likelihood of achieving outcomes

✓ = most likely, ✗ = least likely

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- The status quo is seen as the scenario that is most likely to improve outcomes for young people and for the public but least likely to reduce costs or improve efficiency.
- Regional teams are seen as least likely to improve outcomes for young people and the public.
- Re-integration is seen as most likely to reduce costs and improve efficiency.

*For each of the three scenarios, how likely do you think each will achieve the following improvements?*

Scenario → Outcome ↓	Regional teams	Status quo	Re-integration
Reducing costs		✗	✓
Improving efficiency		✗	✓
Improving quality of practice	✗	✓	
Reducing first-time offending	✗	✓	
Reducing re-offending	✗	✓	
Reducing serious and prolific offending	✗	✓	
Improving multi-agency working	✗	✓	
Ensuring that local need is met	✗	✓	



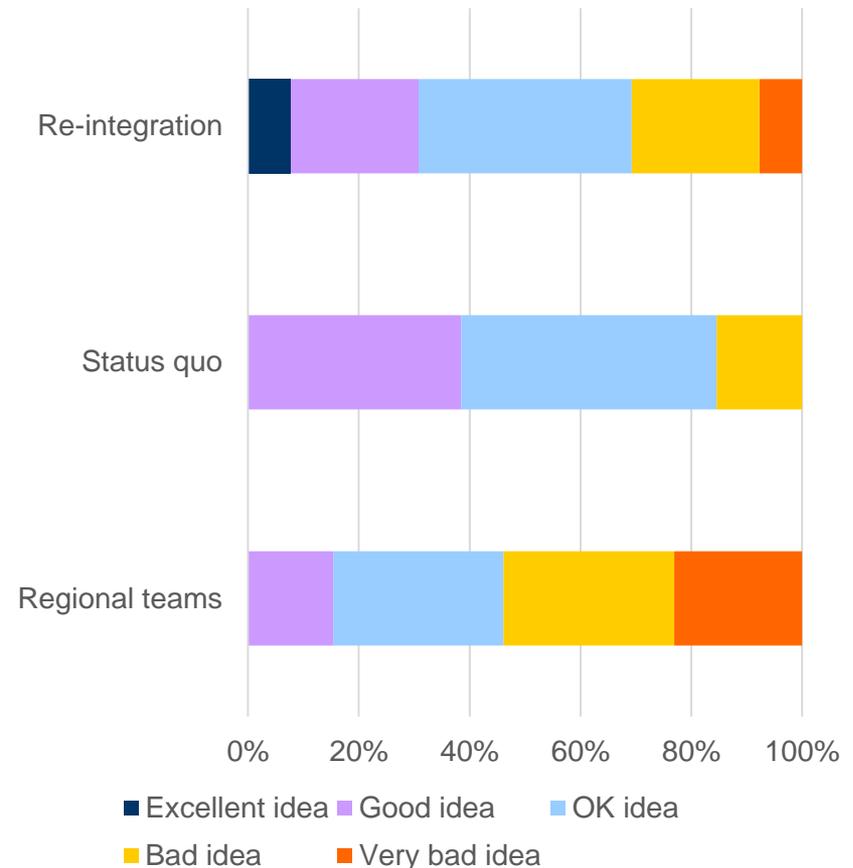
What do you think? There is still time to complete the [survey](#) in order to give your views.

# Views on each scenario

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- There is a diversity of opinion about each of the three scenarios.
- Regional teams receive a tepid response at best. Over 50% see it as a bad or very bad idea.
- Re-integration is more polarising, with a core of respondents rating it as an ‘excellent’ idea but also another core rating it as a ‘very bad’ idea.
- The majority of respondents rate the ‘status quo’ as a good or OK idea.

Overall, how desirable do you rate each of the scenarios?



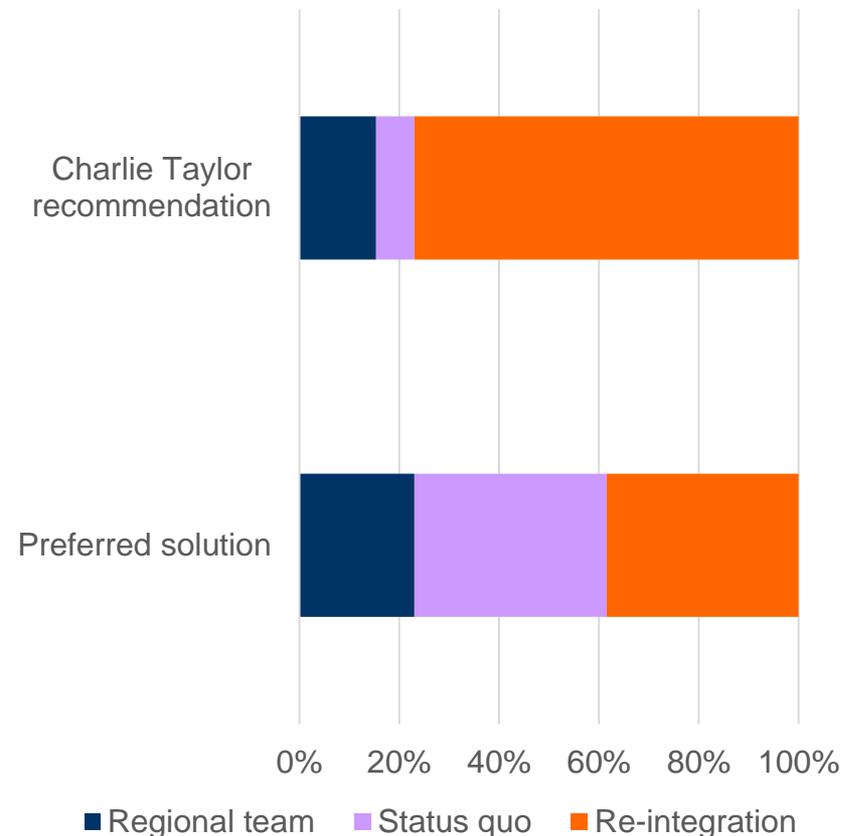
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# Preferred scenario

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- Respondents' preferred scenario is relatively evenly split between the status quo and re-integration. A minority support regional teams.
- The large majority of respondents believe that the Charlie Taylor report will recommend re-integration.

*Which scenario is your preferred option? Which do you think the Charlie Taylor review is most likely to recommend?*



What do you think? There is still time to complete the [survey](#) in order to give your views.

## Next steps

We'll publish the final results of the survey in the lead-up to publication of the Charlie Taylor report.

In the meantime you may like to read our two briefings exploring the two main scenarios and the implications for local areas of each.

### The future of youth justice 1

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### The future of youth justice 2

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