A Whole System Approach to preventing and reducing offending and improving outcomes for children and young people age 12-18 in Scotland.

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CYCJ Theory of Change

Children & young people flourish

Practice and policy improvements

Practice Development
Advice, peer support, consultancy support, trying out initiatives, guidance, toolkits, training, supporting change projects

Research
New knowledge, synthesising research evidence, evaluating initiatives, supporting evidence use

Knowledge Exchange
Capturing knowledge, promoting sharing, disseminating, improving access & accessibility, integrating forms of knowledge

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Trends

(Scottish Government Analytical Services, 2015)
Scottish Context

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)

An international agreement established by the United Nations to protect the human rights of the child.

There are 54 articles to the Convention.

- The UK became a signatory to the UNCRC and agreed that from 1991 every child under 18 should have the rights listed in the Convention.
Needs vs Deeds

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Whole System Approach

- Early and Effective Intervention
- Diversion from Prosecution
- Alternatives to Secure Care and Custody
- FRAME
- Supporting YP in Court
- Reintegration and Transitions
- Mental Health
- Engaging with YP
- Transitions from YJ to Adult Justice
Youth Justice Strategy
Priorities 2015-2020

3 main priority themes –

➢ Advancing the Whole System Approach

➢ Improving Life Chances

➢ Developing Capacity and Improvement

(Scottish Government, 2015)
CAUTION!

Unintended Consequences Ahead
Windows of Opportunity

Engage / Participate / Celebrate
Justice fit for Children

• What would this look like?
• And what are our challenges?

• Children’s rights in justice one of biggest challenges by the very nature of their being involved in an adult based system
• Learning from children affected by the Justice system
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