

How do I contact the YOS Prevention Team?

If you are not sure if a child meets the criteria for a referral into YOS Prevention, please email and we can discuss this further with you.

Email:

YOSPrevention@birminghamchildrenstrust.co.uk

How quickly will you respond?

We aim to respond to your enquiry within five working days.

Safeguarding concerns

Making a referral to the YOS Prevention Team using the Early Help Connect Form does not replace a safeguarding referral.

If you suspect or believe that a child is suffering or is likely to suffer significant harm or any form of mistreatment or abuse, you should report your concerns immediately to the Trust's Children's Advice and Support Service (CASS):

Working hours: 0121 303 1888

Out of hours: 0121 675 4806

CASS@birminghamchildrenstrust.co.uk

In an emergency where a child's safety is at immediate risk of significant harm, contact the Police on 999.



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PREVENTION

A QUICK GUIDE



A guide to Birmingham's
Youth Offending Service
PREVENTION TEAM



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Who are we?

The Birmingham Youth Offending (YOS) Prevention Team is made up of six Prevention Officers and a Prevention Manager.

What do we do?

Birmingham Children's Trust is here to safeguard our children in Birmingham.

Birmingham YOS is part of Birmingham Children's Trust.

The focus of the YOS Prevention Service is to provide voluntary support and early help to children at risk of getting into trouble with the law and entering the criminal justice system.

We aim to empower and support our children and families in Birmingham.

The YOS Prevention Team can work to support children aged 9-17, resident in Birmingham, who are at risk of:

- Offending and Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)
- Child Criminal Exploitation (children that are taken advantage of by others to commit crimes)
- Becoming involved in Gangs

All our work requires consent and a willingness to get involved.

Who don't we work with?

Unless there are anti-social behaviour (ASB) concerns, we do not work with children who have already worked with YOS and had previous convictions.

However, where appropriate, we will try to support these children into other alternative projects.

How long is support offered?

We offer support to children and families for 3-6 months.

Do you support siblings?

Yes - we offer support to siblings (aged 9-17) of children already open to YOS.

Do you support parents/carers too?

Yes - we offer advice and guidance to parents and carers. This takes place through our work in police custody around a range of services and tools that may be relevant to you, and to your children.

We are here to help you.

Once we have received a referral, we will have a conversation with you and anybody else already working with you, to help decide if our service is the best option for you, or whether another service would be more suitable.

We can offer support in:

- Life-skills (cooking, finance, and communication skills)
- C.V. development and employability skills
- Emotional support and wellbeing
- Dance
- Music production
- Art and crafts
- Lyric writing for rappers and song writers
- Vocal coaching and performance skills
- Sports
- Workshops

- 1:1 Maths / English catch up support
- Work experience / tasters
- Signposting - giving you advice and guidance on relevant support in your community
- Identifying other schemes and activities matched to your interests, where possible
- And much, much more...

Assessments

All children who agree to prevention voluntary support will have a holistic assessment. This will help to understand their needs and ensure we can offer the best support we can.

The assessment will be completed by gathering information from the child, their parent/carer and other people or services who might be working with the child. The support offered will be tailored to the child's needs, will be jointly created with the child, and will be regularly reviewed.

How to access our service

Use the website link below and complete an online Early Help Family Connect form.

www.birmingham.gov.uk/Covid19CYPF

Scroll down until you see the heading 'Family Connect', then select appropriate form. If you are a parent/carer or child self-referring, please select: **'Family Connect Form – Self Identification'**. In the **'What Needs to Happen?'** section you will find the question **'Do you have any of the following needs?'**. If you select either of the following options below, your request will be screened by the YOS Prevention Team to decide on the next steps:

- 06.** Children Safe from Abuse and Exploitation*; and/or
- 07.** Crime Prevention and Tackling Crime

* = Abuse via Criminal Exploitation

