

YOT Inspection 2010 - Views of Young People

- 121 young people gave their views on the work of the Bradford YOT as part of the YOT inspection in November 2010.
- 52 Referral Order, 48 Community Sentences, 21 Custody.
- 88% said they were less likely to reoffend.
- 57% things improved with school, college or getting a job
- 49% their health improved.
 - Because I've been to prison and did not like it – I don't want to go back.
 - I now realise what effect my offending behaviour has on the general public and my own family.
 - They have helped me mature because I know I will be severely punished (by being sent to prison).
 - Knowing the consequences of further offending behaviour.
 - Have listened to what has been said and taken it on board.
 - To be honest I don't want a criminal record because I'm doing football so don't want to have a bad name for myself. And also the YOT workers have made me think twice and told me if I get my head down and work hard and stay away from the streets and hang around with good people I could get far in life so that's what I will be doing when I finish this programme guaranteed.
 - I have realised that soon I will end up in prison if I don't start keeping out of trouble.
 - It made me realise I've got a lot better things to do with my life than have to come to YOT sessions (no offence).
 - Don't want to hurt my family or get into more trouble, I've been to court a few times and I do not like it and don't hang around with bad people anymore.
 - Every time you come if doing well cut the months down.

Ideas for Improving the Service

- ❖ More contact with Connexions. This would help me get a job.
- ❖ Give me a weekly bus pass to attend my appointments.
- ❖ Lower security, more seating areas, tea, and coffee stop being snitches.

The reception area is far too small, I have been in the reception and it feels quite intimidating at times. I have been in this area when some of the kids have come in and abused the staff, it's not good.