
What will happen next?

Your details will be passed onto the Youth Offending Service Victim Worker who will make contact with you. The Victim Worker will be able to explain to you what has happened to the young offender so far and how you could become involved with the work of the Youth Offending Service.

If you do not want your details passed onto the Youth Offending Service, please contact PC Steve Gregory within one week of the date of the attached letter. PC Steve Gregory can be contacted on 01332 642466.

The Choice is Yours...

You now have the opportunity to be involved but there will be no pressure brought upon you to do so.

The process is completely voluntary. If at any stage you no longer wish to be involved your wishes will be fully respected.



Your details will not be given to the young person involved and you will not have to meet them if you do not want to.



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Information for Victims of Youth Crime



What is Derby Youth Offending Service?

Derby City Youth Offending Service works with young people aged 10-17 years who currently live in Derby City.

The young people they work with will have committed a crime, been arrested by the police and been sent to court.

When the young person attended Court they will have been given an Order which means that they now have to be supervised by and undertake work with the Youth Offending Service.

Why does the Youth Offending Service contact Victims?

The Youth Offending Service aims to ensure that everyone who has had a crime committed against them by a young person has the opportunity to say how the offence has affected them and what might help to make things better.

Your views as a victim are very important to us and to the work that will be done by the Youth Offending Service with the young person responsible for the offence.

How can I get involved?

As a victim there are a number of options available to you. These things may help you to feel better about the offence and may help the young person understand how their actions have affected you. The following options may be available to you:

- Where appropriate, you could be offered the opportunity to meet the young person face to face, in a supervised, neutral environment, in order to repair some of the harm caused
- Where appropriate you could request that the young person do some work to directly 'repair the harm caused to you'

If you do not want any direct contact with the young person:

- You could record your questions and express how you have been affected. Your views would then be expressed to the young person by a Youth Offending Service Victim Worker and any comments fed back to you
- You could ask for a letter of apology from the young person
- You could specify some form of community reparation (community service) that you would like the young person to do as part of their Court Order

Why should I become involved and what are the benefits for me?

- To better understand the reasons for and the circumstances of the offence
- To receive an explanation from the young person either directly or indirectly via a Youth Offending Service Victim Worker
- To receive an apology from the young person either directly or indirectly via a Youth Offending Service Victim Worker or letter
- The opportunity to express your views and feelings to the young person either directly or indirectly via a Youth Offending Service Victim Worker
- To receive answers to any questions you may have about the incident
- To receive reparation if appropriate
- To help the young person face up to the consequences of their actions and avoid further offending in the future

