

# AGENDA SUPPLEMENT (2)

**Meeting:** Wiltshire Police and Crime Panel

**Place:** Kennet Room - County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN

**Date:** Thursday 14 September 2023

**Time:** 10.30 am

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# YJS Partnership Vision-Swindon

## YJS SHARED VISION:

‘We aim to become a centre of excellence for child first and identity development practice. We will always seek to work in partnership with children and families, supporting children to engage with Activities, Interactions and Roles that will support the development of pro-social identity’

# 2021-24 Youth justice strategic priorities-Swindon

- Reducing First Time Entrants.
- Reducing re-offending rates and offences per re-offender.
- Further developing the child first model in Swindon and across the wider partnership
- Reducing the use of custody – including police custody and the use of custodial remands.
- Reducing youth violence – driving the work of the youth safety strategy and Serious Violence Duty (shared priority with Community Safety Partnership).
- Reducing disproportionality with a continued focus on children from mixed ethnicity.

## **Cross cutting themes and priorities**

- Increasing participation with a focus on our practice model – Identity development
- Improving emotional and mental health and wellbeing (shared priority with education and public health).
- Reducing the number of children who are Not in Education, Employment or training (shared priority with education)

The priorities for 2023/24 remain similar to 2022/23 with the wider overarching vision and ambition to become a Centre of Excellence for Child First and Identity Development practice.

