



Richmond Borough Youth Offending Team Bi-monthly Newsletter



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Welcome to the latest edition of Richmond Borough's Youth Offending Team

This newsletter provides updates on the current information from the Borough's Youth Offending Team. If you would like any further information, or would like to contribute to the newsletter, please contact us

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In this issue

The main focus of this newsletter will be:

1. Transitions
2. Case Planning
3. Programmes

There have been a number of changes within the Youth Offending Team since our last newsletter. We have undertaken our first ever transitions programme on 10 September. The transition programme follows the 'Best Journey to Adult Life' model. This represents the dynamic and ever-changing developmental process of a young person's life course, with the transition to adulthood depicted as an important 'journey'. Best practice guidelines for the transition to adulthood Core aims of the YOT transition are as follows:

- Collaboration
- Capacity buildings
- Navigation
- Information
- Education
- Research

The session will be held once a month for an hour. The main focus of the group will be to discuss the differences between the YOT and Probation in terms of culture and to place more responsibility on the young person regarding ownership over their Orders. It will also look at the local services available to young people with a chance to make referrals to the services in light of their identified need. All young people will receive a booklet of the mapped services that are offered in the London borough of Richmond. It is also recognised that there is a high breach rate for young people that are transferred to probation from YOT in those initial stages and therefore to support young people with this transition this and to further enhance the transfer process a bank of volunteers will be available to support these young people for a period of three month after their Order as been transferred to support after care arrangements for a period of three months.

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A volunteer will co-deliver this group and co-ordinate the provision of non-statutory services and voluntary services for young people in order to sustain change. This volunteer will also support young adults in relation to accessing adult services and ensuring sustained engagement, aiming to reduce non-compliance with probation as one such example.

In relation to sustained outcomes, volunteering roles will also be integrated into the Triage Surgery to support young people with engagement in non-statutory services to maintain diversion from the criminal Justice system over the longer term. This volunteer will also provide a link with the Youth Exclusion Service (YES) to provide 12 week action plans for those at risk of offending and at risk of entering the criminal justice system.

Case Planning Model and Additionality:

A Case Planning Model has been developed in order to monitor and provide additionality to these cases identified as being high risk of harm, likelihood of re-offending and or vulnerability. A volunteer has been developed in order to provide coordination and mapping of current third sector and voluntary groups/services for young people, their families and victims of youth crime. This volunteer will also support the coordination of volunteers, from the YOT volunteer bank, to provide additional services for high risk young people and/or those families that present with complex and additional needs (including the troubled families agenda). This volunteer will sit on the case planning panel on a monthly basis and offer suggested additional interventions to meet the needs of service users via the volunteer database.

Richmond YOT Referral Order Offending Behaviour Programme (Standard/Enhanced 24 max. asset score)

The Referral Order offending behaviour programme has been devised in order to provide consistent, high quality intervention to meet the needs of young people at Low/Medium risk of re-offending. The programme is designed as a rolling programme over a period of six months and will be delivered on a fortnightly basis in line with Standard and low enhanced level reporting and the scaled approach.

Outline of rolling programme and sessions:

Session 1 Offence Categories - values and beliefs

Session 2 Choices and consequences

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Session 4 Empathy awareness

Session 5 Citizenship and victim empathy

Session 6 – victim empathy including apology letter

Session 7 Peers and Joint enterprise

Session 8 Coldingly Prison visit

Session 9 stop and search

Session 10 Health

Session 11 Goal Setting and ETE

Session 12 Constructive leisure, transitions and action planning

The majority of these sessions are AQA awarded.