



# **Youth Justice Team**

# **Service Provision**

## Introduction

The Youth Justice Team was formed in 2005. It is located in Housing and Community Care and based within St Martin's House and St Catherine's. The Team consists of Team Leader, three social workers and three full time Social Care Officers and one Criminal Justice Assistant. The team provides services to young people between the 12 and 21 years old and where appropriate their parents/carers.

The Youth Justice Team provide the following services:

### 12 to 16 year olds

**Early Intervention Service:** A brief intervention to young people who have limited, low level offending.

**Persistent/Serious Offenders:** Likely to be a longer and more intensive intervention and support to young people who have 5 episodes of offending or more within the last six months or a serious charge.

**Violent Behaviours:** Assessment and intervention with young people who display violent behaviours/offences.

**Sexualised Behaviours:** Assessment and intervention with young people who, display sexually harmful behaviours.

**Activity Based Programmes:** Primarily focussing on skills development with the young people and linking this to activities that provide opportunities to practice these skills in a safe and stimulating environments.

### 16 to 21 year olds

**Diversion from Prosecution:** Where the Procurator Fiscal has offered Diversion from prosecution and the young person has accepted they committed the offence; a time limited assessment and intervention programme is offered, usually no longer than three months.

**Preparation of Court Reports:** Submission of Social Enquiry, Supplementary Social Enquiry and Probation Progress Reports to District, Sheriff and High Courts.

**Right Track 16-21:** Provides the opportunity to engage with both low and high tariff offenders, to either meet their criminogenic and underlying welfare issues within in three month period; or to prepare them for an alternative community disposal, such as Probation and/or Community Service.

**Maintain Probation Orders:** By meeting or exceeding the requirements contained within National Standards for Social Work in Criminal Justice. Probation Orders can be a maximum of three years in duration.

**Throughcare Provision:** This service is provided to those who receive a custodial sentence.

**Maintain Supervised Release Orders or Extended Sentences:** This service is provided to those who receive either of these disposals as part of their sentence.

### **Process**

Where there is agreement that the young person meets the requirements for the service or a Court Report is requested. The following process would be followed:

#### **Transition In** (likely to be between three and six weeks)

Assessment, or, updated assessment, utilising appropriate assessment tool.

In relation to High Risk of Harm or Sexualised Behaviour an individual Safety Plan would start to be developed.

Development of Intervention Plan and exploration of other agencies that are likely to be able to contribute to this.

Agreement with young person (and where appropriate parent/carer) regarding the areas to be addressed, how this will be delivered and anticipated review date.

Review– to agree individual intervention, support agencies, how and when they will provide service. Set first review date for intervention phase.

### **Intervention**

Frequency of contact and identified areas start to be addressed.

Review - to explore: any further offending, progress of intervention and potential changes to intervention programme.

Update assessment

Preparation for transition out

### **Transition Out**

Identify support needs for transition out:

Link back to Child Care and Through Care After Care (where appropriate);  
Education/Employment;  
Housing;  
Benefits;  
Links to Universal Services;  
Access to Drop in Service;

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