



Referral

Date of referral 12/06/2023
Referring local authority Hampshire
Court applying to for S.25 Southampton
Primary reason for order Danger to others
Expected/requested start date of placement 27/06/2023

Social worker

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Team manager

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Placements team

Name Placements Team Member
Telephone number 01234 567891
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IRO

Is there an IRO contact for this referral? Yes
Name IRO name
Telephone number 07712 345678
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Mobile number 01234 567891
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YOT worker

Is there any current involvement with the Youth Offending Team (YOT)? Yes
Name YOT worker name
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Is the young person:

Currently in hospital	No
Currently missing	Yes
Currently in Police custody	No
Agreement to pay a bed retainer in principle	Yes
Subject to a current Threat to Life Warning or Osman Warning from the Police	Yes

Personal information

First name	Jack
Last name	Sparrow
NHS number	1234567891
Social care system ID	123456
Gender	Male
Ethnicity	White - British
Date of birth	26/07/2007
Age	15
Religion	No Religion
First language	English
Interpreter required	No
Height	5ft 9
Weight	10 stone
Legal status	Full care order
Do you intent to initially place under the 72-hour agreement?	Yes

For under 13's: Secretary of State/Welsh Ministerial approval

Applied for
Granted

Placement history

Current placement

Placement type	CLA - Residential
Start date of current placement	26/05/2023
Is the young person subject to a DoL Order in this placement?	Yes
Additional staffing levels	2:1
Contact person	Will Turner
Tel No/Email	07712 345678

Previous placement

Placement type	CLA - Other
Start date of previous placement	12/04/2023
Additional staffing levels	2:1
Contact person	Davy Jones
Tel No/Email	07712 345678

Placement history

Placement type	Start date	End date
CLA - Foster Care	26/07/2007	28/08/2007
CLA - Foster Care	28/08/2007	01/01/2009
Not CLA	01/02/2009	01/01/2020
CLA - Foster Care	01/01/2020	01/04/2020
CLA - Residential	01/04/2020	03/10/2020
CLA - Foster Care	03/10/2020	05/10/2020
CLA - Residential	05/10/2020	01/12/2020
CLA - Residential	01/12/2020	23/03/2021
CLA - Residential	23/03/2021	15/08/2021
YOI/ STC/ SCH - Remand	15/08/2021	14/06/2022
CLA - Residential	14/06/2022	28/08/2022
CLA - Residential	28/08/2022	15/09/2022
CLA - Other	15/09/2022	12/04/2023

Has the young person been in secure welfare, justice or a secure mental health placement before? Yes

Secure placement	Legal order	Start date	End date	Discharge destination
Vinney Green Secure Unit	Remand/Sentenced	15/08/2021	14/06/2022	Residential Home

At what age did the young person first become known to children's services? Before birth

At what age did the young person first come into care? 0

Young person overview

Pen picture

Jack is a lovely young man when you get to know him. He is confident in what he likes and what he wants but also has a certain amount of empathy which is displayed through his actions. He is very funny and has a good sense of humour, and will easily entertain his peers with jokes and routines. He has mentioned aspirations of becoming a stand-up comedian when he is older. In addition to this he also has a keen interest in the sea and would like a job that links to this somehow.

When Jack is in a stable place he has shown interest in a number of hobbies, including sailing and music. He has also been paintballing in the past which he showed a keen interest in.

Jack interacts with his peers with ease, usually breaking the ice with humour and being the life of the party. He is more wary of adults in positions of authority but has been able to form some attachments with a number of his support workers in the past. This shows great maturity for his age in recognising that a relationship with the people that are trying to help him could benefit his situation.

ACE's

Evidence of verbal or emotional abuse	Yes
Physical abuse	No
Sexual abuse	No
Domestic abuse	No
Parental substance misuse	Yes
Loss of a parent (death or separation)	Yes
Parental mental illness	Yes
Physical or emotional neglect	No
Parental criminal behaviour or imprisonment	No
Separation from parent due to parental deportation or detention	No
Young person is a parent	No
Bereavement of a significant person	No

Background/family information

Jack has had two periods of local authority care. The first was when he was removed from his birth mother and was subsequently adopted. This was as a result of her addiction to class A drugs and struggles with mental illness. He was accommodated again in January 2020. Since this time, he has had various foster and residential placements, all of which have broken down due to his aggressive behaviours, offending and his absconding.