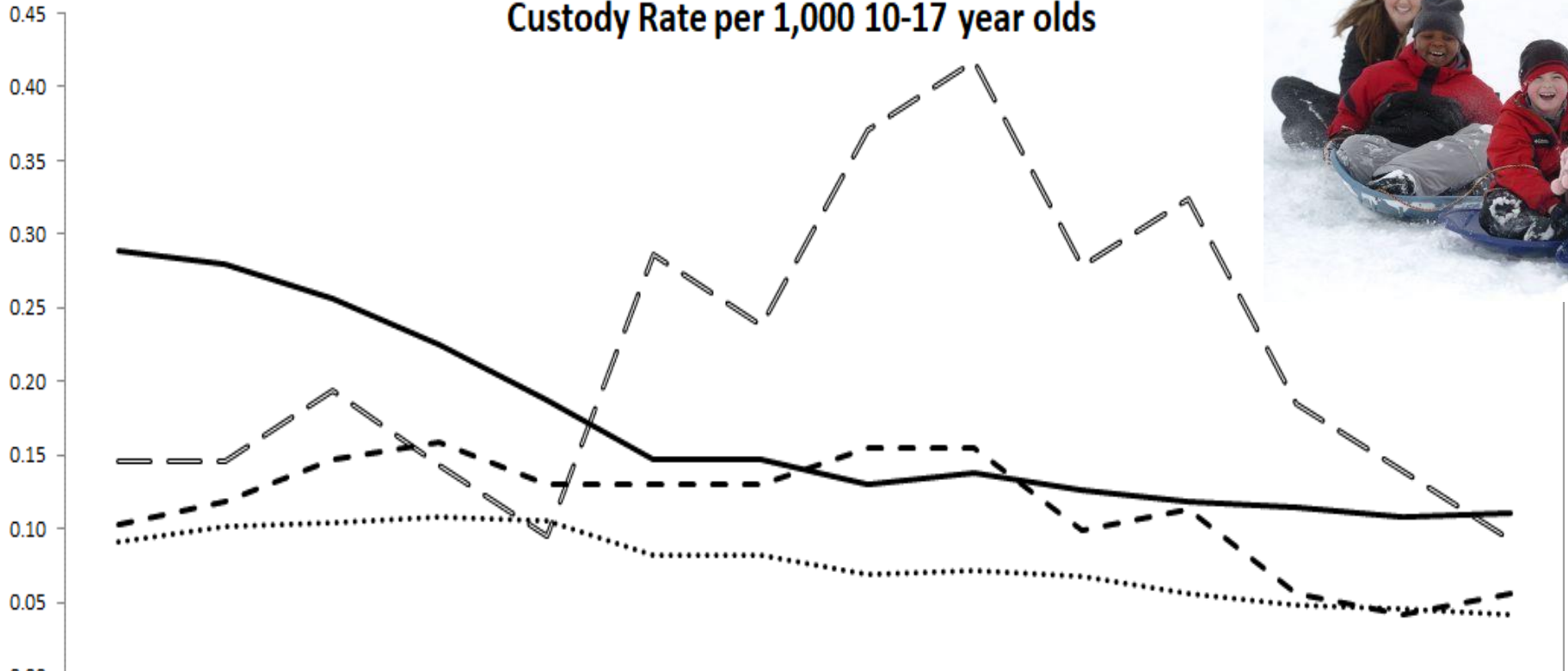


# Swindon's Child First Journey- Mount Swindon 2021

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Custody Rate per 1,000 10-17 year olds

