

What is expected of parents and carers

- To encourage and support your child to lead a law abiding lifestyle.
- To encourage and support your child's attendance at school, college, training or work.
- To encourage and support your child's attendance at all YOT appointments.
- To meet with YOT Officers to hear about progress being made and consider steps you can take to prevent future offending.

How long does it last?

This depends on a number of factors such as whether your case is to be heard by the Youth Court or the Crown Court.

It also depends on your plea, whether you can apply for bail, whether you turn up to all your court appearances and whether specialist reports have to be prepared.

The progress of your case will be reviewed at regular intervals while you are on remand and you will return to court for these reviews.

The Youth Offending Team will arrange for you to be taken to and from court for each appearance.

Notes

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Equal Opportunities

At all times you have the right to be treated fairly and without discrimination. This means the Youth Offending Panels and YOT staff will treat you fairly whatever your race, colour, sex, sexuality or disability. You are also expected to behave equally fairly towards other people.

Complaints Procedure

If you feel you have been treated unfairly or unreasonably by the YOT or Youth Offender Panels you can make a complaint. To do this, contact the Calderdale YOT Manager at the above address.

Data Protection

The Calderdale Youth Offending Team deals with personal data under the Data Protection Act 1998. Some of these may be sensitive such as criminal offences, proceedings and convictions. We may share some or all of them with other Council departments, our agents, service providers or other third parties. When involving any third party we shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that they will keep your personal data secure and treat it confidentially. If you are worried about giving us your personal details or about us sharing them with others, please discuss this with the member of staff who is dealing with your case. We will explain what you can do.

Accessibility

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Bail Supervision & Remand

What it means to you



Making Calderdale Safer

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The youth justice system aims to make sure young people charged with an offence are dealt with quickly. However, court cases can take several weeks. While your case is under consideration, you can be remanded into custody or released on bail.

You can also be remanded into the care of the local authority, if you commit an offence while you are already on bail, for example, or fail to turn up for a court appearance.

This leaflet tells you about the Bail Supervision Programme designed to help you stay out of trouble if you are released on bail. It also tells you what happens if you are remanded to the care of the local authority.

What is Bail Supervision?

This is a community-based alternative to being remanded in custody or to the care of the local authority.

It is a programme of support and guidance, tailored to the needs of each young person.

If you are accepted onto the programme, you will be given a contract to sign, spelling out what you must and must not do while you are on Bail Supervision.

You will be expected to stay out of trouble and co-operate with any conditions imposed by the court granting bail.

You will also be expected to co-operate with YOT officers and volunteers during the time you are on bail.

What's in it for me?

While you are on bail, you will be able to talk to staff and trained volunteers about any worries or problems you might have. They will help you to sort things out, if you have problems at home or at school, for example. If you successfully complete the time on bail without committing further offences and co-operate with the programme, this can only be to your advantage. When the court comes to deal with you, you will have shown that you can stay out of trouble and can benefit from supervision.

Who decides if I can be placed on Bail Supervision?

The Youth Offending Team assesses whether you are suitable for the programme and advises the court, but it is for the court to decide whether to place you on Bail Support. We will not recommend you for Bail Supervision unless you are willing to take part in the programme.

What does 'remanded into care' mean?

In certain circumstances, the court may decide to refuse bail. This may happen if you commit an offence while you are already on bail, for example, or you have failed to turn up at court in the past.

If you are aged 10 or over, but under 17 years of age, you may be remanded to the care of the local authority. This can mean staying with foster carers or in one of the Council's community homes while your case is being dealt with.

The court can also impose certain conditions on you while you are on remand. For example, if your offence was committed at night time, the court can impose a curfew. You can also be prevented from having contact with others accused of related offences and ordered to keep away from witnesses or victims of the offence. In exceptional circumstances, and depending on the nature of the offence we may place you outside of Wakefield.

What we expect of you

During the time you are on a Court Order, or any other YOT Programme you must:

- Tell us if you change your address.
- Attend appointments on time.
- Attend appointments on your own unless with a Parent/Carer.
- Inform your Supervisor if you cannot attend an appointment.
- Accept the instructions of YOT Officers or Reparation Supervisors.
- As part of your Court Order you will also be required to attend for drug education sessions and a health assessment.

You must **NOT**:

- Attend with your friends.
- Come to any appointment under the influence of alcohol, drugs or substances, nor should they be in your possession.
- Fight, be violent or threaten violence, use insulting or abusive language, behave in a way that may offend YOT Officers, other young people or members of the public.
- Use a mobile phone during appointments.

Breach and discharge

If you fail to stick to the above rules then breach action may be taken.

If breach action is taken you will be returned to the Court that made your Order, which will decide how to deal with or re-sentence you.

If you fail to complete a Final Warning Programme this will be recorded on your criminal record and dealt with in any further Court appearance.