



CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE'S DIRECTORATE  
YOUTH SERVICE

# Youth Restart

## 5-Steps to Recovery

### Current Stage

24<sup>th</sup> May 2021

# The Phased Introduction of Youth Provision in line with the NI Executive's Pathway to Recovery

## Key principles of COVID Safety embedded in all aspects of youth provision

1. The return to child centred services are planned effectively and incorporate strength-based approaches
2. All risk assessments are reviewed regularly
3. Groups of young people are manageable and age appropriate
4. Personal hygiene routines are maintained regularly
5. The centre or venue is appropriately cleaned
6. Face coverings are worn as required
7. Appropriate social distancing is maintained
8. Accurate records are maintained to support tracing services
9. Guidance will remain linked to wider regulations on educational settings
10. Phasing will be linked to NI Assembly's Pathway to Recovery from Regulations

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|-------------------------|--|---|--|--|--------------------------------|
| Generic Youth Provision | <p><b>Essential Services Only</b></p> <p>Not operational</p> | <p><b>Phase 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Covers statutory and voluntary youth providers</li> <li>Blended approach is maintained with focus on online / digital services over in person services</li> <li>Attendance by members in small groups (max 15) based on age bands and on a rota basis</li> <li>Venue use not to exceed 50% capacity at any one time (excluding outdoor space usage)</li> <li>In person staff meetings or training limited to a maximum of 6</li> </ul> | <p><b>Phase 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Covers statutory and voluntary youth providers</li> <li>Blended approach is maintained with focus on in person services over online / digital services</li> <li>Attending members to be broken into smaller groups (max 25)</li> <li>Indoor Venue use not to exceed 75% capacity at any one time</li> <li><b>Non-Residential Education Visits within Northern Ireland only</b></li> <li><b>Food &amp; refreshments can be provided as part of the youth work programme</b></li> <li><b>No Limit on the number of children and young people engaged using outdoor spaces</b></li> <li><b>Delivery of Indoor and outdoor sports</b></li> <li><b>No limit on the number of in person staff meetings or training</b></li> </ul> | <p><b>Phase 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Covers statutory and voluntary youth providers</li> <li>Blended approach is maintained with focus on in person services over online / digital services</li> <li>Attending members free to engage with others</li> <li>Indoor Venue use not to exceed 90% capacity at any one time</li> <li><b>Non-Residential Education Visits within Northern Ireland only</b></li> <li><b>Food &amp; refreshments can be provided as part of the youth work programme</b></li> <li><b>No Limit on the number of children and young people engaged using outdoor programmes</b></li> <li><b>Delivery of Indoor and outdoor sports</b></li> </ul> | Full return to normal services |
| Mitigating Actions      | Not Applicable   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outdoor spaces are utilised primarily</li> <li>Contact and structured sports activities not permitted</li> <li>Provision of snacks and food not permitted within the setting</li> <li>Face coverings are required</li> <li>2m social distancing maintained</li> <li>Personal hygiene</li> <li>breaks built into sessions</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outdoor spaces are utilised primarily</li> <li>Face coverings are required</li> <li>2m social distancing maintained</li> <li>Personal hygiene breaks built into sessions</li> <li><b>Supervised sports activities permitted within restrictions</b></li> <li><b>Food and Refreshments are not shared between participants</b></li> <li><b>Inter-club/centre sporting events permitted with only one other centre/club in the same day</b></li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outdoor spaces are utilised to support wider programme</li> <li>Contact and structured sports activities permitted within restrictions</li> <li>Provision of snacks and food permitted</li> <li>Face coverings used in line with wider health guidance</li> <li>Appropriate social distancing maintained</li> <li>Personal hygiene encouraged</li> </ul>  |                                |

