



**Statement of Purpose:**

The YSG meeting is multi-disciplinary group aimed at ensuring that young people who are at risk of knife crime, child criminal exploitation (CCE) and serious youth violence (SYV) are directed to the appropriate youth support provision. The aim being to ensure that young people are provided with the right support and interventions.

**Chair and Membership:**

The core membership of the group includes representatives from NCC Youth Justice Service (YJS) and NCC Youth Service (YS). However, other interested professionals may be invited to participate in some discussions where it is felt needs may be best met by another agency.

The meeting will be co-chaired by the Youth Justice Service and the Youth Service.

**Functions:**

- To review referrals and allocations for mentoring and group intervention for young people involved in CCE or Youth Violence and referred to either the YS intervention or YJS mentoring pathways.
- The main function of the YSG is to identify the support needs of the referrals and make a decision on the appropriate intervention through either Youth Service or Youth Justice Pathways.
- To share and review caseload and capacity information and ensure that important information is communicated across teams. E.g. particular issues in an area relating to a surge in referrals or a new contextual threat. This information may also need to be communicated more broadly to other service areas if there are safeguarding or wider community safety considerations.
- Occasionally, referrals to other agencies and organisations may be considered where other provision is deemed more suitable for the young person referred.
- To consider appropriate step up to Youth Justice Service for targeted support or step down to Youth Service and universal provision for longer youth work support.
- To consider if a Youth Service/Outreach response (Community) or Mentor/My Futures referral is appropriate, and to make recommendations regarding the best support plan/intervention.

**Establishing appropriate service intervention Basic principles-**

**Pathway to receive a Youth Work Mentor (Youth Justice Service) – Young people at high risk of re-offending and/or CCE who require additional support: following a statutory order; upon exit from custody; or who would benefit from intensive one-to-one mentoring support from within the YJS.**

**Pathway to receive support from a Youth Worker (Interventions Team, Youth Service) – Young people are at risk of serious youth violence, CCE and anti-social behaviour. This can be on an individual basis but more commonly small groups. These Tailored interventions including**

**diversionary activities typically last for a number of weeks with the aim of linking to universal services and our open access provision.**

**‘My Future’ pathway – Young people who are identified as having broader unmet needs and are at risk of criminal behaviour and require further assessment will be referred to the YJS Intervention team to be allocated for a My Future intervention programme.**

**(Following on from these targeted interventions through the YSG group we strive to ‘step’ young people down to Universal provision, typically the local youth centre, when appropriate and safe to do so.)**

**Frequency:** Meetings to take place fortnightly on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month.

**Time, Duration and Location:** Meetings will be at 10AM; up to one hour in length; and take place on Microsoft Teams.

**Young people to be discussed at the YSG meeting:**

All new referrals and requests for support received by either service will be discussed at the meeting, along with any young people referred in through CCE multi-agency meetings or other pathways/agencies, such as Neighbourhood Policing or District Community Safety. Existing cases will be circulated / made available through the shared online space in advance of the meeting.

**Preparation for YSG meetings:**

New referral and existing caseload information will be updated and shared online at least three working days before each meeting. This will enable members of group to prepare in advance to allow for a holistic multi-team discussion of each case.

**Outcomes of the YSG Meetings:**

The primary purpose of the meetings is stated above, however specific outcomes/actions include:

- Identifying young people’s needs and support requirements;
- confirmation of the service/team/worker most suitable for the young person to receive support from;
- identification of the lead ‘co-ordinator’ for the referred young person/group (see below).

**Communicating and Recording agreed outcomes:**

It will be the responsibility of the agreed lead co-ordinator for each young person to ensure that the referrer is informed of the allocation decision and agreeing who will update respective systems e.g. (Mosaic / Capita / QES).

The Chair will be responsible for ensuring the updating of the rolling ‘referrals and allocations’ datasheet (either directly or by delegation) using the young person’s initials, case references (Capita/Mosaic/QES), DOB and district. All personally identifiable information will be deleted from this record after a maximum of 12 months from closure. The data sheet will be stored on SharePoint with access arranged for both Youth Justice and Youth Service colleagues as required.

Appendices:

Pathway for Young People to receive appropriate intervention

