

## **Detention and Training Order**

A detention and Training Order is a sentence you can receive at Court. It can be given to young people aged 12 – 17 and means you will be sent into secure accommodation. The sentence lasts for between 4 months and 2 years depending on how serious the offences are. Only half of the sentence is served in secure accommodation. The other half of the sentence is served in the community on 'licence' where young people are required to attend regular appointments with a member of staff from the Youth Offending Team.

You might get a Detention and Training Order if you have done something serious or have been in trouble a lot of times before.

Once you have been sentenced, you will be taken to the cells at the Court where someone from the Youth Offending Team will come to see you to see how you are and make plans for you to go to secure accommodation. If you have any problems or worries this person will be able to discuss them with you and help you.

Once you arrive at the secure accommodation you will be met by the staff there. They will tell you about the rules of the prison or secure unit and you will have a chance to ask them any questions you might have.

They will tell you how you can make telephone calls to your family and friends and how you can arrange for them to come and visit you. All secure units have slightly different rules and you will be told about these things when you arrive. If you have any problems ask the staff in custody or contact your Youth Offending Team worker.

There will be a meeting held shortly after you arrive which your Youth Offending Team worker will attend along with your parents or carers. This meeting will be to plan your time in custody and see what can be done to help you to stop offending in the future. Meetings like this will be held regularly to see how you are getting on with your Training Plan

There are three types of secure accommodation where you can be placed –

- Young Offenders Institution (YOI)
- Secure Training Centre (STC)
- Secure Childrens Home (SCH)

Before you are sent to custody you will be assessed to find out the most suitable place for you to go.

All young people are given a key worker in custody who is someone they can talk to if they are having any problems such as being bullied. All young people can also ask to speak to their worker from the Youth Offending Team if they need to and their worker will also visit them on a regular basis to see how they are getting on and help solve any problems they might be having.

When you are released you will return home or to another agreed address and will need to see your worker from the Youth Offending Team on the day you are released. Some young people are given 'early release'. This depends upon your good behaviour whilst in custody. Most young people are released near the half way point of their sentence and are released on 'licence'. You are required to

attend regular appointments with your Youth Offending Team worker. Failure to attend these appointments could mean you are sent back to Court.

Your worker will help you to sort out things such as school, work and accommodation and will arrange appointments for you with people such as Drugs workers and Health workers depending upon what help you might need to settle back into the community.