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If you are unhappy about anything that happens to you or the service you receive, your YOS worker will give you a form or help you, so that you can make a complaint. If you don't want to talk directly to your YOS worker, you can call 0345 045 5200 (local rate) or email feedback@Cambridgeshire.gov.uk.

For more information about the Youth Justice System, go to
<http://www.justice.gov.uk/about/yjb/>

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What is a Pre-Sentence Report (PSR)?

About your Pre-Sentence report with Cambridgeshire Youth Offending Service (YOS)

What is a PSR?

It is a report requested by the Court about your offence(s) and the reasons why you have got into trouble.

Why does the Court need a PSR?

To give them more information about why you got into trouble and decide on the right sentence for the offence that you have committed. To do this, they will need more information about you, your offence and how suitable the different sentences are for you.

Who writes the PSR?

A Youth Offending Service officer from your area. It will be checked by another YOS officer or manager.

What meetings are needed?

Either one or two meetings are needed and your parents or carers will join part of that interview.

It is very important to keep the appointments offered. If you do not, then a report may not be prepared in time and the court will be informed that you failed to attend.

If you are in custody, the YOS officer will visit you and speak to your parents or carers separately.

Who else is contacted?

The YOS officer may want to talk to other people who know you, such as your teachers, social worker, youth worker or family doctor.

What will the PSR tell the Court?

About your offence(s), reasons for it, how it has affected the victim, whether you have been in trouble before, and why.

Details about you, such as your family, home, school or work.

Whether you are likely to get into trouble again, and how serious that might be.

How suitable each of the possible sentences is for you and your circumstances.

Who is allowed to see the PSR?

- You, your parents or carers
- Your solicitor
- The Judge or Magistrates and Court Clerk
- The Prosecutor
- The YOS Officer at Court and other YOS staff
- The Secure Unit or Young Offender Institution, if you are sent there

Is the PSR information private?

The report will not be read out in Court, but your solicitor may refer to parts of it.

Anything you tell your YOS officer will only be shared with the people mentioned above.

However, the Youth Offending Service cannot guarantee to keep everything private. If you tell us about something that means someone is in danger, this information would need to be passed to the police or other authorities.

Who comments on the PSR?

The PSR will be shown to you and your parents/carers before Court. If you think anything written about you is incorrect or unfair, you should say so and this will be mentioned in Court by your solicitor, or by the YOS officer present in Court.

What is an ASSET assessment?

This is a standard interview form used throughout the country that covers all aspects of your life, for instance family, school, your health, and why you get into trouble.