

Youth Rehabilitation Order (YRO)

What is a Youth Rehabilitation Order (YRO)?

A Youth Rehabilitation Order (YRO) is a sentence made by the courts for young people. It can be made for any period between six months and three years.

Its purpose is to:

- Ensure young people take responsibility for their offending
- Help young people resolve any personal difficulties which may have contributed to their offending
- Help become a pro-social, responsible member of the community

Your Supervisors

You will be supervised by someone from the Youth Justice Service (YJS). This will be an experienced Case Manager. The Case Manager will work closely with other specialised staff including:

- Drug and Alcohol Worker
- Education Worker
- Speech and Language Therapist
- Health Worker

What happens when a YRO is made?

When you first meet your Case Manager you will talk through a supervision plan. The aim of the plan is to set targets which comply with the order and suit your needs in relation to:

- Education/Training
- Employment
- Offending behaviour
- Reparation to victims
- Money management
- Health
- Constructive use of leisure time
- Substance misuse

The Case Manager will also talk through the plan with your parents or guardian and it will be reviewed every three months.

How often do I meet my Case Manager?

You must have regular contact with your Case Manager who will see you at home whenever necessary. You will be seen between 6 and 24 times depending on your needs. After the 12 weeks, the number of visits may change.

Your personal information will be treated with the utmost discretion.

Good Behaviour

If you show an ongoing record of good behaviour the length of the YRO may be reduced. In this case half way through the order, you or your case manager can apply to the court for an early discharge.

If you miss any Appointments

If you miss any appointments with your case manager without good reason, or fail to comply with any conditions of the YRO, you will receive a written warning from your supervisor. You will only get a maximum of two written warnings

If you ignore these warnings, you will be returned to court and re-sentenced for the original offence

The Court could also:

- Impose a fine of up to £1000
- Impose up to 60 hours Community Service

You have a right to:

- See your file
- Complain if you believe you are receiving unfair treatment

Your supervisor will provide help and advice if you wish to complain. All complaints will be taken seriously.

What happens if I do not co-operate?

If you do not keep to the conditions or the additional requirements, your Supervising Officer must take you back to Court. If the Court considers that you have 'breached' your YRO it may:

- Revoke the YRO and pass another sentence
- Tell you to complete the YRO, but punish you by imposing either a fine, or Attendance Centre Order.

The YRO is a sentence of the Court, which aims to make demands on the young person and protect the public from harm.

We work with you to find new ways of dealing with situation so that you do not offend again.