

what is a
**pre-sentence
report?**

Information for young people

Warwickshire Youth Offending Team
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WHAT IS A PRE-SENTENCE REPORT?

This is a report asked for by the Court when you have pleaded guilty or have been found guilty.

It is to help the magistrates know more about you and to see why you were involved in the crime.


A Youth Offending Team worker will write the report when he or she has seen you and your parent(s), guardian(s) or carer(s) at home.

The report will make a suggestion as to what should happen to you. This will help the Magistrates to decide on the right sentence.

The report must usually be written within two weeks.

WHAT DOES A YOUTH OFFENDING TEAM WORKER DO?

He or she will ask you about:

- the offence(s)
 - your feelings about the crime and the victim(s)
 - your home and family
 - your school or work
 - he or she will talk to your teachers and others to find out more about you.
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WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?

Be there for the appointment(s) and answer questions helpfully.

Attend Court on the right day and at the right time.

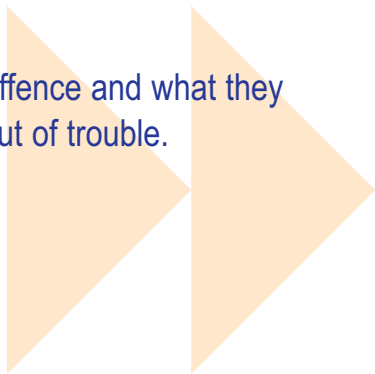
Stay out of trouble while on bail.



WHAT DO YOUR PARENTS/ GUARDIANS/ CARERS HAVE TO DO?

Be there for one of the appointments and answer some of the questions.

Say how they feel about the offence and what they have done to help you keep out of trouble.



WHO WILL SEE THE REPORT?

The report will not be read out loud in Court but will be seen by:

- you
- your parent(s)/guardian or carer
- your defence and prosecution solicitors
- court officers
- the magistrates

You will be given a copy of the report at Court.

The name of the worker who will write your report is:

Telephone contact:

WHEN WILL I HAVE TO SEE SOMEONE ABOUT THE REPORT?



You will be given an appointment card and clear directions about where to go.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

We will treat you fairly and with respect.

We expect you not to use comments or behaviour which is:

- racist
 - sexist
 - makes others feel uncomfortable
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YOUR RIGHTS

If you are unhappy with how you have been treated by a person from the Youth Offending Team tell us by:

- talking to your worker

OR

- telephoning the Unit Manager at your worker's office

OR

- ask for the Complaints Leaflet

CONTACTS

Warwickshire County Council
departments of Education and Social
Services, in partnership with
Warwickshire Health Authority,
Warwickshire Probation, Warwickshire
Police with Bail/Remand Services
provided by Barnardos.

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