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# **A systems informed approach to disrupting child exploitation**

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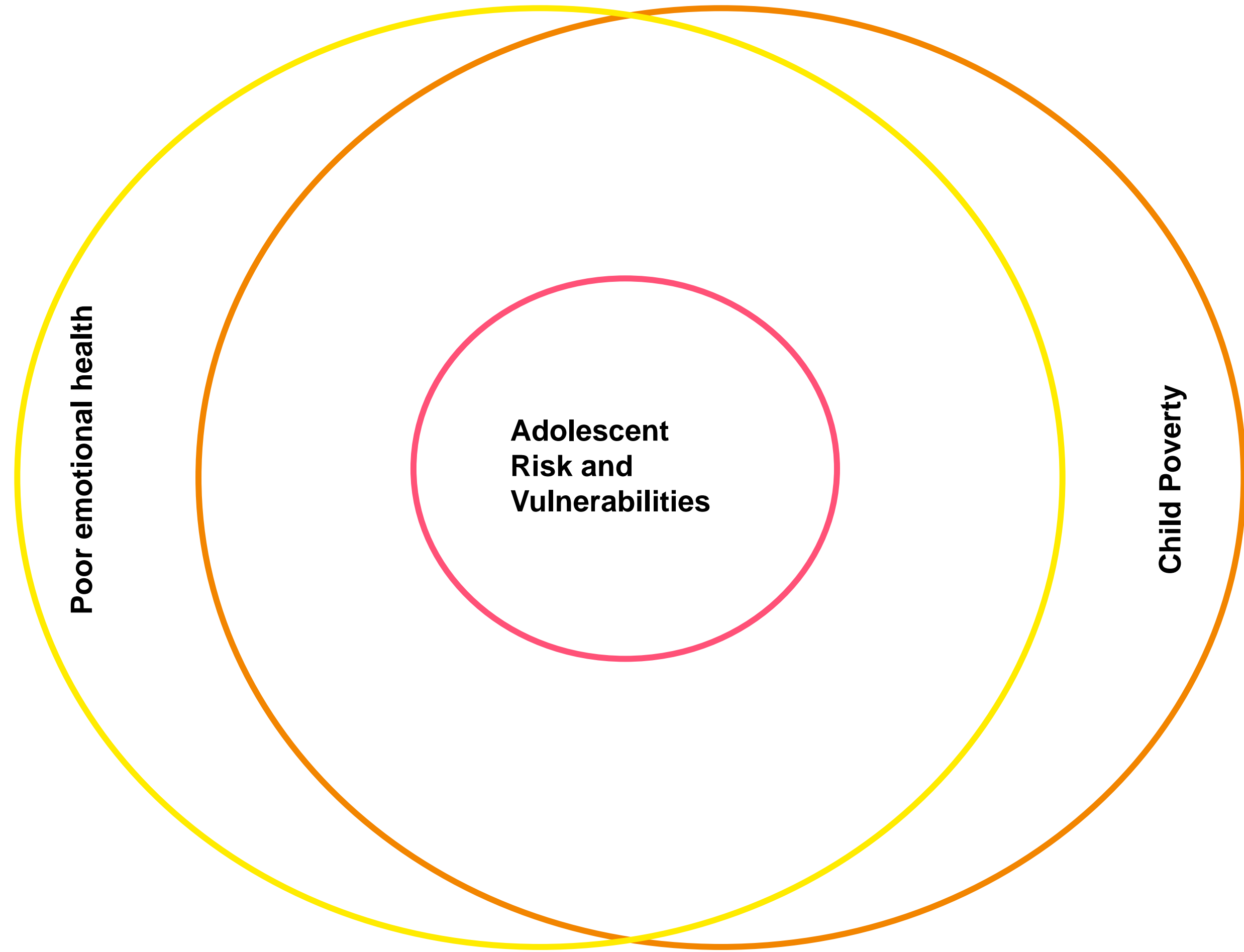


