

RELEASE OUR POTENTIAL.

STOP ARRESTING US.

**DIVERT
INTO
SUPPORT.**



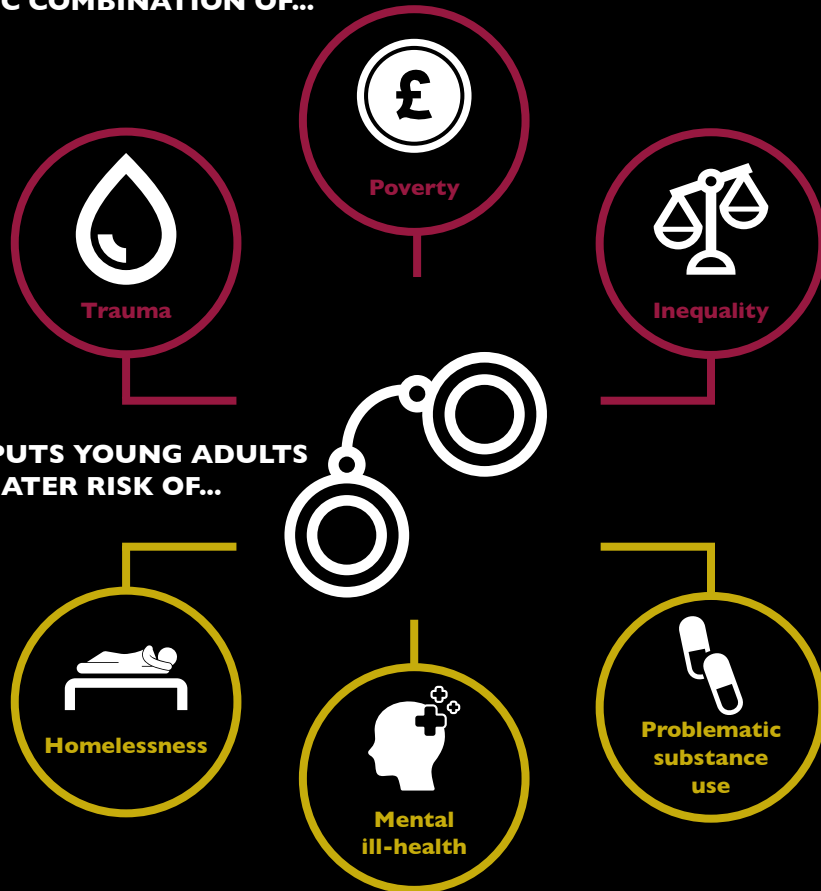
POLICE CAN **DIVERT** YOUNG ADULTS.

Stop arresting 18-25 year olds for minor crimes and divert them into support.

POLICE ARE NEEDLESSLY ARRESTING YOUNG ADULTS.

Every year 50,000 cautions or convictions are being handed to young adults, aged 18-25, for low-level and non-violent crimes like theft.

THESE CRIMES ARE FUELLED BY A TOXIC COMBINATION OF...



THAT PUTS YOUNG ADULTS AT GREATER RISK OF...

POLICE NEED TO TAKE A NEW APPROACH



DIVERTED YOUNG ADULTS COULD THRIVE.

The police already have the power to divert young adults into support, instead of arresting them, especially for non-violent and low-level crime. But too often they don't have services to divert them into. Vulnerable young adults who experience poverty, trauma and inequalities should be offered support to address their health and human needs. Investment in this new approach will reduce crime and support young adults to realise their potential.

THE PUBLIC **AGREE.**
OVER 60%
THINK THAT:

POLICE SHOULD DIVERT YOUNG ADULTS FOR NON-VIOLENT CRIME.

DRUG USE SHOULD BE TREATED AS A HEALTH PROBLEM, NOT A CRIME.¹

WE NEED ACTION!



IDENTIFY

Police need training to identify vulnerabilities, especially trauma.



INVOLVE

The police must involve young adults in the design of diversion services.



INVEST

Government & Police and Crime Commissioners must invest more in diversion services.



INFORM

Police need to record data on who is being diverted.

¹An independent poll by Populus of 2,034 adults in the UK.

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