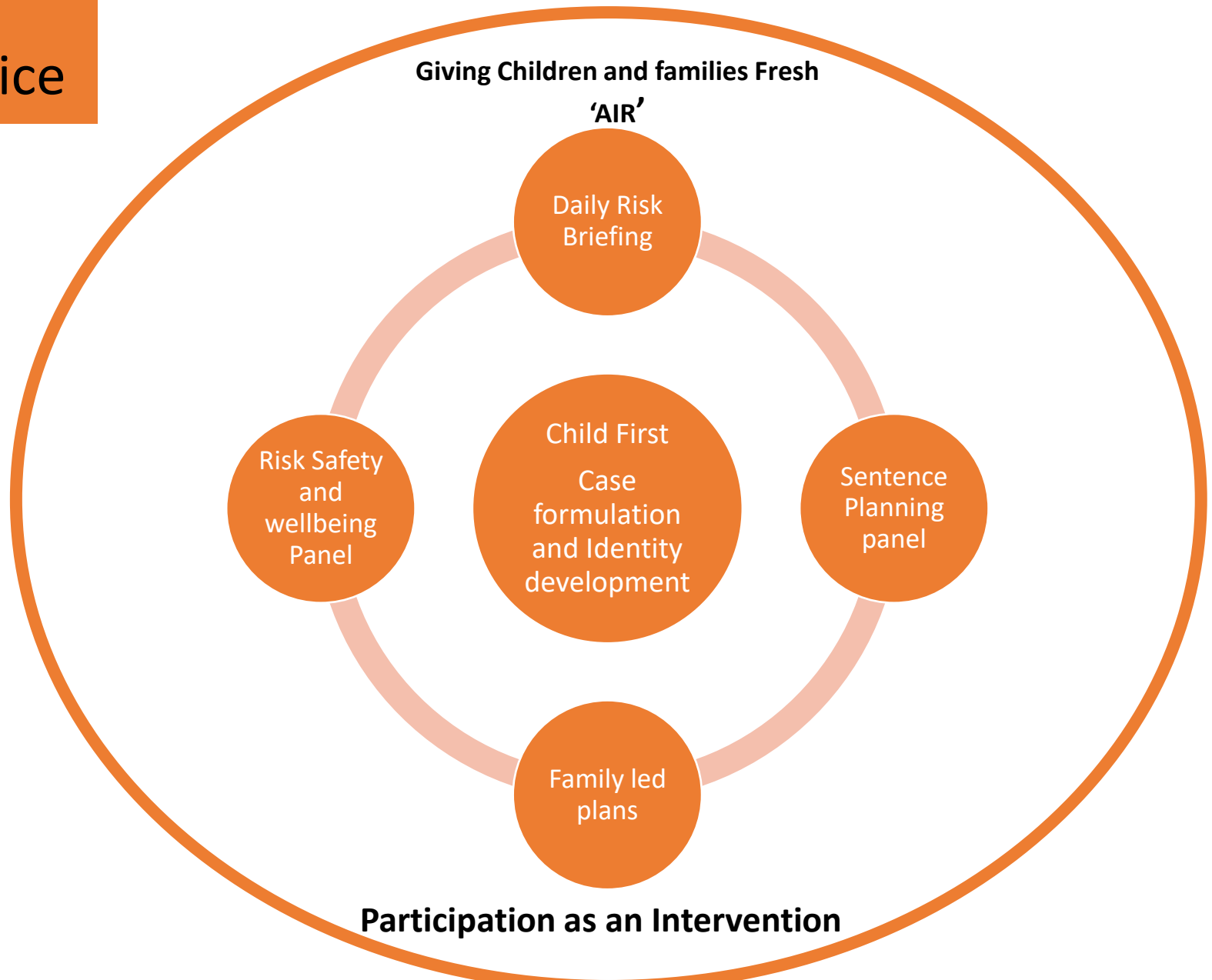


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— Swindon	0.15	0.15	0.19	0.14	0.10	0.29	0.24	0.37	0.42	0.28	0.32	0.19	0.14	0.09
..... South West	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.11	0.11	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.04
- - - Wiltshire PCC Area	0.10	0.12	0.15	0.16	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.16	0.16	0.10	0.11	0.06	0.04	0.06
— England & Wales	0.29	0.28	0.26	0.22	0.19	0.15	0.15	0.13	0.14	0.13	0.12	0.12	0.11	0.11



# Swindon YJS Model of Practice

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# Child First-ABCD

## The guiding principle for the youth justice system

Child First means that all youth justice services...

### **A**s children

Prioritise the best interests of children and recognising their particular needs, capacities, rights and potential. All work is child-focused, developmentally informed, acknowledges structural barriers and meets responsibilities towards children.

### **B**uilding pro-social identity

Promote children's individual strengths and capacities to develop their pro-social identity for sustainable desistance, leading to safer communities and fewer victims. All work is constructive and future-focused, built on supportive relationships that empower children to fulfil their potential and make positive contributions to society.

### **C**ollaborating with children

Encourage children's active participation, engagement and wider social inclusion. All work is a meaningful collaboration with children and their carers.

### **D**iverting from stigma

Promote a childhood removed from the justice system, using pre-emptive prevention, diversion and minimal intervention. All work minimises criminogenic stigma from contact with the system.



# Case formulation approaches to understand meaning

## Predisposing

Pre-existing factors that may have contributed? Includes environmental, family history, developmental history etc.  
Attachment theory, trauma theory

## Precipitating

What factors have contributed to the onset of the current problems? Why now? Including stressful life events, such as: Loss, exams, sexuality, access to new information, mental, physical illness in the family, new peer group, change in circumstances, trauma and abuse

## Presenting

Details about the current problem/offence/behaviour. When did it start? Symptoms/impact? When did it start? Frequency? Links to other behaviours/Co-morbidities

## Perpetuating

What is keeping the problem/behaviours going? Any beliefs, interactions or actions contributing to the maintenance of the behaviours/problems?

