

Why is it being offered to schools?

Delivering this workshop in schools permits the promotion of the **No Crime - Get a Life!** message to large numbers of young people in a safe environment conducive to positive engagement and learning.

The message also fits well within the National Curriculum. The Key Stage 3 Citizenship Curriculum requires pupils to be taught about the basic aspects of the criminal justice system and how it relates to young people. It also requires pupils to be encouraged to use their imagination to consider other people's experiences; to think about moral and social issues and to justify orally their personal opinion about such issues; and to express and explain views that are not their own. They should also be encouraged to contribute to group and exploratory class discussions and take part in debates.

Issues arising from this workshop, such as the dangers of drinking and substance abuse, and coping with peer pressure, also fit well within the Key Stage 3 PSHE Curriculum.

The content and format of the **No Crime – Get a Life!** workshop meets all of these criteria while also giving pupils the opportunity to meet representatives of the criminal justice system agencies face to face.



How do I sign up to the No Crime - Get a Life! programme?

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No Crime – Get a Life!

“No Crime – Get a Life!” is a programme designed to alert young people to the consequences of getting involved in crime. Aimed at the 11-13 age group, it raises awareness of the criminal justice process, in particular how it relates to young people; and offers youngsters the opportunity to meet and talk to representatives of the various criminal justice agencies.

Through a series of interactive workshops, participants learn how and why to avoid contact with the criminal justice system as an offender, and what to expect if they are caught up in the system as a victim or a witness.

After a highly successful pilot year, Norfolk PACT (Partners Against Crime Taskforce) plans to roll this dynamic multi-agency workshop-based programme out across Norfolk over the coming years



Why is it needed?

Petty crime can seem quite attractive and glamorous to young people who are unaware that it can be the first step towards a life of crime, and the misery that it can bring to them, their victims and their families.

No Crime – Get a Life! uses all the agencies involved in the criminal justice process to communicate this message to this impressionable age group in a way that is both effective and memorable.

Which agencies are involved?

Criminal Justice Board

Magistrates

Police

Prison Service

Youth Offending Team

Victim Support

How is the message delivered?

The workshop takes a minimum of a half day, but the most popular format requires a full day. It is delivered to a whole year group on a single day (maximum 180 pupils – larger year groups over two days).

The pupils start by watching a 30 minute film dramatisation of a young person whose petty vandalism soon leads to something that is more serious.

There then follows a series of 30-minute breakout sessions with the various agencies in groups of 20 or so.

The workshop ends with a final plenary session.



What does the school need to provide?

The workshop will be facilitated by Norfolk PACT's **No Crime - Get a Life!** Project Coordinator and representatives of the participating agencies.

The programme is designed to offer the school flexibility in terms of the length of the workshop and the year group(s) it is delivered to, though for it to be effective the school will need to provide:

- at least a half day allocated to the programme;
- the necessary space and equipment for the whole group to watch the film on the same day as the breakout sessions;
- separate rooms for the breakout sessions to take place in (usually six or seven);
- a member of school staff present in each session and to supervise the effective movement of pupils between breakout sessions .

This workshop is currently being offered free to schools.