

## Question: What is the Youth Offending Service?

### Answer:

The Essex Youth Offending Service is a partnership between Essex County Council (Social Services, Learning Services and Community Safety) Essex Probation and Police Service and South Essex Health Authorities.

There are four teams which cover the County of Essex, but exclude Southend and Thurrock who have their own separate teams.

The Service is staffed by a combination of core staff, employed by Corporate Services. These include all managers, Administrative staff and Assistant Youth Offending Team workers (including Reparation workers). All other staff are on a secondment basis. There are specialist Team members who perform in specialist areas e.g. Education Welfare and Substance Misuse.

### The team

**The Youth Offending Team provides a wide range of services for young offenders and those at risk of offending in the 10-17 year age group, including:-**

- Services to parents on voluntary basis or as part of a Parenting Order.
- Preventative services to those young people identified as at risk of offending or anti social behaviour.
- Final Warning interventions, in partnership with the Police, at the pre court stage.
- An accredited Volunteer Appropriate Adult scheme to support young people during questioning by the Police.
- Services to the Youth Court, including the preparation of a range of quality reports to assist sentencers.
- Bail and remand support services, to assist young people at risk of further offending prior to sentence by the court.
- Implementation of all Court Orders, including Action Plan Orders, Supervision Orders, Community Rehabilitation Orders, Referral Orders and Reparation Orders.
- Working in partnership with DAT, primary Care Trusts, to provide Substance Misuse and health services.
- The delivery of Intensive Supervision and Surveillance Programmes for high-risk persistent offenders.
- Working in partnership with colleagues in the secure estate to supervise Detention and Training orders.