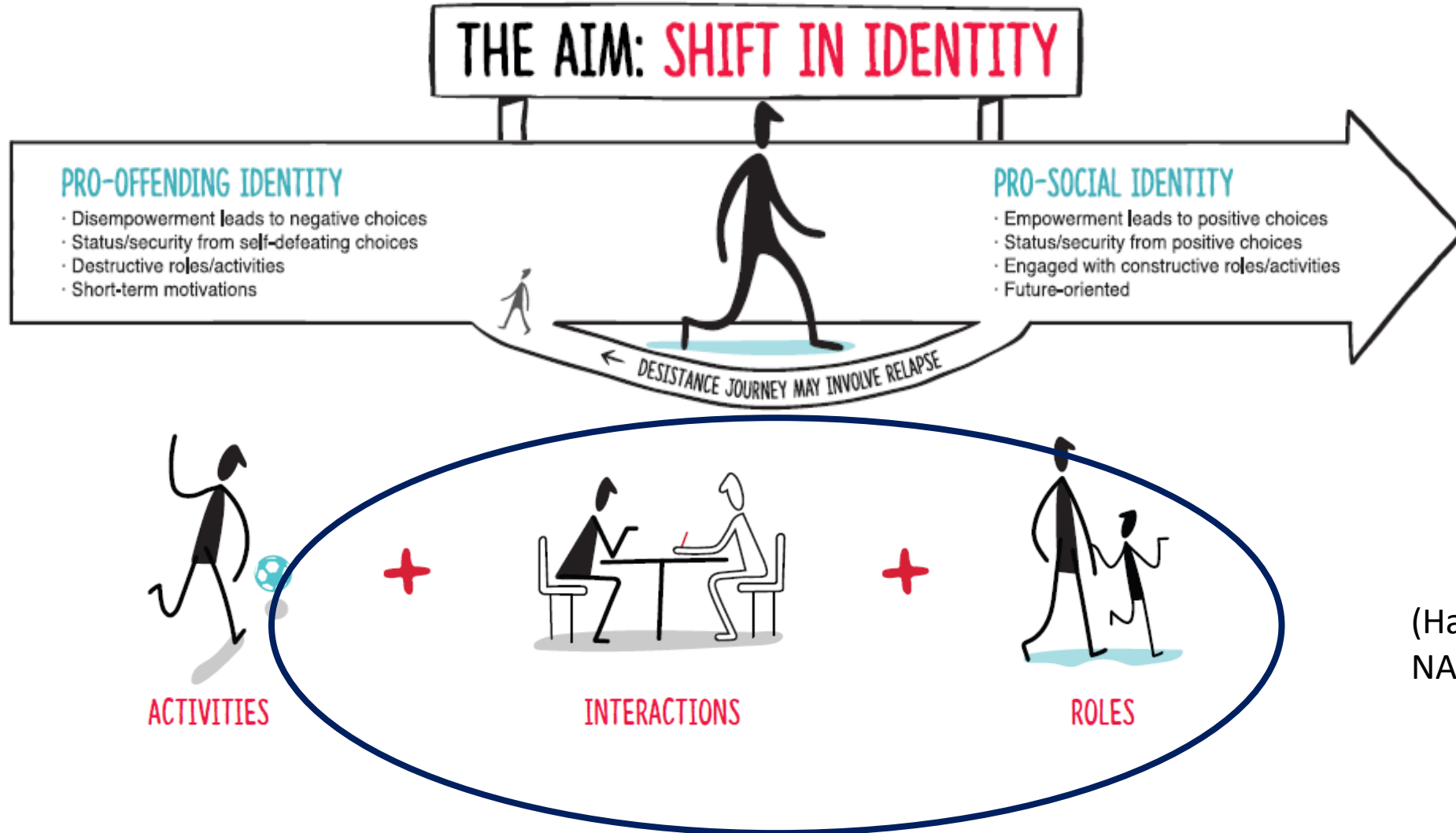
## Protective

What strengths and resources are readily available? What factors reduce the risk/ severity of the behaviours? What needs to be put in place to limit, mitigate or reduce risk?

What behaviours, beliefs, values, relationships need to be developed further?



