

Mentoring

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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.

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What is a Mentor?

A Mentor is someone who provides support and encouragement to another person.

Your Mentor will be a volunteer, a reliable person who will meet regularly with you. They will be someone who is interested in you, in what you do and who you can feel able to talk to.

What do Mentors do?

Your Mentor will talk to you about some of the things that you enjoy doing or would like to be involved in. This could be getting involved on local activities e.g. sports, events, groups or social activities or sometimes just having a coffee and a chat.

Your Mentor will be supporting you to use your leisure time more positively, with the aim of diverting you away from any further offending.

How often will I meet my Mentor?

You will see your Mentor regularly, as agreed. This may be weekly or fortnightly. The times for each meeting may vary depending on what it is you are doing, but it will usually be for at least an hour.

Your meetings with your mentor will be time limited and will usually be for about 3 months.

Hopefully, after this time your Mentor will have supported you sufficiently so that you feel able to remain involved in some structured activities without them.

Do Mentors get paid?

No. Your Mentor does not get paid. Your Mentor is a volunteer who has been chosen to give their time freely to help support you. Mentors will receive travelling expenses and out-of-pocket expenses which will cover the activities you both do together.

What if I can't keep to a planned meeting with my Mentor?

You will need to inform the office as soon as possible so that your Mentor can be informed. Ideally you should speak to your YOT worker or to the Mentoring Scheme Co-ordinator.

Similarly, if your Mentor is unable to keep to a planned meeting, you will be informed as soon as possible so that alternative arrangements can be made.

What if I don't want to see my Mentor?

Tell your YOT worker or the Scheme Co-ordinator. You don't have to have a Mentor. It will be something that your YOT worker will talk to you about. It will be discussed with you why having a Mentor could be good for you and some of the things you could do together.

It will take a few visits for you and your Mentor to get to know each other and hopefully after this time you will feel comfortable with each other.

You can always talk to your YOT worker or the Mentoring Scheme Co-ordinator if you have any problems with the meetings continuing.