

## Early Help Expansion: Youth Crime Prevention workers.



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The youth crime prevention workers are part of the Targeted Youth Support team and have been set up to deliver 6-12 one to one sessions to young people and their siblings who are at risk of offending.

Referrals will be accepted from Police, YOT, Education, Social Care, ACSO's and through self-referral, providing the following criteria is met:

- **Aged 10-17**
  - **Are willing to engage in a programme of intervention to reduce their risk of offending**
- AND**
- **Have recently (within the last 6 months) engaged in anti-social behaviour**
- OR**
- **Have recently (within the last 6 months) come to the attention of police due to their behaviour in the community but received no formal sanction**
- OR**
- **Have siblings/parents who have been convicted of offending.**

Please use the following link to find the referral form:

<http://www.iwight.com/Council/OtherServices/Support-and-Advice-for-Families/Consultation>

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### Ofsted feedback taken from the November 2014 report.

“Children in receipt of early help continue to benefit from a range of good early help services.

Children and young people on the Isle of Wight benefit from access to a wide range of improving Early Help Services. The remodelling of these services with a focus on children's centres, aligned to three locality hubs, has strengthened collaboration across agencies. This ensures that most children and their families receive the right level of support. Strong and effective partnerships are improving outcomes for children. Consequently, young people at risk of harm or on the edge of care are being identified earlier and helped to prevent issues escalating. The intensive work of the Targeted Youth Support service and the Strengthening Families team (Troubled Families) is successfully helping children and their families to make positive changes. For example, inspectors found children over the age of 10 being assisted to engage with mental health services, increase their attendance at school and improve relationship with their parents

Common Assessment Framework (CAF) processes are clear and management oversight is robust.” **So thank you and well done to everyone!**

## Early Help Statistics: (July – September 2014):

Total no. of CAFs ongoing:

NEW 129

SW 127

WCW 189

Total: 445

Number of CAFs escalated to Referral and Assessment Team: 58

Number of distance travelled tools completed at start of intervention: 33 and end of intervention: 20.

Quality Assurance audits are carried out monthly and these highlight that the Distance Travelled Tool and Child's Views are not consistently gained, please help us to improve this!

**Please, please, please remember to complete the Distance Travelled Tool and gain the Child's views!**

## Anti-Bullying Conference.

On Wednesday 22nd October 2014 the Isle of Wight Council held the first Anti-Bullying Conference for children and young people in partnership with Island schools, Hampshire police and national charities.

142 delegates attended with 36 schools represented including 25 primaries, 8 secondary schools with the Studio school, the Free School and Ryde School all represented, as well as 2 special schools and The Island Learning Centre. Attendees completed postcards stating what they would stop doing, start doing, continue doing - this to be sent out in 3 months. Many stated the useful learning from schools and traffic light exercise from The Children's Society – of particular note: Chill n chat, Friendship week, Worry box and Buddying / peer mentoring.

After the event we have received positive feedback including: 'thanks so much, the day really inspired our two students and they have come back keen and motivated to set up a variety of initiatives' 'thank you for a great conference. I thought it was excellent and the children really benefitted'.

## Targeted Youth Support: A reflective account of the Prison Visit.

On the 25.11.14 TYS took 5 young people to the 'Inside or Out Prison visit' at HMP Winchester. This project aims to inform and educate young people on the consequences of offending and show them how their behaviours now can shape their future. This enabled the young people to speak to prisoners who are serving a sentence, on a 1:1 basis. The prisoners volunteer for this as they feel if they knew then what they know now they wouldn't have gone down the route that's led to them being in Winchester.

The young people were really shocked by this day and one of them was very emotional. One of the prisoners showed them the 'ripple' effect which illustrated how your behaviour can have an impact on so many people, much more than they would ever think. This was the end of the visit and we then left for the ferry. The young people were much quieter and reflective on the way back, asking questions and sharing their thoughts. The majority of them said the story that affected them most was one Ian told because he had lost everything and will have nothing when he leaves. They said that it made them really think. We hope to run this trip quarterly for young people accessing TYS.

By Emma Cousins TYS Worker

## Early Help Locality Hub Meetings & CAF and Information Sharing Training.

Following our recent survey, the 2015 Hub meetings will be held monthly in each locality. CAF Training will also continue to be held monthly,

although January's has been cancelled due to our Team Day. Please check [iwight.com](http://www.iwight.com) for all the latest dates!



Please share the FIZ ACTIVITY GUIDE with your families - <http://www.iwight.com/Council/OtherServices/Family-Information-Zone/May-2013-Half-Term-Activities-Guide>

## Meet the team:

Name: Darren Poplett

Job role: Youth Offer Quality and Performance Officer.

The role is to monitor the quality assurance and performance of the 13 Youth Offer providers. To support and challenge their services to Young People, which are grant aided through the IOW Council.

Favorite food: Roast Dinner

Favorite film: Shawshank Redemption

What I like most about my job: Making a difference for young people and the community

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