

## Criteria for Referral to Buckinghamshire Youth

### Referring an Individual

All 4 criteria below must apply:

1. Young person aged 11 – 19 (or up to 25 if SEND);
2. Young person has given consent for referral and on meeting the key worker, is happy to progress;
2. Young person has one or more of the following risk indicators:
  - Poor attendance at school;
  - Have been excluded from school;
  - Families who are known to Social Care or are CIN/CLA or leaving care;
  - Families referred via Early Help Panels;
  - Have witnessed domestic violence;
  - Have been involved with the criminal justice system;
  - Are young carers;
  - Have been involved with substance misuse
  - Demonstrating risky behaviour
  - Vulnerable to extremism.
3. Young person needs support with one or more of the following:
  - Anger issues;
  - Building positive relationships;
  - Positive decision making;
  - Taking responsibility for own actions;
  - Social engagement;
  - Social skills;
  - Behaviours;
  - Coping strategies;
  - Understanding their situation;
  - Finding or staying in employment education or training;
  - Identity (most likely need for life story work);
  - Emotional health and wellbeing;
  - Access to universal services.

Where possible the referrer or other appropriate adult is able to be part of initial 3 way meeting with key worker and young person, however this would not prohibit referrals being accepted.

There may be occasions where a young person could be accepted for groupwork and low need key work without meeting (2) above, however this would depend on capacity at any given time.

## Referring a Group for Detached Youth Work

Buckinghamshire Youth will accept referrals for detached youth work in a community setting where a specific need for a time bound intervention is identified. The following 2 criteria must apply:

1. Peer group has one or more of the following risk indicators:
  - Affected by or involved in anti-social behaviour or low level offending behaviour,
  - Involved in risk taking behaviour
  - Risk of exploitation
  - Vulnerable to CSE
  - Negative peer group
  - Or an area of high deprivation or need and or experiencing issues within the community
  
2. The peer group must:
  - Regularly congregate together (minimum of 5 young people) to allow for peer group focused support or intervention;
  - Consistently congregate in a specific areas that allows the team to make initial contact and then sustain this contact week to week;
  - Congregate in an area that is possible/ appropriate for the team to work with them in.