

Young People in Prison

Action points for social workers when a young person is sentenced to custody

If a young person under age 18 is **sentenced to custody**, social workers should do the following:

- Contact the Plan B office in the prison to arrange a review within 72 hours (you may also need to book a room through the SPS booking system). If the young person does not meet Plan B criteria they will advise who to contact. This is for all sentenced young people and not just those subject to a Supervision Requirement through the Children's Hearing System

Please phone: **01324 722624**

or e-mail: Antoinette.krex@sps.pnn.gov.uk or Polly.rodger@sps.pnn.gov.uk

- E-mail the prison a copy of the young person's report and single plan the day they are sentenced:

CJSWR@sps.pnn.gov.uk

- Invite the family where appropriate and other professionals involved to the review
- Attend the review and support the SPS to plan work while the young person is in custody and start planning for the young persons release to the community, setting a date for their exit meeting
- Visit the young person whilst they are in custody and liaise with their personal officer/plan B co-ordinator
- Undertake any work with the family as appropriate
- Collect the young person from the gate when released (or arrange for them to be collected)
- Support their reintegration to the community by making referrals to appropriate services; supporting them to attend appointments

The above action points and supported guidance can be found at: www.scotland.gov.uk/wsa

Practice guidance to support this work can be found at: www.cjsw.ac.uk

If you have any queries please contact the National Development Team on 0131 651 1464 or the Scottish Government Youth Justice Team on 0131 244 7679

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