**South Gloucestershire Preventative Services**

These services sit within South Gloucestershire Councils’ Integrated Children’s Services division.

Preventative Services includes:

* Family and Young People Support (FYPS) teams
* Children Centres
* The Youth Offending Team

Information about each of these is included below.

**The Family and Young People’s Support (FYPS) Teams – North and South**

The FYPS teams are a key part of Preventative Services which sit within Integrated Children Services. The two FYPS teams - north and south - were established in November 2015 (bringing together the teams previously known as YISS and FISS) and are based in the Kingswood and Patchway Locality Hubs. The teams are made up of skilled and qualified workers from a range of backgrounds with a core set of skills working with children, young people and families. All practitioners are expected to have a ‘whole family’ approach in their work.

**Who are FYPS for?**

**The primary purpose of FYPS teams is** to support vulnerable children, young people and their families to develop the skills and resilience to make sustainable and positive changes. There is a focus on reducing the need for statutory services and preventing children or young people coming into care. The team work at Tier 3 of the [***Child’s Journey of Need*** threshold matrix](http://edocs.southglos.gov.uk/download/thresholdofneedstiers_421.pdf).

Priority is given to families where there is a risk of family breakdown and/or a complex range of issues. **Referrals from outside agencies come via the Access and Response team (ART).**

Referrals also come from social care teams who may be ‘stepping down’ a case from Tier 4 to Tier 3 or are requesting a specific piece of work to be undertaken with a family they are working with. In all cases the aim is to provide a smooth transfer and/or deliver a well-coordinated joint action plan which puts children and young people at the heart of decision making.

**What do FYPS do?**

The FYPS teams have a range of responsibilities and functions including some statutory:

* **Direct work** with families, children and young people
* **Targeted evidence based Parenting Programmes:** Specifically for families where risks and issues have been identified. Includes Parents Plus Children (primary school age), Parenting Plus Teens(secondary school age) and the Solihull programme (0-3yrs – delivered by Children Centres)
* **Targeted Youth Support (TYS):** Rapid response alongside social care for teenagers at immediate risk of coming into care
* **Statutory Return Home Interviews for young people who have been missing**
* **Tracking the education, employment and training (EET**) situation of all young people aged 16-18 years and supporting vulnerable young people to achieve positive EET outcomes
* Direct delivery or commissioned **centre based youth provision** in the five priority neighbourhoods and for young people with learning difficulties and/or disabilities. From 1st April 2019 delivery will all be via commissioned services but there will be a monitoring and partnership role for FYPS managers.
* **Families in Focus:** Some direct work with families who have been identified as fitting the criteria for the National Troubled Families program.

Families who engage with FYPS do so on a voluntary basis and building trusting relationships with them is paramount. FYPS workers always work to an action plan with agreed timescales. The plan is based on an agreement with the family and other members of the ‘team around the child/family’ about the problems and issues that need addressing and what needs to happen for things to improve.

**Key Contacts:**

For more information or to discuss/refer a case:

**Access and Response Team (ART) for referrals / advice: 01454 866000**

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**South Gloucestershire Children Centres**

Children Centres are a key part of Preventative Services which sit within Integrated Children Services. There are six Children’s Centres covering South Gloucestershire based in the current (or previous) priority neighbourhoods of Filton, Patchway, Yate, Kingswood, Cadbury Heath and Staple Hill.

Children Centres focus on providing information, advice, and guidance and group sessions for families with children aged 0-5 years old both within the centres and through outreach work. There is a particular focus on parents, carers or families who may face additional challenges during the critical early years of their child (ren)’s life. This is to enable families to have access to the information and support they need to provide their children with the best possible start in life.

Each centre is a welcoming and safe environment for children and families and is staffed by well trained, skilled workers. The teams work with other services and agencies (for example: midwives, health visitors, adult learning, Job Centre Plus, local nurseries and schools, housing services, domestic abuse, mental health and substance misuse services and others) to support families.

Some partner and community organisations also use Children’s Centres as venues to provide their services to families.

**The Children Centres Offer**

The programmes delivered are developed around identified needs of both individuals and the local community. Examples of what we offer are:

•early learning and development

•healthy lifestyles sessions

•parenting support, including group parenting programmes

•support for young mothers

•2 year old funded provision – on-site or signposting

•breast feeding support

•community learning and adult education

•careers advice and support

•social/coffee mornings for parents and babies

•counselling advice and support services, including for parents experiencing difficulties with mental health

•baby massage

•support for families experiencing domestic violence or abuse

•postnatal groups

•health and safety awareness

•support for children with additional needs

Updated programs are available on the South Gloucestershire Council website.

**Accessing a Children Centre program or support**

Each main centre offers both universal sessions, which are open to all, and targeted sessions which are accessed by referral through South Gloucestershire Council’s Access and Response Team (ART)

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**South Gloucestershire Youth Offending Team**

The Youth Offending Team (YOT) is statutory multiagency team. It sits within the Council’s Preventative Services within Integrated Children Services and is governed by a multiagency Youth Offending Service Board.

One multi-agency team covers the whole local authority area. The team is split into a pre- and post-court teams, with various workers who ‘straddle’ these functions. Some staff are directly employed, others seconded.

Based in Patchway Police Centre the team is made up of workers from a range of backgrounds to address the often complex needs of young people who are involved in criminality and the youth justice system. The team includes roles such as youth justice workers (pre and post court), preventative workers, probation officers, bail support officers, substance misuse worker, health worker, education liaison worker, reparation worker, harmful sexual behaviour specialist , speech and language therapist and police officer.

The three core aims of the service include:

1. Reducing the number of first-time entrants (FTEs) to the youth justice system.
2. Reducing reoffending.
3. Reducing custody numbers.

The team works with young people aged 10-17years, working to the Youth Justice Board (YJB) National Standards to:

* Ensure every child lives a safe and crime free life.
* Prioritise the best interests of children, recognising their needs, capacities, rights and potentials.
* Encourage children’s active participation, engagement and wider social inclusion.
* Ensure justice is dealt with quickly and that punishment is proportionate to the offence committed.
* Help young people face the consequences of their offending and develop a sense of personal responsibility, which includes provision of reparation placements and the potential of direct contact with any victim.
* Work with young people to tackle issues that put them at risk of offending.
* Help parents and carers to help their children.
* Identify and build on factors impacting on Desistance.

**The YOT gets involved if a young person:**

* Is at risk of progressing in to the criminal justice system and can be identified as benefitting from early intervention. TFI funded posts give the YOT the ability to respond to Police or other Agency concerns about the behavior of young people or wider concerns and offer support.
* Is caught in the possession of cannabis or similar and is eligible for a drugs diversion process. In the local area this is currently called a DDP (Drugs Diversion Programme) or DEP (Drugs Education Programme) but will be standardized in the near future as a YADD (Youth Alcohol and Drugs Diversion scheme).
* Is referred to the Avon and Somerset Police/YOT Caution panel for intervention and diversion away from the formal Court process. This can involve compulsory or voluntary support packages.
* Is charged with a crime, goes to court and is given a sentence. The YOT works with any S Glos child given a sentence locally or will request other YOTs become involved if they offend and live out of area.
* Is sentenced to a period on remand or in custody.
* Has exhibited harmful sexual behavior but has not necessarily been charged with such an offence.

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