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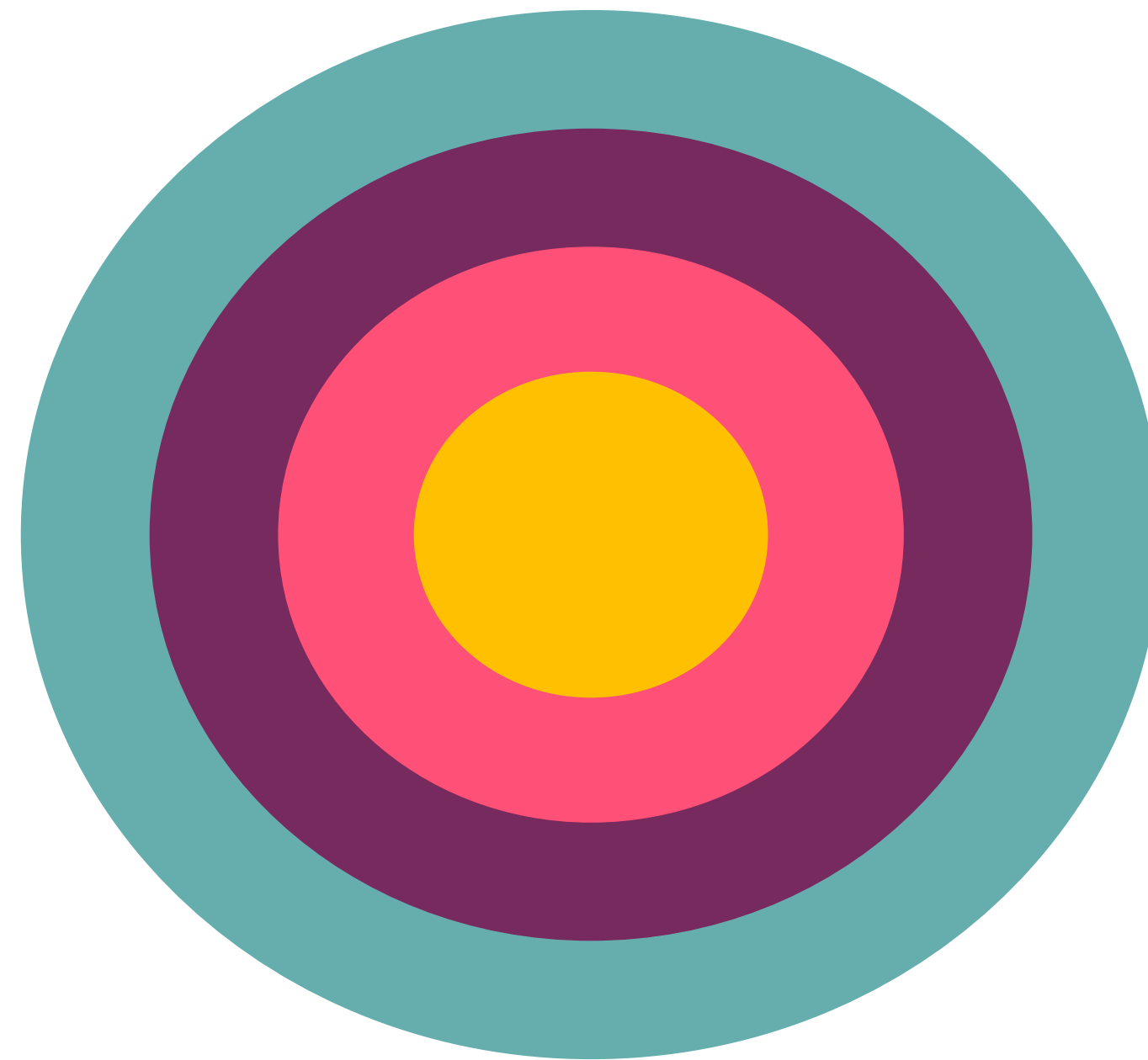
# Our goal

By 2030, we will have overturned the damaging decline in children's well-being, setting a path for long lasting growth



# Disrupting Exploitation:

## A systemic model



The programme has utilised 3 years of learning to develop a systemic model of how improvements can be made and exploitation disrupted. This can be applied locally and nationally to address child criminal exploitation.



**Societal values, norms & attitudes**



**National, local & institutional policies, processes & networks**



**Peers, neighbourhood, & local education, health & social support**



**Children, young people & families**

# What does this mean for programme priorities?



## Focus points 2020/21

- School Exclusions
- Police Custody
- Assessment/Practice Improvement

# From Strategy to Impact... Police Custody

## Strategy

## Short term outcomes

## Long term outcomes

❑ Train in understanding and recognising vulnerabilities, symptoms and structural inequalities related to exploitation

❑ Increased understanding and recognition of exploitation

❑ Increased confidence and competence in recognising and managing underlying vulnerabilities, signs and symptoms related to exploitation

❑ Convene with local support provider networks to facilitate secure and timely information sharing and referrals to recovery and other specialist support

