

# Who are the Young People in contact with the Police?

- Criminogenic Risk Factors.
- 2001 Children's Act Garda Diversion Programme.

#### 2017 Snapshot

20,000 referrals made to **Diversion Programme** with 29% deemed unsuitable.
10,607 individuals, 73% male, 27% female.
29% are aged 17, 30% are under 15

## Who are the Young People who end up in the courts and in detention?

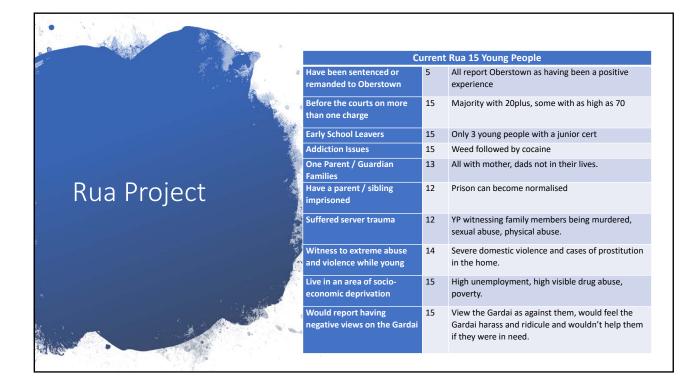
Approx. 80% of Juvenile Crime is committed by 20% of the young people involved.

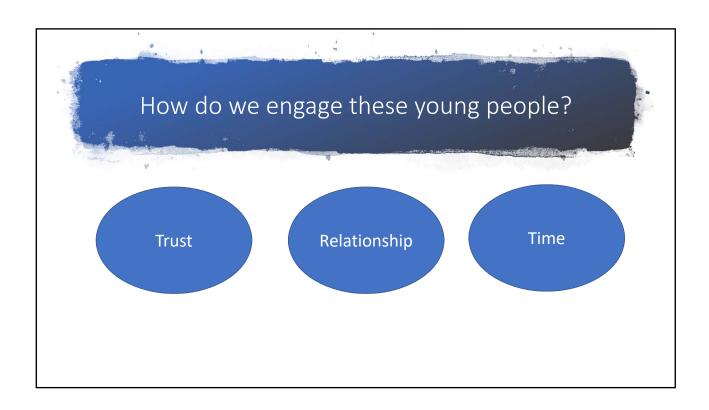
#### 2017 Snapshot

10,607 individuals, 13% are deemed unsuitable for diversion **1402** young people. 67% of these have more than 6 referrals.

Dublin North Central with the most at 142, Dublin West in second at 128 and Mayo in last with 15.

Limerick 50 and Cork City 86.







### Rua Intervention Model

Stage	Overview	Key Actions	Engagement Level	Dosage	Average Time Frame
Determine Suitability	Time given to decide whether the young person is a suitable candidate for the programme.	Referral committee. Family engagement.  Key worker allocation	Not applicable	1- 2 a week	2 months
	Relationship between young person and keyworker is growing. Young person is responding to engagement and developing a conscious understanding of programme purpose.	Interagency work. Building family relationships. Relationship building activities.	Behavioural	1-2 a week	Month 2-6
/ Personal Growth	Practical support stage where the young person is willing to acknowledge issues and engage in new activities.	Pro-active work, Advocacy and justice system support	Emotional	2-4 a week (minimum one face to face)	Month 6-24
	Young person has acknowledged their desire to change and is starting to put plans in place.	Pro-actively providing information, opportunities and practical help.	Cognitive	2-4 a week (minimum one face to face)	Month 18-30
	Motivation and attitude growth, resulting in positive lifestyle choices. Moving towards sustainable change.	Providing new opportunities and experiences, encouraging independence	Cognitive	1-3 a week (minimum one face to face)	Month 30 - 42
	Young person takes full personal responsibility on an on-going basis. Young person will seek support as needed.	Check ins and social activities and less one to one support. Planned Ending	Cognitive	2-3 a month	Month 36-48

### **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. Are these young people worth pursing, can they change?
- 2. The New Youth Justice Strategy suggests a 'Never Give Up' approach, is this happening?
- 3. Does Ireland need a Youth Justice Board like England and Wales? Is there a reluctance to work with this target group and if so why?

