
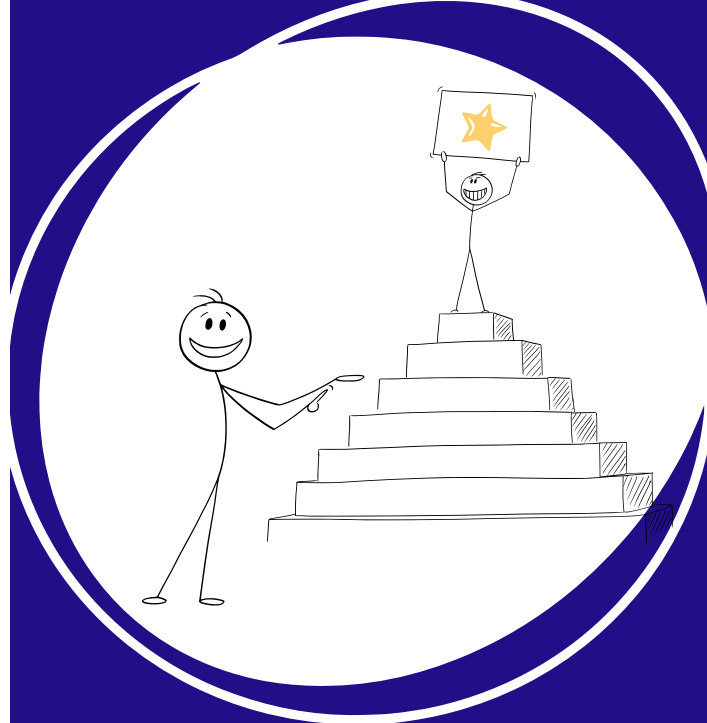


## WHO ARE WE

Bury Youth Service is committed to providing young people with positive opportunities that support their personal development and help them reach their full potential.

## OUR AIMS ARE TO...

-  Engage young people proactively to build confidence and develop key life skills.
-  Strengthen resilience to help avoid risky behaviours and overcome challenges.
-  Promote participation in learning to enhance life chances, health, and well-being.
-  Support a smooth transition into adulthood.
-  Develop young people's physical, intellectual, spiritual, moral, social, and emotional capacities.
-  Encourage responsibility as individuals, group members, and active citizens.
-  Support understanding and action on personal and social issues affecting their lives and communities.



## WHERE ARE WE?

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# BURY YOUTH SERVICE



## Mentoring Scheme



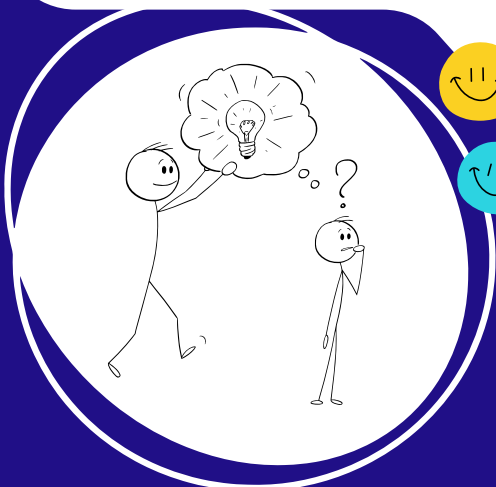
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## WHAT IS MENTORING?

Mentoring is an Early Help Service and support is available to young people aged 11-18 (up to 25 if SEND or care experienced) who are living or educated in Bury and who would benefit from a time limited (around 6 weeks) period of mentoring support to help them make positive changes in their lives.

Mentoring is support targeted to an individual young person delivered by a qualified youth worker and the young person must be aware of and consent to a referral to the mentoring scheme.

A mentor will work with a young person to offer support, advice and guidance and help them make positive changes. Mentoring is about supporting young people to set goals and make positive steps forward but is not a replacement for clinical counselling support.



## HOW TO REFER...

A young person can be referred through the Family Resource Panel, by a lead practitioner in Children's Social Care, through the school multi-agency family help meetings (MAFH) or by contacting the team at [youthservice.bury.gov.uk](http://youthservice.bury.gov.uk) so we can support and advise with a referral.

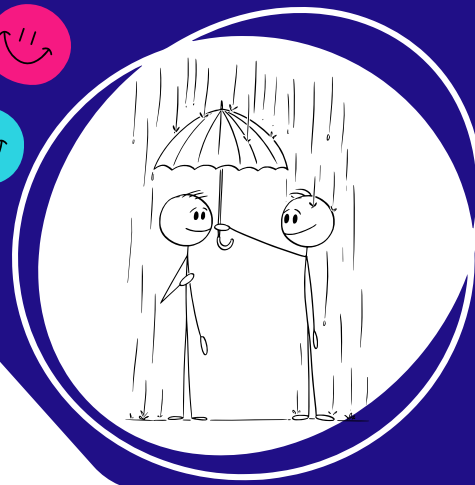
When a young person is referred to the mentoring scheme one of our skilled youth workers will conduct a face to face meeting to assess whether mentoring is the right offer of support for the young person at this time.

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT...

If the young person is accepted onto the mentoring scheme we will work with them, initially for up to around 6 weeks, providing support, guidance, encouragement and inspiration.

We will meet regularly with the young person to identify goals, create action plans, and support progress. Mentoring will address issues related to isolation, education, and home life, while providing a positive role model. Support will be reviewed every six weeks with the young person to determine whether to continue, reduce, or begin phasing out sessions. The mentor will also help the young person access relevant opportunities.

We accept referrals from partner agencies for vulnerable young people, and young people regardless of whether they are currently engaging with Bury Youth Service.



## MENTORING WORKS WHEN...

- The young person is able and willing to engage with a Youth Service mentor.
- The young person is not overwhelmed by the number of professionals supporting them already.
- The young person is not already supported by other professionals who also offer a mentoring aspect to their role.
- The young person has the emotional capacity to understand that mentoring is a short term offer of support.

## MENTORING IS NOT...

- A substitute for counselling
- 24 hour a day support
- A friendship—youth workers have clear professional boundaries
- Compulsory—we will only work with young people who want a mentor and can see the benefit in having the support