

The Warren/Cornerhouse model of delivery

The Cornerhouse/Warren Partnership will deliver a range of interventions to prevent young people who have complex needs and are identified as at high-need/risk, of becoming first-time entrants to the criminal justice system. The model will implement a three-stage strategy of Identification, Initial Engagement, and Ongoing Holistic Support.

1. Identification

The partnership will identify those young people who are at risk of /being exploited, those who may be involved in county lines, young people who are frequently missing, looked after children, young people who identify as neuro-diverse, and those at risk of becoming perpetrators of domestic abuse or peer-to-peer exploitation. These areas will be identified by the partnership through intelligence gained from the Police, VEMT (Vulnerable, Exploitation, Missing Team), MACE meetings, MDTs, the DAP (Domestic Abuse Partnership).

2. Initial Engagement

The partnership will deliver a range of initial interventions including:

- 1:1 support;
- Group work in schools, youth services, YJS, residential care homes, early help and social care settings;
- Street based outreach services targeting areas of high concern for exploitation, county lines and missing young people.
- Support & advocacy for young people at a variety of meetings including case conferences, MACE, TAF, early help. Sharing YP's concerns and intelligence with relevant organisations.

All young people identified through the above means will be referred into the trauma-informed Ongoing Holistic Support available through Cornerhouse and The Warren.

3. Ongoing Holistic Support

Our focus is to build a trusting relationship with the young people by treating them with non-judgemental positive regard. This is based on the professional understanding that a lack of power and control is a contributing factor to the abusive or exploitative context of their lives and therefore believe in a person-centred approach that enables young people to have control and autonomy over this phase of the model. For example, in instances of County Lines they will not be viewed as being involved in 'running drugs' but as being trafficked for the purpose of criminal exploitation where they have not had a free and informed choice. They may appear to be willing participants, but is more likely their actions and choices are being controlled by perpetrators with more power than them.

Therefore we will create a 'safe space' where their true & best self can be revealed and choice is returned to them in the form of the following menu of holistic options:

- Mental Health Support: Person-centred counselling, anger management workshops, relationship workshops, complementary therapies (massage; meditation);
- Creative expression: through The Warren Music Service's (songwriting sessions; music lessons, DJ sessions, drumming sessions in our recording studio & rehearsal rooms); Three Minute Heroes creative writing & spoken word/music sessions;
- SCRAN: conversations and fun around food & nutrition project 'SCRAN'

- The Curve: an exciting digital space where they can develop new skills ranging from basic IT skills right through to game design and virtual-reality sessions and workshops;
- The A Team: an activity-based project ranging from simple walking-routes around the city to kayaking and wilding-education (woodland camping skills);
- Can-Do – An informal learning programme – re-engaging young people who have had a poor experience of mainstream education or been excluded;
- Achieve – employability & skills initiative supporting vulnerable young people who struggle to secure and/or maintain employment due to adverse circumstances;
- Masculinities Project: Working with boys and young men at risk of becoming perpetrators of domestic abuse; also exploring issues around masculinities and identity.

Outcomes for the young people

- Young people having power over their own lives.
- Decrease in young people entering YJS;
- Decrease in young people being taken into custody;
- Increase in school/college attendance;
- Early identification of complex risk and needs;
- Reduction in missing episodes;
- Reduction of substance misuse;
- Increase in choices available;

Our experience of working with CYP with complex needs

For 37 years, The Warren/Cornerhouse partnership has been providing vital support services to marginalised and vulnerable young people in Hull. Based in Hull city-centre, the partnership's staff team offers free support, guidance, training, education, counselling, employability skills/training, and creative expression activities and services to young people (aged 10-25) experiencing issues relating to a whole range of social ills such as sexual & criminal exploitation and abuse, unemployment, food & fuel poverty, homelessness, domestic violence, substance-abuse, bullying, neglect, family-relationship breakdown, learning difficulties, racism and homophobia. We also work very closely with young people who are experiencing physical and mental health problems such as self-harming, eating disorders, depression, STDs and loneliness. We also work with young people around issues of sexuality and gender identity.

Young people's needs drive everything we do. Our objective is to comprehensively support their progression through - and transition from - adolescence to adulthood in terms of their physical & mental health wellbeing through the deployment of a menu of wrap-around support underpinned by positive trusting relationships. We do this by repeatedly developing innovative projects and creative environments where young people feel safe and supported. Our experience tells us that young people are incredibly resourceful and, with that support, can ultimately be trusted to know best about their own lives - so we ensure they are listened to and get the space and time that they might need to make the right choices.