

Board Blast

Questions

1. How many firearms incidents have there been in S Yorkshire over the last year?
2. How many of these incidents do you think involved young people?
3. Why do you think people chose to carry weapons, why do your peers carry them?
4. What do you think happens if you are caught with a firearm - real or fake?

Accept around three guesses from the pupils for each question before moving on to the answers, at which point you can compare their perception with the reality.

Answers

1. Between April 2006 and February 2007 there were 1842 firearms incidents.
2. Around 29% of these incidents involved a young person between 12 and 18 years.
3. There are no definitive answers and the response of every young person is equally valid. However, the most common reasons are to commit a criminal offence or to increase kudos or “street status”. The common denominator here is stupidity.
4. The same consequences apply to carrying a real or fake firearm.