# Identity Development for Desistance-Child First



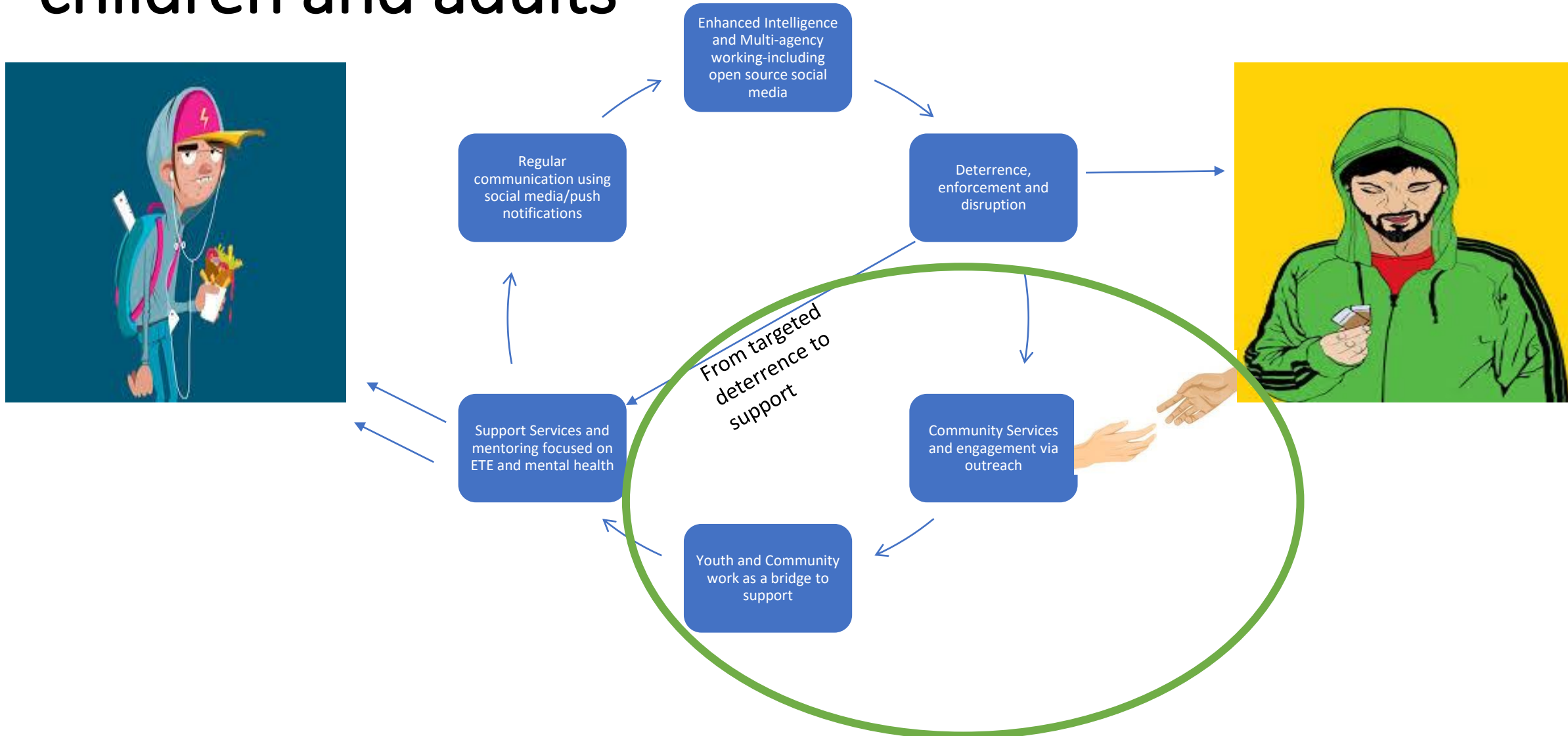
(Hazel and NACRO)



# Wiltshire Youth Justice Service : strategic and operational priorities 23/ 24

- Monitoring and responding to First Time Entrants and Custody rates
- The Serious Violence Duty and a local model of Focused Deterrence
- Standards for children self-assessment relating to work in Court
- Completing the new KPI framework and our review of Health provision
- Further partnership integration relating to children missing education
- Review of our service to victims in line with new HMIP inspection standards
- Continued Board engagement in relation to child's voice, disproportionality and child exploitation

# Focused Deterrence visualisation of model-children and adults



# Contextual Safeguarding in Wiltshire

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- Rachel kay Contextual Safeguarding Practice Lead
- Jane Murray



