

Early Interventions Service

Local Head of Service:	Claire Messenger
Team Manager	Lisa Didier - Carter
Base:	Above Youth Connexions 29 High Street, Newport, Isle of Wight. PO30 1SS
Phone:	01983 525927 or 01983 823490
Opening Times:	Mon-Thurs 9.00am – 5.00pm Fri 9.00am – 4.30pm

Service aims:

The Early Interventions Service works together with 8-18 year olds and their families to try and prevent offending or re-offending behaviour, help them to avoid entering the youth justice system and promote positive futures for these young people. The EIS Service is set up to ensure that children receive preventative services at an early age to discourage involvement in offending and anti-social behaviour. The service is supported by a range of agencies concerned with the well-being and behaviour of children.

To access the support:

Referrals can only be considered upon receipt of a fully completed and signed Referral Form with parental and child's consent. To obtain a referral form, please contact the Early Intervention team at the above address. Parents or children may also wish to self-refer. This is a preventative programme; children who are perceived to be at risk of becoming involved in offending or anti-social behaviour but who have not received a Police Final Warning or court conviction can be considered.

Method of support:

An EIS worker will make contact and carry out an assessment. This forms a report for a multi agency panel to determine the best way of supporting the young person. If the referral is not accepted the referrer is made aware of alternative service providers.

The panel discuss the report and:

- Develop an Integrated Support Plan
- Determine which organisation will provide services.

EIS work with the child and family for up to 6 months to support them and reduce the risk of anti-social behaviour and offending.

A range of strategies and activities are offered including: one-to-one mentoring; anger management work; family support; sports activities; health advice; youth projects; school holiday activities; personal development programmes and much more.

More info available: www.iwight.com A-Z of council services

