

what is the
warwickshire
youth offending team?

Information for parents/carers

Warwickshire Youth Offending Team
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The Youth Offending Team was formed in response to the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. This required every local authority to bring together representatives of key agencies.

In Warwickshire this includes personnel from:

- Social Services
- Probation
- Police
- Education and ConneXions
- Health

working in partnership with other teams and agencies.

The main aim of the team is to 'prevent youth offending' supported by the six key objectives of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998:

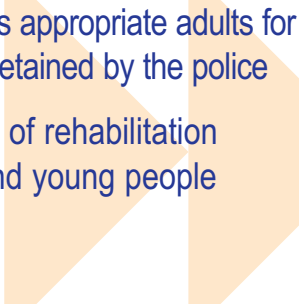
- 1. Swift administration of justice**
- 2. Confronting young people with the consequences of their behaviour**
- 3. Provision of intervention which tackles the particular factors which put young people at risk of offending**
- 4. Punishment proportionate to the seriousness and persistence of offending**
- 5. Encouraging reparation by young offenders**
- 6. Reinforcing the responsibility of parents.**

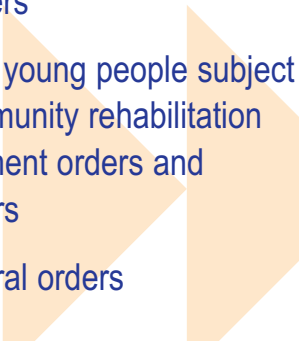
DUTIES

The Youth Offending Team has two main duties:

- to co-ordinate the provision of youth justice services for all those in the area who need them
- to carry out such functions as are assigned to it in the local youth justice plans.

SERVICES PROVIDED

- provision of persons to act as appropriate adults for children and young people detained by the police
 - assessments and provision of rehabilitation programmes for children and young people subject to a final warning
 - provision of bail support
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- placement of children and young people remanded to local authority accommodation
 - provision of reports and other information required by the courts and criminal proceedings
 - provision of responsible officers in relation to parenting orders, child safety orders, reparation orders and action plan orders
 - supervision of children and young people subject to supervision orders, community rehabilitation orders, community punishment orders and detention and training orders
 - the implementation of referral orders (from April 2002)
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REDUCTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER

The Youth Offending Team also plays an active role within:

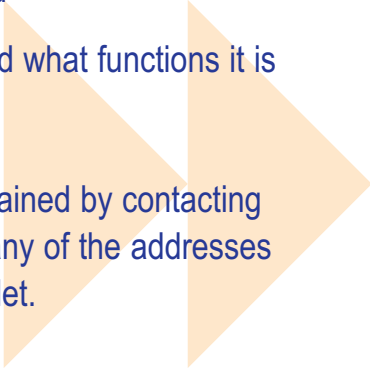
- crime reduction partnerships
- drug action teams
- area child protection committees
- area criminal justice liaison committees and court user groups
- social and economic regeneration groups

WARWICKSHIRE YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN

The annual plan is submitted to the Youth Justice Board and sets out:

- how youth justice services are to be provided and funded in Warwickshire
- how the team is composed
- how the team operates and what functions it is to carry out

A copy of the plan may be obtained by contacting the Youth Offending Team at any of the addresses shown on the back of this leaflet.



THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF THE YOUTH OFFENDING TEAM

The principles and values of restorative justice underpin all policies and procedures of Warwickshire Youth Offending Team. These reflect a greater emphasis on the victim perspective which, where appropriate, is taken into account in the Criminal Justice process.

The key concepts underlying this are:

RESTORATION (acknowledging the needs and wishes of the victims of youth crime)

REINTEGRATION (young offenders paying their debt to society and to their victims and rejoining the community as law abiding individuals)

RESPONSIBILITY (young offenders and their parents accepting the consequences of offending and being held accountable for their actions)

EQUALITY PRACTICE STATEMENT

- Warwickshire Youth Offending Team has a commitment to provide service and support with sensitivity and awareness of the issues associated with oppression, and social exclusion.
- We hold the belief that everyone has the right to equality and individual respect. We will endeavour to promote this through knowledge, understanding, and where appropriate, advocacy.
- We are committed to challenging and confronting views which oppose this ideology.

CONTACTS

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