

Newcastle YOT Prevention Strategy Youth Inclusion and Support Panel (YISP)

Overview of YISP model

- Multi-agency group that plans interventions for children and young people
- Staffed by Key Worker, Project Officers and Parenting Worker
- Defined referral criteria
- Children and young people aged 8 – 13
- Risk of ASB or offending
- Voluntary involvement
- Interventions delivered by mainstream & community services

Panel Membership

YOT, Education, Police, Health Services, Voluntary and Community Sector, Play Service, Youth Service, Children's Fund, Social Services, YHN and Connexions Service.

Core Principles

- Targeting
- Voluntary engagement of children and families
- Empowerment
- Assessment
- Multi-agency panel
- Multi-agency intervention
- Access to mainstream services

YISP Objectives

- Prevent those children and young people engaged from becoming involved or further involved in offending and anti-social behaviour
- Reduce risk factors and reinforce protective factors
- Ensure that high risk children and young people are integrated into full-time education
- Ensure that children and their families receive relevant services from mainstream public bodies and others

Referral Criteria

- The child/young person is aged 8-13
- Two or more of the partner agencies has concerns requiring a multi-agency response
- The parent/carer and child/young person are willing to take part and give consent for the referral
- Anti-social/nuisance behaviour OR offending behaviour up to, and including a police reprimand.
- The young person displays 4 or more risk factors

Summary

- YISPs aim to prevent anti-social behaviour and offending by those children and young people who are considered to be at high risk of offending.
- They are multi-agency planning groups that offer early intervention based on assessed risk and need. Parenting support in the form of contracts and programmes is offered as part of a range of tailored interventions.

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