In 2019 a referral was received from school regarding Jack's behaviour; he was not attending school, had been aggressive to some of his peers and had been excluded on a short-term basis. The school had contacted Jack's mother multiple times, each time she was unable to account for where Jack was. Contact was made with his parents who informed the local authority that they had been struggling with his behaviours for about a year. He has gone from being a regular student to not attending school and hanging around with older young people. He had started to be aggressive at home as well as during school. He would be missing most nights and refuse to abide by the rules they set out for him in terms of curfew and smoking in the house. Support was brought in to work with the family; however, in January 2020 the parents requested that he be accommodated after an assault on his father which resulted in his father being admitted to hospital with a broken leg. Since this time a number of attempts at reunification have been made. Jack's parents have accessed adoption support and a lot of work has been done with Jack and his parents to try and reunite them. Unfortunately, each time, it does not get very far. The LA believe that Jack holds his parents accountable for the struggles he faces educationally and emotionally. When faced with the incident that caused his father to break his leg, Jack's behaviour escalates. He becomes unable to regulate his emotions and his flight reflex kicks in. It also provokes verbal attacks from his father, who has said things in the past that would imply that he puts the welfare of his birth daughter before Jack's. He has also been heard to say things like, "You were broken when we got you." "There's no hope for you – you will turn out just like your crazy addict birth mother" in front of local authority staff. It is clear how damaging this is for Jack to hear. At this moment in time Jack doesn't want contact with his parents.

Jack was placed in foster care in January 2020 after Jack had an argument with his father about him smoking cannabis in the bathroom and Jack pushed his father who then fell down the stairs and broke his leg. This incident happened in front of Jack's younger sister who was only 5 years old at the time. In his first foster care placement, Jack seemed initially to be settled, however, in April 2020 the carers asked for him to be removed as he was constantly missing and returning home under the influence of cannabis. They could not keep him safe and he had also started to show aggression to their younger child, which consisted of pushing and hitting. He also seemed to have a lot of money and new clothes.

In April 2020 Jack was placed in a local authority residential home, however, Jack didn't settle and was constantly missing. When he was at the home, he was being aggressive toward staff and peers. Notice was given, at the placement, due to an assault on the manager of the home which resulted in him having badly bruised ribs and having to take time off work.

An emergency respite placement was found with foster carers whilst another placement was sourced. An activity placement was found in Wales on 5th October 2020 for 6 weeks which was extended for a further couple of weeks as another residential placement had been found but would not be available until beginning of December. Whilst in the activity placement, Jack seemed to enjoy taking part in outside activities where he did not abscond and displayed only minor verbal aggression.

On 1st December 2020 Jack was moved to another residential home just outside of Southampton, initially he settled as he was away from his old friends, however, in January 2021, he started to go missing on a daily basis and eventually the home gave 28 days' notice on 23rd February 2021.

On 23rd March 2021, he was moved to another residential within the Southampton area as an out of county placement could not be found. Jack again initially settled well, however, again started to go missing and eventually didn't return back to the home. Police carried out searches for him but there were no sightings. A recovery order was issued.

Jack was arrested in Somerset on 28th December after a drugs raid on a home by police. Jack was found to be in possession of a large amount of money, a large amount of class A & B drugs and a bladed weapon. Jack was arrested and detained in a police cell until he could go to court. At court he was sentenced to a 1-year DTO at Vinney Green.

When initially placed in Vinney he was rebellious, constantly challenged the staff and would not take part in education, however, he began to settle and reached Silver Level of achievements; he had started to attend education and was doing very well.

What recent events led to a secure welfare placement being required?

Jack was released from Vinney on 14th June 2021 and accommodated in a residential placement in Wales. Jack again seemed to settle well and took part in all the activities. However, he started to gradually start absconding again from the placement. He frequently returned after a couple of days and seemed to be under the influence of cannabis. On 28th August 2021 he absconded whilst in the local town with staff, he was seen getting into a car with two older men and is still currently missing. It is thought that on the occasions he absconded prior to this date he met up with older men and is being criminally exploited. Subsequently his current placement felt unable to maintain his safety and gave notice.

