

## Reintegration and transitions: Guidance overview

Guidance from the Scottish Government on reintegration and transitions focuses on the role of local authorities, community planning partners, SPS, secure estate and partners. This highlights the importance of supporting young people throughout their time in secure care or custody to ensure a successful reintegration back to communities. The transitions young people make and the support that is needed at each stage is within this guidance, which can be accessed at [www.scotland.gov.uk/wsa](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/wsa).

The guidance highlights the need for local authorities to support ALL young people under 18 in secure care and custody and to plan for their reintegration into the community or transitions within the estates. Guidance states:

- Social worker should contact the prison/secure estate/Scottish Government Parole Division (if under section 205/208) the day a young person enters custody; or earlier if known.
- A review should be arranged within 72 hours within the prison/secure estate for all young people whether sentenced or on remand.
- The number of professionals attending any review should be limited.
- Where appropriate, parents/carers should be supported to attend all reviews.
- All reports should be sent to the establishment the day a young person is sentenced/remanded. In the case of section 205/208s these should be sent to the SG Parole Division as early as possible for a decision on placement.
- The young person's 'child's' plan should be up-dated at the first and subsequent reviews and shared with the establishment, who can provide up-dates as required.
- Planning for a young person's release should start the day they enter custody.
- Needs and risk should be identified and addressed and any explanation recorded in the young person's plan if these cannot be met.

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When a young person is sentenced or remanded to HMYOI Polmont please contact the Casework Team to arrange the 72 hour review. For young people on remand, sentenced to less than four months or over four years, or subject to statutory supervision, the Casework Team can advise who you can contact.

**Casework Team, HMYOI Polmont**

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polmontcasework@sps.pnn.gov.uk

When a young person is sentenced to HMP-YOI Cornton Vale, please contact Robert McAinsh to arrange the 72 hour review

**Robert McAinsh, HMP-YOI Cornton Vale**

01786 832591 ext. 5279

For young people sentenced under section 205 or 208, contact

**Mary Amos, Parole Division**

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Please forward all reports for young people in custody to the secure e-mail address

**Criminal Justice Social Work Reports**

CJSWR@sps.pnn.gov.uk

Contact Alison Melville with any questions

**Alison Melville**

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CYCJ can also assist with practice queries

**The Centre for Youth & Criminal Justice**

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