



Youth Justice Agency

Community Services



How is this achieved?

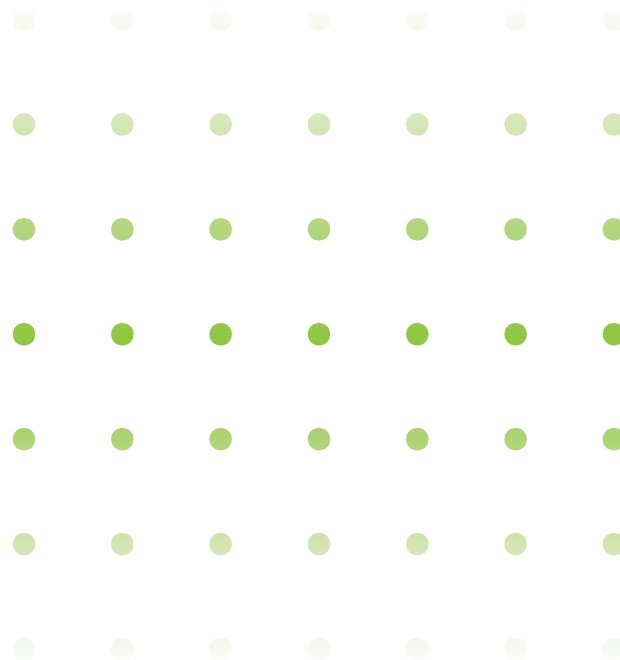
Each young person who is accepted onto the scheme is individually assessed, and a tailor-made programme is then drawn up by the Youth Justice Agency's Bail Support worker, based on the needs and history of the young person. The programme assists the young person with accessing or re-integrating into education, employment or training. The contents of the programme will vary, and will include such interventions as one-to-one counselling, mentoring and recreational activities.

Conditions of the programme

Each young person offered a place must agree to the conditions and sign a contract. At the time the bail is set, a condition of compliance with the scheme may be made by the Courts. Failure to comply with the scheme will result in the young person being brought back before the Court for the bail decision to be reviewed.

Length of the programme

The programmes can last for the duration of the bail set by the Courts. The overall level of contact will be subject to on-going review and will take cognisance of any changes in circumstances that may arise.



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What is Bail Support?

The Youth Justice Agency provides Bail Support services to young people. This option is offered as an alternative to Remand in Custody, which means that the Court can consider bail even where there are “substantial grounds” for refusal.

The target group are young people aged 10-17 years most at risk of:

- **Re-offending whilst on bail**
- **Failing to appear at Court**
- **Remand to custody**

The Bail Support Programme

A Bail Support Programme can provide help and advice on a range of issues including:

- Accommodation
- Education
- Careers/employment/training
- Drug/alcohol use
- Benefit entitlement
- Leisure opportunities
- Counselling
- Family mediation
- Independent living skills

Each programme is individually tailored to the needs of the young person.

The level of support provided will depend on:

- The seriousness of the offence
- The persistence of offending
- Accommodation needs
- Emotional or behavioural problems
- Education, training and employment requirements

Aims of the Bail Supervision and Support Scheme

The aim of the scheme is to help young people to successfully complete their period on bail by ensuring they return to Court on the due date, having abided by all conditions and without committing further offences or interfering with witnesses. This should enable the Courts to consider a practical and credible alternative to custodial remand.

The Scheme has three key objectives in delivering bail support, namely to:

- 1. Reduce the unnecessary use of custody for young people on remand.**
- 2. Reduce re-offending on bail.**
- 3. Reduce delays caused by non-appearance in Court.**

We hope to achieve this by helping to ensure that the young person;

- **complies with their bail conditions.**
- **does not re-offend while on bail.**
- **returns to court as required.**

If there is a failure to comply with the programme, the Bail Supervision and Support Scheme undertakes to report this to the police.