



WE WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 13-20, WHO ARE DUE TO LEAVE, OR HAVE JUST LEFT, POLICE CUSTODY. A WORKER FROM THE LINKED-IN PROJECT CAN PROVIDE YOUNG PEOPLE WITH ANY GUIDANCE AND SIGNPOSTING SUPPORT THEY MIGHT NEED.

THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM – HOMELESSNESS – ALCOHOL & DRUGS – BAIL CONDITIONS – STRESS – BENEFITS – JUST SOMEONE TO TALK TO – DEBT – RELATIONSHIPS – STAYING OUT OF TROUBLE – ANXIETY – UNEMPLOYMENT – SAFE SEX – APPEARING IN COURT – SELF HARMING – FEELING LONELY – BEING A PARENT – RACISM – CONTROLLING YOUR ANGER – MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES – RESTORATIVE JUSTICE – COMING OUT – PEER PRESSURE – GAMBLING – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – UNPLANNED PREGNANCY – BULLYING – ABUSE – YOUTH CONFERENCING – SADNESS – MEETING OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE – HEALTH & FITNESS – YOUR RIGHTS – SEXUAL HEALTH – READING & WRITING – DISABILITY ... AND ANYTHING ELSE YOU COULD USE SOME HELP WITH

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THE LINKED-IN PROJECT

- SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE LEAVING POLICE CUSTODY
- EMPOWERING YOUNG PEOPLE

How can we help?



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WHAT WE DO ...

- We use an early intervention approach to support young people when leaving police custody with the aim of:
- Reducing the risk of re-offending;
- Assisting the young person to meet the requirements set by the juvenile / criminal justice system;
- Addressing risk factors and stressors for re-offending including mental health issues;
- Linking the young person in to existing services;
- Acting as a single point of contact between the young person and the wide range of agencies and services that are or should be involved in supporting them;
- Building the young person's capacity for effective help-seeking behaviour in future.

Who we support:

We provide individually tailored support, advocacy, befriending service and signposting for a period up to six months to young people and young adults (aged 13 – 20) who have been in contact with the police.

Referrals will be received from:

- MindWise's Northern Ireland Appropriate Adult Scheme which supported the young person during any police interview;
- PSNI Community Police Officers, Youth Diversion Officers or Custody Sergeants;
- Any other professionals working with young people at risk of offending (by prior agreement with MindWise);
- Young people themselves who have been arrested.

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Areas of Support and Linking-In:

- Requirements set by the juvenile / criminal justice system;
- Previously diagnosed mental health & well-being issues and conditions;
- Screening for undiagnosed mental health conditions;
- Previous major life events;
- Learning disabilities, learning difficulties, and speech, language & communication difficulties;
- Alcohol & drug misuse and other self-harming behaviour;
- Other current risk-factors and stressors for re-offending behaviour and mental health problems;
- Education, training and employment;
- Life-skills training and Family & Community Bridge Building.