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Youth Justice Board

The Magistrates' Association is delighted to learn that the Government has accepted an amendment that the Youth Justice Board (YJB) should not be included in the Public Bodies Bill and therefore the YJB will not be abolished. The Association on behalf of youth court magistrates has been campaigning long and hard to keep the YJB.

John Bache, Chairman of the Youth Courts Committee, said, "The Magistrates' Association has developed an increasingly robust relationship with the YJB over the last few years and this has undoubtedly been of great benefit to both organizations and, most importantly, to the youth justice system itself. We are delighted that our active support has been productive and we look forward to a continuing excellent relationship with the YJB in the years to come."

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