



Secure Remand Assessment for Males Aged 15/16



Under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 a court can order the remand of a 15 or 16-year-old boy to a local authority secure accommodation if it believes that it would be undesirable for him to be remanded to prison service accommodation due to his *physical or emotional immaturity or propensity to self-harm*. Given the number of places available, the assessment must focus on identifying the young men who most need them. It is therefore important to consider any significant problems that are additional to what might be expected for anyone in this age group.

1. Previous remands

Have there been any previous assessments of this kind to inform a remand decision? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, did the assessment conclude that a local authority secure placement was necessary? Yes ☐ No ☐

Have there been any significant changes since then (e.g. in the young person's behaviour, maturity, coping skills, the occurrence of new problems, important events in his life)?

Has the young person previously been remanded into custody? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, how did he cope with this? Give details of any significant problems (e.g. victim of bullying).

2. Indicators of physical or emotional immaturity

The seven dimensions given by the Department of Health for assessing development can provide useful indicators of a young person's level of maturity. These are listed below, together with some examples of issues that may be particularly relevant to a young person's ability to cope if remanded in custody. Please indicate if you think the young person's development in any of these areas is significantly below that which would be expected for his age such that he would face greater difficulties in custody than others of a similar age.

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| Health (e.g. physical development) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Education (e.g. significant problems with basic literacy, special educational needs) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Identity (e.g. very low self-esteem, significant confusion over self-identity) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Family/social relationships (e.g. level of dependence on parents/carers, ability to make friends with peers) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Social presentation (e.g. relationships with staff, communication skills) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Emotional/behavioural development (e.g. mental health needs, interests/ activities usually associated with younger children) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Self-care skills (e.g. difficulties with carrying out basic self-care tasks) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please give details and explain how these problems would affect him if remanded into custody.

Is there anything about his recent offending behaviour or response to court proceedings that indicates significant emotional immaturity?
(e.g. easily persuaded by others into reckless behaviour)

Yes	No
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If yes, please give details.

3. Propensity to self-harm

The possibility of the young person committing self-harm or suicide should already have been considered in the 'Indicators of vulnerability' section on page 10 above. The focus here is on whether a custodial remand would significantly alter this assessment, i.e. increase the likelihood that he will attempt self-harm or suicide.

Indicate if you think any of the following will contribute to the risk of the young person committing self-harm or suicide if in custody:

Lack of family/carers contact or support ☐ First time in custody ☐

Uncertainty/fear ☐ Bullying/intimidation ☐

Please explain why you think these factors are likely to increase this particular young person's risk of self-harm.

Are there any other reasons that you think put him at increased risk if remanded to custody? Yes ☐ No ☐

Details (e.g. previous self-harm or suicide attempts whilst in custody)

If possible, please give details of the type of behaviour that you are concerned about.

Likely methods of attempted self-harm/suicide

Likely triggers (e.g. provocation)

Likely timing (e.g. within first few days of remand)

4. Conclusion

In view of all of the above, do you have significant concerns about any of the following:

Yes No

Ability of a custodial institution to provide suitable levels of care or support for his particular needs?

☐
☐

His relationships with staff and peers in a custodial environment?

☐
☐

His emotional/mental health and abilities to cope if remanded to custody?

☐
☐

Details

Is the physical or emotional immaturity and/or propensity to self-harm of this young person such as to justify him being considered for remand to local authority secure accommodation?

Yes

No

☐
☐

Details

If the court is minded to consider a remand to local authority secure accommodation:

Yes

No

Has a Local Authority secure placement been sought?

☐
☐

Has a bed been identified? If 'yes', specify where.....

☐
☐

If no bed has been identified, will a prompt return to court be scheduled?

☐
☐

Details