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- At present a 16 year old can legally have sex, give birth, get married, drive a car and own a firearm. Yet there is an ideological belief within Government and other agencies that a young person can do all the above but is too young to be responsible and held accountable in regards to criminal offending.
- If the current Youth Justice System, including Youth Court, diversion and various alternative actions available in the current youth system are working so well, why is the crime rate increasing? Most of today's criminals have escalated up from the current Youth Justice System!
- We say any offender over the age of 16 knows right from wrong and should be held fully accountable and responsible for their actions. Sensible Sentencing Trust is totally opposed to the proposal to increase the age of Youth Justice.
- **Please note:** The vast majority of Police and Youth Aid teams are also OPPOSED to increasing the age!