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**

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| 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

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**ORGANISATIONAL STABILITY**

**OUR VALUES**
WHAT SUCCESS LOOKS LIKE

CRISIS

STABILITY

POSITIVE ACTIVITIES

SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT
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
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We address these factors HOLISTICALLY:

- Specialist Legal Advice & Representation
  • Youth Justice
  • Education
  • Community Care

- Support into Education & Employment

- Independent Youth Advocacy

- Youth Ambassadors Programme

We also work for structural change:

- Strategic Litigation
- Legal Training & Resources
- Policy Reform
- Sharing Youth Justice Expertise
OUR WORK

Handled 723 CASES

54% INCREASE from 2013

Worked in 31 Greater London Boroughs

We supported FORTY VOLUNTEERS who were involved for 2,500 HOURS

REDUCED COST by individual case: 7%

We have launched our new West London office
OUR CLIENTS

- Male: 56%
- Female: 43%
- Transgender: 1%

AGE

- 0-5: 1%
- 6-10: 3%
- 11-13: 9%
- 14-16: 34%
- 17-18: 42%

VULNERABILITY FACTORS

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

- Unstable accommodation: 48%
- Excluded from school: 18%
- In care or a care leaver: 27%
- Known to have experienced child abuse: 15%
- Unstable immigration status: 14%
- Experienced domestic violence: 11%
- Mental health problems: 16%
- Learning disabled: 11%
- Contact with youth justice system: 32%
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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
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 six consultation papers about youth justice; our ambassadors gave oral evidence on two occasions separately.

We responded to over 100 external youth justice enquiries.

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.
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.

WORKING TO ENSURE THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

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

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