

# Detention and Training Order

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## What is a Detention & Training Order?

- This is a custodial sentence for 12-17 year olds.
- Half of your sentence will be spent in custody and for the other half you will be supervised in the community by the Youth Offending Team.
- The court can sentence you to a DTO for a minimum of four months and a maximum of two years.
- You will have a training plan which you have to complete in custody and in the community.

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## What will happen after court?

- Once you have been sentenced you will be taken down to the court cells and held until the escorts come and transport you.
- A member of the Youth Offending Team will come and see you in the cells. It is really important that you tell them how you are feeling.
- They will let you know where you will be going. If you are aged 12-14 years old you will be taken to a Local Authority Secure Children's Home or a Secure Training Unit. If you are aged 15-17 years old you will usually be taken to a Young Offenders Institution.

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## What happens when I get there?

- You will be interviewed and told the name of your case worker/key worker.
- You may have a medical check and it's important that you tell staff if you are worried about any health issues.
- You will be able to contact your family and let them know you are okay. Staff will explain the procedures for family visits.
- Within the first two weeks there will be a planning meeting to decide what sort of training you need to complete. A Youth Offending Team Officer will attend this meeting and make sure you understand what you are expected to do.
- A Youth Offending Team Officer will visit you regularly.
- Review meetings will be held throughout your order to monitor your progress and check that you are doing what is expected of you.

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## What training will I be doing?

- You and everyone involved in your DTO will decide what training you need to complete to help you stop offending.
  - This training will look at the causes of your offending.
  - You will be expected to look at your offence(s) in detail and consider the consequences of your actions.
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## What happens when I am transferred to the community?

- You will be supervised by the Youth Offending Team until the end of your DTO.
- This period of supervision is known as a DTO supervision period and you will have conditions put on your supervision notice that you have to comply with.
- You will have to be seen twice a week for the first three months.
- If you break the conditions of your DTO supervision period you can be sent back to custody to serve the remainder of your DTO.

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## Can I appeal?

- Yes. You need to speak to your solicitor if you want to appeal your sentence.
- The court can then do one of three things: Give you a different sentence within the community, give you a shorter DTO or give you a longer DTO.

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## What about remand time?

- The court will have considered any time spent on remand or in police cells before they sentence you.
- Once sentenced you will not get any further reduction.

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## Equal Opportunities and Complaints:

We seek to treat everybody fairly and without discrimination. We will not accept racist, sexist or any other offensive remarks or behaviour from members of staff or young people and their families. If you are not happy about the service you receive you should talk to your YOT Officer. If you still feel dissatisfied you can raise your issues with the Youth Offending Team Manager: West Berkshire Youth Offending Team, Merchant House, 14-20 Oxford Road, Newbury, Berkshire RG14 1PA. Tel: 01635 553600.

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