## **Kent County Council**

## Knife Crime Select Committee Biography

## Tanya Gillett, Head of Service, Youth Offending Service, Essex County Council

Tanya Gillett is the Head of Service of the Youth Offending Service at Essex County Council.

The Service was recently rated "outstanding". The inspection found a strong strategic and operational leadership and a well-functioning board that had a good understanding of performance and the challenges of practice.

Children and young people, together with their parents and carers, were found to be meaningfully involved at every stage and made a valuable contribution to quality assurance of cases. Inspectors also praised the relationships between partner agencies, and described the approach taken to quality assurance as "an exemplar of good practice".

The Youth Offending Service at Essex County Council is the second youth offending team in England to be rated outstanding under the current inspection framework - Hertfordshire being the other.