

Individual Circumstances

What are Individual Circumstances?

Individual Circumstances are descriptors in the system that allow you to indicate whether the client that you are working with has any circumstances in their lives that might be impacting on them moving on effectively. It also allows you to indicate circumstances that might have an effect on the service delivery to that young person. Some of the values are reported up to DCSF and others are used to inform local service delivery.

Why should I record an Individual Circumstance for a client?

The Individual Circumstances are reported up to DCSF and to local bodies such as the Teenage Pregnancy unit and they use the information to commission services for young people and to ensure that the right types of support are available. If we don't record Individual Circumstances for the clients we work with, not only do we not have a full picture of what is going on in the clients life, which might have a bearing on the help and support we offer them, but we also fail to inform policy and decision makers about the type of support we need for certain client groups in Leeds. This can have an impact on the priorities for the delivery of Connexions Services as well as other provision.

What do each of the categories mean?

Below are descriptions, which have been agreed by the IYSS Insight User Group, as to what the different Individual Circumstance categories mean.

Description in IO Insight	What it means
Looked After / In Care	A young person under the age of 18, currently in the care of the Local Authority. A young person may have involvement from Social Care without being Looked After and equally a Looked After young person may be living with a family member. If you are unclear about whether a young person is "Looked After" you should contact their Social Worker for clarification.

Parent caring for own child	A young person actively involved in the care of their own child.
Refugee / asylum seeker	A young person with refugee / asylum seeker status or who is from a family with refugee / asylum seeker status.
Young Carer	A young person with a caring responsibility for a parent / sibling or other family member. Also includes those in receipt of a Carers Allowance.
Client disclosed substance misuse	The DCSF description is: "A young person whose substance misuse is adversely affecting their education and training." Locally it has been agreed as a young person whose substance misuse is an issue they have identified and would like help with.
Care Leaver	The DCSF description is "A young person, who was looked after when they reached the age of 16, who has subsequently left care." Young people will remain "Looked After / In Care" until they are 18 years old. They will then be classified as a Care Leaver.
Supervised by YOT	A young person on a current order with the Youth Offending Service. If a young person's order comes to an end this circumstance should be closed off with an end date.
Pregnant	A young person who is pregnant. Please remember that a Pregnant circumstance should be closed off with an end date once the young person has given birth or if the young person is no longer pregnant.
Teenage Parent	A young person who is a parent but who is not involved in fulfilling a caring role for the child.
Accessing off-site Learning	A young person aged 13-16 who is

	accessing learning away or off site from their school.
At Risk of Exclusion from FTE pre-16	A young person whose behaviour is putting them at risk of exclusion.
Excluded from FTE pre-16	A young person who has been permanently excluded from education.
Suspended from FTE pre-16	A young person who has been temporarily excluded from education.
In FE provision pre-16	A young person attending college during Years 9-11.
Free School Meals	A young person in receipt of free school meals.
No fixed abode- Homeless	A young person with no permanent address.
Temporary Accommodation-Emergency Accommodation	A young person living in Emergency accommodation
Temporary Accommodation - Sofa Surfing	A young person who is staying with different friends / family members but has no permanent residence.
English as a 2 nd Language	A young person whose primary spoken language is not English.
Literacy / Numeracy needs - below Level 1	A young person whose level of literacy / numeracy is below GCSE Grade D-G.
Capable of, but may not achieve, Level 2	A young person who is capable of, but may not achieve GCSE's at Grade A-C or an equivalent qualification.
Capable of, but may not achieve, Level 1	A young person who is capable of, but may not achieve GCSE's at Grade D-G or an equivalent qualification.
Attendance less than 20%	A young person aged 13-16 whose school attendance is less than 20%.
Attendance between 20%-80%	A young person aged 13-16 whose school attendance is between 20-80%
Behaviour / Motivational Issues	School / learning provider has identified issues with behaviour or motivation for this young person
Self Esteem / Confidence Issues	School / learning provider has identified

	low self esteem or a lack of confidence
Traveller / Gypsy / Roma	Traveller - overreaching term covering various groups of Gypsies and Travellers in the UK. Romany Gypsies, Irish Travellers and Scottish Travellers are recognised ethnic minority groups - Race Relations Amendment Act 2000. New travellers are not a recognised ethnic minority group. Also, European Roma, show people, circus people and bargees are other types of T(t)raveller. (Nb capital G and Ts!). 'Roma' refers to more recent incomers to the UK from mainland Europe, most usually Eastern Europe, who share an historic ethnic route with Romany Gypsy people. Whilst there is some commonality of culture and experience between Romany Gypsy and Irish Traveller people, this is significantly less so with Roma people particularly in regards to caravan dwelling and nomadism. English as a second language is a particular consideration for Roma
Young Person Living Independently	A young person who has their own tenancy in social or private housing. They may/ may not be accessing floating support from a housing support organisation but might be vulnerable due to fact they are managing their own tenancy.
Supervised by Probation	To be used for young people over the age of 18 who have been transferred from the YOS to the Probation Service.