

# Reducing Youth Crime in Nottingham

**Nottingham** YOT (Youth Offending Team) aims to reduce offending by young people through cohesive partnership working to tackle all the factors that increase the likelihood and severity of youth crime

## **National KPIs** set by Youth Justice Board

- **Reduce reoffending** (Reoffending rates by young people in Nottingham have fallen according to local data from 31.8% in 13/14 to 26.9% in 14/15 favourable performance against comparative areas with new capacity to gather 'real time' reoffending data )
- **Reduce use of custodial sentences** (higher than average but positive feedback from partners and judiciary on this area of practice)
- **Reduce the number of first time entrants** into the criminal justice system From 2011 until 2015 the number of young people entering the CJS has more than halved – from around 1800 to 820 - the YOT works closely with partners to drive this reduction



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# What is working well and challenges

- February 2016 – awarded **RJC's Restorative Service Quality Mark** – ensuring needs of victims are focus of service delivery. Increasing work to train and support partners (eg schools, childrens' homes) in restorative approaches – especially successful in reducing criminalisation of children in care from 19% to under 6%*
- June 2016 –assessed by **HMIP** as '**high-performing YOT**' – particular strengths included strong management oversight, a focus on outcomes and work to remove barriers to engagement across diverse needs of the most challenging adolescents and their families*
- *Awaiting outcome of national **Youth Justice Review**, in context of major budget reductions over past two years, to determine future shape and legislative framework for Youth Justice services*



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# Current priorities and developments

- *New focus on **early intervention** - YOT leading on young peoples' panels, targeting resources to focus on children most at risk of ASB/crime in partnership with Police, schools, voluntary sector*
- *Evidence supports prioritisation of interventions to reduce **knife-related offending** – now to include bail /out of court disposals*
- *Work with partners to contribute to 'anti violence summit'*
- *Participation in partnership review of '**near miss homicides**' to improve early intervention for young people and families at risk of becoming victim or perpetrator of knife crime*
- ***Embed Priority Families** approach in services dealing with serious organised crime and gang-related violence*
- *Drive **SEND** programme to increase numbers of young offenders in education, training or employment given its key impact in supporting desistance*



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