

Important Information

If you have just been sentenced to a Detention & Training order, the following important information is for you.

Contact with parents, relatives or carers is encouraged and they can visit you regularly while you are at the detention and training centre.

You will be given details of visiting arrangements when you arrive at the centre.

The name of the centre you will be going to is set out in the space below together with details of who to contact if you need any further information or help.

Notes

Name of Centre:

Name of Calderdale YOT Officer:

For further information please contact:

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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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Detention & Training Order (DTO)

What it means to you



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What is a Detention & Training Order?

It is a custodial sentence for 12 - 17 year olds. It combines detention with training and will be used for young people who commit a serious offence or commit a number of offences.

Half of the sentence will be spent in custody and the other half will be supervised by the Youth Offending Team (YOT), out in the community. There will be a lot of time spent on training and education to help young people stop offending when their sentence is finished.

What happens after court?

You will be escorted to police cells and held there before you are taken to the detention and training centre. You will be told the name of the centre you will be going to and where it is. It is likely to be a centre in Yorkshire and you will be taken there today.

- 12 - 14 year olds will usually go to a Secure Training Unit.
- 15 - 17 year olds will go to a Young Offender Institution like the ones at Wetherby and New Hall.

What happens when I get there?

You will be interviewed straight away and given the name of an officer that you can ask for help and advice. If there is anything urgent that needs sorting out - for example, if you have a medical condition which needs treatment - ask straight away.

Contact with your parents or carers is encouraged and they can visit you regularly. You will be given detailed information about visiting arrangements.

How long will I be there?

The court will have sentenced you to between four months and two years. You will spend the first half at the detention and training centre. The second half will be supervised by the Youth Offending Team in the community.

What about time spent on remand?

Time on secure remand should already have been taken into account by the courts when deciding your sentence. This includes days spent in police custody.

There will be no more time taken off by the detention and training centre.

Can I appeal against the sentence?

Yes, you can appeal. Your solicitor will deal with this. The detention and training centre will give you a special form or letter to send to your solicitor.

You should do this straight away because you only have 21 days to begin an appeal.

The court can give you a:

- Completely different sentence (perhaps supervision or community service)
- Shorter sentence
- Longer sentence.

Will I have a worker from my home area?

You will see a worker from the YOT regularly. They may be a probation officer, a social worker or another member of staff from the YOT. Together, you and they will review your progress.

If you are in care, you will keep that social worker too.

What is the training about?

A few days after you arrive at the centre, there will be a planning meeting to decide on the kind of training you need to help you stop offending.

There will be practical targets set that you will have to meet and there will be regular review meetings.

You and your parents or carers will be involved. The kind of training might include help with:

- Controlling your anger
- Parenting or relationship difficulties
- Drug or alcohol mis-use
- Understanding the effect of crime on victims
- Education or getting into work.

What about when I get out?

You will be supervised by the YOT right until the end of your sentence. They will help you to carry on the efforts you started at the centre to stay out of trouble. You will have contact twice a week for the first three months, and then less often.

The rules about contact will be strictly applied - to give you the help you need to stop offending. If you break the conditions of your supervision you can get a fine or three months back in custody.

If you re-offend during the period of supervision you may be recalled to custody for the rest of the sentence as well as any sentence you receive for the new offence.