



Haringey Youth Offending Service

Youth Offending Service

- Established in 2000 in response to the Government's Crime and Disorder Act 1998. Statutory duty on partners to provide resources.
- Works with children and young people between the ages of 10 and 17 years
- Remit is to work with young people to prevent offending and reduce re-offending
- Multi-agency approach - agencies based within the YOS
- Made up of staff from the police, probation, social workers, health, ETE, substance misuse, housing and parenting workers, support/outreach workers
- Practice overseen by Youth Justice Board (YJB), now being transferred to the Ministry of Justice (MoJ).

Youth Offending Service

- Needs are identified using ASSET/ONSET assessment tool
- It identifies the specific areas that contribute to the young person offending
- Measures the likelihood of re-offending, the risk they pose to others of harm and serious harm as well as their own vulnerability.
- Enables the YOS to identify suitable programmes to address the needs of the young person with the intention of preventing further offending



Prevention Team

- Work with children and young people between the ages of 8-18 and their parents on voluntary basis
- Work with children and families who have not been through the Youth Justice System
- Contributes to reducing the number of first time entrants into Youth Justice System
- Staff link with various schools, children's centres and allocate work to Challenge and Support, YIP and IIP
- Referrals come mainly from CAF panel, schools, police, SNTs

Intervention Teams

- 3 Casework teams – responsible for statutory case management of Referral Orders, Reparation Orders, Youth Rehabilitation Orders (with up to 18 requirements), and Detention and Training Orders
- Additional services – assessments for substance misuse, parenting, group work, ETE, accommodation; police final warnings and reprimands
- 1 Court and Pre-Sentence report writing team – Servicing Youth Court, preparation of Pre-Sentence reports and Bail Supervision and Support packages and Remand work.
- Satellite service twice a week at Keston Centre for enhanced/intensive cases and standard cases.

National Standards

- All work on Court orders carried out in line with national Standards
- Fail to comply and young people are returned to Court.
- Contact in line with the Scaled Approach.

Scaled Approach

- Designed to ensure that contact levels are in accordance with assessed levels of risk and need.
- Based on assessment of criminogenic factors as defined in ASSET
- Applies to all types of order.

Scaled Approach



- Standard Contact: Low likelihood of reoffending (ASSET score of 0 to 14 inc) AND low risk of serious harm
- Enhanced Contact: medium likelihood of reoffending (15 to 32 inc) OR medium risk of serious harm
- Intensive Contact: High Likelihood of reoffending (33 to 64) OR High or very High risk of serious harm.

Contact Frequency Minimum requirements

- **STANDARD CONTACT:** 2 contacts per month for the first three months and then monthly thereafter.
- **ENHANCED CONTACT:** 4 contacts per month for the first three months and then 2 per month thereafter
- **INTENSIVE CONTACT:** 12 per month for the first three months and then weekly thereafter.

Interventions

- One to one work
- Offence focused
- Behavioural
- Groupwork (YBMG, YWG, OBG, WA, VA)
- Victim awareness
- Reparation
- Parenting
- ETE
- Mental Health
- Substance Misuse
- Mentoring

Sentencing Options

- Referral Orders
- Youth Rehabilitation Order
- Custody

Referral Orders



- First Conviction.
- Pleads Guilty
- Referral Order Reports
- Referral Order Panels
- Referral Order Contracts

Pre Sentence Reports

- **Sources of Information**
- **Offence Analysis**
- **Assessment of Young Person**
- **Assessment of Parenting**
- **Assessment of Risk (inc LoR, RoH and dangerousness where appropriate)**
- **Conclusion**

Purpose of YRO

- Simplifies juvenile sentencing structure
- Sentencing proposal tailored to individual risk and need
- A menu of interventions to tackle offending behaviour
- Provides robust community sentences
- Can be used on multiple occasions by adapting the “menu”

YRO requirements

1. Supervision Requirement
2. Programme Requirement
3. Activity Requirement
4. Attendance Centre Requirement
5. Curfew Requirement
6. Education Requirement
7. Residence Requirement (16/17 year olds only)
8. Local Authority Residence Requirement
9. Drug Treatment Requirement
10. Drug Testing Requirement (14 years old or over)

YRO Requirements

11. Mental Health Treatment Requirement
12. Intoxicating Substance Treatment Requirement
13. Exclusion Requirement
14. Prohibited Activity Requirement
15. Electronic Monitoring Requirement
16. Unpaid Work Requirement (16/17 year olds only)

CUSTODY THRESHOLD

17. Intensive Fostering
18. Intensive Supervision and Surveillance

Detention and Training Order

- Custodial sentence specifically designed for youths.
- Sentence between 4 months and 24 months
- Half term in custody with second half in the community.