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youth offending team?

Information for young people

Warwickshire Youth Offending Team
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WHAT IS THE WARWICKSHIRE YOUTH OFFENDING TEAM?

The Youth Offending Team was formed in 1999.

Every local authority has, by law, to bring together people from key agencies to help prevent offending and work with young people.

In Warwickshire this includes people from:

- Social Services
- Probation

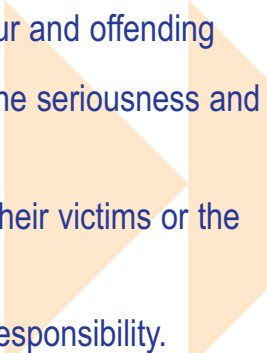
- Police
- Education
- Health
- ConneXions

working in partnership with other teams and agencies.



The main aim of the team is to 'prevent youth offending'.


It does this in six ways by making sure that:

1. the time from arrest to sentence is short
 2. young people understand the consequences of their behaviour
 3. work is provided which looks at the causes of young people's misbehaviour and offending
 4. any punishment relates to the seriousness and persistence of offending
 5. young offenders work with their victims or the community
 6. parents are aware of their responsibility.
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SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE TEAM

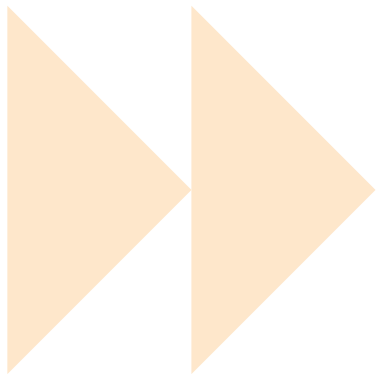
The Youth Offending Team:

- acts as appropriate adults for children and young people held at the police station
- assesses and provides programmes of work for children and young people subject to a final warning
- provides support for young people on bail

- finds accommodation for children and young people remanded to the local authority
 - write reports for courts using information from families and school
 - provides a person who will support and supervise children and young people subject to court orders.
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REDUCTION OF CRIME AND DISORDER

By working with other teams, agencies and district councils we contribute to community safety plans, to prevent offending.



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
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understand, we can provide it in
another format for example in large
print, on audio tape, in another
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