



The charts above show a comparison of the ethnic composition of YOT population (young people who received a youth caution or court conviction) with its local 10-17 population (2011 census). The BAME group contains data from all ethnic groups (Asian, Black, Mixed and Other), in Rotherham YOT White young people are underrepresented and BAME young people are overrepresented when comparing the offending population with the 10-17 population. White young people make up 83% of the offending population and 91% of the 10-17 population BAME young people make up 18% of the offending population and 9% of the 10-17 population.

Many of the BAME young people who enter the YOT population appear to have ‘bypassed’ prevention or out of court disposal processes, presenting as a FTE for a more serious offence. We need to identify these young people earlier using existing mechanisms in place (Early Help, Schools etc) and encouraging earlier referrals from partners where risk factors may be present.

Rotherham YOT is working with the YJB to address disproportionality through the Levelling the playing field initiative which will utilise sports and mentoring to engage earlier with young people from BAME communities. We need to use local provision and existing providers who can

support delivery and facilitate conversations with young people and families to ensure any intervention is meaningful.

Since the ILSC on 28 July 2020 the YJB has in August 2020 published some materials to highlight where over-representation occurs in the youth justice system, we will seek to use these resources to continue to challenge ourselves and reduce disproportionality in Rotherham:

These materials include:

- a presentation
- a three-page infographic that summarises some of the main findings
- an effective practice brief on working with Gypsy Roma Traveller (GRT) children and families

Rotherham YOT staff took part in a meeting with the Ministry of Justice, the YJB and national voluntary and legal agencies supporting these families to share learning, challenges and good practice. We continue to attend this forum and strengthen links with these agencies.