



Ministry of Housing,  
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## Preventing Youth Crime – Services

**Support to children and families where there is a concern about a young person possibly at risk of or being exploited by a gang.**

Coventry City Council, West Midlands Police and local partners CATCH 22 and Positive Youth Foundation are working partnership to provide the following services; a 3-tier approach to offer support to young people and families where there is a concern that a young person is possibly at risk of or being exploited by a gang. The project will:

1. **Raise awareness** amongst professionals, parents, and community members about gang related issues; raise awareness amongst school aged children and young people about gang issues and ways to seek help to avoid being involved in gangs.
2. Provide young people on the periphery of gangs or involved in gangs with a **mentoring service** to help them move away from gangs and enable them to achieve better outcomes; and
3. Provide **targeted whole family work** for some young people and their families.

A [screening tool](#) must be completed for each young person where there are concerns. Completed screening tools are to be sent to: [ChildexploitationSPOC@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:ChildexploitationSPOC@coventry.gov.uk)

Please be aware this is not an immediate response service and you may not receive a contact back on the same working day. If you are concerned that a child or children are at risk of immediate harm or that a crime has been committed against a child or children, it is your responsibility to take appropriate action to ensure that all children are safeguarded: Coventry MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub)  
Email: [MASH@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:MASH@coventry.gov.uk) Tel: 024 7678 8555 and/or West Midlands Police on 101 or 999.

Take a look at the [referrer pathway](#).