

South West Probation – Working with Young Adults

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Overview

The Youth Offending Team in Bristol & South Gloucestershire Probation was set up to provide a specialist service for 18-25 year olds, recognising the different needs they have, and challenges they present, from older service users. The Team works in a trauma informed way and set up a trauma informed interview room, sourcing a range of age-appropriate materials for working with this group. The 18-25 team, work closely with local Youth Justice Services in helping those moving between services – often challenging for the young people concerned. A proforma for a transition plan has been developed which focuses on the young person’s needs as well as how they will be managed. The team work closely with the Care Leavers team, and local health services. We’ve co-commissioned a young person’s Criminal Justice Worker, with the PCC and Bristol City Council. And with a spate of murders of young people in Bristol and some other serious violence incidents, we work closely with the police and other partners to have a joined-up approach to tackling serious violence in the city.

Its impact

The team has had a real impact on the quality of support we are able to offer to young people, and our links with other agencies.

What’s special about it

This approach recognises the specialist needs of this group and how they differ from the older adults we work with.

Wider applicability

This approach has wide applicability and at time of writing (October 2024) other teams in the PDU had already set-up more trauma informed interview rooms of their own.

Further information

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