

TYS Referral Process

Who we work with:

TYS will work with young people aged 9 - 19 years who:

- Meet the Walsall Level 3 threshold of need and one or more of the YYS criteria,
- Meet the Walsall Level 4 threshold of need, have an allocated social worker and meet one or more of the YYS criteria,
- Are at risk of offending or re-offending

The young person will present multiple complex needs which cannot be met by a single agency in a Universal setting.

According to the Walsall Multi Agency Threshold Guidance children and young people identified as having needs that meet the level 3 threshold of need require a co-ordinated, multi agency response with an identified lead professional.

TYS will not work with young people at Level 1 or 2 but can signpost to alternative services and/or positive activities although we do not buddy children to attend such activities.

TYS Outcome Criteria:

- **Reduction of offending of Looked after Children:** through the ROLAC service and utilising a restorative approach to offending. The ROLAC practitioner will also undertake 1:1 work with carers and young people and encourage self reflection and the use of a restorative approach to harm reduction and behaviour management to increase placement stability and prevent breakdown.
- **Reduction of first time entrants into Youth Justice:** through the Triage system and 1:1 intervention focussing on consequential thinking, education on the consequences of offending and the law, increasing victim empathy and signposting to diversionary activities through our links with the Positive Activities Service.
- **Reduction in incidents of Anti Social Behaviour:** through 1:1 targeted intervention focussing on understanding what is ASB and the law in relation to it, consequential thinking on the impact, improving victim empathy and signposting to diversionary activities through our links with the Positive Activities Service. We work with housing and the community safety team to

identify young people who are subject of acceptable behaviour contracts and can offer 1:1 or group work (where sufficient need).

- **Reduction of re-offending:** where young people have successfully completed a statutory order with the Youth Justice Service but there is outstanding need, young people are “stepped down” to Targeted Youth Support for further voluntary engagement to address identified need.
- **Improve educational attainment and attendance:** where communication or behavioural difficulties are leading to risk of exclusion and single agency intervention has been unsuccessful. TYS will provide 1:1 intervention e.g. conflict resolution, anger management, social and communication skills, motivation/attitude to school, self esteem and confidence and how to manage bullying.
- **Reduce number of young people at risk of child sexual exploitation:** through provision of 1:1 intervention to young people identified as low/medium on the child sexual exploitation screening tool and reducing risk and vulnerability factors through focus on; improving self esteem and confidence, keeping safe and risky behaviours, safety planning and grooming. We link in with the contracted CSE specialist for Walsall where required. **PLEASE NOTE:** CSE is a safeguarding issue and if you believe a child is at risk of significant harm or actively being exploited your first port of call should be a safeguarding referral to MAST.
- **Reduce number of people experiencing harm from domestic abuse:** through appropriate assessment using the young person’s CAADA DASH RIC and targeted 1:1 intervention on; understanding what is abuse, what is a healthy relationship and supporting young people to develop an individual safety and support plan. We link in with the contracted Domestic Abuse support services and will refer to MARAC and MAST as required.
- **Reduction in family and peer conflict:** through targeted 1:1 intervention with the young person focusing on anger management and appropriate conflict resolution, keeping safe, identifying risk, self esteem and confidence, social and communication skills and healthy relationships. Development of opportunities for peer integration through our links with the Positive Activities Service.
- **Reduction in number of young people displaying sexually harmful behaviour:** where young people meet the Level 4 threshold the completion of the AIM2 assessment and intervention will be allocated and supported by the Sexually Harmful Behaviour Service. Where young people meet the Level 3 threshold targeted 1:1 intervention will be developed according to need with support from the SHB service where required.

In Addition:

- TYS have access to Triple P trained practitioners and will periodically offer triple p group work to parents already engaged with TYS or signposted from the Family Information Service. FIS will hold the information of when TYS and other trained practitioners are running their groups.
- Some TYS staff support the delivery and facilitation of the teens and toddlers programme which is an intensive programme designed to reduce risk of teenage pregnancy. Additional information on how to access this programme can be sought from Teenage Pregnancy on 01922 443 940.

Referral Routes:

Prior to making a referral into TYS the referrer MUST ensure that consent has been sought from the Young Person and their parent/carer. Work cannot take place with a young person without this. TYS is a Level 3 service and ultimately cannot enforce engagement, should the needs be such that non engagement would lead to risk of significant harm then a referral will be made to MAST, otherwise the case will be closed to the service with signposting to universal support services.

ROLAC: Consultation on the suitability of referrals for the ROLAC service are available from: ROLAC practitioner, TYS senior practitioner or Team Manager on 01922 714 966.

TRIAGE: Referrals for triage can only be made by the Police, where a young person; has admitted an offence and been given a Community Resolution or been arrested, has no previous reprimands / cautions and lives in the borough of Walsall. Decision around suitability of triage cases happens through discussion with TYS, YJS, the Youth Crime Officer and investigating officer.

New Early Help Referral: Complete early help consent form with relevant information and ensure signed consent. Send to MAST@walsall.gcsx.gov.uk. The case will be screened and the appropriate lead professional will be identified, case will be allocated to TYS where appropriate for the completion of an early help assessment.

Ongoing Level 3/Level 4 Referral: Lead professional or social worker identifies a role for TYS and sends a copy of the completed Early Help/Initial/Core Assessment and associated plan, with clearly identified risks, vulnerabilities and needs, to:

- TYSPanel@walsall.gov.uk; or by post to
- TYS Business Admin Support, Blakenall Village Centre, Thames Road, WS3 1LZ. _

If the assessment is more than three months out of date then we would need the most recent minutes and up to date plan with clearly identified risks, vulnerabilities and needs.

Step - Down:

If TYS are being considered as lead professional for step down then the allocated TYS worker or senior practitioner if unallocated should be consulted prior to and invited to the final step down meeting where the most appropriate lead can be discussed and negotiated in light of outstanding needs. TYS should be provided with final CIN minutes and plan where the decision of the group will be recorded. For Youth Justice Service this will be a copy of the updated ASSET, Risk and Vulnerability management plans and intervention plan.