

SIX KEY OBJECTIVES THE YOUTH OFFENDING TEAM WORKS TOWARDS:

- 1 The swift administration of justice so that every young person accused of breaking the law has the matter resolved without delay
- 2 To confront young offenders with the consequences of their offending
- 3 To put into place interventions that tackle the specific factors which put a young person at risk of re-offending
- 4 To make sure that the punishment is proportionate to the seriousness of the crime
- 5 To reinforce the responsibilities of the parents and to provide advice and guidance to the parents
- 6 Make certain that the young offenders are encouraged to make reparation to their victim(s).

Slough YOT aims to provide a service that is fair to everyone. We will not accept racist, sexist or any other offensive remarks or behaviour from staff members or young people.

We also want a healthy work place, so smoking is not allowed in our offices.

We will not see people if they are under the influence of alcohol or drugs.



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WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO



The Slough Youth Offending Team seeks to enable young people to stop offending and maximise their full potential by working with them towards becoming responsible members of the community.

Slough Youth Offending Team is part of
Slough Children's Services Trust

WHO WE ARE...

Following the 1998 Crime and Disorder Act, Youth Offending Teams (YOTs) were established in all local government areas in England and Wales.

These teams are tasked with carrying out all youth justice services within their area. Slough Youth Offending Team officially came into being on April 1, 2000.

The Slough YOT is a multi-agency team that brings together the experience of police, social care, probation, education and health, in order to prevent offending and re-offending by children and young people.

Having representatives from all agencies based in one team helps to ensure that a more comprehensive and cohesive service is provided.

It is the aim of Slough YOT to engage young people who offend at an early stage, and in the context of their families, so that offending behaviour can be tackled before it becomes entrenched.

Slough YOT operates as part of Slough Children's Services Trust, an independent, not-for-profit company, established in October 2015 to provide social care and support services to children, young people and families in Slough. The YOT is working towards achieving the Trust's vision of ensuring children in Slough are safe, secure and successful.

WHAT DO WE DO?

The aims of the YOT are:

- to reduce the incidents of young offenders sentenced to custody
- to contribute to the protection of the public through supporting local crime reduction strategies
- to provide earlier and more effective interventions when a young person is at risk of offending or has re-offended
- to implement services that are appropriate for the multi racial/multi cultural community of Slough, while ensuring that our practice is targeted at eliminating all forms of discrimination
- to enable young people to repay a debt to victims and the community via reparation

Through detailed assessments and discussions with the young person and their family, the YOT will try to determine the causes of the offending behaviour and the specific issues involved in order to identify any risks they may pose to themselves and others. Steps will then be taken to facilitate a change of the offending lifestyle.

Slough YOT works closely with a number of other agencies in order to provide a full range of services for young people. These include social care, health, education departments/organisations etc.

SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE YOT INCLUDE:

- Supervision of young people who offend who are sentenced to any kind of Order by the Court (i.e. Youth Rehabilitation Order, Referral Order etc.)
- Acting as the appropriate adult during police interviews when a parent is not available
- Supplying bail information and bail support services
- Conducting substance abuse assessments and referrals
- Preparing reports for the Courts
- Providing through care and post-release supervision of young people sentenced to custody
- Offering young people leisure activities to enable them to use their free time constructively
- Assisting young people who are of school age and who are not in school to re-enter school, or find an alternative arrangement to meet their educational needs
- Offering parental and family support through individual and group work
- Liaising with victims in order to obtain their opinions and give them an opportunity to participate in restorative conferencing
- Giving support to young people who are remanded to local authority care or custody.