

Isle of Wight Youth Offending Team

**YOUTH CRIME
PREVENTION**

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Aiming to reduce the number of first time entrants into the youth justice system.

What is the Youth Crime Prevention service?

We are a team within the Isle of Wight Youth Offending Team that aims to transform young people's lives and divert them away from the criminal justice system.

Our approach

- We deliver specific targeted work to young people who are at risk of taking part in offending behaviour and/or antisocial behaviour.
- We will focus intervention work around offending and/or antisocial behaviour.
- We can also offer support with associated issues such as anger management, low self-esteem and substance misuse.

We do this by

- One to one sessions with young people for a period of between 6 and 12 weeks.
- Taking young people to the police station, to see police custody and visits to youth court.
- Positive activities in the community.

Criteria for referral

Any young person aged 10 to 17 (inclusive), who is at risk of offending and who:

- Has within the past three months engaged in anti-social behaviour; and/or
- Has, within the past three months, come to the attention of the police due to their behaviour in the community but has not yet received formal sanction; and/or
- Has siblings/parents who have been convicted of offending where the referred child is exhibiting similar behaviour.

All referrals will be screened upon receipt against the criteria above. Where those criteria are deemed not to be met, advice and/or feedback will be provided along with signposting to other services as appropriate.

How can young people be referred?

The young person and parent/carer must sign the referral form to state they have agreed to referral being completed.

Please complete the youth crime prevention referral form. Referrals should be emailed to *youth.offending@iow.gcsx.gov.uk* or any enquiries please see contact details below.

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Parent- 'YCP has massively helped us-without you I don't know where we would be if it wasn't for you. We were at our lowest, things are going good now'.

Child-11yrs 'I have really liked doing it-being able to talk about things and not feeling like there is something wrong with me'.

Child-14yrs 'Only done it a couple of times but have liked it so far-think it could really help me'.

Mum-'Don't know what you have said to him but at the minute it seems to work- the other week was the first week for as long as I can remember that I haven't been called up to the school to collect him'.

Feedback from a Social Worker- I wanted to share with you the positive feedback about you and * --- she was really full of praise and presented as so much brighter in mood than I have seen her for a while. ... Thanks and well done * ... and keep doing!!