

As someone who works in sheltered housing for young people with learning difficulties the effect of the closing of special school places particularly residential facilities seems to mean we are getting more referrals from Youth Offending Teams. As someone worked as a custody officer people of this nature rarely ended up in court but now many end up in youth custody places. So the places closed down as residential establishment have been replaced by prison places.

Understand that is so bad young offenders institutions have had to employ specially trained teachers.