Jack was missing for 5 days and when he was found he was moved to a residential placement in Reading. Unfortunately, Jack did not engage with the placement as he had in previous placements and he continued with his absconding and substance misuse behaviours. His physical aggression towards others also started to escalate and culminated in an attempt to set fire to the curtains of another boy's bedroom in placement whilst he slept. The placement felt that they were unable to continue the placement due to the risk he posed to the other residents. Since this time the local authority has been unable to find a placement where Jack has been able to settle. In his current placement he is under a DOLS order, but this is also proving ineffective. He is currently missing.

Presenting behaviours

Violent/challenging behaviours including fire setting

Jack can be argumentative and will strive to make his voice heard. He will attempt to "make deals" or negotiate different alternatives to any rules or boundaries seeking to be implemented. Jack will push and challenge most boundaries in place and dislikes those he feels are authoritative and, as such, will always seek to argue his case. Jack can be verbally confrontational and has a tendency to swear. He will make threats to hit out at others.

Jack has had physical altercations, such as punching and kicking with children at school, but this was when he was around 11/12 years of age. Since then, instances of physical violence have been directed more at the adults supervising him in placement. However, there was one incident this year in which Jack was found in the room of another young person in placement trying to set the curtains alight whilst he slept. He did not manage to do this before he was discovered and insists that it was a joke and he never would have followed through with it. The residential staff believe this to be in retaliation to an offhand comment the young person had made that day about Jack being a 'druggie'.

Triggers for physical violence centre around him being asked to do something that he does not want to do. This has been the case since he was living at home. He will lash out in the heat of the moment by punching or kicking. In 2020 he pushed his father who then fell down the stairs. This was following an argument that they were having over Jack smoking cannabis in the bathroom. Afterwards Jack showed remorse that this happened, he did not realise that his father would fall down the stairs.

On one occasion he hit a residential worker in the chest with a fire extinguisher when he asked him to return to his room. This resulted in the worker having to attend hospital with suspected broken ribs and having to take time off work. Charges were made against Jack for this.

His use of violence in the community centre around his exploitation. This includes assaulting someone by punching them off their bike and then stealing the bike. It also includes threatening someone with a knife and taking their money and phone. There is also police intelligence to put him at the scene of an attempted murder of a rival gang member who was stabbed 3 times, once in

the chest. It is thought that Jack was a witness only. Provocation for these attacks is seemingly non-existent and motive seems to stem from gang rivalry as well as increasing pressure from his peers to pay them back the drug debt he owes them. Jack reports this debt to now be sitting at somewhere just over £2000.

Self-harm & suicide attempts

None known. Jack has expressed remorse over his current relationship with his family. But there have been no prolonged periods of low mood that have caused any concern in his placements.

Substance misuse

Jack has admitted to starting to smoke cannabis when he was 13 years old. Since then, he will regularly return to the placement smelling of cannabis. Recently there has been an increase in instances of him presenting as intoxicated. He will drink alcohol with friends whenever it is available to him. Jack has also admitted to using cocaine on occasion, but the local authority is unable to substantiate this claim. The LA do not anticipate severe withdrawal symptoms when Jack is placed in a secure placement.

Jack's exploiters are thought to have offered drugs to him initially in order to gain some control over him. As he would then have to work running drugs to pay back his debt. Over the years this has escalated, and Jack now owes reportedly £2000 in drug debt. Jack maintains that he is not addicted and there is nothing wrong with his recreational drug use. He believes that it is causing no one any harm.

Sexually harmful behaviour

None known.

Sexualised behaviour and/or child sexual exploitation

None known.

Absconding

Jack struggles to adhere to boundaries and comes and goes as he pleases, often not returning to placement until the early hours of the morning. This behaviour is frequent and happened multiple times a week before the DOLS order was granted. After the DOLS order was granted it has still continued, although it has been harder for him to abscond, he tends to go missing for longer lengths of time. Only returning for a shower and some food. Last week he left placement and has been missing ever since. He was heard to make comments such as, "I will go where there are people who do care about me" "Then I won't ever have to worry about this sh*t ever again!"

