

# PRACTITIONER GUIDE

## Youth Offending Team

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Youth Offending Teams (YOTs) are multi-agency partnerships who work to prevent offending by children and young people. They were formed under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 which places a joint responsibility on partners to work together.

### What services do YOT provide?

- **Supervision** – of children who have offended and are subject to statutory court orders and detention. Intervention is focused on prevention of re-offending balanced alongside the need for public protection.
- **Diversions** – of children who are offending and coming to the attention of the police and managed via out of court disposals.
- **Prevention** – for children at risk of offending. Referrals are accepted from professionals and families.
- **Parenting Support** – for parents/carers of those working with YOT, this may be via court orders of voluntary intervention and signposting.
- **Restorative Justice** – working alongside children and the harmed persons to try and repair the harm caused to them and their wider communities.

Every child working with YOT will have a YOT/Youth Crime Prevention (YCP) worker who coordinates assessment and planning. They adopt a partnership approach to ensure the best possible outcomes for children, families and harmed persons.

### Youth Crime Prevention (YCP)

#### Who can be referred?

Any young person aged 10-16 (inclusive) in Hampshire and 10-17 (inclusive) on Isle of Wight, who is at risk of offending and anti-social behaviour due to:

- Their own behaviour at home, at school or in the community.
- The influence of friends, family, and associates.
- Underlying risk factors that are likely to lead to offending or anti-social behaviour in the future.

Any services offered are voluntary and consent must be gained from the child and parent/guardian.

If you are in any doubt about whether to make a referral, please contact your local YOT team for guidance.

[Youth Crime Prevention Referral Form available here.](#)

### How do we contact them?

#### Hampshire YOT

South East | ☎: 01962 794712

South West | ☎: 02380 498183

✉: [cism.southhantsyot@hants.gov.uk](mailto:cism.southhantsyot@hants.gov.uk) [cism.net](http://cism.net)

North West | ☎: 01256 464034

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#### Isle of Wight YOT

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