



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 news letter will be:

1. Improving the approach to intervention
2. Victim satisfaction

Bi Monthly Statistics and trends

Victim Statistics for Restorative Justice

Gender: 80% male, 20% female

Ethnicity: 60% Asian, 40% unknown

Contact made to victim:

80% victim contact

20% unsuccessful attempts

Reason for non-contact

100% of unsuccessful contacts were a result of non victim consent

Assessments

100% assessments for those victims that were contacted

Offence: 80% violence offence, 20% Acquisitive Crimes

Victim satisfaction

100% satisfied outcomes for those that undertook restorative justice (RJ) intervention. 25% cases had an RJ conference, whilst 75% received other forms of direct RJ process.

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Interventions

The YOT is committed to positive, sustained outcomes for young people. As part of its current plans to improve service delivery and target resources to those who most need intervention and support, it is currently developing programme led packages of intervention. The programme led interventions will focus on key areas of risk in relation to risk of re-offending and harm.

Potential target audiences for programme led intervention are likely to include:

- young people who are subject to a Referral Order and assessed as Standard;
- young people assessed as high risk of serious harm to the public; and
- young people assessed as persistent offenders.

It is anticipated that a programme led set of interventions will improve outcomes for children and provide capacity for intensive intervention for those assessed as requiring enhanced or intensive intervention.

As a result we have introduced two new programmes which are as follows:

Healthy Living Programme

A nine week programme that focuses on sexual health and relationships, substance misuse, first aid, budgeting, healthy eating, constructive leisure activity, and a session with the St Johns Ambulance.

Work this Way Programme

Objective

A 14 Week venture to engage with up to five identified NEET/YOT offenders on a bespoke youth employment project.

Each Individual will participate in a series of planned employability skills workshops followed by up to 12 weeks part-time paid work experience placement within the ECCS directorate of Richmond Council.

Both of these programmes can be statutory sessions and included within a Referral Order contract and or Programme or Activity Requirement as part of a Youth Rehabilitation Order.

YOT updates

Victim processes and engagement

Following a number of changes to services for victims across the YOT, it is anticipated that victim engagement, satisfaction and restorative outcomes is set to increase.

The YOT now has a Virtual Victim Team and a dedicated restorative approaches worker who is committed to completing restorative justice suitability assessments for all young people and victims of youth crime in Richmond borough. The assessment seeks to consider compatibility and risk in relation to direct victim/offender restorative justice conferences and reparation. This has seen a marked improvement in the delivery of victim led approaches to addressing youth crime and victim engagement. This approach is also set to be reinforced by the restorative justice training for all panel members in October 2012 and February 2013 and the re-launching of panel members as restorative justice volunteers, who are set to co-facilitate restorative conferences across the YOT, from prevention to post court.

We are currently evaluating the success of this delivery model and regular reports regarding victim engagement, satisfaction and impact on recidivism will be provided as part of this newsletter over the coming months.