

A POLICE COMMITMENT TO YOUNG ADULTS



Young adults, aged 18-25, represent 10 per cent of the UK population, but over 30 per cent of all police cases. We know that young adults need a distinct approach, when they experience crisis, become victims of crime, or break the law.

There is strong evidence from neuroscience, psychology and criminology that the brain development is not completed until a person's mid-20s, and the last elements to develop are forward planning, rational thinking and empathy. We know that poverty, trauma, and mental health needs make young adults vulnerable, but also more likely to come into contact with the police.

We know that the right intervention can make all the difference. The preventative measures, including diversion schemes set up and supported by the police forces across the country are reducing the number of children entering the criminal justice system. We can do the same for young adults.

We recognise the boundless potential of young adults and we are willing to support them to realise it.

AS POLICE WE WILL...

INVOLVE.

We will create opportunities for young adults to raise their concerns, provide feedback and shape services.

IDENTIFY.

We will work with partners to identify and address the vulnerabilities and the challenges faced by young adults.

INNOVATE.

We will create ways to divert young adults who commit low-level and non-violent offences away from the criminal justice system and into support.

INFORM.

We will collect data to show our progress and impact and share evidence to improve outcomes for young adults.

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These principles have been advised by New Generation Campaigners, a group of young adults with lived experience of repeat contact with the police.

