

The North Yorkshire Youth Justice Service is

- ⌘ Made up of expert staff from Children's Social Care, Police, Probation, Education and Health.
- ⌘ Working in active partnership with local agencies and communities to prevent offending by young people.
- ⌘ Committed to rigorous National Standards for the supervision and management of young offenders in the community.
- ⌘ Sensitive to the needs and rights of victims, and working to the Code of Practice for Victims of Crime.
- ⌘ Committed to treating all service users with respect, fairness, honesty and dignity.
- ⌘ Committed to fair treatment regardless of race, religion, culture, disability or sexual orientation.

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A brief guide to -

Referral Orders



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This leaflet explains what a Referral Order might involve for you and your family.

What is a Referral Order?

A Referral Order means working with your local community to change your behaviour and to repair the harm you caused by your offending. It can be between 3 months to 12 months long. If you are under 17 years old, your parents will probably be part of the order also.

What does it involve?

The Court will order you to attend a Youth Offender Panel made up of two trained community volunteers and a YJS Officer. The victim may also be there, or they may provide information about their wishes in writing or by sending someone else.

At the Panel you will sign a contract which will be your plan of the work you are going to be doing for the Order. It will be designed to help you stay out of trouble. You might have to:

- ⌘ undertake reparation to help the victim or community;
- ⌘ undertake work on offending behaviour.

Your Referral Order does not start until you sign the contract.

It is very important that you understand the exact details of your Order. Ask your solicitor to explain it to you if you're not sure.

You will attend regular review meetings so the Panel can monitor your progress.

Parents who have been ordered to participate in a Referral Order must attend every Panel meeting.

After the Panel you must:

- 1 Attend regular appointments, at times and places set by your Supervisor.
- 2 Inform your Supervisor of any change of address or employment.
- 3 Co-operate with the contract.

What happens next?

Your Supervisor will talk to you and your family and write a report to give to the Panel. This will give the Panel members a better understanding of you and what areas of your life and behaviour may need addressing in your contract.

What happens if I don't co-operate?

If this only happens one or two times your YJS Officer is allowed to give you warning letters. If you don't comply after that, it must be reported to the Panel. You and your parent will have to attend the Panel and explain why you are not co-operating. The Panel will decide whether or not you go back to Court. The Court can then decide to punish you or your parent.

What happens if I do co-operate?

Firstly, you will get some really useful help. You will be able to sort out your problems and have a happier life.

Secondly, we will help you make up for the trouble you caused, so that you don't have to feel bad about it forever.