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| Targeted Youth Provision & Interventions | <p><b>Essential Service</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Covers statutory and voluntary youth providers</li> <li>Covers centre based, area based and training for young people settings</li> <li>In person services for vulnerable and at-risk children and young people only</li> <li>Provision to remainder of membership via online / digital platforms</li> </ul> | <p><b>Phase 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Covers statutory and voluntary youth providers</li> <li>Covers centre based, area based and training for young people settings</li> <li>In person services for small group work sessions indoors (max 10) and room use contributes to venue capacity calculation</li> <li>Themes of work should focus on areas of Health &amp; Wellbeing, Living in Safety &amp; Stability and Learning &amp; Achieving</li> <li>Provision to remainder of membership via online / digital platforms</li> <li>In person staff meetings or training limited to a maximum of 6</li> </ul> | <p><b>Phase 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Covers statutory and voluntary youth providers</li> <li>Covers centre based, area based and training for young people settings</li> <li>In person services for small group work sessions indoors (max 15) and room use contributes to venue capacity calculation</li> <li>Themes of work across all key areas of action</li> <li>Provision to remainder of membership via online / digital Platforms</li> <li><b>Non-Residential Education Visits within Northern Ireland only</b></li> <li><b>Food &amp; refreshments can be provided as part of the youth work programme</b></li> <li><b>No Limit on the number of children and young people engaged using outdoor spaces</b></li> <li><b>Delivery of Indoor and outdoor sports</b></li> <li><b>No limit on the number of in person staff meetings or training</b></li> </ul> | <p><b>Phase 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Covers statutory and voluntary youth providers</li> <li>Covers centre based, area based and training for young people settings</li> <li>In person services for small group work sessions indoors (max 20) and room use contributes to venue capacity calculation</li> <li>Themes of work across all key areas of action</li> <li>Thematic events permitted (youth service members only)</li> <li>Retention of online / digital platforms to enhance access for all children and young people</li> <li><b>Non-Residential Education Visits within Northern Ireland only</b></li> <li><b>Food &amp; refreshments can be provided as part of the youth work programme</b></li> <li><b>No Limit on the number of children and young people engaged using outdoor spaces</b></li> <li><b>Delivery of Indoor and outdoor sports</b></li> <li><b>No limit on the number of in person staff meetings or training</b></li> </ul> | Full return to normal services |
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| Mitigating Actions                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Face coverings are required</li> <li>2m social distancing maintained</li> <li>Personal hygiene breaks built into sessions</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Face coverings are required</li> <li>2m social distancing maintained</li> <li>Personal hygiene breaks built into sessions</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Face coverings are required</li> <li>2m social distancing maintained</li> <li>Personal hygiene breaks built into sessions</li> <li><b>Food and Refreshments are not shared between participants</b></li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Face coverings used in line with wider health guidance</li> <li>Appropriate social distancing maintained</li> <li>Personal hygiene encouraged</li> </ul>  |                                |

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| <b>Detached Youth Provision</b> | <p><b>Essential Service</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Covers statutory and voluntary youth providers</li> <li>In person street-based teams (min 2 staff) response for vulnerable and at-risk children and young people only</li> <li>Collaborative interventions limited to reducing vulnerability and risk levels only.</li> </ul> | <p><b>Phase 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Covers statutory and voluntary youth providers</li> <li>In person street-based teams (min 2 staff) can respond to situations where there is increased risk for children and young people</li> <li>Collaborative interventions aimed at reducing vulnerability and risk through educational responses</li> <li>In person staff meetings or training limited to a maximum of 6</li> </ul> | <p><b>Phase 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Covers statutory and voluntary youth providers</li> <li>In person street-based teams (min 2 staff) can respond to identified needs</li> <li>Collaborative interventions to promote health and wellbeing of children and young people</li> <li>Can respond to agile and bespoke interventions at short notice</li> <li><b>Non-Residential Education Visits within Northern Ireland only</b></li> <li><b>Food &amp; refreshments can be provided as part of the youth work programme</b></li> <li><b>No Limit on the number of children and young people engaged using outdoor spaces</b></li> <li><b>Delivery of Indoor and outdoor sports</b></li> <li><b>No limit on the number of in person staff meetings or training</b></li> </ul> | <p><b>Phase 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Covers statutory and voluntary youth providers</li> <li>In person street-based teams (min 2 staff) can respond to all identified needs</li> <li>Interventions can include developmental projects in public spaces</li> <li>Can respond to agile and bespoke interventions at short notice</li> <li><b>Non-Residential Education Visits within Northern Ireland only</b></li> <li><b>Food &amp; refreshments can be provided as part of the youth work programme</b></li> <li><b>No Limit on the number of children and young people engaged using outdoor spaces</b></li> <li><b>Delivery of Indoor and outdoor sports</b></li> <li><b>No limit on the number of in person staff meetings or training</b></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full return to normal services</li> </ul> |
| <b>Mitigating Actions</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can respond to agile and bespoke interventions at short notice</li> <li>Staff face coverings are required</li> <li>2m social distancing maintained</li> <li>Regular use of hand sanitiser required</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can respond to agile and bespoke interventions at short notice</li> <li>Staff face coverings are required</li> <li>2m social distancing maintained</li> <li>Regular use of hand sanitiser required</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Face coverings used in line with wider health guidance</li> <li>Appropriate social distancing maintained</li> <li>Regular use of hand sanitiser required</li> <li><b>Food and Refreshments are not shared between participants</b></li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Face coverings used in line with wider health guidance</li> <li>Appropriate social distancing maintained</li> <li>Regular use of hand sanitiser required</li> </ul>  |  |

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