



THE REPRIMAND SUPPORT SCHEME

The South Gloucestershire Youth Offending Team (Yot) represents a new approach to tackling offending by young people. The Yot brings together staff from a range of services – the Police, Social Services, Probation, Health and Education and, working together in a single team, aims to cut crime committed by and against young people by intervening when problems first start, whether it is in the home, at school or in the community.

The Yot does this by providing a range of services and interventions to young people and their parents. These include programmes to improve behaviour, family support, drug/alcohol programmes, reparation programmes, parenting programmes, mentoring support and health assessments. This support aims to help young people stop further offending.

Since its introduction in April 2000, the Yot has concentrated resources on young people who have received either a Final Warning from the police or a sentence from Court. Usually this means a young person has offended on more than one occasion or has committed a more serious offence.

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However, Yot services and support are now available to families of young people who have recently received a Police Reprimand (a Reprimand is usually given to a young person the first time they offend). So if you feel you may need advice, help or support with your son or daughter - this could be a problem with their behaviour; problems with school; health concerns (including drugs or alcohol) - the Yot may be able to help you.

Any help is free, on a voluntary basis and confidential.

How can the Yot help you?

We can give you advice on:

- The Criminal Justice System
- How to access other support services
- Getting help for you and your family
- Drug, alcohol and other health issues
- Leisure and school holiday services

We can help you to:

- Improve parenting skills
- Improve your relationship with your child
- Access support services (eg Social Services, Education, Connexions)
- Liaise with other agencies (eg school)
- Improve the behaviour of your child

The Yot wants to help you If you feel you need some support or would like further information on how the Yot maybe able to help you, please call us on

Tel: 01454 868558

Remember - any contact you have with the Yot will be confidential and voluntary (you can end it at any time)

A local partnership created under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 between South Gloucestershire Council, Avon and Somerset Constabulary, Avon and Somerset Probation Service and South Gloucestershire Primary Care Trust