Lancashire Violence Reduction Network

Prevention Partnership Panel

Eligibility Criteria

Prevention Partnership Panels aim to identify vulnerability in children and young people before they offend and intervene at the earliest possible opportunity.

By working together, professionals assess the risks and needs of the child or young person and put support in place to prevent any potential escalation into criminal behaviour.

Essential Requirements

Children or Young Person, aged 10 – 18, residing in Preston, Burnley, Wyre or Blackpool.

(There may be circumstances in which it is considered appropriate to refer younger children or young people with additional or complex needs).

Where a professional is concerned that a child or young person is vulnerable and may become involved in crime due to signs of:

Emerging vulnerabilities

- Risk of exclusion or frequent absence from school
- Concerning changes in attitude or language
- Being asked or encouraged to take part in criminal activity
- Sudden change in behaviour
- Experiencing Adverse Childhood experiences
- Going missing from home
- New or changes in friendships

Other considerations

- Maximum of two 'No Further Action' incidents with the Police (previous 6-months)
- Maximum of 3 Police Youth Referrals (previous 6-months)
- Open to, or already known by, statutory services, where there is clear evidence that the child or young person is not engaging meaningfully with the support being offered. In these instances, the referrer must evidence that a conversation has taken place with the statutory practitioner prior to submitting the referral. This is to highlight ongoing unmet needs despite previous attempts to provide support and to identify the need for a collaborative community response. The referrer and the lead statutory practitioner will be required to attend the panel to provide further insight and context to inform the panel's decision-making.

Lancashire Continuum of Need

L1	Universal Children, young people and families whose needs and risks are and can be met by universal services or simple specific agency response.
L2	Some Unmet Needs and Low Risk. Children, young people and families whose needs and risks are and can be met by universal services or simple specific agency response.
L3	Higher Levels of Unmet Need/ Medium Risk. Children and families are at medium risk and higher levels of unmet need. They are experiencing sustained and persistent problems that has not been possible to resolve at the previous levels
L4	Significant Unmet Needs/ High Risks. These individuals / families have significant unmet needs and are subject to 'high' risk factors. Without a multi -agency co-ordinated response they will continue to suffer or be at risk of suffering significant harm

Prevention Partnership Panels and the Continuum of Need

Children and Young People will be considered for support where they fall within Level 1 or 2 in the first instance, provided that the essential requirements are met. Careful consideration will be given to offering support to existing clients at Levels 3 and 4, taking into account evidence from services already involved with them regarding low engagement and/or barriers to engagement.

Make a Referral

Questions

If you have any questions, please contact the team:

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