

WHAT SOLUTIONS ARE THERE TO YOUTH CRIME IN THE U.K?



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Every week we learn of a street outrage involving young people. The brutal kicking to death of a student because she "looked different". A teenager fatally knifed in an exchange said to involve no more than "messaging about".

The volume of youth crimes such as burglaries and thefts of cars has fallen significantly since the mid-1990s, larger crimes like murders remain rare. But rates for certain crimes, some serious (robbery) and some less serious (behaviour in public places widely considered threatening), have not declined.

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ELIJAH DORNELLY, 17



KAROLINA CHWILUK, 20



CRISPIN SIDDON, 35



DAMIEN McLAUGHLIN, 42



KEITH SINCLAIR, 60



SEUN McMILLAN, 23



ABDULLAH HAMMA, 24



BILAL KARGBO, 26



ARCHIE SHEPPARD, 48



KYLE BOWEN, 23

11 Londoners stabbed to death in 16 days ...

WHY?

Today, the Standard launches a major investigation into the shocking rise in knife crime on the capital's streets

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Crime Count in Cornwall

Crime Group	Recorded Crime This Year	Recorded Crime Last Year	Recorded Crime % Difference
Homicide	14	15	-6.7%
Violence with Injury	11967	11765	1.7%
Violence without Injury	15173	12319	23.2%
Rape	1293	1009	28.1%
Other Sexual Offences	2153	1745	23.4%
Robbery	421	380	10.8%
Burglary Dwelling	2653	2373	11.8%
Burglary Non-Dwelling	3409	3338	2.1%
Vehicle Offences	4889	4481	9.1%
Shoplifting	6958	6637	4.8%
Other Theft	11656	10642	9.5%
Criminal Damage	13911	12762	9.0%
Public Order Offences	5003	4301	16.3%
Possession of Weapons	663	525	26.3%
Trafficking of Drugs	694	734	-5.4%
Possession of Drugs	2813	2933	-4.1%
Other Offences	1530	1087	40.8%
Total	85200	77046	10.6%

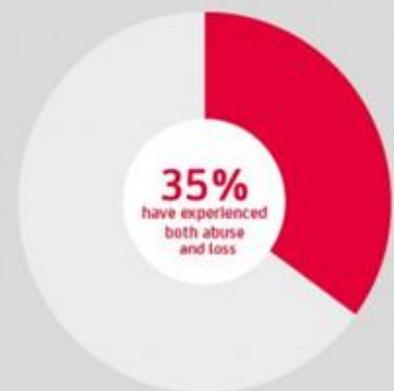
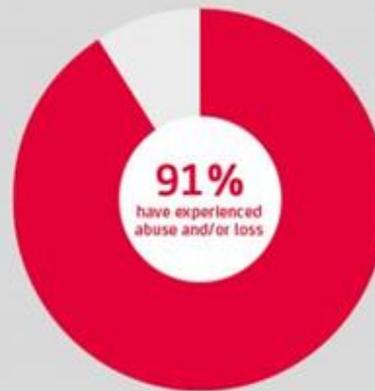
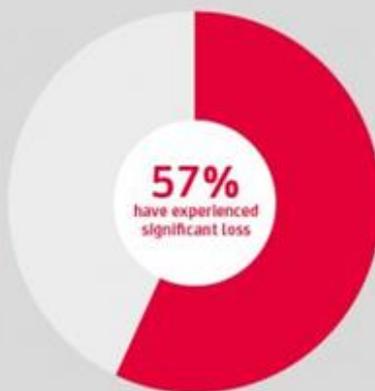
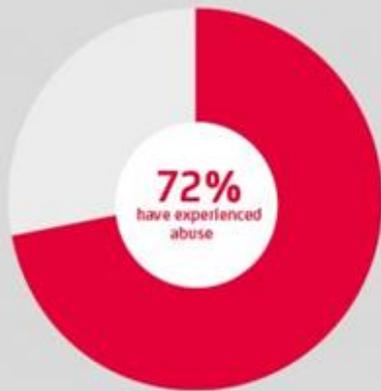
What solutions are there to youth crime in Cornwall?

Preventing crime is everyone's responsibility and should also involve the police, the community, volunteers and other agencies.

