

An easy read guide to

# Intensive Supervision and Surveillance (ISS)

For parents and young people

# ISS

You have been sentenced by the court to an Intensive Supervision and Surveillance (ISS) order



This booklet explains:

- what you must do
- what we will do
- what you must not do what happens if you do not work with us

## What is Intensive Supervision and Surveillance (ISS)?

Intensive Supervision and Surveillance (ISS) can be a requirement of:

- Youth Rehabilitation Orders (YRO)
- Bail conditions (for offences that can include being sentenced to custody)
- Supervision when released from custody

ISS is the last chance not to go to prison either on remand or a custodial sentence. It is also used to help young people with lots of issues on release from custody.

If you re-offend, or break the conditions of ISS, then you may end up with a custodial sentence.



ISS is given to young people who continue to offend or commit crimes that are serious in nature.

It is designed to help you stop offending by bringing structure and boundaries to your lifestyle.

**This can be difficult and demanding, and will require effort.**

The ISS part of a YRO can be up to 12-months long but is usually only 6-months (when included as part of a YRO or release from custody).

At the start the level of contact is 25 hours per week – but this will reduce further into your order, **provided you make good progress.**

## What will ISS involve?

For the first three or four months of the programme you will be required to have 25 hours contact a week. Your YJS worker will give you a timetable for each week that you must stick to.

The timetable will include activities such as education/training, work (paid or unpaid), life skills, family support and offending behaviour work.

The programme will also encourage you to think about things that you are good at, and try to get you involved in these too – we can support you with activities that you want to get involved in. The level of support available to you is very high and we will work with you to make sure you get the most from the programme.

**ISS is designed to support you as much as it is to stop you offending.**

Support can also be offered to your parent(s)/carer(s) where appropriate – they may play an important part in stopping you from re-offending.

You will also be subject to surveillance and monitoring which can come in the form of staff tracking you, electronic tags, voice verification over the telephone and police checks.

**If you make good progress with ISS then an application can be made to change or revoke part of your order.**



## What you **MUST** do



You must turn up to all sessions you are given.

You must turn up to all sessions on time.



You must work with the YJS staff on why you have offended.



You must let us know if you change your address and contact information.



Tell us if you are struggling to come to the YJS, and we will do everything we can to help you. Tell us as early as you can to avoid getting into trouble.

## What you must **NOT** do



You must not miss any sessions or be late.



You must not attend your sessions under the influence of drugs, alcohol or other substances.



You must not be disrespectful or rude.



## What you must **NOT** do



You must not bring a dog with you to your sessions.



You must not bring any knives, weapons or sharp objects to your sessions.



You must not bring friends along to wait for you during your sessions.

## What we will do

We will respect your information, but if it will help you to stop offending we will share it with Police, Prison Service, Probation, Social Services, Health, Schools and Personal Advisers.

If you tell us that you are not safe in prison, at home or in the community we will need to share this with other agencies to help make you safe. We will explain why we have to do this.

If something happens to you, or if you're having ANY difficulties, tell your YJS Officer or a family member as soon as you can - **we may be able to help and will do all we can to keep you safe.**



We will explain why and how we support you to stop offending.

We will talk to you about what you did, and what effect it had on the victim or your local community.

We will answer any questions you might have to help you complete the order and stop offending.

We will follow your progress to make sure you're taking part and help you to stop offending. We want you to succeed and have a good life.

**North Yorkshire YJS respect and value people of different races, religions, genders, disabilities, sexualities and ages equally. We expect you to do the same.**

I understand and agree to these instructions

Young Person .....

Parent/Guardian .....

YJS Officer .....

Date .....

Your next appointment is...

# Your Checklist

Turn up on time for your appointments

Do what is asked of you

Stay out of trouble

Complete your order and make amends  
for your offence

While you are working with us you will have the chance to tell us how you feel, how we have worked with you and how we have helped you.

You can give a compliment or make a complaint by contacting any of our managers. Your officer will show you how.

Your feedback will help us to make the service better in the future.