❑ Networks have increased recognition of the importance of information sharing, and collaborate to create and use mechanisms for communicating, sharing and monitoring

❑ Increased flow and monitoring of information on the prevalence and scale of types of exploitation locally and nationally

❑ Inform partner agencies and support providers of limitations in the natural, built and virtual and make recommendations about how to improve

❑ Partner agencies and providers have increased understanding of the need to change the physical and social environments surrounding CYP and families

❑ Increase in supportive physical infrastructure, programmes and services for CYP and families

PROVIDE BESPOKE TRAINING TO CUSTODY SUITE OFFICERS ON EXPLOITATION

CREATE SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION FLOWS AND NETWORKS IN CUSTODY

PROVIDE BOOKS, TOYS AND DISTRACTION ITEMS IN CUSTODY SUITE ENVIRONMENTS

OFFICERS ARE ABLE TO RECOGNISE AND RESPOND TO EXPLOITATION

CRITICAL SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION IS SHARED WITH RELEVANT PARTNERS

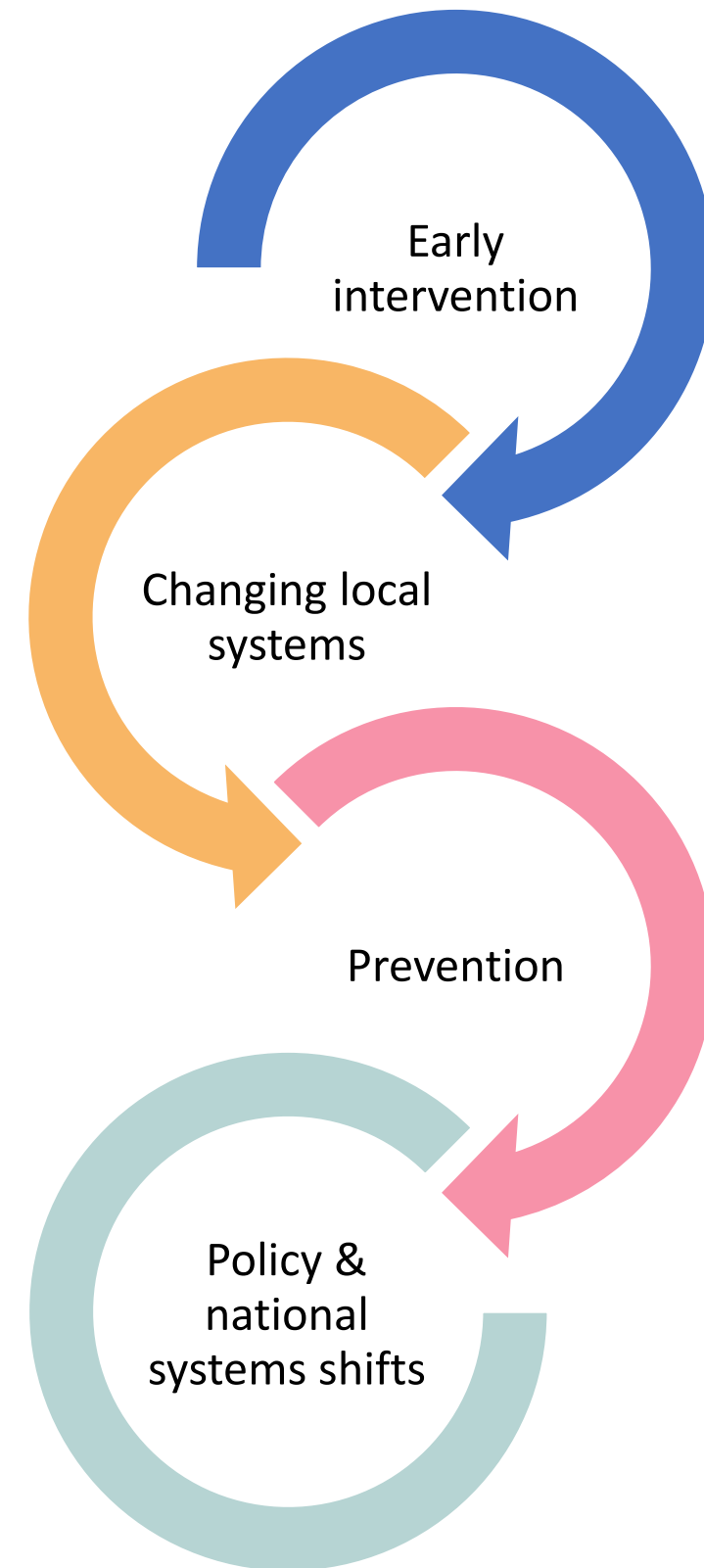
CUSTODY SUITES PROVIDE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

