

## YOUTH OFFENDING OFFICER

# Kieran Walsh



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Criminal Justice BSc graduate from the University of Portsmouth with a 10 week placement at Hampshire Youth Offending Team and 2 years of youth mentoring volunteer experience. Supported 8 young people through court ordered interventions, contributed to 5 AssetPlus assessments, and co-delivered 6 knife crime awareness sessions. Hold enhanced DBS and Level 2 Safeguarding Children training.

## EXPERIENCE

Apr 2025 – Jun 2025

**Youth Offending Team Placement**, Hampshire County Council – Youth Offending Team, Winchester

10 week placement within the Hampshire YOT, supporting youth offending officers with casework and intervention delivery.

- Supported **8 young people** on referral orders, youth rehabilitation orders, and community resolutions, attending home visits and appointments
- Contributed to **5 AssetPlus assessments** under supervision, gathering information from schools, parents, and social workers to inform risk and need ratings
- Co-delivered **6 intervention sessions** on knife crime awareness using the YJB approved programme, with groups of 4 to 6 young people per session
- Attended **4 referral order panel meetings** with parents, victims, and volunteer panel members, recording actions and monitoring compliance

Jan 2023 – Mar 2025

**Youth Mentor (Volunteer)**, Pompey in the Community, Portsmouth

Weekly one to one mentoring with young people aged 12 to 16 referred by schools and children's services.

- Mentored **6 young people** over 2 years, focusing on anger management, school attendance, and building positive peer relationships
- Attended **monthly supervision sessions** with the programme coordinator and completed reflective case logs for each mentee
- 2 mentees achieved **improved school attendance rates** (from below 70% to above 85%) during the mentoring period

## EDUCATION

Sep 2022 – Jun 2025

**BSc (Hons) in Criminal Justice**, University of Portsmouth, Portsmouth

Upper Second Class Honours (2:1). Modules included Youth Justice, Policing and Society, Criminological Theory, Restorative Justice, and Substance Misuse and Offending.

- Dissertation: "**Referral Order Panel Effectiveness: A Qualitative Study of Young People's Experiences in Hampshire**" — interviewed 8 young people and 4 panel volunteers, finding that perceived fairness of the process was the strongest predictor of compliance

Sep 2020 – Jun 2022

**A-Levels in Sociology (A), Psychology (B), English Language (B)**, Portsmouth College, Portsmouth

Achieved ABB.

## SKILLS

AssetPlus Assessment Framework • Youth Justice Casework & Intervention Delivery • Referral Order Panel Support • Restorative Justice Approaches • Safeguarding Children (Level 2) • Motivational Interviewing (Introductory) • Multi-Agency Working (Police, Social Services, Schools) • Report Writing & Case Recording • Conflict De-escalation • Microsoft Office & Case Management Systems

## CERTIFICATIONS

Jan 2023

**Enhanced DBS Check (Children & Adults)**, Disclosure and Barring Service

Feb 2023

**Level 2 Safeguarding Children**, Hampshire Safeguarding Children Partnership

Sep 2024

**Prevent Awareness Training**, Home Office (Online)

Nov 2024

**Mental Health First Aid (Youth)**, MHFA England

## LANGUAGES

English (native)

## EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITY

Sep 2024 – Jun 2025

**Portsmouth University Criminology Society – Vice Chair**

Organised 4 guest lectures with speakers from Hampshire Constabulary, the Probation Service, and the Howard League for Penal Reform. Average attendance of 28 students per event.