

YOUTH BRIDGES

VOLUNTARY THROUGH-CARE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 16-21 YEARS FROM HMP POLMONT

- THIS SERVICE STARTED IN 2014.**
- STAFFING CONSISTS OF 2 FULL-TIME SUPPORT WORKERS.**
- SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE 7 DAYS PER WEEK THROUGH SOCIAL WORK INTENSIVE SERVICES.**

CONTACT IS MADE ON ADMISSION TO POLMONT

- **THERE IS NO DISTINCTION MADE BETWEEN REMAND AND SENTENCED YOUNG PEOPLE.**
- **EVERY YOUNG PERSON HAS AN INITIAL REVIEW INVOLVING YOUTH BRIDGES AND PRISON STAFF TO AGREE SUPPORT REQUIRED IN CUSTODY AND A PLAN FOR RELEASE.**
- **YOUTH BRIDGES WORKERS MAINTAIN CONTACT WHILE THE YOUNG PERSON IS IN CUSTODY.**

AREAS OF SUPPORT

HOUSING

MAINTAINING FAMILY
RELATIONSHIPS

PHYSICAL/EMOTIONAL
HEALTH

BENEFITS

ENGAGING WITH
STATUTORY ORDERS

EMPLOYABILITY

OTHER FINANCIAL
SUPPORT/ADVICE

POSITIVE USE
OF TIME

OFFENCE FOCUSSED
INTERVENTION

ADDICTIONS

THERE IS NO TIME LIMIT ON YOUTH BRIDGES SUPPORT

- **OUTCOME STAR IS USED TO MEASURE OUTCOMES WHEN A YOUNG PERSON IS CLOSED TO THE SERVICE.**
- **NUMBERS OF ADMISSIONS TO HMP POLMONT HAVE REDUCED FROM 96 IN YEAR 1 (2014-15) TO 23 IN YEAR 9 (2022-23).**
- **THERE ARE A NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE MULTIPLE ADMISSIONS TO CUSTODY WHO REQUIRE AN INTENSIVE LEVEL OF SUPPORT TO MAKE LASTING CHANGES TO THEIR LIFESTYLE.**