

Most young people referred to TYS receive an offer of activities. These can range from sporting activities to specific group work sessions or 1:1 sessions.



**TYS is an
inclusive service
based in three
neighbourhood areas:**

Wakefield Youth Hub

**YDSS - City Limits
Thornhill Street
Wakefield
WF1 1NL**

Telephone No: 01924 303600

**TYS Contact: Adele Mirfin-Smithers
Email address: amirfinsmithers@wakefield.gov.uk**

5 Towns Area Youth Hub

**YDSS - The Base
Green Lane
Carleton, Pontefract
WF8 3NW**

Telephone No: 01977 722815

**TYS Contact: Mark Stead
Email address: mstead@wakefield.gov.uk**

South East Area Youth Hub

**YDSS - Platform 1
Wakefield Road
Hemsworth, Pontefract
WF9 4AB**

Telephone No: 01977 723165

**TYS Contact: Danni Ward
Email: dward@wakefield.gov.uk**

Guidance Notes on Referral to:

Targeted Youth Support



Working in Partnership

**'supporting young people
on the path to success'**

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What is Targeted Youth Support (TYS) ?

The main aim of Targeted Youth Support (TYS) is early identification of young people who are experiencing difficulties.

TYS aims to ensure all agencies work together to support young people and help them on the path to success.

Who is YYS aimed at?

TYS is aimed at young people between the ages of 8 and 19 (25 for those with disabilities) who are experiencing difficulties or taking risks and require help and support to prevent their difficulties getting any worse.

Young people may be taking risks relating to:

- Alcohol and Substance Misuse
- Teenage Pregnancy
- Crime
- Antisocial behaviour
- Not being involved in education employment or training

TYS provides a co-ordinated and effective response to the needs of vulnerable young people.

Who can make a referral to YYS ?

Referral to YYS is swift and simple!

Anyone can make a referral to the YYS Co-ordinator at each of the three Youth Hubs.

We welcome referrals from professionals working with young people, parents or carers and young people themselves.

How do I make a referral to YYS ?

Referrals should be made to the local YDSS Hub for the area where the young person lives. The Hub areas are as follows:

- 5 Towns
- Wakefield Centre
- South East

Contact details are on the back of this leaflet.. Initial enquiries can be made by either phone or email.

A YYS referral form will need to be completed and signed . Professionals referrals will need to be accompanied by a relevant assessment.

Otherwise please contact the YYS Co-ordinator at the Hub who will support you to make a referral.

Is consent from young people required ?

Yes. Support offered through YYS is always on a voluntary basis and the consent of young people to participate must be received. Young people and their families must be willing to engage in the support offered.

What happens to your referral ?

If the young person is eligible for YYS the young person and the referring professional will be notified and the young person will be contacted by YYS workers to undertake further information gathering and assessment.

What happens next ?

The information gathered will be discussed at a multi-agency YYS Panel Meeting. Young people, referrers and families will be supported to attend the panel meeting if they wish. At the Panel Meeting a support plan will be discussed and agreed by a range of potential support services and the young person will be encouraged to engage in the YYS programme by dedicated YYS workers.

How will we evaluate and develop YYS ?

Feedback from young people, parents/ carers and Partner Agencies will be key to developing YYS.

YYS will be reviewed regularly and updated in response to this feedback.

All YYS staff have undertaken an enhanced CRB check and will comply with safeguarding policies, procedures, information sharing and customer care standards