

What is Portsmouth Youth Offending Team (PYOT)?

- A team of people from different backgrounds with different skills working to reduce offending and reoffending by children aged 10 to 18 who are subject to legal disposals imposed by Police and/or the Courts.
- Our team includes workers from Police, Probation, Health, Education, Social Care, Restorative Justice and other services with a range of experience, skills and knowledge.
- We also train volunteers from the local community to help us deliver our services.
- We are positive role models - giving support, guidance, advice, challenge and education and taking on feedback about the work that we do.

Why is it important?

The PYOT work with partner agencies to prevent young people entering the youth justice system (or returning to it) and help them to lead more positive lives. Working with young people who have offended, alongside their parents and carers, and any professionals who may be involved to reduce the likelihood of future offending. The team work with victims, to repair the harm caused by youth offending. They assess likelihood of reoffending, risk of harm to others, and to safety and wellbeing, to develop plans to reduce offending, protect the public and support positive outcomes. The team supervise outcomes given by Police and the Courts, enabling young people to comply with their requirements. The team also secure access to services and reduce inequality, provide updates to the Courts and other agencies (such as the Police). The Portsmouth YOT challenge themselves and others to be the best they can be.

How do we do it?

- We do our work *with* people, not *to* them, using evidence based interventions to help them develop their own skills.
- We provide consistency and stability to build relationships and trust- through passion, patience and persistence.
- We empower young people to reduce their offending, and support them to overcome barriers they may face, to play a positive part in their community.
- We strive to develop a sense of self-belief in ourselves and others

For more information:

Information on the youth justice system in England and Wales can be found [here](#)

More locally, you can contact the YOT Management Team or YOT Duty Officer on: **023 9368 8450**