We spoke to the youth crime officer of Cornwall, P.C Fellows part of her role is to visit schools and talk about issues around crime, to educate them about the work of the police to try and remove the stigma which is placed upon them.



Experience of abuse and/or significant loss in violent young offenders



Based on data from Boswell (1996)

SYSTEMS WHICH ENCOURAGE OFFENDERS AWAY FROM CRIME

In Britain, there are **Accredited Programmes** in place in with the aim to help youth offenders from reoffending. An accredited programme is a series of activities aimed at working with offenders to reduce reoffending.

In order to achieve accreditation each programme will have demonstrated that they are based on sound evidence on the different techniques and interventions which help offenders to reach the targets they need to meet according to the programmes.

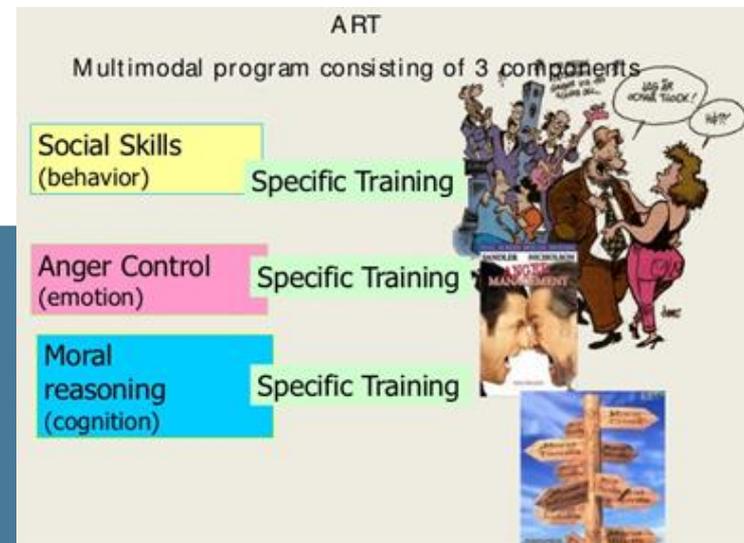
Some of the Accredited Programmes are:



ART (AGGRESSION REPLACEMENT TRAINING)

This is a group work programme for people convicted of violent offences or who have problems controlling their temper.

It challenges offenders to accept responsibility for their behaviour; the aims are to reduce the incidence of assault, public order offences and criminal damage, increase public protection and challenge offenders to accept responsibility for their crime and its consequences.



Educational welfare officers

The Education Welfare Service is aiming to reduce truancing within Cornwall. This is a joint initiative between Cornwall Council and Devon and Cornwall Constabulary. Through this initiative the Police will have the power to take truants back to school.

The Education Welfare Service can also offer support and help to pupils, parents (or carers) and schools who may be having problems with attendance.

Most schools in Cornwall have a nominated Education Welfare Officer (EWO) who visits regularly to check registers and discuss pupils about whom the school is concerned.

Truancing is when people bunk off school

Gweres Tus Yowynk (GTY) Adolescent Service

Gweres Tus Yowynk (GTY) Adolescent Service is a partnership between the Youth Offending Service (YOS) and the adolescent service within Children and Family Services.

Priority is given to young people who are at risk of entering care, but are not currently allocated to a social care team and who exhibit the following risks:

- Problems occurring out of school hours
- Those who may have had a past admission to care
- May be in unstable living arrangements e.g. 'sofa surfing'

Or where there is evidence of the risks like: alcohol and substance misuse or Child sexual exploitation

Gweres Tus Yowynk is Cornish for 'helping young people'

HRP (HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP PROGRAMME)

This is a programme for young people who have committed violent behaviour in a domestic setting. The aim is to end violence and abuse against participants' intimate partners.

Participants will learn about their abusive behaviours and be taught alternative skills and behaviours to help them develop healthy, non-abusive relationships.



BELIEF IN CHANGE

A year long programme for medium to high risk general offenders. It focuses on reintegration and building skills and support networks for release.

It uses a range of methods including community living, structured group work, individual coaching and mentoring. It places high emphasis on building links in the wider community and increasing employability.

Belief in Change encourages participants to think about their personal faith and spirituality and how this might support their process of change.

