

Parc YOI/Secure Estate

Locked down in place for Parc currently. All visits cancelled. Need to contact other establishments as needed. Communication needs to be on a case by case basis. Discussions need to be had between case managers and the secure estate to establish communication methods instead of direct contact/planning meetings/reviews/licence arrangements such as telephone/WhatsApp/FaceTime?

When contacting children in the secure estate discussions can include:

- Safeguarding – any concerns expressed by the child?
- Welfare
- Family contact arrangement for the child during lockdown/coronavirus period
- Financial situation/money for calls to family etc.
- Advocacy
- Contact methods for the children for YOS staff and families
- Provide any info needed/check understanding of situation

Appropriate Adults

- Gwent YOS' respectively ask Gwent Police to consider the need to take children into the custody unit
- Ask Gwent Police to consider bail, RUI and future VA options as outcomes to reduce the need for AAs
- Ask Gwent Police to strongly seek family members and friends for AA role
- Custody unit staff to inform YOS at point of request for an AA if someone in the custody unit has declared that they have the coronavirus or symptoms or have stated they were self-isolating and why prior to arrest. All appropriate information to be shared with YOS especially in relation to the coronavirus.
- YOS staff to ask the triage questions when AAs requested.
- If coronavirus concerns/information is shared and no parent/carer/older sibling or friend can be identified the YOSs will try and facilitate AA services via telephone.
- For all other AA requests once the above triage questions have been asked and confirmed as "no" staff should confirm all efforts to establish a family member or friend. If no family or friend available YOS staff to ask about social distancing arrangements. YOS AA to ask to speak to the child. We can also ask the child any symptom etc.
- Before leaving to undertake the role of AA YOS staff MUST check that PPE equipment will be provided and what that entails/includes and how they will obtain it..
- YOS staff to only enter custody unit if full PPE equipment is provided by Gwent Police and this must be worn at all times.
- No transporting of children at the end of any AA.
- Staff to take any sanitiser, anti bac wipes or other PPE equipment available to them from their YOS for use after leaving the custody unit.
- If after all the above has been considered and an AA request is received and all information gathered if YOS staff have any concerns please speak with a Team Manager.

During this period of crisis our situation will remain fluid and may change without much notice so please be 'office ready' and prepared for every eventuality, however; please be assured that all efforts to ensure your safety will be maintained at all times.