



Community Youth Team Referral Criteria

CYT is a multi-agency specialist service for vulnerable young people. We are a targeted, early help service which aims to support young people into positive destinations and reduce the likelihood of them entering the criminal justice system. CYTs work directly with young people on a 1-1 basis and in small groups, and take referrals from professionals and directly from concerned family members and young people themselves.

The criteria below are based on a range of evidence, and aim to target behaviours and triggers which evidence suggests are indicators of later criminal justice involvement and poor outcomes.

Key considerations:

- Lower age limit on CYT referrals is 10 in line with the age of criminal responsibility
- Substance misuse referrals go directly to CGL (change, grow, live) at The Corner (formally CRI) (see below for contact details)
- **Referrals for harmful sexual behaviour (HSB), sexual exploitation (CSE), criminal exploitation (CCE) and young people who are experiencing harm/abuse in a teenage relationship (domestic abuse) must go directly to Sheffield Safeguarding Hub for screening** (see below for contact details)
- There is a specific and enhanced criteria for Looked After Children (LAC)

The table below should help identify triggers and behaviours for referral to CYT; if you are unsure please call us on 2057450. Instructions on how to make a referral are below.

Involved in Anti-social Behaviour in the community (not known to YJS):	Pupils with two fixed term exclusions for:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAL 2 • ABC (Police/Housing) • Community Justice Panel • Community Resolution (CJU10) • ASB legislation disposal incl. breach of • Peer group involved in ASB/criminal activity • Possession or use of weapons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Criminal damage • Violent/aggressive behaviour • Drugs/alcohol • Weapons • Theft • LAC at risk of exclusion (see **below)
Gangs:	Education, Employment or Training:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct involvement with identified gang activity • Periphery of identified gang activity • Use of weapons • Gangs and weapons ideology 	Risk of NEET <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 11 NEET (16-19) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently NEET
Teenage Related Abuse – young person is causing harm within a teenage relationship	
Young person with family member involved in the criminal justice system presenting with:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copying/idolising/similar behaviours to family member involved with criminal justice • Anti-social behaviour • Weapons use or ideology 	
**Enhanced offer for Looked After Children at risk of exclusion	
Referrals will be accepted for LAC who are 'at risk of exclusion' from school or accessing alternative, offsite curriculum, before receiving a fixed term exclusion; the reasons for exclusions listed above still apply.	

Sheffield Safeguarding Hub:

- 273 4855 or email C&FScreeningTeam@sheffield.gov.uk and for further information see <https://safeguardingsheffieldchildren.org/sscb/safeguarding-information-and-resources/referring-a-safeguarding-concern-to-childrens-social-care>

Substance Misuse – contact details for CGL: 2752051 or thecorner.sheffield@cgl.org.uk

Emotional Wellbeing Service for people aged 13-25 – contact Door43: 2012774

For a copy of the revised referral form or any further details please contact us on 2057450 or email cyt@sheffield.gov.uk or call us free on 0800 138 8381