

Cases

Statutory Case 1

AG - 16 year old white male

- In May 2017 AG was charged with carrying an offensive weapon in public, for which he pleaded not guilty. Following a trial he was found guilty in November 2017 and given a 9 month Referral Order as this was his first offence.
- There was a lot of intelligence to suggest that he was involved with gangs and drugs (which included him being shot with a pellet gun, selling drugs etc) and past work with social care (who undertook some family protective work), related to child protection, prior to the Referral Order being made.
- Due to the nature of AG's offences and intelligence the Referral Order plan included work around substance misuse, serious youth violence, weapons awareness and education. The latter was a focus as AG had been excluded from main stream school due to his substance misuse. At the time he was attending Sloughs' Pupil Referral Unit with attendance of only 51%.
- While subject to the Referral Order AG engaged with his case-worker and specialists related to the afore-mentioned areas of education, substance misuse, weapons awareness and serious youth violence. Offending behaviour work was also undertaken with him as well as work with his family. To safeguard him appointments were undertaken at home and his desire to change his lifestyle was focused on. Due to continued concerns around his safety work also took place with his family which resulted in him relocating to live with family outside of Slough and the YOT in that area 'caretaking' the case on behalf of Slough.
- AG continued to work positively with the 'caretaking YOT'. His case was permanently transferred out of area (August 2018) due the fact that he was settled in the new area. At this point he was settled and had also secured a summer job and had an education placement setup for September 2018. Although early days in his Order he had also not come to the notice of the Police or Courts again at transfer.

Preventative/ Statutory Case 2

GB – 16 year old of Pakistani heritage

Background:

- GB was first referred to Slough YOT by his father as a preventative case in February 2017 due to concerns around poor school attendance following an incident with another pupil in November 2016.

- At the time GB was only allowed to return to his school to complete his studies in isolation. He was permanently excluded in May 2017 for a minor matter and went to Haybrook College.
- He subsequently received a 12 month Referral Order in August 2017 for the offences of stalking, intimidating a witness and possession of an offensive weapon.
- GB's case was heard at the Fair Access Panel in September 2017 but he was denied a return to any mainstream school despite CAMHS and YOT's risk assessment stating that he didn't pose a risk.

Intervention:

- GB was referred to the YOT Education Training and Employment (ETE) Worker in October 2017 whilst attending the Pupil Referral Unit (PRU). Normally a child attending school would not be referred but there were concerns that his studies might suffer following the decision to permanently exclude him despite his case being presented at the Fair Access Panel.
- The ETE worker saw GB every 3 weeks at the PRU as part of his YOT intervention, focusing on his future plans linked to education.
- Assistance from the Risk of NEET Team (RONI) was also provided regarding his future destination (post 16) demonstrating good collaborative working.
- In March 2018 the YOT ETE worker nominated GB to be part of The Young Advisors Project in London which aims to give young adults aged 16-25 a voice in relation to the Criminal Justice System. The project is aimed at young adults who have had personal experience of the criminal justice system such as being arrested and appearing in court. It allows participants to develop their skills (especially leadership), gain experience and make a positive difference to support other young adults who enter the criminal justice system,
- GB was interviewed and despite only being 15 at the time, was accepted as the youngest participant.

Outcome:

- GB has now completed his GCSE's. His predicted GCSE grades are promising. He has now started attending a main stream School Sixth Form and his current attendance is 95% (3.10.18).
- He continues to actively participate in the Young Advisors programme in London.
- He has reported to his case manager that he has had two articles published in the Slough Observer linked to young people.
- To date he has not come before the Police or courts for any further offences.
- GB successfully completed his Referral Order in September 2018.