



**ISLINGTON**

**Services and Support for Vulnerable  
Children, Adolescents and Families in Islington-**

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## Services and Support for Vulnerable Children, Adolescents and Families in Islington

- Safeguarding
- Youth crime
- Knife harm
- Sexual and/or criminal exploitation
- Domestic abuse
- Emotional wellbeing and regulation.

For more information on any of the services listed below please contact the Family Information Service on [fis@islington.gov.uk](mailto:fis@islington.gov.uk) or **020 7527 5959**

If you are worried about a child, or if you are a child in need of help and protection, please phone the **Children's Services Contact Team** (CSCT), the single point of contact for all services for children, young people and families in Islington who may need extra help and support.

Contact: **0207 527 7400**

In order to **report crime** in an emergency call **999**. Use **101** at other times

**Crime Stoppers** can be used to report crime anonymously Call **0800 555 111** or use the online form: <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/forms/giveinformation-anonymously>

# Early Help and Support for Families

## **Bright Start 0 - 5**

Bright Start Islington offers activities and services for under-fives and their families including health visiting, stay and play programmes, parenting support and help to find work. Most are free, or low cost. There are 16 Children centres in Islington. Visit [www.islington.gov.uk/brightstart](http://www.islington.gov.uk/brightstart).

## **Bright Start 5 - 19**

Bright Start 5 - 19 provides a flexible response to families who need help with areas such as education, employment and parenting support with children aged 5 – 19. They work closely with universal services such as schools. They offer a Bright Start Helpline for families from 9-5 on Mondays to Fridays (except public holidays) on 0207 527 4343 or [earlyhelp@islington.gov.uk](mailto:earlyhelp@islington.gov.uk).

Professionals should refer via CSCT **0207 527 7400**.



# VRU Parental Support Project

This is a pilot project which is funded by the London Violence Reduction Unit to improve outcomes with a focus on families in Islington and Camden. It comprises of an eight-strand project of multi-level parent/carer community based, peer-to-peer support including direct support to children and families, and free on line training for parents/carers. For more information or to make a referral contact:

[VRUREFERRALS@Islington.gov.uk](mailto:VRUREFERRALS@Islington.gov.uk)

# Minority Matters

Minority Matters is a grass roots organisation supporting black and minority ethnic communities in Islington. It provides education programmes, parent/carers peer support groups and support to vulnerable families with children and young people who are affected by county lines and knife crime.

Contact: 0207 272 0039 / [info@minoritymatters.org.uk](mailto:info@minoritymatters.org.uk)

# Specialist services and support

## **Children Social Care** - Children in Need and Children Looked After

The Children in Need (CIN) Service undertakes a broad range of work with children in need and their families. CIN works with children and families who require additional support as well as with children and young people who are in need of protection. The Children's Services Contact Team is part of CIN.

Contact: **0207 527 7400** (CSCT)

The Children Looked After (CLA) provides a multi-agency service for looked after children. The core function is to achieve good outcomes for looked after children, reducing the gap between outcomes for them and those of children in the community.

Contact: **020 7527 7000**



# Islington Youth Offending Service (YOS)

Support for young people aged 10-17 to prevent them from offending or re-offending. Islington's YOS works with youth justice services and specialists from partner agencies such as the police, schools, health and probation services and voluntary organisations. It supports young people who are subject to court orders or bail support packages and supports parents and victims of young offenders.

Contact: **0207 527 7050**

# Exploited and Missing Team



Provides advice and guidance in relation to children at risk of exploitation, gangs, child sexual exploitation (CSE), harmful sexual behaviour (HSB), modern slavery and human trafficking, including county lines.

Contact: **020 7527 8051.**



# Integrated Gang Team (IGT)



The IGT works with group/gang violence-affected young people aged 10 to 24 involving the police, children's services, youth and community, youth offending and probation services, the NHS and specialist voluntary agencies. The IGT also provides individualised support, group work and consultancy to staff as well as prevention work for siblings of those involved in gangs.

Contact:

**07710 854048** or [IGT@islington.gov.uk](mailto:IGT@islington.gov.uk)

# Domestic Abuse: Solace Women's Aid



Solace offers a range of services to women, men and children experiencing or escaping domestic violence including emergency refuge accommodation, floating support, telephone and face to face advice, and advocacy.

Contact: **0808 802 5565** - Advice Service Free phone  
**020 7619 1369** - North London Rape Crisis

# Targeted services for young people at risk



## Targeted Youth Support (TYS)

TYS provides key working interventions with local young people and their families e.g. behavioural support and preventing school exclusions, triages (which have been issued to divert young people from the youth justice system), anger management, early intervention, positive relationships, as well as focussing on keeping safe in the community and online.

For more information, contact the Targeted Youth Support team:

Contact: **0207 527 7050 / [TYS@islington.gov.uk](mailto:TYS@islington.gov.uk)** .

## **Children and Young People Social, Emotional and Mental Health Services**

Services and support for children around social, emotional mental health including Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), TYS Counselling and the Brandon Centre can be accessed via the Children Services Contact team:

Contact: **0207 527 7400**

YCSMAS is a holistic health service integrating two specialist teams – The TYS Youth Counselling Service and IYPDAS (Islington Young People Drug and Alcohol Service). This service has been created in response to the growing number of young people referred for counselling and/or substance misuse support with comorbid presentations.

