

Bail Supervision and Support

A Community Alternative to Remand

- Bail Supervision and Support is an option that aims to help young people remain in the community on bail while waiting for their case to be dealt with.
- We will offer a structured community alternative whilst safeguarding the public during the period of bail.
- We aim to provide a service to the Court that recognizes and addresses the problems that affect your life and behaviour.

What work will you do with the Youth Offending Team?

Bail Supervision and Support will address the following, as appropriate:

- accommodation and independent living skills
- education, benefit entitlement
- constructive use of leisure time
- drug and alcohol problems
- family mediation
- employment and training

How it Works in Practice

Assessment

Before appearance in court, you will be interviewed to assess risk of re-offending, level of need and your suitability for the programme. It is important that you provide information about your circumstances and be honest in discussion. Ask questions if you are unsure of anything. Your parents/carers will also be contacted where appropriate.

Liaison

We liaise with the Crown Prosecution Service, defence solicitor and other agencies involved with your case.

Programme

A programme will be devised according to your needs and the concerns of the Court. The Youth Offending Team Officer will explain what is going to be in your programme. He/she will ask you to sign to agree to the programme.

Presentation

The programme will be presented to the Court by a representative of the Youth Offending Team, and the defence solicitor. The representative of the Youth Offending Team will liaise with the defence solicitor about the recommended programme.

Failure to Comply

It is important that you attend all your appointments and comply with any conditions the court imposes. We will initiate Breach proceedings if you do not satisfactorily comply with the components of the programme. In order to avoid this, the scheme will provide:

- accurate record keeping
- formal review of progress; progress reports to Court at subsequent hearings if requested.

If you are not happy about the service you receive you should talk to your YOT Officer. If you still feel dissatisfied you can raise your issues with the Youth Offending Team Manager: West Berkshire Youth Offending Team, Merchant House,



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