



## Information for Referrers

diverting children  
and young people  
from crime and  
anti-social behaviour



# Intervention Works



## who can be referred to GRIP?

- Aged between 5-13 inclusive (5-17 in some areas).
- Recognition that the interventions required are not available within the range of services provided by the referring agency, or the child/young person does not qualify for the agency.
- A belief that short-term intervention will have a positive effect.
- Parent/carer and child/young person are willing to take part and give consent for the referral.

One of the following criteria must also be met:

- Known offending behaviour up to a Police Reprimand.
- Referral from the Police Referral Scheme.
- Concerns over potential involvement in criminal and anti-social behaviour and experiencing factors that tend to lead to such behaviour.

# Group Interv



## what is GRIP?

GRIP (Group Intervention Panel) is a multi-agency, short term early intervention initiative that works with children and young people believed to be at risk of becoming involved in crime or anti-social behaviour. It aims to divert children and young people from developing patterns of persistent or more serious offending.

## what are the aims of GRIP?

- To prevent crime and anti-social behaviour amongst children and young people aged 5-13 inclusive (5-17 in some areas).
- To make sure that agencies work together in the best possible way with children and young people at risk of becoming involved with crime and anti-social behaviour.

# Attention Panel



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### how does GRIP work?

In each of the six GRIP areas a multi-agency panel meets on a regular basis. The panels have representatives from Education, the Police, Social Services, Health and GRIP.

Anyone wishing to make a referral to GRIP should contact their agency representative or the local GRIP coordinator.

If the referral meets with the GRIP criteria the referrer should contact the child/young person and their parents/carers to see if they either wish to have a referral made to the GRIP panel, or would like to meet with GRIP staff for further information.

If the young people and parents give consent the referral form can be filled in and sent to the GRIP coordinator for discussion at the panel.

The panels meet every third week to share information and develop short-term focussed action plans.



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**Action plans may include:**

- Ensuring children/young people and their families have a clear understanding of the impact of their behaviour on others and the possible consequences to themselves in continuing such behaviour.
- Helping children/young people develop strategies for avoiding crime.
- Supporting parents/carers in appropriately managing their children's behaviour.
- Encouraging and enabling children/young people to take part in planned out of school activities.
- Helping children/young people and their families access appropriate services.
- Supporting education, training or employment placements.

