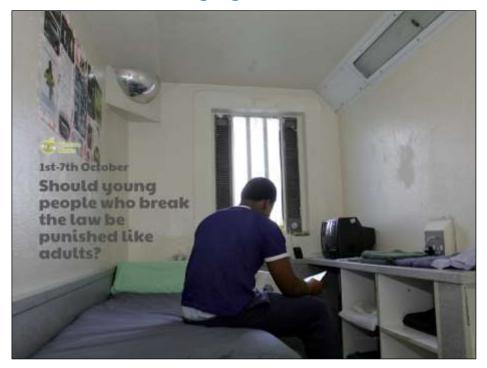


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What's going on this week?



Criminals under the age of 25 should be treated kindlier by courts because they are still growing up, according to a report published last week. More than 140,000 adults aged 18 to 24 were sentenced in criminal courts last year and they should be treated differently, the Howard League for Penal Reform says. It calls for formal sentencing guidelines to help judges and magistrates understand young adults better.

Things to talk about at home...

- At what age do you think you are responsible for your behaviour? If you break the law at 18 should you be punished differently to if you break the law at 16?
- What is the youngest age you think someone should be sent to prison and why?
- Do you think other alternatives to prison should be tried first? Why?
- Do you think adults should be held responsible for their child's behaviour?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments here...