# Always learning

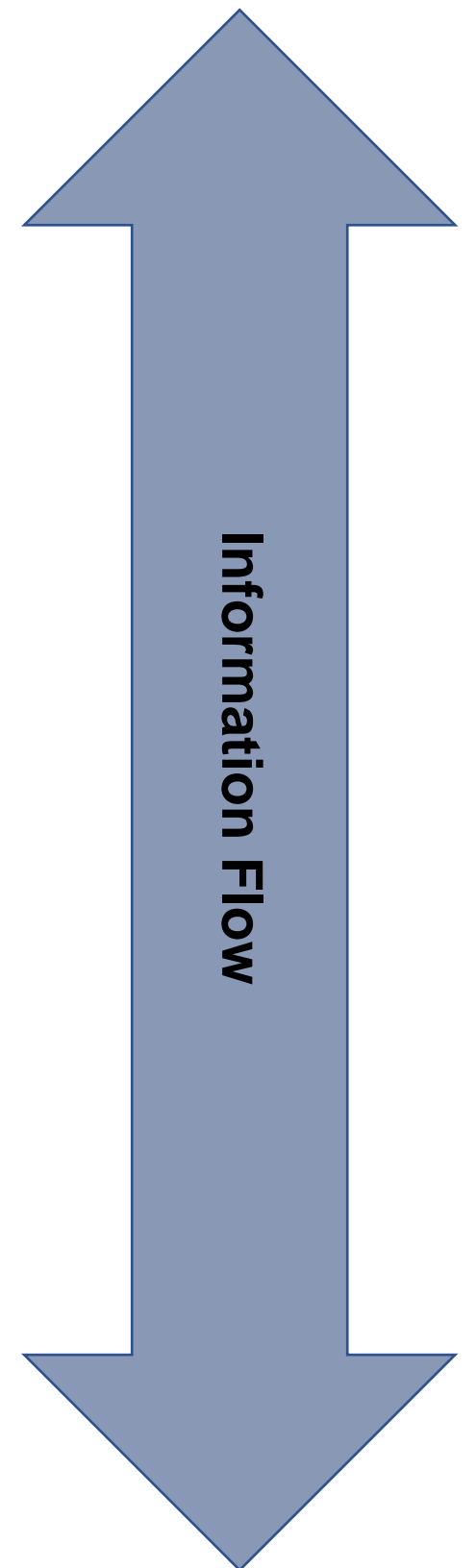
Area	What worked	Learning
Sector Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ National programme communications</li> <li>✓ Needs led engagement with small charities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Engaging grassroots organisations takes time</li> <li>✓ Capacity building resource in the sector is needed</li> </ul>
Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Co-location</li> <li>✓ Giving time and energy to the 'right' partnerships</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Partnerships develop organically</li> <li>✓ Retrofitting agreements to organic partnerships is a challenge</li> </ul>
Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Time taken in year one allowed us to get to the root of the programme</li> <li>✓ Young people's insight telling us where the biggest system problems were</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Deep focus on a small number of issues</li> <li>✓ Dedicated reflection time is key</li> <li>✓ System change takes time. Systems constantly evolve so we need to do the same</li> <li>✓ Creativity is needed to really hear young people's voice</li> </ul>



# Child Criminal Exploitation



- **Diversions activities & direct services for the most vulnerable**
- **Capacity building with local & grassroots charities**
- **Insights from young people & families & youth influenced**
- **Local collaboration tackling systems change**
- **Locally embedded partnerships & systems shifts**
- **National presence**
- **Intelligence led**
- **Public campaigns**
- **Evidence informed & research led**
- **Share learning with national & local government, other charities to gain support at a policy level**
- **Shifts in public understanding & responses.**





