

# Regeneration, Community and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Briefing paper to: All Members of the Regeneration, Community and Culture  
Overview & Scrutiny Committee

**Purpose: Kent Local Re-offending and Medway Youth Offending  
Re-offending data explained**

At its meeting on 18 December 2014, when undertaking the annual scrutiny of the Community Safety Partnership, the Committee sought clarification as to the figures set out within paragraphs 4.60, 4.61 and 4.62 of the committee report. This briefing note sets out an explanation of the re-offending data and has been provided by the Community Rehabilitation Company and the Medway Youth Offending Team.

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## Reoffending Data Explained

### Kent Local Reoffending

The adult re-offending figures only measure offenders that are under probation supervision. Each of the publications provided by the Ministry of Justice combine 4 rolling snapshots of offenders on the probation caseload at the end of each quarter. Proven re-offences are defined as any offence committed within a 3 month follow up period of each snapshot and proven within a further 3 months by either court convictions or cautions. These rates are then compared to the predicted rate, which is the proportion of offenders we would expect to re-offend given the known characteristics of the offenders in the snapshot and re-offending rates from the baseline period (the baseline is calculated using data from 2007).

### Medway Youth Offending Service Reoffending

Medway Youth Offending Team Management Board introduced two local measures, derived from data held in the Medway YOT CMS, to support the National re-offending measure published by the Youth Justice Board as the cohort of young people with a programme which ended in a 2 quarter period, who are then assessed within the next 2 quarter period, including the current reporting period, up to the 6 month anniversary of their programme end date (See table overleaf).

Young people who have turned 19 by the date of their 6 month review are excluded from the figures as no longer a part of the cohort.

Programme Ends	Monitoring Period
Q1 – Q2	Q3 – Q4
Q2 – Q3	Q4 – Q1
Q3 – Q4	Q1 – Q2
Q4 – Q1	Q3 – Q4

It is clear that the two approaches are very different, making direct comparisons impossible. However, when looking at the 'Proven Re-offending tables: January 2012 to December 2012' (Provided by the Ministry of Justice) it is possible to directly compare the proven re-offending rates of both adults and juveniles in Medway. The re-offending rate for adults was 22.95% compared to juveniles who had a re-offending rate of 32.85%.

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