**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)*
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
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