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**Thank you**





# *New Generation Policing:* a distinct approach for young adults

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Revolving Doors Agency

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What do we  
mean by the  
revolving door?  
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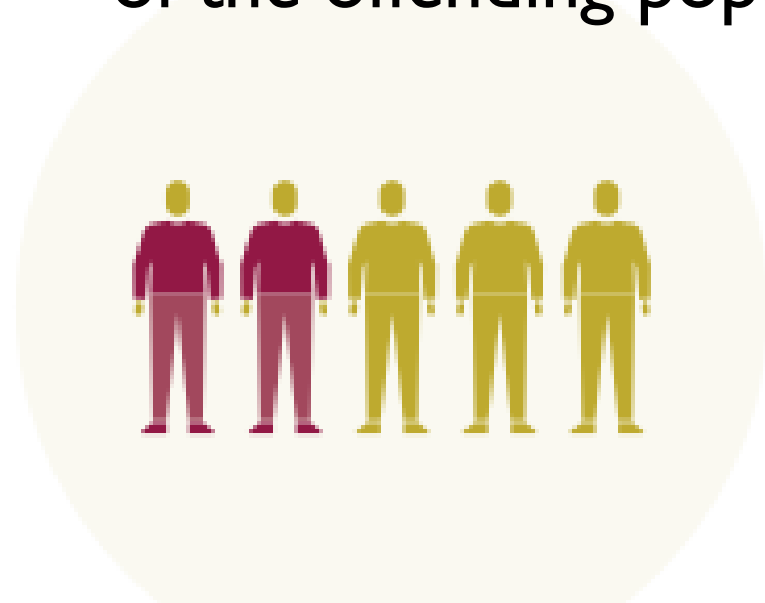


# THE REVOLVING DOOR

If we can avoid young adults from being caught in the revolving door of chaos and crime we can radically change life-chances of 18-25 year olds who might otherwise face decades of cycling through the justice system.

## 39%

Adults convicted for an indictable offence with a history of repeat offending is now at its highest level, accounting for nearly two fifths of the offending population

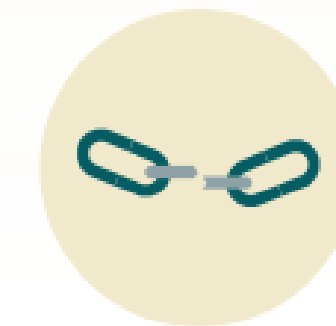
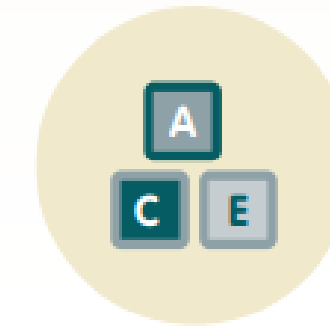


Theft and summary non-motoring convictions dominate the entire offending histories of both children and adults in the revolving door.

# CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES

Our research shows how a combination of trauma, poverty, and inequalities are the root causes of multiple unmet health and human needs.

Young adults that go on to commit repeat offences (often low-level and non-violent) have experienced severe disadvantage.



43%



91%



23%



50%

# YOUNG ADULTHOOD: CRITICAL TIME

51%

Over half of all reoffences committed by young adults are theft and summary non-motoring offences.



