

Who I Am.....

Niven Rennie,  
Director,  
Scottish Violence  
Reduction Unit



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In 2003 Glasgow was described as the 'murder capital of Western Europe'.



Scotland used to be the most violent country in the developed world





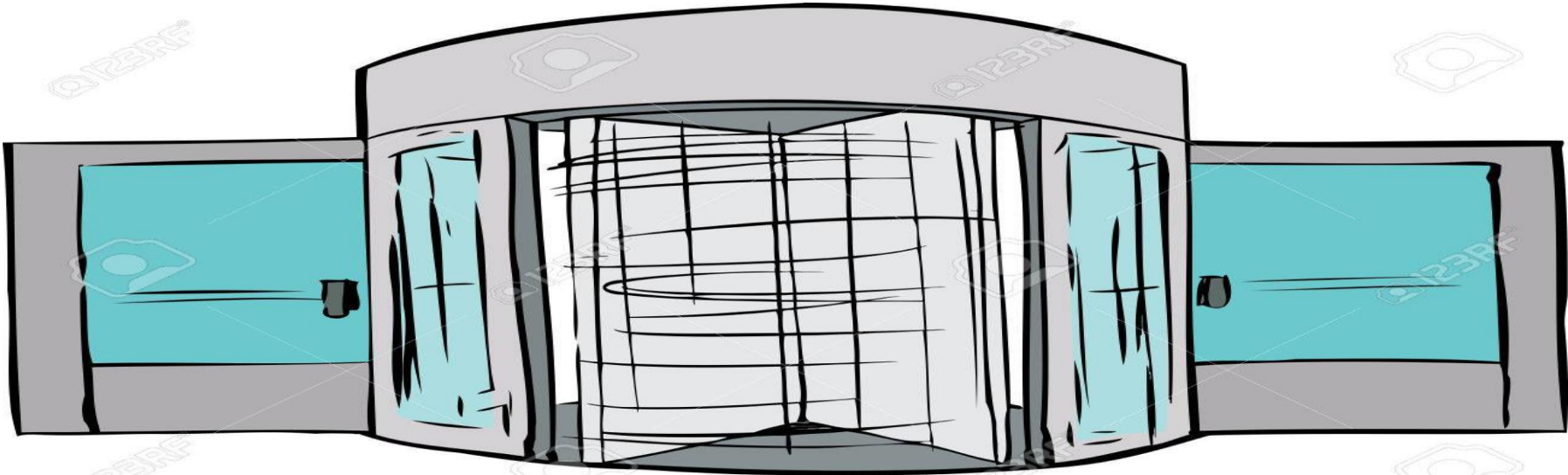








# The Revolving Door of the Justice System





***YOU CAN'T ARREST YOUR WAY OUT OF THE PROBLEM!***



Sir Willie Rae, Chief Constable,  
Strathclyde Police - 2005

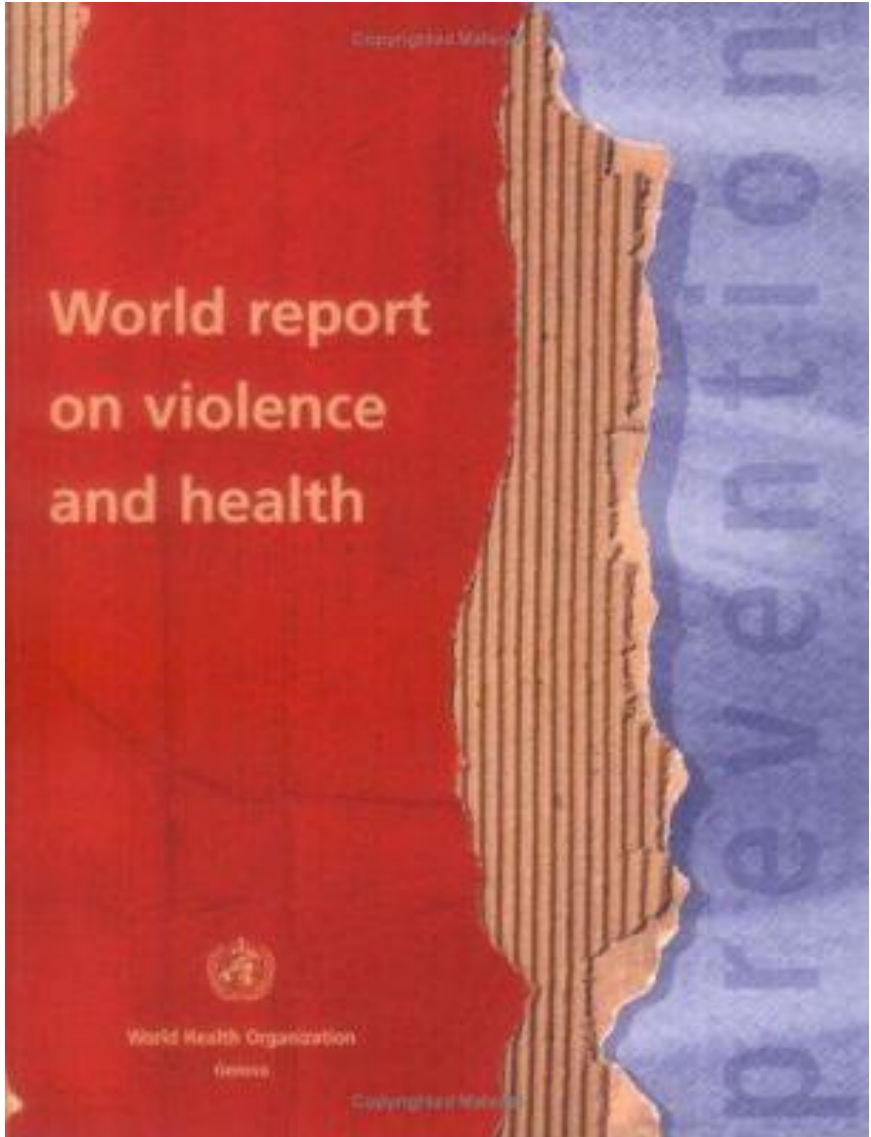
**“WE NEED TO DO  
SOMETHING  
DIFFERENT”**





**V**IOLENCE  
reduction unit

*Violence is preventable, not inevitable.*



“ Interpersonal violence – violence between individuals in families and communities – is a **public health** problem.”

Etienne Krug  
Director  
Department of Injuries and Violence Prevention  
World health Organisation  
2004



