

Youth Inclusion Support Information Sheet



Youth Inclusion Support is a multi-agency initiative to coordinate services aimed at reducing offending and anti-social behaviour within the city of Portsmouth. The initiative also provides access to other services where the need arises through the Integrated Youth Support Services.

Youth Inclusion Support is aimed at young people who:

- Are aged 8 to 19 years old.
- Live anywhere in Portsmouth
- Meet one of the following criteria:
 - at risk of or involved in offending
 - at risk of or involved in anti-social behaviour
 - on an Acceptable Behaviour Contract (ABC)
 - on an Anti-Social Behaviour Order (ASBO)

Youth Inclusion Support is supported by the Safer Portsmouth Partnership, itself a partnership including the Police, Portsmouth City Council, Primary Care Trust, Youth Offending Team, University, Businesses and Voluntary and Community Sector.

Youth Inclusion Support replaces the referral processes previously operated by individual agencies, such as PYOP and Motiv8. New initiatives aimed at reducing offending and anti-social behaviour are encouraged to join the partnership process.

Process steps for **Youth Inclusion Support**:

1. Any individual or organisation can complete a '**Request for Support Form**', typically with the consent of the young person and/or parent/carer.
2. Request for Support Form sent to the **Youth Inclusion Support Coordinator**.
3. Forms are reviewed at a weekly **Youth Inclusion Support Meeting** and allocated to the lead agency.
4. If there is insufficient information or it is identified that the young person has multiple needs then a further assessment is requested using the **Common Assessment Framework (CAF)** with the young person and/or parent/carer.
5. The completed CAF is returned to the Youth Inclusion Support Meeting and the case allocated to the lead agency that is responsible to coordinate multi-agency input, as necessary.
6. Where it is not possible to allocate a lead agency or multi-agency input (resource and/or information) is requested then the case goes to a monthly **Youth Inclusion Support Panel**.
7. All cases are reviewed on a quarterly basis (or earlier if required) to ensure that young people still require the service or if it is no longer required.

Definitions/Contact details:

- **Request for Support Form**: two page form available from youth.inclusion@portsmouthcc.gov.uk
- **Youth Inclusion Support Coordinator**: based in Community Safety Team at Portsmouth City Council, email: youth.inclusion@portsmouthcc.gov.uk
- **Youth Inclusion Support Meeting**: weekly meeting of agencies offering services, chaired by the Youth Inclusion Support Coordinator or deputy.
- **Common Assessment Framework (CAF)**: nationwide form used to assess needs of children and young people. Further info: www.everychildmatters.gov.uk
- **Youth Inclusion Support Panel**: monthly multi-agency meeting, one in the North and one in the South of the city. Further info: youth.inclusion@portsmouth.gov.uk

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