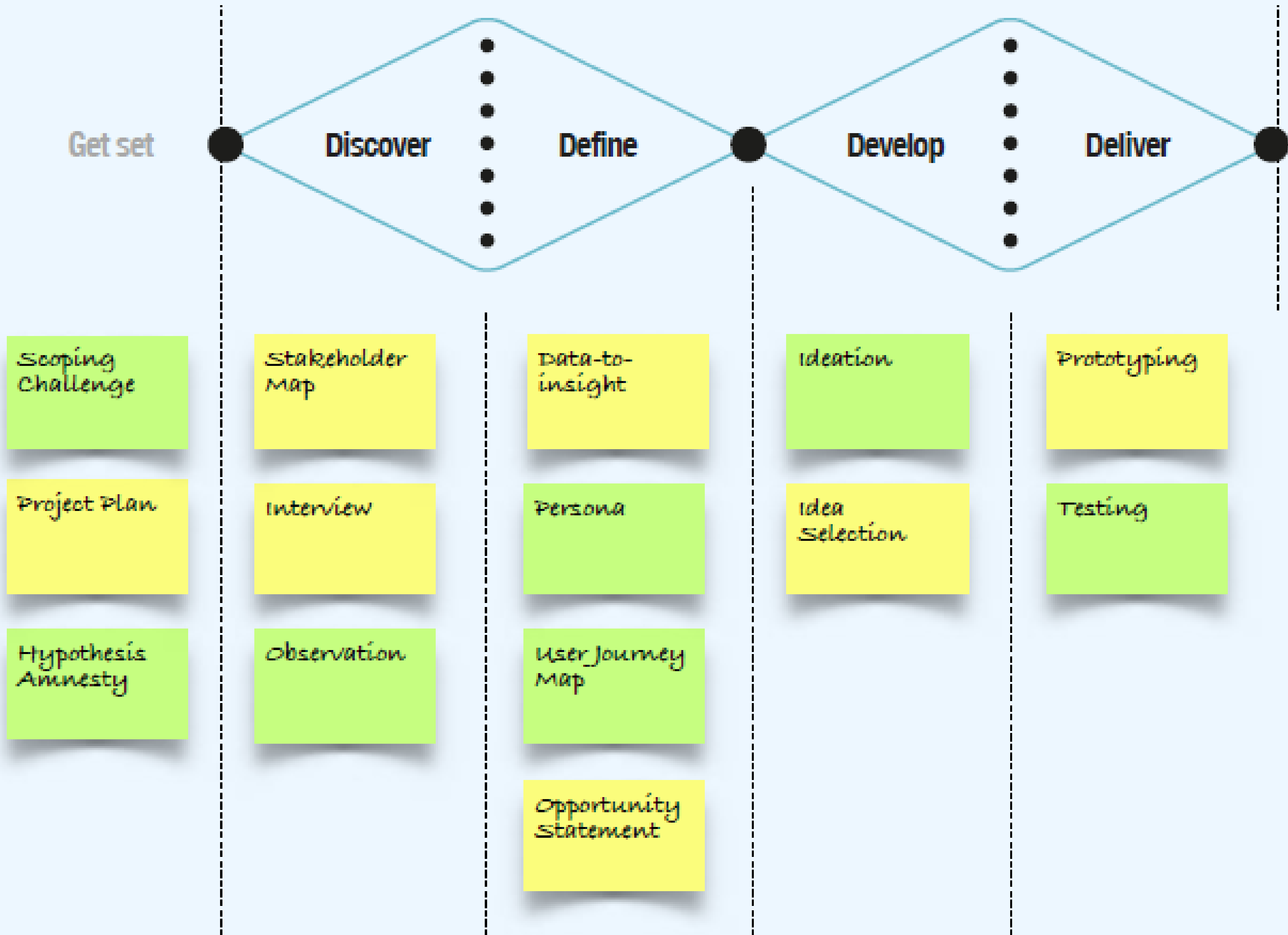
	Violence against the person	Sexual	Robbery	Theft	Criminal damage and arson	Drug	Possession of weapons	Public order	Miscellaneous crimes against society	Fraud	Summary non-motoring	Summary motoring	Other	Total
Young adults (aged 18-24)	5.7%	0.3%	0.9%	20.9%	0.4%	11.5%	3.2%	4.5%	6.0%	1.9%	27.9%	13.5%	0.5%	97.2%
Violence against the person	17.3%	0.2%	0.9%	8.5%	0.3%	7.0%	3.1%	3.3%	4.0%	1.3%	28.6%	9.3%	0.6%	84.7%
Sexual	1.1%	3.8%	0.2%	4.4%	0.3%	2.0%	0.8%	20.5%	3.5%	0.3%	9.1%	3.7%	0.0%	49.5%
Robbery	4.4%	0.0%	2.8%	16.4%	0.5%	11.8%	5.8%	2.0%	4.5%	3.9%	22.1%	16.7%	0.2%	91.1%
Theft	4.3%	0.5%	2.0%	99.4%	0.7%	11.3%	4.5%	4.9%	13.6%	5.1%	36.8%	15.1%	0.6%	198.7%
Criminal damage and arson	6.3%	2.3%	0.4%	20.9%	2.3%	8.8%	3.6%	5.6%	5.9%	2.7%	40.8%	11.3%	0.2%	111.1%
Drug	2.7%	0.2%	0.6%	7.0%	0.2%	25.7%	3.8%	2.1%	4.6%	1.0%	15.1%	14.3%	0.3%	77.6%
Possession of weapons	4.9%	0.4%	1.5%	13.8%	0.5%	19.1%	8.5%	3.6%	7.1%	1.6%	28.5%	12.8%	0.3%	102.6%
Public order	9.5%	0.8%	1.5%	20.6%	0.6%	11.6%	4.4%	41.7%	7.8%	1.8%	44.2%	12.5%	1.2%	158.1%
Miscellaneous crimes against society	4.7%	0.3%	1.4%	22.0%	0.3%	12.1%	3.7%	4.7%	9.4%	3.1%	26.9%	21.1%	0.6%	110.2%
Fraud	2.8%	0.1%	0.5%	18.2%	0.1%	7.8%	1.9%	1.5%	5.3%	7.0%	13.4%	14.1%	0.4%	73.1%
Summary non-motoring	7.4%	0.3%	0.7%	10.9%	0.5%	6.8%	2.7%	3.8%	4.9%	1.1%	38.4%	8.2%	0.5%	86.3%
Summary motoring	1.6%	0.2%	0.5%	4.3%	0.2%	7.2%	1.5%	0.7%	3.6%	1.3%	10.4%	23.9%	0.2%	55.4%
Other	25.7%	0.0%	0.0%	24.3%	0.0%	11.4%	5.7%	10.0%	15.7%	0.0%	34.3%	18.6%	12.9%	158.6%