Gang affiliation/criminal exploitation

Jack has become associated with a number of young people who, police intelligence advises, are members of a local OCG called 'Pirates'. Concern over his associates have been increasing since he started to go missing from home in 2019. He developed an obsession with gang culture and started to post videos online insulting peers from rival gangs. Since this time, he has become more embroiled in the gang lifestyle. He will regularly be found to be carrying a knife, he says that this is for his own protection. When talking of these associates he describes them as family members who 'always have his back', he insists he would risk his life for them. He has been arrested for assault on a number of occasions out in the community. This includes assaulting someone by punching them off their bike and then stealing the bike. It also includes threatening someone with a knife and taking their money and phone. There is also police intelligence to put him at the scene on an attempted murder of a rival gang member who was stabbed 3 times, once in the

chest. Provocation for these attacks is seemingly non-existent and motive seems to stem from gang rivalry as well as increasing pressure from his peers to pay them back the drug debt he owes them. Jack reports this debt to now be sitting at somewhere just over £2000.

The local authority believes Jack to be involved in drug running due to his number of missing episodes and the fact that he often turns up far from home, in London or Manchester. He has been stopped and searched on the train on three separate occasions since 2020. Once he was found to have three wraps of suspected cocaine and cannabis, the second time he was found with a considerable amount of cannabis and the third time he was found to have over £500 in cash, which he was unable to explain the source of. Jack has two mobile phones and regularly returns to placement with expensive 'gifts' such as £200 trainers and a Rolex watch. It is thought that he is being provided these items by his exploiters as a form of control tactic.

Is the young person subject to a Prevent or CONTEST arrangement? No

Is the young person subject to NRM or has a referral been made? Yes

Care planning

Summary of present care plan

The local authority plan to find Jack and return him to his current placement whilst a search for a secure placement is undertaken. The local authority will take steps to try and mitigate the risks he poses in this placement and will consider increasing his staffing levels if needed.

The present care plan is for Jack to eventually be reunited with his parents. The local authority anticipates a period of stabilisation whilst Jack is in secure. It is the hope that this placement will help to get him back into a regular sleep schedule whilst also educate him of the dangers of his current lifestyle choices.

Following his stay in secure the local authority plan to put together a robust transition plan into a residential placement that specialises in young people who are vulnerable to exploitation. It is anticipated that he will do better in a placement that has a smaller number of young people who are all his age. It is hoped that following this step-down provision Jack will be able to start contact with his parents again as he will be more self-aware in terms of regulating his emotions.

Jack has expressed an interest in boat mechanics, and it is hoped that he will re-engage with education or an apprenticeship following his stay in secure and the local authority will do all that is needed to support this.

First aim of placement

The local authority would like the secure placement to engage Jack in some education around gang affiliation. So that he becomes more aware of manipulative relationships and drug debts. It will also be important to highlight to him the dangers of gang culture and the risk he is putting others in. In particular education around the impact of his offending behaviour and some self-awareness and anger management work, this will be measured through potential changes in the way he reacts to situations that would have traditionally caused a violent or aggressive response.

Second aim of placement

The local authority would like some work to be done with Jack around substance misuse. Obviously, a secure placement will give him opportunity to abstain from them, education to be completed with him in order to minimise the risk of him using substances again upon release to an open placement. At the moment he sees it more of part of the gang lifestyle and appears quite unaware of the health impacts and risks of substance misuse. It will be measured through his attitude to the gang lifestyle and his behaviour upon release.

Third aim of placement

To re-engage Jack in education. The secure placement, it is hoped, will reintroduce a healthy daily routine to Jack. We would like him to take this opportunity to re-engage with education. He has expressed an interest in wanting to do well in school and he would like to become a boat mechanic. We would like to encourage him in these goals and it will be measured through his academic progress.

What is your proposed exit and transition plan from a secure placement?

The local authority will seek a therapeutic residential placement for when he is discharged from a secure placement, specialising in young people who are particularly vulnerable to being exploited. The local authority will start a search for a move on placement as soon as he is placed in order to maximise the chances of finding the right match. It is hoped that a placement will be identified at least a month before he is due to leave a secure placement so a smooth transition can be implemented and introduce him slowly to his new surroundings.

Interaction techniques

Jack has a very dry sense of humour and can be very funny. Once he lets his guard down, he can be polite and engaging and holding meaningful conversations.

Jack misses his family greatly. Especially his younger sister, Layla, who he feels very protective of. He shows great remorse over the fact that she witnessed the incident between himself and his father.

However, when faced with situations that remind him of being taken into care, for example, following contact with his family, Jack struggles to manage his emotions and will lash out aggressively, sometimes physically. These instances are particularly aimed at professionals and adults. In these circumstances it is usually beneficial to give him space and let him come to you.

