



2013/2014 IMPACT REPORT

COSTS OF VULNERABILITY

The cost of preventable health and social outcomes faced by youth over a 20-year period has been put at **£4 trillion**

Excluded from school



£15,000 pa for Pupil Referral Unit, vs. £4000 pa for mainstream school

Estimated lifetime cost of permanent exclusions from school **£650 million**

Mental health problems



One in ten children and young people aged five to 16 has a clinically recognisable mental disorder

The cost to society of adult mental health problems is currently estimated at more than **£100 billion**

Unstable accommodation



80,000 under 25s become homeless each year

£1 billion spent annually on dealing with homelessness

In care or a care leaver



Estimated **£2.5 billion** was spent on looked after children's services in England in 2013/14

Asylum seeker, refugee or migrant



Many wait 'in limbo' for **5 - 8 years** for their application decisions, unable to continue into education

Estimated **120,000** irregular migrant children live in the UK

Contact with youth justice system



Costs £19 billion a year

Early intervention and prevention for 10% of the young people sentenced to prison **could save over £100 million annually**

WHAT WE DO

VISION: To help transform the lives of children and young people from crisis, to stability, towards independence using the rule of law and child centered advocacy.

360° SUPPORT

- Youth advocacy
- Education law
- Community care law
- Youth opportunities
- Young parents
- Ambassadors
- Hardship fund

ENSURING RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

- Litigation
- Policy work
- Lobbying
- Campaigning
- Direct advocacy
- Advice

BRINGING ABOUT SYSTEMIC CHANGE

- Youth Justice Legal Centre
- Strategic litigation
- Training
- Policy work
- Campaigning
- Youth participation



YOUNG PEOPLE



ORGANISATIONAL STABILITY

OUR VALUES

WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE



HOW WE WORK

ISSUES FACED BY OUR CLIENTS

**On average each of client has experienced 2.3 issues*

51%
Housing
and homelessness



18%
Employment



38%
Education



51%
Health
and social
care



19%
Immigration
and nationality



9%
Youth
justice



We address these factors
HOLISTICALLY:

Specialist Legal Advice & Representation

• Youth Justice • Education • Community Care

**Independent
Youth Advocacy**



**Support into Education
& Employment**

**Youth Ambassadors
Programme**

**We also work for
structural change:**



**Strategic
Litigation**



**Policy
Reform**



**Legal Training
& Resources**



**Sharing Youth
Justice Expertise**

OUR WORK

Handled **723** CASES

54% INCREASE
from 2013

Worked in
31 Greater
London
Boroughs

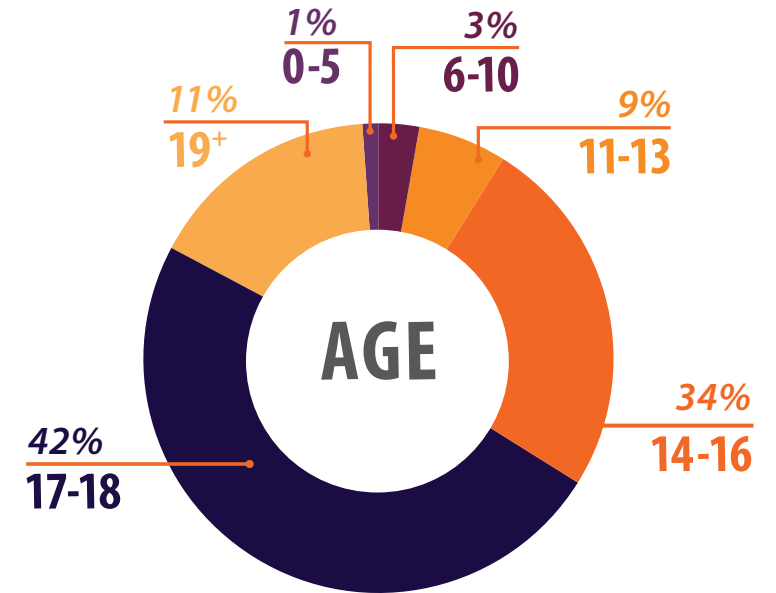
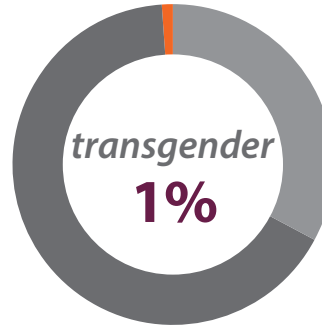
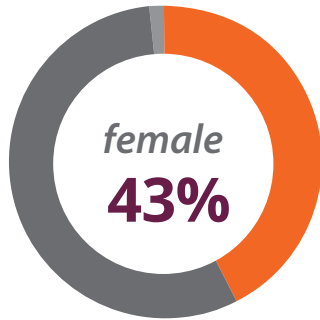
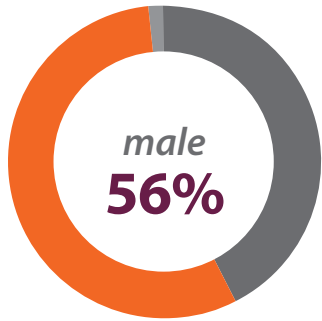


