

'Enhanced Triage' Suffolk YOS – delivery model

The model delivered is based on the following:

- Police Officers have the discretion to deliver a first Community Resolution to a young person, after which if the young person comes to notice again and is eligible for an out of court disposal (either statutory or non-statutory) a referral is made to the local youth offending team
- All referrals are screened by SYOS for an initial decision about whether the young person is suitable for a Triage Level 1 intervention (see detail below) or whether a more comprehensive assessment is needed to inform the decision about the appropriate disposal
- Contact is made with the young person and parents / carers within 48 hours of receiving the referral, and usually involves a home visit
- Contact is made with the victim within 24 hours of receiving the referral
- If a comprehensive assessment is required then following this, a further decision can then be made about the most appropriate disposal and intervention. This can be a Triage Level 2 intervention (see detail below), a Youth Caution or Youth Conditional Caution
- The SYOS seconded Police Officers formally deliver the Youth Caution and Youth Conditional Caution disposals to young people using a surgery appointment approach at a local police station or a police custody suite. In addition the seconded Police Officers have also taken on a number of operational tasks from colleagues in terms of completing processes relating to the offence; for example finalising the crime, cancelling bail and updating victims

The diversionary framework delivers two levels of intervention:

Level 1 – is predominately used for less serious offending where there are clear levels of support for the young person already in place. The intervention generally consists of 2-4 contacts with a SYOS practitioner and focuses on restorative justice.

Level 2 – generally a 3 month intervention, which includes restorative justice but also, addresses risks and needs identified from the assessment.