



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 Justice Service. 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 YJS worker

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
 - Curfew
 - Prohibited Activity
 - Attendance Centre
 - Education
 - Exclusion
 - Mental Health Treatment
 - Residence
 - Intensive Supervision and Surveillance
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What happens next?

If your YRO includes other requirements such as Supervision, Activity or Programme Requirements, your YJS 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
- work with your victim/s
- your plan for the future and how you will deal with problems
- how you will be supported to access services

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

What do I need to do?

You need 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 YJS worker
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What happens if I do not cooperate?

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 break the agreement resulting in a 'breach' which could lead to going back to court

The Court can then change or end your YRO depending on the reasons for the breach, the YJS worker's recommendations and your level of risk.

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

Early Discharge of YRO?

If you do well your YJS worker will talk to you about early ending 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 YJS has given you
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Equal Opportunities

We seek to treat everybody fairly and without discrimination. We will not accept racist, sexist or any other offensive remarks or behavior 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 Youth Justice Service worker. If you still feel dissatisfied you can raise your issues with the YJS Team Manager:

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