

Case Study Briefing Note		

Activity	Juvenile Fire Setter Scheme
Audit Period	2015/16
Description	Nationally and locally, one of the riskiest behaviours a young person can engage in is fire play or arson. The Children and Young Persons (CYP) Department within Avon Fire & Rescue Service (AF&RS) have developed a Juvenile Fire Setters Programme which is aimed at young people who are known to engage, or who have engaged, in fire play or fire-setting behaviour.
	The aim of the scheme is to raise the young person's awareness of the dangers of fire and the results of their actions – and enable them to identify the risks that the behaviour poses, not only to themselves but to others, including emergency service personnel.
	The CYP Department identifies opportunities to engage with young persons with the aim of reducing fire, water or road-related deaths and injuries and develops appropriate educational messages to assist in the reduction of these types of incident.
	This service is delivered by Avon Fire and Rescue Service (AF&RS) personnel who have been fully trained as Fire Setter Advisors and have a sound knowledge of fire setter typologies and triggers.
	Each individual that has been identified as engaging in this type of behaviour can be referred by any individual or organisation as long as there is parental / guardian consent.
Objectives	<ul> <li>To identify young people engaging in risk-taking behaviour</li> <li>To work with these young people to assist them in identifying the risk and consequence of their behaviour</li> <li>To impart experience and knowledge so that they can make informed decisions</li> <li>To reduce the number of young people involved in fire setting</li> </ul>
Evidence & Evaluation	The Juvenile Fire Setters Scheme is part of a whole host of delivery options aimed at making young people safer.
	Information is collated around various aspects of the interventions so that success can be measured in terms of engagement and repeat behaviour.



In partnership with:	Any agencies or individuals who refer young people to the scheme.
Linked to other scheme/plan/strategy	Community Risk Reduction Strategy Children and Young Persons Department Plan
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