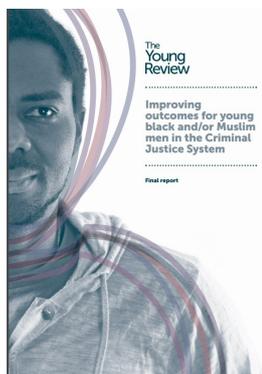


About the Young Review



The [report of the Young Review](#) on improving outcomes for Black and/or Muslim young men in the Criminal Justice System was launched in December 2014.

Since the launch of the report, the Young Review Independent Advisory Group has been established with members drawn from civil society, academia and government departments and agencies to progress the implementation of its recommendations and support the Ministry of Justice in its efforts to address ethnic disproportionality.

Activities

Young Review Independent Advisory Group (IAG) - May meeting

The IAG met in May and heard presentations from Tom Reed and Mick McNally of the MOJ leading on security and employment in the government's reformed prison programme. IAG members asked them how the programme would ensure improved outcomes for BAME prisoners. They were told more external bodies would be invited into consultations in these developing policy areas. Mark Blake is attending a seminar on diversity and recruitment in this month.

There was also a very useful presentation from IAG members Kimmett Edgar of the Prison Reform Trust and Khatuna Tsintsadze from the Zahid Mubarak Trust on their report [A Fair Response](#). The report is based on a consultation with black and ethnic minority prisoners and describes the changes that they would like to see in the systems that prisons use to respond to racist incidents. It found a disparity in adjudications between allegations brought by inmates against officers as compared to those brought by staff against inmates. Some of the key recommendations were for the need for an independent input into investigations and procedures and rights should be clearly explained.

Section 95 Race and Criminal Justice System

 Ministry of Justice

Statistics on Race and the Criminal Justice System 2014
England and Wales



Members of the Young Review Independent Advisory Group have been working with colleagues at the MOJ to influence the structure and approach of their biennial statistical [report on Race and the Criminal Justice System](#). The report is produced by MOJ every two years and is a statutory requirement for the Secretary of State.

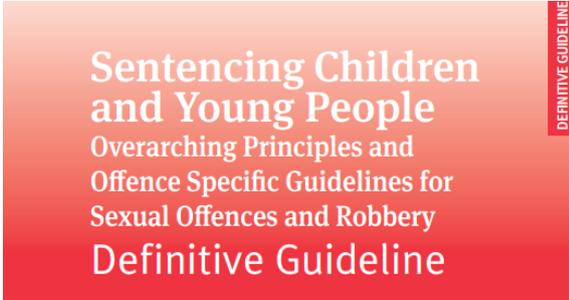
Our aim has been to see a reporting structure that can highlight some of the reasons behind ethnic inequalities in the CJS and what government is doing to address them.

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With the final report of David Lammy's Review into the treatment of BAME communities in the CJS due to be launched later in the summer this is even more crucial.

New Sentencing Council guidelines for young people



Sentencing Children and Young People

Overarching Principles and Offence Specific Guidelines for Sexual Offences and Robbery

Definitive Guideline

The Sentencing Council has produced [new guidelines for Children and Young People](#) recognising the over representation of BAME children and young people within the care system as factors that judges/magistrates should consider in the sentencing process.

The guidelines state that the social and ethnic backgrounds of children and young people should be taken into account to 'avoid criminalising children unnecessarily'.

The guidelines hopefully mark the beginning of greater recognition and action to the over representing of BAME children and young people in the youth justice system.

A glimpse as to how the reform prisons programme will work

Clinks and London Voluntary Services Council held a one-day conference on voluntary and community sector partnership with Highdown prison.

Highdown's Governor Nick Pascoe told the conference that we would be signing a 3 year contract with the MOJ setting out [objectives, targets and frameworks for the new regime](#) from the April 2017. But how will the new structure ensure ethnic minorities (usually amongst the groups with the poorest outcomes) benefit from the opportunities?

There were no definitive answers on this issue but Nick and his team were keen to engage and we will be having further dialogues.

Blogs, news and reports from Young Review Advisory Group members and the wider sector

Clinks Chief Executive [Anne Fox discusses the election](#) and implications for voluntary organisations working with offenders and their families.

Commissioned by the Lammy Review, Women in Prison and Agenda have released [Double Disadvantage](#), a report exploring the experience of BAME women in the CJS.

Catch 22 have produced a report — commissioned by the Lammy Review - based on interviews and focus groups with prisoners: [Fairness in the Criminal Justice System – what's race got to do with it?](#)

