###### Introduction

Health and Well-being Assessment profiles pull together statistics about groups of people with health and care needs in the County and form the evidence base in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for Northumberland. This profile provides statistics about juvenile offenders in Northumberland. These are offenders aged 10 – 17 who have entered the Youth Justice system.

Detailed statistical tables containing additional information to that provided in this profile, for juvenile offenders can be found [online](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk). Statistics relate to 31 January in the reference year.

**Key points**

* In Northumberland in 2012/2013, 80% of juvenile offenders were male and 20% female.
* In 2011/2012 there were 415 children aged between 10 and 18 (a rate of 12.7 per 1,000 population) who had formally entered the youth justice system.
* In 2012, there were 144 youths in Northumberland who received their first reprimand, warning or conviction. This was a rate of 495 per 100,000 population.
* The proportion of young offenders who re-offend has risen slightly over the past 7 years in Northumberland. In 2005 the percentage was 36.1 and in 2012 the percentage was 38.3.
* Northumberland had the lowest rate (per 1,000 population aged 10 – 17), of young people who received a custodial sentence in 2013 (0.18) compared to England (0.64) and the North East region (0.64).
* In the period 2010/2011, the domestic violence rate per 1,000 population was 19.9 in Northumberland, compared to 21.8 in the North East region.

**Age and gender of juvenile offenders**

In Northumberland in 2012/2013, 80% of juvenile offenders were male and 20% female.

In 2012/2013 there were 293 children aged between 10 and 17 (a rate of 408 per 100,000 population) who had formally entered the youth justice system, which was a decrease from 505 in 2011/2012. The comparable rate for England in 2012/2013 was 524 for North East, and 440 for England

**Ethnic Group**

No information on the ethnic group of juvenile offenders is available for Northumberland at this time.

**Children receiving their first reprimand, warning or conviction.**

In 2012, there were 144 youths in Northumberland who received their first reprimand, warning or conviction. This was a rate of 495 per 100,000 population. The rate for the same period for England was 537, and 721 for the North East. The rate in Northumberland in 2012 was lower than 2011 (658) and 2010 (651).

**Re-offenders**

The proportion of young offenders who re-offend has stayed constant over the past 8 years in Northumberland. In 2005 the percentage was 36.1 (483 persons) and in 2012 the percentage was 38.3. The percentage figure for England for 2012 was lower at 35.7%, and all statistical neighbours had lower percentage figures in this year.

The average number of re-offences per re-offender in Northumberland in 2012 was 3.18, which was similar to the England figure of 2.95. This data is not available by region.

The average number of previous offences over a 8 year period increased from 1.5 in 2005 to 3.27 in 2012. This pattern was the same in England with a figure of 1.6 in 2005 and 2.6 in 2012. Looking at Northumberland’s statistical neighbours, North Tyneside had the highest figure in 2012 with 4.3, and Nottinghamshire the lowest at 1.9.

**Young people sentenced to custody**

Northumberland had the lowest rate (per 1000 population aged 10 – 17), of young people who received a custodial sentence in 2012 (0.1) and 2013 (0.18) compared to England, the North East region and NE local authorities. Northumberland also had the lowest rate for both years, compared to its statistical neighbours**.**

**Domestic violence**

Children who experience severe maltreatment by a parent or guardian are between 2.7 and 2.9 times more likely to also have witnessed family violence. Under 11s who had experienced physical abuse by a parent or guardian were almost 5 times more likely to have witnessed family violence. In the period 2010/2011, the domestic violence rate per 1,000 population was 19.9 in Northumberland, and 21.8 in the North East region (figures are not available for England). Of the statistical neighbours, Stockton had the highest rate with 26.9 and Warrington the lowest, with a rate of 5.9.

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