

Diversion Programme

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Juvenile Liaison Officers DMR

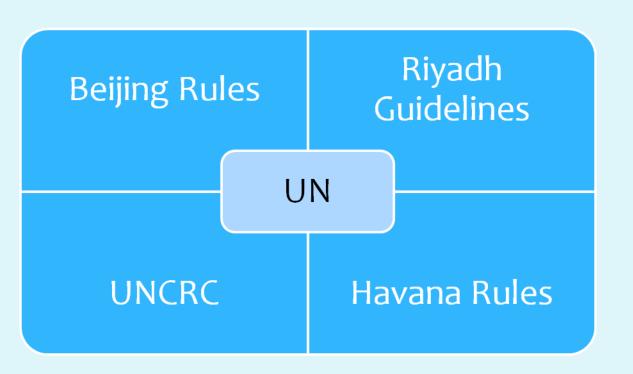
6 Sergeants			43 JLOs		
North Central		1 SGT		3 JLO	
North		1 SGT		12 JLO	
South Central		1 SGT		4 JLO	
South		1 SGT		9 JLO	
West		1 SGT		10 JLO	
East		1 SGT		5 JLO	



Welfare Model for Children and the Law

- Justice Models can be welfare oriented
- What does is mean for Gardaí to respond to the unmet needs of young people?
- Which system (welfare or justice) best protects the rights of young people?







European Convention on Human Rights

Standards on Sanctions and Measures

Council of Europe

Committee for the Prevention of Torture

Guidelines on Child-friendly
Justice

Legislation & HQ Directives

- Part 4 Children Act 2001
- Criminal Justice Act 2006 sections 123–129
- ▶ HQ Directives 89/2010



Youth Justice Strategy

- Programme for Government
- Children & Young Peoples Policy Framework 2013–2017
- Youth Justice Action Plan 2013–2017



Diversion Core Principles

- Prevent further offending and protect child from the harshness of the criminal justice system
- Right to age/stage appropriate treatment
- Detention as a last resort
- Respect for Human Rights



Objective Diversion Programme

- Divert Young People from further offending
- 2. Alternative to Court
- 3. No Conviction
- 4. Promote positive life choices
- 5. Build better relationships with young people, Gardaí, Victims & Community
- Act in the best interest of the Child



Criteria for Admission

- Under 18 years of age.
- Accept responsibility for offending behaviour.
- Agree to undergo supervision by a Juvenile Liaison Officer.

* All Offences



Decision to Admit

Admission in the best interest of the child

Not adverse to the interest of any victim & society



ALLEGED OFFENCE

Referral via PULSE (reviewed locally)

Assessed at Office of the Director of the Diversion Programme

Criteria Applied

JLO visit Young Person and Parents/Guardians

Investigation File & Suitability Řeport forwarded to my Office

Criteria Applied & Direct Admission

JLO Administer Caution



Suitable



Certificate issued deeming Child Suitable to JLO



JLO Administer Caution & Update System



Director view
National Picture

Unsuitable



Certificate Issued



File forwarded to District Officer



DPP



Garda Youth Diversion Projects

Crumlin

- Brú
- Clay

Kevin Street

- Liberties
 - Dan



Partners



- Colleagues at District/Divisional & Regional level
- Irish Youth Justice Service (IYJS)
- Department of Children & Youth (DCYA)
- Department of Education & Skills
- Tusla (Children & Family Agency)
- Young People's Probation (YPP)
- Legal Profession (Solicitors/Barristers)
- Director of Public Prosecutions
- Courts
- Community & Voluntary sectors

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