



**WOODLANDS JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTRE**

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**Introduction**

**You have just arrived in Woodlands Juvenile Justice Centre. You will receive a full induction that will help you to settle into the Centre and into the daily routine. This leaflet will help you understand more about why you are in Woodlands, what happens here and what will be expected from you.**

At Woodlands we believe families and carers have a vital role and we will be encouraging and supporting your family to work alongside us to help you while you are here and to prepare for your discharge back into the community.

**Why am I in Woodlands?**

You will have been placed in Woodlands because a Court has sentenced you for offences you have committed. You might also have been placed in Woodlands on remand, awaiting trial, or by the Police under PACE as a place of safety until it is possible for you to attend Court.

**How long will I be in Woodlands?**

This depends on the length of sentence given by the Court but you will be informed of your release date within a short time and we will help you to work towards that date positively.

**Names of Staff**

**House Unit:**

**Residential Manager:**

**Case Manager:**

**Key Worker:**

**Family Services:**



**INFORMATION LEAFLET**

**FOR YOUNG PEOPLE  
PLACED IN WOODLANDS**

Remand periods are mostly determined by the length of time required by legal professionals to prepare your case file and then fit your case into the Court calendar. You will always be kept informed of Court dates. You may appear at Court in person or by Videolink. You will be shown how Videolink works and a member of staff will always be on hand to assist you.

### **Maintaining contact with your family or carer**

This is really important and we encourage you to do this. You will be able to make telephone calls to designated family members on a regular basis and in private.

We will be providing your family members with contact names of key staff working with you and telephone numbers to call into the Centre. You can make arrangements for a family or carer visit. You will be given more information on how to go about this together with times for visits and some rules and precautions that need to be taken.

### **Where will I be living?**

You will be placed in an accommodation unit designated either for females or males. There are 6 units in total, each containing eight en-suite bedrooms. Your bedroom is private to you and you will not be required to share it.

It is your responsibility to keep your room clean and tidy. You will be given instructions regarding what you are allowed in your room.

### **Who will be looking after me?**

You will have a dedicated Key Worker for the duration of your stay in Woodlands. They are responsible for identifying any particular needs that are to be addressed during custody and to assist you in preparing for discharge. They will take you through your induction programme and will be assessing and recording your progress when here. If you have any concerns at any time about any matter ask your Key Worker or any other member of staff on duty in your unit.

### **About your health and well-being**

You will complete a healthcare assessment with the Centre Nurse soon after your arrival. This is for your benefit and if you have any specific concerns about your health or well-being please raise them with the Nurse or your Key Worker. You will be asked if you are prescribed any medication and if appropriate, this will be provided. You will also be asked if you have a registered disability or any special dietary needs. You will be provided with all of your meals and will be given opportunities to exercise and to maintain your fitness. For your personal safety and benefit, please inform your Nurse or Key Worker if you are a non-prescribed drug user as you may need to be placed on an immediate detox programme.

### **Can I smoke in Woodlands?**

No, you are not permitted to smoke. If you are having difficulty coping without smoking you can speak with a Nurse – help is available.

### **Being treated with respect**

You will be treated with respect by staff at all times. At all times staff will be working to ensure the Woodlands environment is free from personal harm and threats from bullying and intimidation by others. You too are required to treat staff and other young people with respect at all times.

Under strict confidentiality you will be asked to share with your designated

Nurse or Key Worker any personal, safety or hygiene issues you may have with regard to your race, religion, age, sexual orientation and gender.

Within Woodlands the Pastoral Care team will be available if you wish to discuss matters of personal religion.

### **The Woodlands Regime**

There will be a range of programmes running daily which you are expected to engage in; such as going to school, learning new vocational skills and undertaking life-skills programmes. You will be given more information on the range of opportunities available to you.