



Whole System Approach & 18-25 Early Intervention Service

The Women's Whole System Approach and 18-25 Early Intervention Service was officially launched across the Gwent and South Wales police force areas in October 2019. The service is delivered by Future 4, which is a consortium made up of G4S, Safer Wales, Include and Llamau.

The Service has been jointly commissioned by the Gwent Police and Crime Commissioner, South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner, Welsh Government and HMPPS in Wales who have committed significant investment to the delivery of the Women's Pathfinder WSA and 18-25 Early Intervention Service. This investment demonstrates a solid commitment to improving the lives of vulnerable women, children and young people.

The Service is an example of an effective collaboration between public, private and third sector organisations, all working together with the joint aim of reducing offending and reoffending in Wales by: targeting support more effectively and avoiding gaps in service provision to enable women and young adults to live positive, healthy, crime free lives.



Community Alignment & Referral

Enabling & creating opportunities

Consistent practice methods, values, tools and timing

Engagement & relationships

Trauma Informed

Overview of Service

Future 4 partners work across Gwent and South Wales to help women and young adults access the support they need to avoid involvement in the Criminal Justice System and build a better life or receive support during their involvement with the system.

If a young adult aged 18 to 25 is arrested anywhere in Gwent or South Wales, the Police will refer them to Future 4 if they are not to be charged with an offence and are eligible for diversion. Young adults will be encouraged to make the best possible use of

the opportunity to avoid a criminal record both following the incident of concern and longer term. There may also be times when young adults receive a formal caution or are charged and the Police or other partners can consider a referral into support from Future 4.

For women Future 4 support is available at any time during their involvement with Police, Courts, Probation and prisons. The Women's Whole System Approach model is reflected within the joint Welsh Government and Ministry of Justice Female Offending Blueprint, supporting the Blueprint's ambition for a transformative, bold and ambitious approach to reducing the number of women in the criminal justice system, whilst better meeting the needs of women already in the system through a focus on earlier intervention and delivering integrated, targeted support to keep women and communities safe and free from crime.

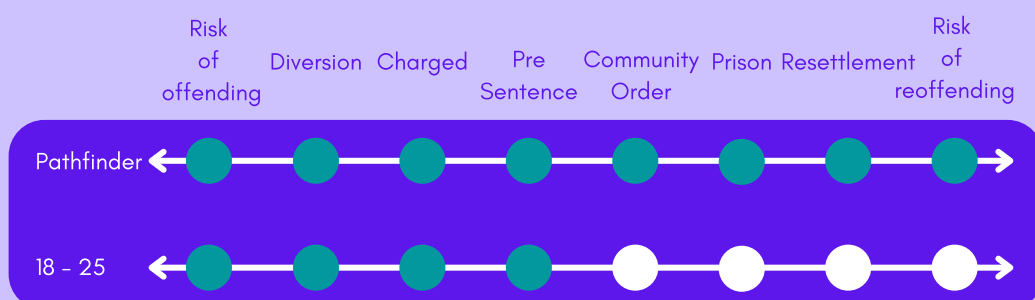
Future 4 are organised to work alongside women and young adults to listen, to help people review choices and consequences, reset personal goals and refocus. They will support people to understand the strengths that they have to overcome barriers and to take opportunities so that they can move forward more confidently. Future 4 will focus on agreeing and working to individualised plans so that people can take the most benefit possible from the time spent with them.

Future 4 offer guidance and advice, signposting, onward referral, practical and emotional support. Identified needs are provided via one to one, group based and online interventions. There may be a need to understand more about the impact of drugs or alcohol, people may need assistance around relationships or sexual health, they may be worried about their own or another's safety and wellbeing. Some people may want to know more about where to go for help with accommodation, job seeking, education or finance and/or debt. Future 4 will help promote understanding that life is about choices and decisions and that every day brings opportunity to review these, to refocus on strengths and on the possibilities that life offers and to move forward positively.

The expected outcomes for women and young adults supported through the service:

- Better emotional and physical health and wellbeing
- Strengthened positive relationships
- Enhanced life skills
- Increased safety

Future 4 welcome voluntary referrals into the service from Police and Probation and will also consider referrals from other agencies (e.g. third sector, local authority services). The stages of the system that are covered by the Service have been highlighted in green in the illustration below.



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