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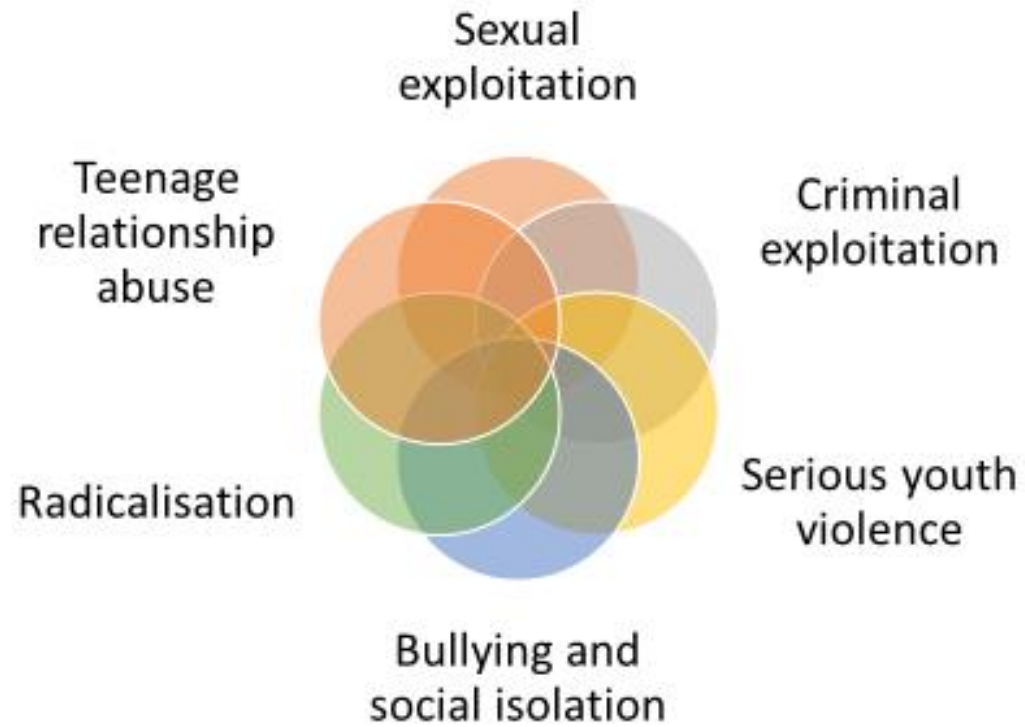
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# What is Contextual safeguarding - A Definition

