

## Youth Justice

Craig\* was referred to the service for an offence of vandalism. The person harmed chose to opt out of meeting the young person. Sacro staff therefore involved Craig in a victim awareness intervention, which he completed successfully. There were, however, other issues in Craig's life including the fact that he had stopped going to school and was refusing to return. His worker referred him to Careers Scotland who explained his choices etc. At this point, Craig was still involved in offending and so, in partnership with the Children's Reporter, Sacro decided to work with Craig until he turned 16 years and had secured work or further education. Craig was also referred to the Youth Justice Mentor Service, where he managed to secure some work experience. As a result, Craig sat apprenticeship exams last summer, now attends Dumfries College and is training to become an Electrician.

\*name changed

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