# RISK OF ENTRENCHMENT

There is a growing risk of entrenchment in the justice system, with the number of people committing repeat offences at it's highest level, we need to re-focus on how we get people out of the system sooner. The more we churn people through the courts, probation and prisons, the higher the likelihood they will re-offend. This is, in itself, a traumatising experience, adding to the pre-existing vulnerabilities of young adults.





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# The surveys

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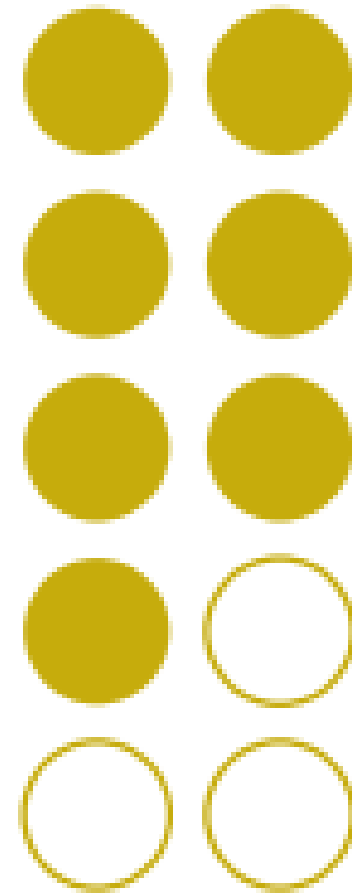
# Young adults we heard from:

- 1 in 4 were eligible for Free School Meals
- 1 in 8 were temporarily or permanently excluded from school
- 1 in 3 reported previous experience of mental health issues
- 1 in 10 experienced problems with drugs and/or alcohol.
- 1 in 16 had previously experienced homelessness.
- 1 in 20 had experience of the care system / leaving care.
- Those with experience of homelessness and/or the care system/ leaving care often reported multiple needs.



# Most young adults believe in policing...

7 in 10 young adults believe that the police are a force for good.



6 in 10 young adults agree that the police were there to help them and their peers.



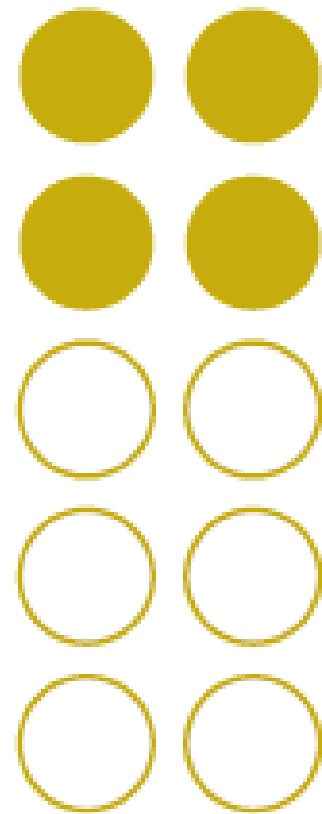
6 in 10 young adults agree that the police consistently act within the law.



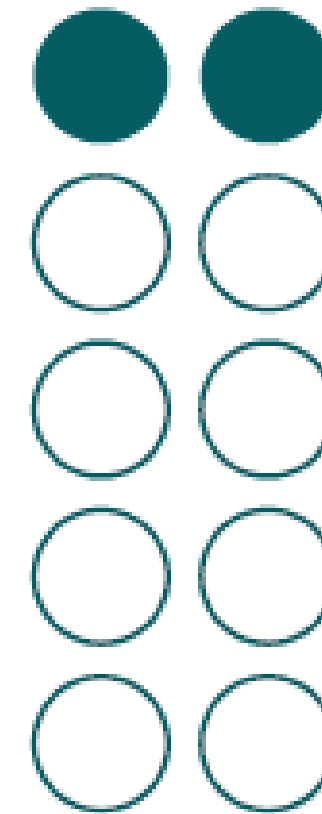


# The inverse law of contact and trust

4 in 10 young adults with more than 6 police contacts did not think police were there to help them or their peers,



compared to



2 in 10 young adults who had no prior police contact.

