

Exploring Contemporary Challenges in Youth Justice

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Institute of Criminology

Where you'll be working: The Institute of Criminology



- A multi-disciplinary and international centre for criminological research.
- One of the first criminological institutes in Europe, founded in 1959.
- Home to the Radzinowicz Library, which houses the most comprehensive criminology collection in the UK.
- See “[Accessible.co.uk](https://www.accessible.co.uk/)” for access guide.



Who you'll be working with:



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The Research Project: Overview

This research will involve working in collaboration with the Youth Offending Service (YOS).

The youth offending service is responsible for supervising children and young people (up to the age of 18) who are completing community or custodial sentences.

We have developed the project in partnership with a local youth offending team.

- Access
- Impact



The Research Project: Overview

The aim of the research will be to improve our understanding of special educational needs among young people who are being supervised by the YOS.

These needs could include:

- Speech, language and communication needs
- ADHD
- Autism
- Social, emotional and mental health needs
- Physical disabilities
- Specific learning disabilities such as dyslexia or dyspraxia



The Research Project: Key Questions

The research will explore:

- The prevalence of special educational needs (SEN) among young people who are supervised by the YOS.
- What outcomes look like for young people with SEN in the YOS.
- What kinds of support might be useful for young people with SEN in the YOS.



The Research Project: Methods

To explore these questions you will:

- Conduct a review of the literature relating to SEN and youth justice.
- Analyse data on SEN collected by a local youth offending team.
- Carry out interviews with staff members at a local youth offending team.



The Research Project: Write-up

- You will write up your findings into a report for the local youth offending team.
- We will also explore opportunities to present and publish the research findings.



Useful links

Learn more about the Institute of Criminology: <https://www.crim.cam.ac.uk/>

Learn more about the youth justice system in England and Wales:

Youth Justice Statistics: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/youth-justice-statistics-2020-to-2021>

The Youth Justice Board: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/youth-justice-board-for-england-and-wales>



What questions do you have?

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