



## Communications Trust Youth Justice Resources

**Sentence Trouble** is a guide to help improve understanding and communication with children and young people, particular those with communication needs. It has been written for everyone that works or volunteers in Youth Offending Teams (YOT), Secure Children's Homes, Secure Training Centres and Young Offenders Institutions (YOI). Access it [here](#).

**The Sentence Trouble film** was produced to improve the skills and confidence of youth offending teams, lawyers, secure estate staff, magistrates and the police so they are able to recognise SLCN and reflect on their own communication skills.

The film makes a strong case for better communication skills within the youth justice workforce and calls for changes in the law to ensure young defendants with SLCN have the same rights as witnesses to an intermediary, who can support them to communicate with a police officer or judge. You can view the film on the *Sentence Trouble* website, [www.sentencetrouble.info/film](http://www.sentencetrouble.info/film)

**Posters and postcards** - The Communications Trust has developed six handy top tips resources which offer strategies for communicating effectively with the young people you work with.

Use them as handouts or put them on noticeboards as a handy reminder for better communication.

Please click [here](#) to access them.

**The Sentence Trouble website** was developed as an online resource for the youth justice workforce. It includes information on how to recognise a communication difficulty, advice and guidance on what to do next and further useful resources.

To visit the website please let go [www.sentencetrouble.info](http://www.sentencetrouble.info)