

Beyond

Custody

£ Think about the
Game

£ Don't go Jail!

£ Help

£ Do You want
this to be you?

You Don't Wanna be
Sat behind the Glass..



What does a custodial sentence mean for young people?

Custodial sentences are usually given as a last resort and are only given in the most serious cases, they aim to provide education, training and rehabilitation for young people to help them to not re-offend.

These types of sentences can be spent in secure training centres, young offenders institutions (YOI) or a secure children's home.

If a young person between 12 and 17 years old is sentenced in youth court they may receive a Detention and Training Order (DTO) this may last between 4 months to two years, in the Crown Court, a DTO can also be given—the same as in youth court.

When a young person receives a custodial sentence the Youth Offending Service will keep in contact with them and will offer a support plan during their sentence and when they leave which will include -

Support from -

- Case Worker - Who will attend your reviews during your sentence and is based inside the prison.
- YOT Worker— Who will support you during your sentence and when you leave
- Resettlement officer—Assigned to support you and help you plan your release from custody.

Support with -

- Housing
- Education
- Medical
- Substance misuse
- Employment

What to expect from Court—Custody...

A young person who has previously completed a custodial sentence shared their experience with a group of young people to help them create this leaflet and inform other young people and their families.

Court -

- There will be 1 Judge or 3 magistrates, Crown Prosecution Service (CPS), YOT Court Officer, Usher, Solicitor, family may or may not attend, maybe a Support Worker and GEO Amy (Security)
- If you receive a DTO you will then be taken down to the court cells to wait for transport to prison, whilst you are waiting your Solicitor or a YOT Officer is allowed to come and talk to you, you will not be able to talk to your family.
- In transport to prison you may or may not be handcuffed, you will be separated by very small cubicles.

Custody -

- On arrival at the prison you will be booked in and asked questions about your personal details
- You have to change your clothes and be searched, they will give you clothing to wear and they will take your property and store it until you leave.
- They take a picture of you and then you get put onto the induction wing for approx. 1 week where they will assess your mental health.

I felt nervous, anxious, anticipation, intrigued as your just waiting to get on the wing'

- You then get put in a cell on the wing and receive a starter pack which includes your bedding, hygiene products, toothbrush, tea and coffee.

'The TV was very fuzzy so I was really bored when I had to stay in my cell'

Daily routine -

- Wake up call at 8am and you have to get up or you get a 'negative'
- Education from 9am—11.30am back to your cell until 1.30pm and then back to education until 4.30pm if you go to education you receive financial support, if you don't you receive a 'negative'.
- Dinner and exercise for an hour and then you are allowed to socialise (Association) until 8pm then you are locked in your cell from 8pm until the next day.

'It can be quite a lonely experience, but you have to make the most of it'