

# Gateshead Youth Offending Team

## Youth Rehabilitation Order

Information for young people  
and their parents/carers

**You have been given a Youth Rehabilitation Order in court. This leaflet explains briefly what a Youth Rehabilitation Order is and what will happen next.**

## **What is a Youth Rehabilitation Order?**

A Youth Rehabilitation Order (YRO) is a Court Order which may be given to a young person under the age of 18 years old when they are being sentenced for committing a criminal offence. The order can be made for any period up to three years.

A YRO is a sentence that you will need to serve in your community. It is made up of a range of interventions to tackle your behaviour. There are various requirements that can be attached to a YRO and these will be decided by the court.

## **Who will I have to see as part of my Youth Rehabilitation Order?**

Once an order is made you will be allocated a supervising officer who works at Gateshead Youth Offending Team (YOT). You will be given an initial appointment at court so that you know when your first meeting with your supervising officer will be. Future appointments can be given by letter, phone calls, text or verbally.

It is likely that your supervising officer will carry out your appointments either at your home or at the Youth Offending Team building. A condition of the order is that you will have to attend all appointments with your supervising officer and any other agencies as directed by your supervising officer.

## **How often will I have to be seen?**

The number of times you will have to be seen depends on the level of risk which will have been assessed by your YOT worker.

Throughout your supervision your YOT worker will reassess whether they think you will reoffend and any risks of serious harm this may cause. If they think that the risk has increased your YOT worker can increase the number of contacts you need to have with them each month. If the risk reduces, the number of contacts can also reduce.

There are three levels of contact. These are standard, enhanced and intensive. These are based on assessment that your YOT worker will complete about you and your previous offending history. What will I have to do?

<b>Intervention Level</b>	<b>Minimum number of contacts for the first three months</b>	<b>Minimum number of contacts for the remainder of the order</b>
Standard	2	1
Enhanced	4	2
Intensive	12	4

If your order includes a supervision, activity or programme requirement, your worker will have worked out a plan with you of the work you will be expected to complete on the order. This will include when you need to attend appointments and who you will need to work with.

The plan will include requirements that are designed to help you think about:

- your behaviour
- the harm offending can do to victims, communities, you and your family
- reparation or work with the victim/s to repair the harm you have caused
- plan for the future and how you will deal with problems or difficulties
- how you will get the support you require from other services

Your YOT worker will help you understand what you need to do and will talk to any other agencies who may be involved in monitoring parts of your order.

## What happens if I do not co-operate with my YRO?

If you fail to co-operate you will be asked to explain why within 24 hours, by phone or letter. If the reason is unacceptable you will be issued with a warning and if you receive three warnings you will be in breach of court so will have to go back to court. The court can then amend or revoke your order depending on the reasons for the breach, your YOT workers recommendations and the level of risk.

## Early discharge of YRO?

- If your YOT worker feels that you are doing well your worker will discuss early discharge of the order.

The court is unlikely to agree to this unless:

- all the requirements are completed
- you have completed at least half of the order
- the risk of re-offending and risk of serious harm has reduced or is low
- you have followed all of the instructions the YOT has given

## What are my requirements?

Supervision		Residence	
Activity		Local authority residence	
Programme		Drug treatment	
Unpaid work		Drug testing	
Curfew		Intoxicating substance	
Attendance centre		Prohibited activity	
Education		Exclusion	
Mental health treatment		Intensive supervision and surveillance	

# Where is the Youth Offending Service?

Former Felling Police Station, Sunderland Road, Gateshead, NE10 9NJ

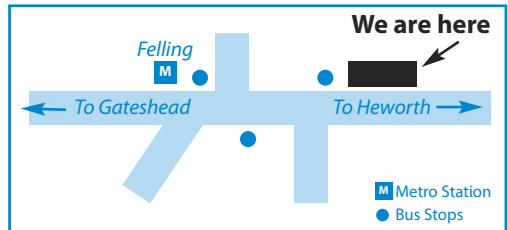
## Contact us

Monday to Thursday 8.30am – 5pm

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## Useful directions

- Former Felling Police Station is opposite the Old Council Building and Felling Park
- Felling Metro is less than 5 minutes walk away
- If arriving by Metro from Newcastle Central Station, Felling Metro is the third stop south bound
- If arriving on bus from Gateshead, you can get bus numbers 27 and 27a

## Feedback and comments

If you have any comments or feedback on the service which we provide please contact the YOT management team on 0191 440 0500. It is important that we are made aware of any comments you may have so we can provide the best service possible to victims, communities and young people and their families.