

May to June 2008

Staffordshire YOS Wins Sport England Bid! Staffordshire Youth Offending Service has won a bid of £74,920 over 3 years from 'Sport England'. This grant will help to reduce the barriers for 14-19 year olds who face or are subject to a criminal order or on the peripheral of criminal behaviour.

Through sport young people can learn the benefits of self discipline, team work, mutual respect and fair play which raise their self confidence and self esteem, enabling them to try to fulfil their academic potential. Dave Sandford is the [Sports Development Officer](#) for SYOS and is leading on this project. He has already started to visit the area YOS teams and Prevention Team to promote this goal and secure referrals of young people.

SYOS finishes 13th out of 157 YOT's in YJB Annual Performance Scores! This position is a great achievement for the Service amongst all the YOT's in England and Wales. SYOS also finished top of the West Midlands group of YOT's. The Performance scores are monitored against many areas including working with Parents, Restorative Justice, Education/Training/Employment and First Time Entrants into the Youth Justice System.

Thank you and goodbye...

SYOS say thank you and goodbye to the following Staff:

Julie Matthews has left her position as Finance Officer to join Adult Services as a Financial Management Officer after 4 years with the Service.

In Other Staffing News:

Caroline Corcoran has changed moved from her role from Prevention Worker to CIC Prevention YOS Practitioner.

Ian McAree has been appointed to the role of Prevention Worker and started with the Service at the beginning of June.

John Mollitt has started his new role as Assistant Team Manager (ISSP). At the South West area YOT Team.

News in Brief

- **Victim work being carried out in the Secure Estate-** SYOS Police Constables are now working with young people in the Secure Estate to complete victim work. The overall aim is to improve the understanding of offenders around the effect and consequences that offences have on victims. This new approach has already been seen to be having a positive effect on young people working towards the date of their release from custody.
- **SYOS Substance Misuse Co-ordinator completes Foundation Degree in Youth Justice-** Jo Gore of the South West Area team has achieved a 'Distinction' in her Foundation Degree. Congratulations Jo!
- **Driving the Buzz to Death Team to be nominated for 'Justice Award 2008'**- The team who created the 'Driving the Buzz to Death' resource (SYOS, Staffordshire School Improvements Division, Staffordshire Road Safety and Staffordshire DAAT) are to be put forward for the awards due to the exceptional work carried out to complete and distribute this PRIDE Accredited Resource which tackles Driving under the influence of Drink and Drugs. To learn more about the awards see <http://justiceawards.cjsonline.gov.uk/>
- **Nomination Process begins for 2008 Celebration Event for Children in Care-** A celebration event is due to take place later this year. It looks to positively celebrate the notable achievements of children in care from across the county.

- **SYOS Staff walking to raise money for Douglas MacMillan Hospice-** Three members of the SYOS team in the North Area Office are taking part in the Midnight to Sunrise 10 mile walk for the Douglas MacMillan Hospice on Friday 20th June 2008. The three fund raisers are June Harvey, Casey Senior & Lynne Moore.
- **SYOS Staff win County Council Inter Sports Table Tennis Competition-** Four staff from the South East Area YOT competed on 9th June and came home with the trophy. The victorious team were; Graeme Le Maistre, Steve Stackhouse, Ian Myatt and Liam Dormann.

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