What are the young person's views/wishes/feelings regarding being in secure?

Jack is currently missing and unable to express his views. The local authority anticipate that Jack would not be in support of this based on his reaction to the DOLs order.

Approved contacts for young person

Name	Relationship	PR	Preferred contact number	Phone	Letter	Visit	Address
Marian Sparrow	Mother	Yes	01234 5678901	No	No	No	123 Black Pearl Close, Southampton
Robin Sparrow	Father	Yes	01234 5678901	No	No	No	123 Black Pearl Close, Southampton
Layla Sparrow	Sister	No	01234 5678901	No	Supervised	No	123 Black Pearl Close, Southampton

Health

Medical information

Current illness/injury	None known.
Current medication/treatment	Inhaler and medication for his ADHD which he is currently not taking.
Current tobacco use	20 a day (approx)
Current drug use	Cannabis daily, unknown amounts. Has reported use of cocaine in the past.
Current alcohol use	Frequent use of alcohol when missing, particularly rum.
Is a detox from substances required?	LA do not anticipate withdrawal.
Medical conditions	Hay fever, Asthma
Physical conditions	None
Treatment in the last 12 months	None
Special dietary requirements	None
Undiagnosed/suspected physical conditions	None
Encopresis	No
Enuretic	No
Visually impaired	No
Hearing impaired	No

Vaccinations All NHS required vaccinations for his age range. Including Covid-19 vaccinations and boosters.

Allergies His asthma is triggered by his hay fever. His hay fever related to grass pollen.

Asthma Yes

Epilepsy No

Diabetes No

Dental requirements/orthodontics No

Has the young person been diagnosed with the following:

A learning disability Yes

Autism No

Is the young person suspected to have the following:

A learning disability No

Autism No

If yes, provide details

Mental health & neurodiversity

Assessment status Completed

When (date) 15/09/2021

Who (professional role) Vinney Green mental health team psychologist

Where Vinney Green SCH

Outcome and follow up treatment None

Does the young person have any diagnosed mental health or neurodivergent conditions? Yes

Condition	Professional	Date
Attachment difficulties	Psychiatrist	01/07/2015
ADHD	Psychiatrist	19/08/2016

Does the young person have any suspected mental health or neurodivergent conditions? No

Previous/current mental health service involvement

Inpatient CAMHS (e.g. Tier 4) No

Community CAMHS offered Yes

Community CAMHS engaged No

Eating disorder service No

Other mental health input Has had previous mental health assessments and was diagnosed with the conditions mentioned.

Youth justice

Summary of all offences

Date	Offence	Outcome
06/08/2019	Use threatening / abusive / insulting words / behaviour to cause harassment / alarm / distress	NFA
01/04/2020	Destroy / damage property of a value unknown	Youth Restorative Disposal
03/10/2020	Destroy / damage property of a value unknown	Conditional discharge

03/10/2020	Common Assault	Conditional discharge
16/12/2020	Commission of further offence whilst subject to a Conditional Discharge	Youth Rehabilitation Order
03/05/2021	Possession of a bladed article	6 month YRO extended
03/05/2021	Aggravated vehicle taking and other motor offences	6 month YRO
03/08/2021	Assault	6 month YRO extended
20/06/2022	Possession of Class B	Court Date: 14/11/2023
26/07/2022	Aggravated burglary	Awaiting court date
28/08/2022	Possession of Class A with intent to supply	Under investigation
03/09/2022	Assault and possession of Class B drugs	Under investigation

Education

Known to the local authority's virtual school	Yes
Virtual school head name	Mrs McPhee
Virtual school head contact details	01234 567891
Currently on roll at school	No
Currently educated other than school	Yes
Education setting	Tutor
Contact name	Teresa Greene
Contact details	01234 567891
Currently excluded	No
EHCP (previously SEN Statement)	Yes
Current SEN status	EHCP
Primary need	Moderate learning difficulty
Secondary needs	Social, emotional and mental health
Any other relevant information	Jack has an EHCP due to a moderate learning difficulty.

Religious/cultural needs

Are there any specific cultural, religious, or ethnic considerations to take into account?	Jack is not particularly religious, but he does celebrate his birthday and Christmas.
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Assessments

N/A

Any other relevant information

N/A