

YOUTH CRIME PREVENTION (YCP) AND YOUTH JUSTICE SERVICE (YJS)

Aim: To be aware of significant adults living with or having a significant impact on the lives of children.

- **Referral accepted – Youth Crime Prevention (YCP) – Concerns in 2 out of 3 areas: home, community and school.**
- **Child issued with out of court disposal or sentenced through court – YCP / YJS / Turnaround Team.**
- **Child who has come into contact with the police and/or courts within a set criteria – Turnaround Team.**
- **Court imposes a court order such as a Referral Order / Court report requested – YJS.**
 - YJS agency checks are completed (e.g. children’s services, education).
 - A home visit should be arranged as part of the report / assessment process. A home visit risk assessment to be completed by YCP / YJS worker prior to visit. If any concerns are raised police can be asked to carry out further checks.
 - Parenting Officer will complete a consultation on all cases where the court have requested a Pre-Sentence Report (PSR). During the PSR process, if the court or the YJS have identified a need for a Parenting Order, an assessment will be undertaken.
 - Parenting Officer can offer voluntary parenting interventions when there is a clear link to parenting and the child being at risk of offending or re-offending.
 - Restorative Justice Officer may have contact with the parent in cases where the parent is the victim of violence from the child.



Where an assessment or assessment review is undertaken

- Information gathered from other key agencies.
- Children’s social care records are routinely checked for information where a ‘new’ adult is identified, or checks made via police admin.
- Pathway to mutually share information with Probation – any parents, adult siblings and other adults open to their service that are in contact with the child.
- Visit to child/family undertaken and information sought from family including extended family.
- Information sought from child and parent / carer are encouraged to complete separate self-assessment forms.
- Observations made during home visits.



Where the child/family are in receipt of ongoing intervention/services

- Information sought from child/family/other agencies at all stages of assessment, intervention and review.
- Information sought (or received) from other agencies/individuals including admin staff supporting YJS from other agencies e.g. police.
- Observations made during home visits and other contacts.
- Specific intervention tools used which identify key historic and current adults e.g. exercises using genograms, identifying sources of support and key timelines in a child's life.

YCP / YJS staff will always be vigilant about all members of the household, children and adults.

Where new information comes to light the primary adult/s in the household would be asked for clarification as to the identity of 'new' household members or of key adults who are taking an active role in a child's life.