

My research seeks to investigate and analyse the protocols that are in place to reduce the offending and unnecessary criminalisation of looked-after children and care leavers.

I would be extremely grateful if I could please have a copy of the protocols that have been established to reduce the offending and unnecessary criminalisation of looked-after children and care leavers for West Midlands Police.

I am looking for any information that is used within the West Midlands Police force to help protect and support looked-after children with regards to their criminalisation.

We do not have a specific policy regarding this, CPS have a checklist that investigators use prior to consideration of an investigation. If the offence was indictable then CPS would be the decision makers, for offences that are considered to be lower level, the checklist would be used as a guideline initially, and then the offence would be taken to panel as per any other case, if suitable of course.