

REACH Custody Local Offer

Custody Local Offer for Young
People aged 16-25



Welcome

Welcome to the City of Wolverhampton Council's Local Offer for young people in, or who have just left custody.

Here you will find information about the support that is available to young people who are in custody or have recently left custody aged 16-25.

You will be allocated a **Young Person Advisor (YPA)** who will support you during your time in custody and when you leave. This booklet outlines some of the support available to you.

This booklet is split into three sections:

- Support while you are in custody
- Planning for your release
- Support for you when you are released

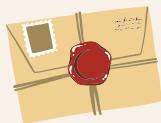


**SUPPORT WHILE
YOU'RE**



IN CUSTODY

You will be visited by your YPA either 8 or 12 weekly, depending on your needs and wants.



You will be able to receive letters, emails, or video calls from your YPA in between these visits.

You will receive a Birthday and Christmas present from your YPA.



Your YPA will make sure you have all the relevant ID documents e.g. Birth Certificate, Passport etc.

The REACH Team will help you store your personal belongings so they are safe on your release.



You can have access to a 'Grand Mentor Pen Pal' who will write to you and keep in touch with you during your time in custody.

You can have access to your Families Working Together Team who can help you renew and repair relationships with your friends and family.



The REACH Team has a custody champion who provides targeted support, attends meetings with HMPSS and supports other team members with any custody sessions.

Your YPA will work with you to ensure that you are aware of additional support available to you from voluntary organisations within your prison, such as Rees Foundation, Trail Blazers and Reconnect, that could offer you additional support.



PLANNING FOR



YOUR RELEASE



Six weekly custody meetings will be held to ensure that all plans are put in place for accommodation and Employment, Education and Training (EET) before your release.

EET Advisors will signpost you to organisations that will prepare you for EET opportunities on your release.



You could be provided with an extra £10 per month, added to your PIN, to keep in touch with your friends or family if you are actively engaging with EET support.

**SUPPORT FOR YOU
WHEN**



**YOU ARE
RELEASED**

Your YPA will meet you upon your release, unless you have made other arrangements with friends or family.



Your YPA will support with the purchase of religious items to help you continue to practice your faith.

Your YPA will support you with your first benefits appointment and make sure you are accessing all financial support available to you.



If you are aged 19+ you will have access to the 'Ask Jan' service. You can have free access to the [Ask Jan app](#). The app can help care experienced young people access advice and support around their mental health as well as other benefits.

You will have access to a 'release pack' to help you when you are first released. Your pack will contain:

- Toiletries
- Food
- Calendar/Diary - if required
- List of local contacts and support
- A copy of our Local Offer to you
- Clothing voucher
- Access to a mobile phone if you do not already have one

