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Junior Criminology Caseworker

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Criminology graduate from Liverpool John Moores University with hands-on experience in offender support, risk assessment, and case management. Completed a **6 month placement** at a probation service supporting **25 service users** with resettlement planning. Volunteered for **2 years** at a youth offending service, mentoring **12 young people** through community rehabilitation orders. DBS enhanced checked with strong report writing and safeguarding awareness.

Experience

Probation Service Placement, Merseyside Probation Service, Liverpool

Jan 2025 – Jun 2025

Supported probation officers with caseload management and service user engagement during a 6 month placement.

- Supported the management of **25 service users** on community orders and post-release licences
- Conducted **40+ service user interviews**, gathering information for pre-sentence and risk assessment reports
- Drafted **10 risk assessment summaries** and **8 resettlement plans**, reviewed and signed off by senior probation officers
- Attended **5 multi-agency public protection (MAPPA)** meetings, taking notes and following up on agreed actions

Volunteer Youth Mentor, Merseyside Youth Offending Service, Liverpool

Sep 2023 – Jun 2025

Mentored young people aged 14 to 17 who were subject to community rehabilitation orders.

- Provided one-to-one mentoring to **12 young people** over 2 years, meeting weekly for **1 hour sessions**
- Supported **9 of the 12 mentees** in completing their orders without reoffending during the mentoring period
- Helped **4 mentees** re-engage with education or training programmes

Education

BA (Hons) Criminology in Criminology, Liverpool John Moores University, Liverpool

Sep 2022 – Jul 2025

Graduated with Upper Second Class Honours (2:1, **63% average**). Dissertation on the effectiveness of mentoring programmes in reducing youth reoffending in Merseyside, graded **68%**.

- Relevant modules: Criminal Justice System, Penology, Youth Justice, Victimology, Research Methods in Criminology
- Completed the **Probation Service Student Placement Scheme** as a core module

Skills

Case Management • Risk Assessment • Safeguarding (Level 2) • Report Writing • Service User Engagement • Motivational Interviewing • Multi-Agency Working • Confidentiality & Data Protection • Resettlement Planning • Microsoft Office • Active Listening • Resilience Under Pressure

Certifications

Enhanced DBS Check (on Update Service), Disclosure and Barring Service

Jan 2025 – Jan 2026

Level 2 Safeguarding Adults and Children, LJMU Certified

Nov 2024 – Nov 2024

Languages

English - Native

Projects

Youth Mentoring Effectiveness Study (Dissertation)

Oct 2024 – Apr 2025

Evaluated the effectiveness of volunteer mentoring programmes in reducing youth reoffending in Merseyside.

- Interviewed **15 mentors** and **10 young people** across 2 youth offending teams
- Analysed reoffending data for **60 programme participants** over a **12 month follow-up period**
- Found that mentored participants had a **23% lower reoffending rate** compared to the control group

References

Sarah O'Connell

Senior Probation Officer, Merseyside Probation Service, sarah.oconnell@justice.gov.uk, +44 7700 900 681

Extra Curricular Activity

Peer Advisor - LJMU Student Wellbeing Service

Sep 2024 – Jun 2025

Provided peer support and signposting to students experiencing personal difficulties.

- Held **35 peer support sessions** across the academic year, covering exam stress, loneliness, and financial worries
- Referred **12 students** to specialist services including the counselling team and hardship fund