Youth Counselling offers 6 – 8 (extended up to 12 sessions for complex needs) weekly counselling sessions (integrative talking therapy) with the same counsellor. Creative, trauma informed and solution focused ways of working are implemented alongside talking therapy if helpful for the young person.

This service can also offer consultation and advice to families and professionals and advocacy and sign posting for young people.

Substance and Alcohol Misuse offer one-to-one targeted support and treatment to young people affected by drug and alcohol issues. This service can also support families impacted by a young person's drug and alcohol issues and can provide peer professional support and consultation to partner agencies engaged with young people in need.

The YCSMAS service can see young people aged 12yrs – 21yrs who live or study in Islington. YCSMAS also accept referrals for young people with learning needs up to the age of 25 years. **Both services are free and confidential.**

**Referrals can be made by:** Emailing: [YCSMAS@islington.gov.uk](mailto:YCSMAS@islington.gov.uk) or calling 0207 527 5099 or 07825098200

# Mentoring programme for 5 – 11 year olds (Chance UK)

Chance UK is an early intervention organisation that supports children experiencing emotional and behavioural difficulties. The children worked with are at risk of educational exclusion, anti-social and/or criminal behaviour in adolescence and early adult life. The offer empowers children to develop their skills, confidence and life aspirations through a year-long mentoring programme.

Contact: **020 7281 5858** / To refer: <http://www.chanceuk.com/refer-a-child/>

# Mentoring programme for 11 – 17 year olds (Wipers)



Wipers mentoring service supports young people aged 11 – 17 to access and actively engage with support, as well as providing highly structured and positive activities which can open up new possibilities for young people, and help provide a bridge to education, training and employment.

Contact via TYS: **0207 527 7050** and [info@wipers.org.uk](mailto:info@wipers.org.uk)

# Abianda

Abianda provides The Star Project, a specialist 12-session one-to-one service for gang affected young women aged 16-24. It includes support to develop healthy relationships, prevent sexual violence and exploitation and other Violence against Women and Girls issues in the context of gangs, reducing risk for gang-affected young women.

Contact via TYS: **0207 527 7050**



## St Giles Trust

St Giles Trust is a national charity that supports people facing severe disadvantage into sustainable employment, homes and the appropriate support they need. They offer a personalised, client-centred approach to build young people's skills, increase their confidence and help them to turn their lives around. Islington has three St Giles Key Workers based in Targeted Youth Support and the Integrated Gangs Team working with young people up to 18 years old.

- Specialists in supporting young people who are gang affected
- Support to access employment-related training and education Contact **0207 527 4114 / or**  
[TYS@islington.gov.uk](mailto:TYS@islington.gov.uk)

# Improving young people's lives through awareness ISLINGTON (IYLA)

Islington's Targeted Youth Support service, Exploitation and Missing team and the Integrated Gangs Team are working together as the IYLA Project to offer awareness raising and training to council services and partners across the borough. IYLA offers comprehensive training, workshops and development support with a focus on subject specific safeguarding issues or local concern, such as exploitation risks to young people, to schools, youth clubs and other agencies across the borough.

Contact **[IYLA@islington.gov.uk](mailto:IYLA@islington.gov.uk)** for more information and/or to request a training form.

# Ben Kinsella Trust

Provides workshops and programmes that educate children and young people about the consequences of carrying a knife and how to make positive choices to stay safe.

Location: 245 St John St, Clerkenwell, EC1V 4NB

Contact: **07712 306103**

Email: **[sophia.antoniazzi@benkinsella.org.uk](mailto:sophia.antoniazzi@benkinsella.org.uk)**,



# Victim Support

**The Victim Assessment and Referral Service (VARs)** is available to offer initial support and information to anyone affected by crime. They'll assess support needs and refer to local schemes for ongoing support.

Contact Freephone **0808 168 9291**.

Lines are open 8am-8pm Monday to Friday and 9am – 5pm on Saturdays.

# Play and Youth Services in Islington

Islington has a range of facilities and services for children and young people: including 12 excellent adventure playgrounds that are open year round and free at the point of access; state of the art youth provision at Lift, Platform and Soapbox; and a wide range of clubs and groups across the borough offering everything from sports and art through to cooking and music production. All commissioned organisations deliver earliest help through high quality play and youth work, enabling children and young people to learn about themselves, their peers, the local community and the world around them. Programmes are designed to support children and young people's physical, social and emotional health and wellbeing.

Contact: **020 7527 5959** for more information. In relation to our youth spaces you can contact

[www.liftislington.org.uk](http://www.liftislington.org.uk) or [www.platformislington.org.uk](http://www.platformislington.org.uk)

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There are also other local youth services that offer positive activities for young people to get involved in.

**Copenhagen Youth Project** runs a range of provision across the week, including drop-in youth provision, focused work on enterprise, music, cooking, sport and yoga, as well as mentoring opportunities. There is also a range of specific employment/entrepreneurship opportunities available.

Timetable is located here: [www.cyproject.org](http://www.cyproject.org)

Location: 172 Copenhagen Street, London, N1 0ST

Contact: **020 7278 7400**

[info@cyproject.org](mailto:info@cyproject.org)

# Jubba Youth Community Organisation



Support unemployed 16-24-year-olds to move into employment by teaching them the key life and work skills they need to move into sustainable employment or training.

Contact: **02033718389**

[info@jyca.org.uk](mailto:info@jyca.org.uk)

