

Cross Over Youth and the Police:

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE POLICE?

1 Officers Notified of an Incident:

- Call to police from group home/caregiver
- Normally, uniform/primary response officer attends

2 Initial Investigation:

- Information limited to that provided by complainant and on CPIC
- Information about Youth involvement in care would come from the caregiver or Youth

3 Investigation to Determine:

- Are there reasonable grounds to believe an offence has been committed?
- Is there a need to arrest?
 - Input from complainant
 - Past history
 - Options available
- Is there an opportunity to exercise discretion?

4 If Charging:

- Paperwork should reflect Youth is in care
- Notice to Parent/Adult should be served on CAS worker, if known

5 Contact Information:

- Cross Over Youth Committee members:
 - Supt. Elizabeth Byrnes elizabeth.byrnes@torontopolice.on.ca
 - Det. Stella Karras stella.karras@torontopolice.on.ca
- For any information on a specific investigation or charges, every Division has a Detective Sergeant supervisor who can be reached at 416 808-??16 (where ?? is the Division number)