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Working in Partnership to Support Desistance in Young Offenders

YOI Polmont: Teambuilding & Leadership Course

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Interventions in prisons to educate and support offenders away from SOC



Why are we doing this?

Scotland's SOC Strategy; Divert

Support desistance: diversionary programme to build trust and support young offenders

Remove barriers between police and young offenders

Reduce reoffending

Demographics

Young people in custody are some of the most vulnerable

33% - in care as a child

25% -in care at the age of 16

75% have experienced traumatic bereavement - family, close friends.

66%, 16/ 17 year olds

50%, 16-21 year olds living in the 20% most deprived communities

What do we do?

increase awareness of issues

Trauma Bereavement &
Loss/Adverse Childhood
Experiences

Learning Difficulties & Disabilities

Development of the Adolescent
Brain



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**Believe in
children**
Barnardo's


**MEDICS AGAINST
VIOLENCE**

VIOLENCE
reduction unit



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Polmont Evaluation 2016-18

Do students engage?

- 78% completion rate and rising
- 73% self refer

Do we break down barriers?

- 98 % recommend to peers
- 49% report more positive about police

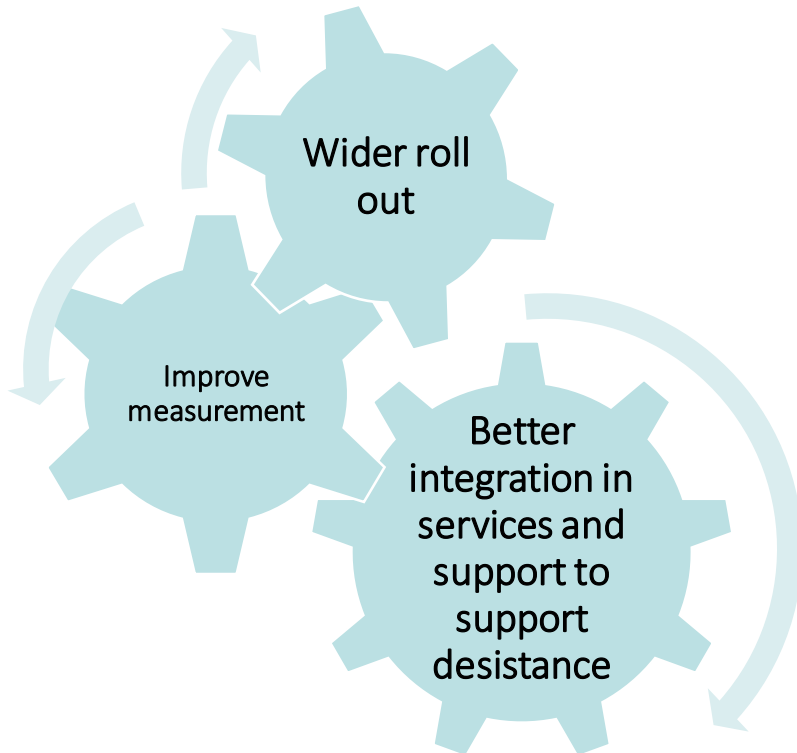
Do they learn anything?

- 77-92% positive learning outcome across all topics



What Next?

Continuous Improvement



Adults prisoners & children in secure care



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