

**Criteria for the Delivery**

**of**

**Preventions Interventions**

 **with**

**Children and Young People**

**Introduction**

South Tees Youth Justice Service (STYJS) can deliver bespoke interventions to young people at risk of crime and anti-social behaviour or where there behaviours are impacted upon their engagement and inclusion in Education Training or Employment

Referrals into this service can be made by any service working with children and young people aged 10 years plus, where they meet the criteria detailed below, and the STYJS intervention will be designed to complement ongoing work and offer additional intervention to engage the young person and challenge their behaviour.

The focus of the work will be to work from a whole family approach, providing support and intervention to engage and challenge the family.

Priority will be given to the following groups:

* Young people engaged in anti-social behaviour who come to the attention of the Police or Anti-Social Behaviour Teams and are identified as priority targets
* Young people at risk of anti-social behaviour or involved in peer groups involved in crime or anti-social behaviour
* Young people at risk of exclusion from ETE
* Siblings of young people open to the YJS on and OOCD or Court Order

**Referral Processes**

All referrals must be made using the attached form, providing as much information as possible regarding the young person and any known risks. The referrer should also seek consent from the parent/carer for the referral to be made. The referral must also provide an overview of the following:

* Work that has been undertaken with the young person
* The focus of the work for STYJS to undertake
* What outcomes the referrer hopes to achieve from this work

The young person and their parent/carer must be made aware of the referral to STYOS.

Referrals should be sent to southteesyjs@middlesbrough.gov.uk and marked for the attention of Sheelagh Gillespie Assistant Operations Manager. Incomplete referral forms will be returned to referrer.

**Interventions Offered**

All young people will be allocated to a STYJS Case Manager who will be the lead for the case and will co-ordinate the delivery of intervention. It is anticipated that the STYJS Case Manager will undertake a joint, introductory meeting with the referrer, the young person and their parent/carer prior to intervention commencing.

All young people will be assessed using the Early Help assessment in for Redcar and Cleveland and the My Family Plan for Middlesbrough cases. The purpose of this assessment will be to identify needs, assess risk and identify any protective/supporting factors which can assist the intervention.

A programme of intervention will be designed to respond to issues identified in the assessment, concerns raised by the referrer and any concerns identified by the young person and their parent/carer.

The voice of the child will underpin all intervention and the young person will be encouraged to have their say on the intervention and in the assessment of the impact of interventions.

Intervention will be based on one to one interaction with the young person, with engagement in group intervention where this is deemed appropriate.

The duration of any STYJS involvement will reflect the issues presented and in cases involvement will be reviewed after 3 months.

The STYJS Case Manager will provide regular feedback to the referrer and a short closure report at the end of the STYJS intervention.

**YOS PREVENTION REFERRAL PROCESS**

Request comes into YOS for Prevention Services



Partnership AOM to check information following which an appointment to be made with referrer by Partnership AOM to discuss work to be completed.



Referral created in Child view and Prevention intervention created.

Case allocated to a YOS Prevention Case Manager to arrange for assessment to be completed and design intervention plan. This to include an initial/introduction visit with the referrer and detail outcomes to be achieved.

Case Manager to update the referral to detail the referral reason.



Following initial contact and design of intervention plan Case Manager to prepare a YOS timetable to be signed off by Partnership AOM. Support worker to undertake sessions as per timetable of sessions



All work to be attached to Childview documents, and all contacts to be entered into Childview and referrer to be informed via email of the work being undertaken



Following final session Case Manager to discuss progress with Partnership AOM and decide if any further work would be beneficial or if there is any need for onward referrals to address any unmet needs.



Case Manager to update assessment and request that the young person provide feedback on their YOS experience.



Following completion of work contact to be entered into Childview by Case Manager and Partnership AOM informed, to note that the Referral is closed. Case Manager to update referrer and provide closure report.