

***Youth Justice Service***

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| **Serious Incident Notification / Community Safeguarding or Public Protection Process** |

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**Serious Incident Notification / Community Safeguarding or Public Protection Process. Enfield Youth Justice Service**

From 1 April 2022 the YJB has introduced a mandatory system to report and record some categories of serious incidents. This means that all services are expected to notify the YJB when one of the following incidents has occurred.

The prescribed incidents must be notified to the YJB within one working day of a YJS becoming aware of an incident involving a child. If clarity is sought about the categorisation of incidents and the application of the procedures, then the YJB can be contacted via the serious incidents’ mailbox for guidance.[[1]](#footnote-1)

YJS should notify the YJB of a serious incident if a child:

Is charged with committing one of the following notifiable incidents outlined below, (a full list of reportable incidents is included at Annex A).[[2]](#footnote-2)

* attempted murder
* murder/manslaughter
* rape
* grievous bodily harm or wounding with or without intent – section 18/20
* a terrorism related offence

Or

* dies while on the YJS caseload, or up to 20 calendar days following the end of YJS supervision

**If the serious incident happens whilst the child is in custody then the Youth Custody Service’s Placement Team by calling its 24-hour telephone number 0345 36 36 36 3.**

The below flow chart details the actions and processes that must be followed where a serious incident has occurred

**Community Safeguarding and Public Protection Incidents**

There will be other incidents that do not require reporting to the YJB.  However, these incidents may trigger other reviews or learning opportunities.  These could be under the auspices of the Enfield Children’s Safeguarding Partnership or internally invoked within Children and Families Services. Decision on the latter will be made by the Director of Children and Families/Head of Safeguarding in consultation with Head of YJS.

1. seriousincidentsnotification@yjb.gov.uk  [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/serious-incidents-notification-standard-operating-procedures-for-yots/serious-incidents-notification-standard-operating-procedures-for-yots#annex-a-notifiable-offences-at-the-point-of-charge [↑](#footnote-ref-2)