Bristol Community Health
SLT Youth Justice Service
Support That Makes an Impact

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Speech and Language Therapist
SLT within Youth Justice

Working Within:

2 youth offending teams & a secure children’s home

Results of Screening Assessments:

- Sev/mod slcn
- WNL/Mild slcn
SLT Role in YJS

- Assessment
- Outlining strengths and needs
- Advice strategies
- Modification of written materials
- Signposting
- Contributing to EHCP’s/Education meetings
- Liaison with other professionals
- Link between health, youth justice and education
- Training
YP and Family

- Individual assessments of SLCN
- Identification strengths and areas of need
- Recommendation of strategies and resources.

B commented at her referral order panel that she found SLT input helpful and has been able to action the skills covered. B reflected on her challenges with communication and she now has a better understanding since working with Emma (Bristol YOT Police Officer).

It helped me when I was in college and she is a very nice woman. I wouldn’t mind doing it again.

(YP South Glos YOT)
The communication assessment was very useful and it actually helped me in terms of seeing A’s presentation from another perspective.
(YOT mental health Practitioner)
Community Panels

- Modified the meeting guidelines and scripts.
- Trained panel members in SLCN

I used the results of the assessment to fully brief other professionals on the best ways to communicate with B at a review meeting. This enabled B to understand what was being discussed and to contribute to a meeting that was intended to be about him and for him.

Bristol YOT social Worker
Police & Appropriate Adults

• Trained 160 Custody Sergeants and local police response teams.
• Trained Appropriate Adult Volunteers in region.
• Flags on Police computer systems to alert to SLCN.

Advice and strategies were simple and easy to use. I placed information on the police system and when X was recently arrested the police officers who interviewed him were made aware of his difficulties and so were able to adapt their approach (Bristol YOT Police Officer).

In the last 4-6 mths I have seen an improvement in how custody officer’s communicate with the YP and a greater understanding of our role as AA’s (Appropriate Adult).
Courts are provided with a communication passport outlining YP’s SLCN and strategies.