

Youth Rehabilitation Order

What is a Youth Rehabilitation Order?

A Youth Rehabilitation Order (YRO) is a Court Order which may be given to young people under the age of 18 years old when they are being sentenced for committing a criminal offence. The order can be made for any period up to 3 years.

A Youth Rehabilitation Order will contain one or more requirements, which may include that you must meet with a worker from the Youth Offending Team. You may be required to comply with other activities, such as unpaid work, a curfew or live where you are told. The number of times you have to be seen depends on your level of risk which will have been assessed by a YOT worker.

What Happens Now?

If your YRO includes a Supervision, Activity or Programme Requirement, your YOT Worker will have worked out a YRO plan with you that tells you the number of sessions you must attend each month and for how long. The plan also gives you information about each requirement. The YRO will include requirements that are designed to help you think about:

- your behaviour
- the harm your offending can do to yourself
- and others
- reparation or work with your victim/s
- your plan for the future and how you will deal with your problems
- how you will be supported to access services

Your YOT Worker will help you understand what you need to do and will talk to any other agencies who may be involved in monitoring parts of your YRO.

Your YRO is made up of one or more of the following requirements:

- Supervision
- Local Authority Residence
- Activity
- Drug Treatment Programme
- Drug Testing
- Unpaid Work
- Intoxicating Substance
- Curfew
- Prohibited Activity
- Attendance Centre
- Education
- Exclusion
- Mental Health Treatment
- Residence
- Intensive Supervision and Surveillance

What do I have to do?

You have to:

- let your worker know if you change address
 - attend your appointments on time
 - let your worker know if you are unable to attend your appointment
 - keep out of trouble
 - comply with any reasonable direction from your YOT worker
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What happens if I do not co-operate with my YRO?

If you fail to co-operate then you will:

- be asked to explain why within 24 hours, by phone or letter
- if your reason is unacceptable you will be issued with a warning
- if you receive three warnings you will be breached and returned to court

The Court can then amend or revoke your YRO depending on the reasons for the breach, the YOT worker's recommendations and your level of risk.

Throughout your supervision your YOT Officer will reassess your risk of reoffending and risk of serious harm. If your risk increases your YOT Officer can increase the number of contacts you have with the YOT each month. If your risk reduces, the number of contacts can also reduce.

Early discharge of YRO?

If you do well your YOT worker will talk to you about early discharge of your order.

The Court is unlikely to agree to this unless:

- you have completed all the requirements
- have completed at least half of the order
- your risk of re-offending and risk of serious harm has reduced or is low
- you have followed all of the instructions the YOT has given you

Equal Opportunities

We seek to treat everybody fairly and without discrimination. We will not accept racist, sexist or any other offensive remarks or behaviour from members of staff or young people and their families.

Complaints:

If you are not happy about the service you receive you should talk to your YOT Officer. If you still feel dissatisfied you can raise your issues with the Youth Offending Team Manager:

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