



One Minute Guide

Preventing Youth Crime



Coventry City Council

**catch
22**



positive
youth
foundation



Coventry City Council, West Midlands Police and local partners, Catch 22 and Positive Youth Foundation work in partnership to provide a three tier approach of support to young people and families where there is a concern that a young person is at risk of being exploited.

The three strands of this is:

1. **Raise awareness** amongst professionals, parents and community members about gang related issues; raise awareness amongst school aged children and young people about gang issues and ways to seek help to avoid being involved in gangs.
2. Provide young people on the periphery of gangs or involved in gangs with a **mentoring service** to help them move away from gangs and enable them to achieve better outcomes.
3. Provide **targeted whole family work** for some young people and their families.

Who are our partners?

Catch 22 works nationally to address the multiple and complex issues which can lead to gang involvement. Catch 22 offers a responsive and needs-led service focussing on the cause of behaviour.

Positive Youth Foundation (PYF) is based in Coventry and works to encourage positive outcomes for young people through a range of outreach work.

West Midlands Police are in a position to identify and refer young people at risk of becoming involved in crime. The force's #lifeorknife campaign focusses on getting young people and their parents to talk about knives by using real knives and offenders.



Preventing Youth Crime Referral Pathway

Concern about a child/ young person possibly at risk of, or being, exploited.

Complete Child Exploitation screening tool which can be found by clicking [here](#).
N.B consent will need to be obtained from parents/ carers before information is shared with providers.

Send the completed Child Exploitation Screening Tool to ChildExploitationSPOC@coventry.gov.uk .

If there is an immediate safeguarding concern, you should submit a [MARE](#) directly to MASH.

On receipt of the screening tool, this will be included in the next PYC Triage meeting. These are held fortnightly. Membership of this meeting includes: Child Exploitation Coordinator, YOS, Exploitation Team, Missing Coordinator, Police.

More Information Requested from referrer or another agency.

PYC Allocation and Review Panel meetings are held fortnightly (alternate weeks to Triage) with Catch 22 and PYF. Case reviews will also be held. A decision will be made regarding the support that can be offered. Referrers will be made aware of the decision.

Membership: Child Exploitation coordinator, YOS, Exploitation Team, Police, Catch 22 and PYF

Referral to CATCH 22 for whole family support

Referral to PYF for mentoring support

Referral to Early Help