

# Youth crime prevention



**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 Justice Service 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 or antisocial behaviour.
- We will focus intervention work around offending 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; 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; or
- Has siblings or 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 feedback will be provided along with signposting to other services as appropriate.

## How can young people be referred?

The young person and parent or carer must sign the referral form to state they have agreed to the referral being completed. Referrals should be emailed to **[youthjusticeservice@iow.gov.uk](mailto:youthjusticeservice@iow.gov.uk)**



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