Figure 4
Overview of custodial provision for children, December 2021

Custodial provision for children varies in size, and by the age and type of children placed in their care

	Secure children's homes (SCHs)	Secure training centres (STCs)	Young offender institutions (YOIs)
Type of provision	SCHs accommodate particularly vulnerable children, including those detained on welfare grounds. They are small facilities with the highest staff-to-child ratios, compared with other types of establishment.	STCs accommodate more vulnerable children than those in YOIs but less than in SCHs. They are small establishments with a high staff-to-child ratio.	YOIs are similar to adult prisons in design. They are larger and have lower staff-to-child ratios than STCs and SCHs. Each YOI is designed to accommodate different groups of children with varying degrees of vulnerability.
Age range	10–17 year-olds	12–17 year-olds	15–17 year-olds
Gender	Boys and girls	Boys and girls	Boys only (with the exception of a girl's unit at HMYOI Wetherby)
Number of establishments	8	1	5
Number of places nationwide[1]	107	80	861
Regions	County Durham, Gloucestershire, Lancashire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Wales, Yorkshire[2]	Buckinghamshire[3]	Kent, London, Stafford, Wales, Yorkshire
Average annual cost per place (£) as at January 2020[4]	210,000	160,000	76,000
Operated by	Local authority – overseen by Department for Education or Welsh Government.	Private providers, overseen by Youth Custody Service.	Four YOIs run by Her Majesty's Prison & Probation Service and one run by a private provider (G4S).
Inspected by	The Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted).	Ofsted (lead), HM Inspectorate of Prisons, and Care Quality Commission.	HM Inspectorate of Prisons (lead), and Ofsted.

Notes

1 This is the number of places available in England and Wales.

2 Yorkshire has two SCHs.

3 In December 2021, Her Majesty's Prison & Probation Service closed Rainsbrook STC. The one remaining STC (Oakhill) is in Milton Keynes.

4 These figures were taken from House of Commons Library Briefing Paper Number 8557, January 2020, *Youth Custody*. The figures have been rounded to the nearest £'000 and are based on the average price per place for the year 2016/17. We have not reperformed these calculations.

Source: National Audit Office summary of the Ministry of Justice's and Her Majesty's Prison & Probation Service's documents and data