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Delivering juvenile justice: reflections on comparative research with practitioners' in England/Wales and Japan

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In this paper the author highlights cross-national themes in delivering juvenile justice in two criminal justice jurisdictions: England/Wales and Japan. These cases were purposively selected after some scoping of international delivery models and observations of practice which highlighted parallels and distinctions between youth justice approaches in these contexts and indirect links through a shared and lengthy history of colonial power and policy transfer. Drawing on empirical research with practitioners in both jurisdictions the paper will highlight the governance of youth crime, focusing on a key theme regarding young-person centred practice and the idea of success. Such comparative work between England/Wales and Japan is sparse, and the paper will provide reflection on the implications of the cross-national comparisons and identify areas for empirical growth and analysis.