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Activity: Media Knife Crime

Learning objective

At the end of this activity you should be able to:

- understand how documentaries can raise awareness of specific crimes.

Watch the clip and answer the questions that follow.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b8L0slrjOzc&t=247s>

1. What do the headlines at the beginning of the documentary tell us?
2. How did the personal experience of knife crime affect Jermaine Jenas?
3. What was Jenas's upbringing like?
4. What issues about knife crime are highlighted when Jenas is talking to his mother (3mins 10 to 3 mins 47)?
5. What does Tricia's case highlight about knife crime? What is her message?
6. What does the interview with Ben, the journalist, highlight about reasons for the increase in knife crime?
7. What does the case of Joshua Bradley illustrate about knife crime?
8. What does the interview with 'Chris' show about reasons why young men carry knives? Why won't 'Chris' tell the police when he is stabbed?
9. What does Jenas find out about knife crime when he visits the hospital?
10. What age was the youngest person the doctor has seen in relation to knife crime?
11. According to the clip, what are stab wounds related to?
12. What does Jenas learn about gangs from his interview with the three gang members?
13. According to the gang members, what is the biggest thing that has caused knife crime?
14. What experiences did the gang members have as children? What are the impacts of these experiences?
15. Why do the gang members say they can't get out of the gang life?
16. What do the gang members say about how the CJS deals with knife crime?
17. Why do the gang members say knife crime is high? What does Jenas suggest about the cause of knife crime?
18. According to Baz, the former boxer, what help should be available to young people to help them give up knife crime? What help should be available to those who have been in prison?
19. How had 'Chris' changed the second time Jenas met him? Why can't 'Chris' change?
20. From the statement given to the documentary, what is the focus of the police in relation to knife crime?