

## Factual Statistics

- 1.6 million Young people between the ages of 16 and 18 are homeless within the UK. 8 out of 10 do not know where to go for help and support with alcohol, drugs or mental health problems.
- 60% of under 18's have left school before the age of 16.
- 80% of young people who have been incarcerated re offend.
- 85% of all young offenders who are incarcerated suffer with mental health issues, such as personality disorders, clinical depression and schizophrenia.
- 16 to 17 year olds are being held in maximum security adult prisons.
- 3,350 The number of under 18's currently held in custody the youth justice board is approaching breaking point (31 Aug 06)
- 100% more young people locked up during the past ten years.
- Over 180 young people aged 21 and under have committed suicide in prisons and young offenders Institutes since 1990 a third where 18 or under, 7 where aged 16, 3 where just 15 years of age and 15 where female, all but a handful hanged themselves. A further 19 deaths where not self inflicted including 6 murders (Aug 04)
- England and Wales lock up more young people than any other European Country.