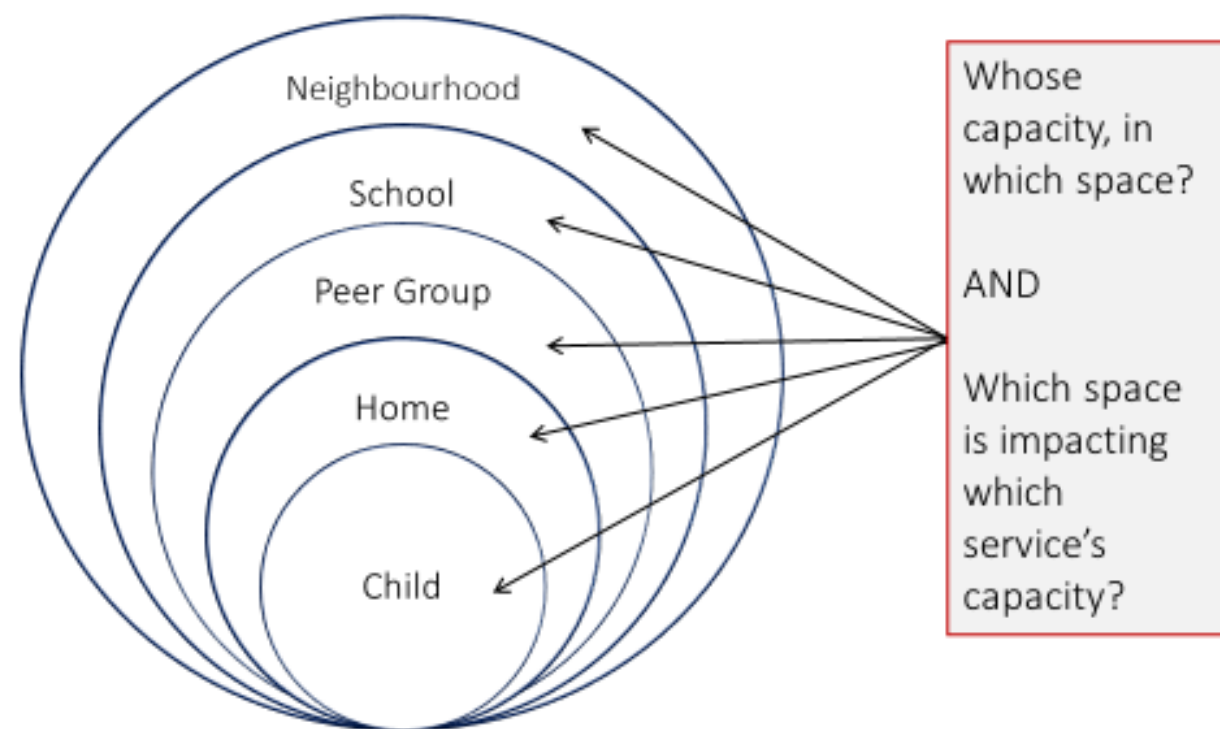
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- Contextual Safeguarding is an approach to understanding and responding to the risks faced by children and young people beyond their families. Developed by Dr Carlene Firmin at the University of Bedfordshire, now Professor of Social Work at Durham University, the approach looks at how processes and environments can be made safer to protect children and young people from coming to harm.
- As children move from early childhood into adolescence, they spend increasing amounts of time independent of their families. Parents and carers have little influence during this time. The nature of young people's schools and neighbourhoods, and their relationships that they form in these places, inform the extent to which they encounter protection or abuse.

# Extra-familial harm



## A Contextual Safeguarding system will look beyond a parents' *capacity to safeguard*



(Firmin et al. 2016)



## Developments in Wiltshire

- Development of Safer Young People Strategic Group (formerly VACS)
- Safer Young People context meetings (formerly VARMM)
- Peer group mapping
- Peer group assessments
- Context assessments
- Child Protection – Risk Outside the Home
- Social Care led response brokers relationships with non traditional safeguarding partners – Librarians, fast food shops, park wardens...



Information can be generalised / anonymised



# Devizes- An Example

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- Partnership Concerns Identified
- SYP context meetings Established
- Peer group assessment meetings commenced
- Weekly group work sessions planned and started
- Progress and feedback

**National Referral  
Mechanism  
James Biggs  
(NRM Co-Ordinator for  
Wiltshire & Swindon)**

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# Timescales and activity

Child	Time (days) taken for CG decision
Child A	36
Child B	37
Child C	7
Child D	12
Child E	19

- Children with conclusive grounds decision referred to escapeline.
  - Presentation to crown prosecution service.
  - 8 NRM panels held.
  - 11 referrals to date.
  - 5 children with conclusive grounds decisions.
- \*Modern slavery National referral mechanism and duty to notify statistics UK quarter 2, April- June 2023: average time taken to make conclusive grounds was 451 days (this includes both adults and children).

# Contextual safeguarding & NRM case study

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- Contextual safeguarding cross border meetings held with Avon and Somerset and Dorset LA's.
- 16 year old male in a peer group of concern.
- Child identified through meetings as travelling to Exeter for the purposes of drug supply.
- NRM referral completed.
- Referral to escapeline with 'expert by experience' mentor.

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