

Citizenship – Derbyshire Probation Area

Teacher's Notes

"Gary" DVD

Gary has a history of offending from being a youth. He has reached 18 years of age and is now dealt with in the adult court system.

He has been convicted and has been given a **Community Order**. This means that instead of going to prison, Gary will serve his sentence in the community.

The DVD illustrates an offender's first interview with his / her allocated Offender Manager. That manager will supervise that offender throughout his / her Community Sentence to keep continuity and to maximise any benefits from the support probation provides.

The DVD aims to illustrate / raise issues for discussion about:

- What is a crime?

Is it an incident that has bad consequences for someone else, such as a burglary or theft of a car?

- What is a criminal?

Is it someone who hurts someone else, or who steals things?

- What are the consequences?

Someone loses a possession (stolen mobile phone?) or cannot get to work (car stolen?) or is afraid to go out at night (mugged?)

- What is punishment?

Being sent to prison, or fined, or banned from going somewhere (eg football matches) or having to do unpaid work?

- What is rehabilitation?

Getting help for a drug habit, or help with reading and writing, or learning thinking skills to avoid getting into fights, or learning to recognise you have a problem (Drink Driving programme)

The group should watch the DVD looking for examples for each of the above questions in order to generate thought and discussion in the subsequent lesson activity