We supported
FORTY
VOLUNTEERS



*We have launched our new
West London office*

OUR CLIENTS



VULNERABILITY FACTORS

**On average our clients have 2.6 vulnerability factors, an increased vulnerability from 2012/13*

48%
Unstable accommodation

18%
Excluded from school

27%
In care or a care leaver

15%
Known to have experienced child abuse

14%
Unstable immigration status

11%
Experienced domestic violence

16%
Mental health problems

11%
Learning disabled

32%
Contact with youth justice system

ISSUES FACED BY OUR CLIENTS

*On average each of client has experienced 2.3 issues



OUR OUTCOMES

64%

saw improvement in housing situation

81%

saw improvement in health and social care positions

95%

saw improvement in their education position

94%

saw improvement in their education, training or work position

FEEDBACK



98% of our clients were **HAPPY** and 84% were **VERY HAPPY** with the service they received from Just for Kids Law

WHAT OUR CLIENTS SAY

“Thank you for everything you have been doing. **I don't know how I would have done it.** I went to Social Services several times but they didn't hear my speech, so thank you.”

“You've invested your time in me, the foundation. **You are going to see the progress...**”

WHAT THEIR PARENTS SAY

“**I will never forget the cloud of unconditional support** you provided at that time in my life.”

“...you played a vital role and **your commitment left an indelible mark on us** and also helped us to understand the cycles of neglect and abuse in the educational system... Thank you for sharing your professional skills and giving love, encouragement, and hope to children and families in need.”

“**Just for Kids Law is a really wonderful NGO run by a remarkable set of lawyers led by Shauneen Lambe...they really know their stuff in this area.**”

- *Baroness Helena Kennedy, House of Lords 2014*

CLIENT SURVEY



94%

of our young clients said JfK Law's help had **made a difference to their situation**



72% said they knew nothing or not much about their rights before JfK Law's help.

Afterwards, **all of them** had some knowledge, with **74%** saying they now knew a lot about their rights

83%

said their situation was affecting them a lot before JfK Law's help.



Afterwards, that had reduced to **2%**

After our help,

90%

said they felt positive about their futures; up from 49% beforehand



98% **WOULD USE JfK LAW AGAIN**

98% **WOULD RECOMMEND JfK LAW TO A FRIEND**

WORKING FOR SYSTEMIC CHANGE

YOUTH JUSTICE



We responded to over **100** external youth justice enquiries



We responded to **six consultation papers** about youth justice; our ambassadors gave oral evidence on two occasions separately

We attended over 12 discussions in parliament

Shauneen Lambe acted as an **advisor to Independent Parliamentary Inquiry into Operation & Effectiveness of Youth Court**, led by Lord Carlile



We **delivered over 25 training sessions and speeches**, to organisations ranging from the Law Commission to the Faculty of Forensic Medicine to Youth Offending Teams



We acted as legal intervenors, providing expert evidence on youth justice issues, in **3 CASES IN HIGH COURT & COURT OF APPEAL**

Barristers and QCs from leading chambers provided Just for Kids Law with **Pro Bono Legal Representation** to enable legal interventions



WORKING TO ENSURE THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

CAMPAIGNS

Our **#stillachildat17 campaign** calls for an end to ALL legal loopholes that allow arrested 17 year olds to be treated as adults in the police station. The campaign has been extensively covered, including in *Sunday Times*, *BBC Newsnight*, *BBC Radio 1*, *BBC North-West*; and prompted a debate in the House of Lords.



Our **youth ambassadors campaign** for the rights of other **young people**, including campaigning for young migrants with university places to have the same right to student finance as everyone else

INFORMATION



Our **'stop and search' video**, informing young people of their rights when they are stopped and searched by the police, was launched in June 2014 and **has been viewed over 900 times**

TRAINING



We trained over **100 PROFESSIONALS**

"The training was incredibly helpful and well toned. There was so much that will prove useful to our work"