*It is always operations and special task forces where I live.*







# Understand us.

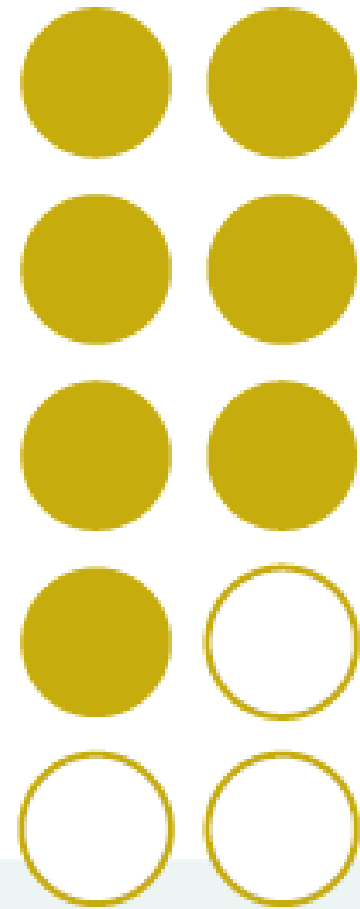
- **Over half of young adults (53%)** did not think the police understood young adults' circumstances.
- **Over half of young adults (54%)** did not think that the police consistently act in line with their beliefs and values.

*Young adults want the police to understand and respond to poverty, trauma, difficult life circumstances, and inequalities.*



# Don't judge us.

7 in 10 young adults thought police would treat them differently, if they lived in a deprived area.



7 in 10 young adults thought police would treat them differently, if they were a person of colour.



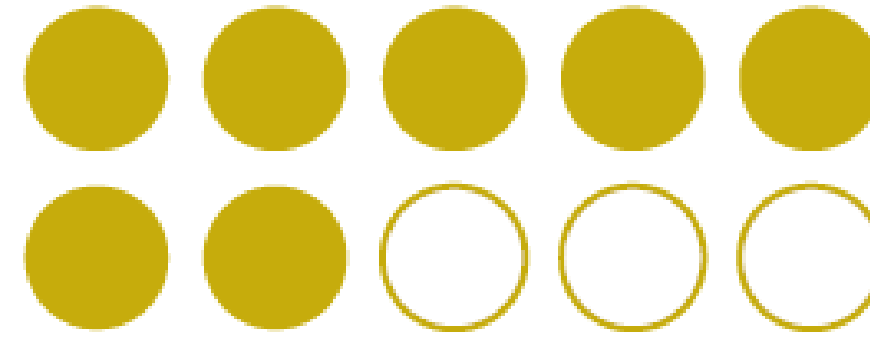
6 in 10 young adults thought police would treat them differently, if they had family or friends who have been in the criminal justice system.



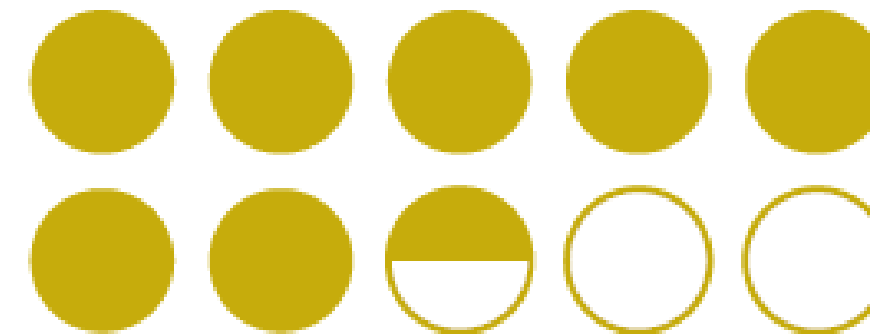


# Divert us.

7 in 10 young adults agree that the police should divert rather than arrest, for all low-level and non-violent offences, such as shoplifting, minor drug offences, and summary non-motoring offences.



7.5 in 10 young adults agree that drugs should be treated as a health problem, instead of a crime.



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# New Generation Policing

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# New Generation Campaigners

- We are a group of young adults who advises Revolving Doors to develop policy and practice solutions that work for young adults
- We share our lived experience insight with decision-makers and police forces across the country. to improve policing responses for young adults in the criminal justice system.
- We campaign to prevent young adults, like us, to be caught in the revolving door of crisis and crime.





# Commit to young adults.

## **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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