**R U IN A GANG?**

For information, telephone 0800 44 44 44  
**07867 970 441**

Child Protection  
**CIRV**  
Child Intervention Referral Unit

Nothing  
Stops A  
Bullet Like  
A Job

**MVP**  
Scotland  
mentors in violence prevention

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PREVENTION

*is key*













Second  
Chances





# HOSPITAL NAVIGATOR









## ABUSE



Physical



Emotional



Sexual

## NEGLECT



Physical



Emotional

## HOUSEHOLD DYSFUNCTION



Mental Illness



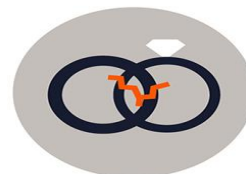
Incarcerated Relative



Mother treated violently

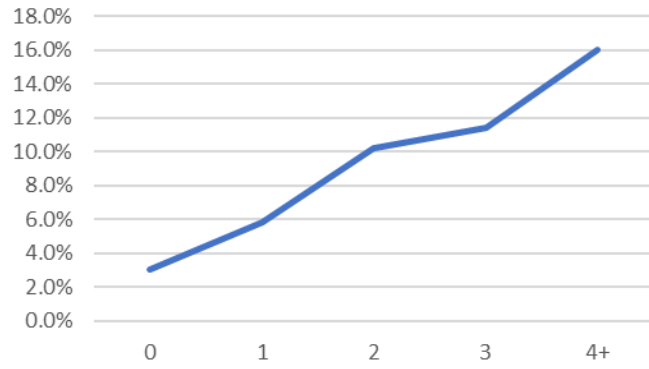


Substance Abuse

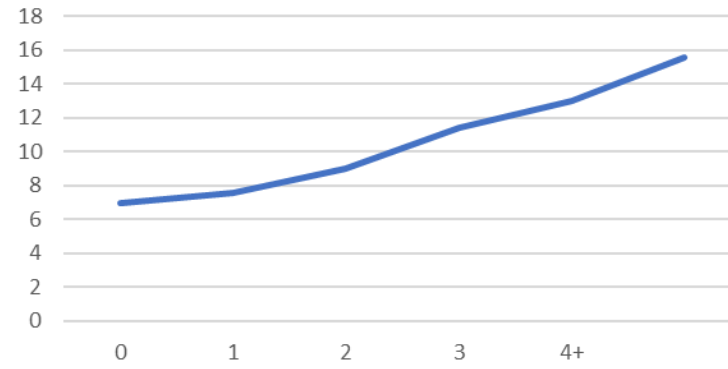


Divorce

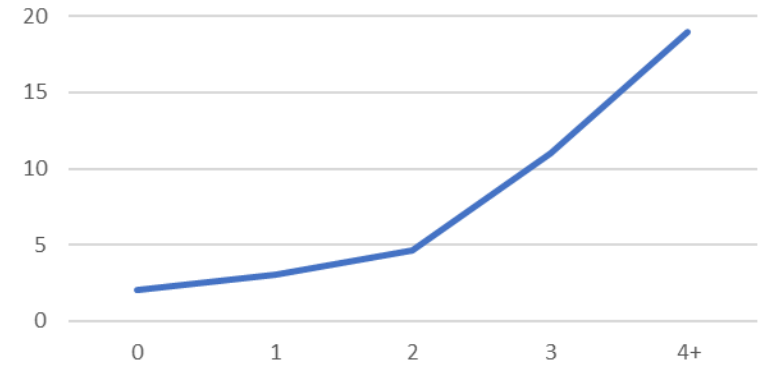
Alcoholism



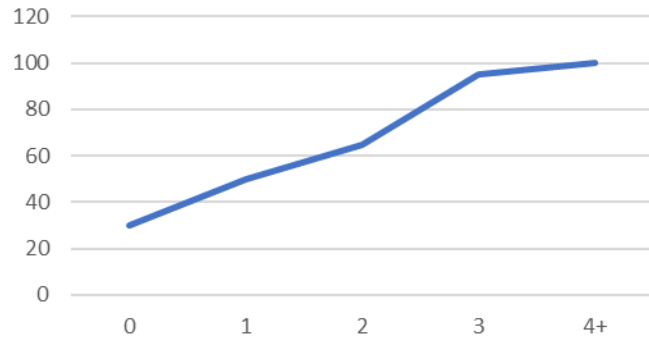
Smoking



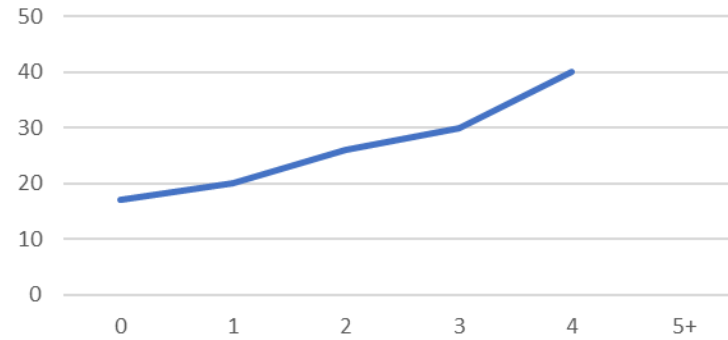
Attempt Suicide



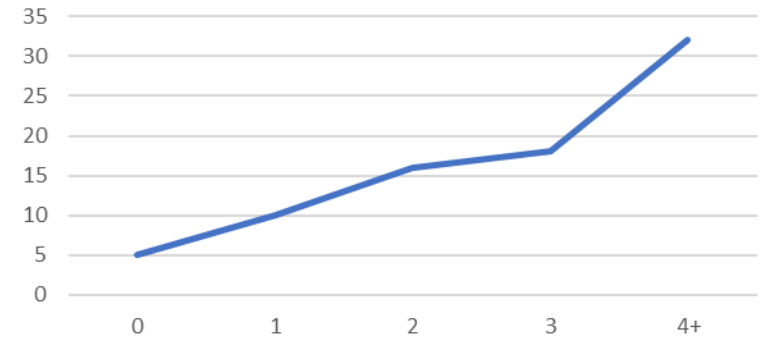
Antidepressant prescription



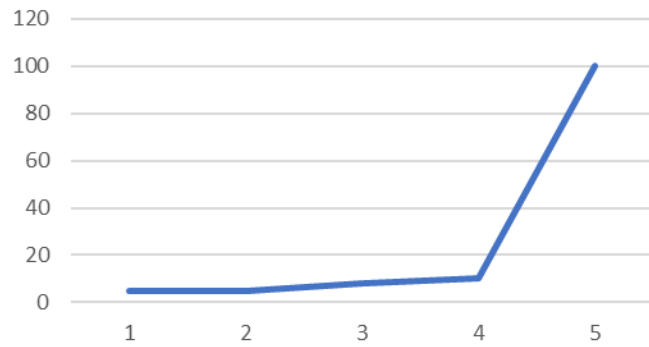
Teenage Pregnancy



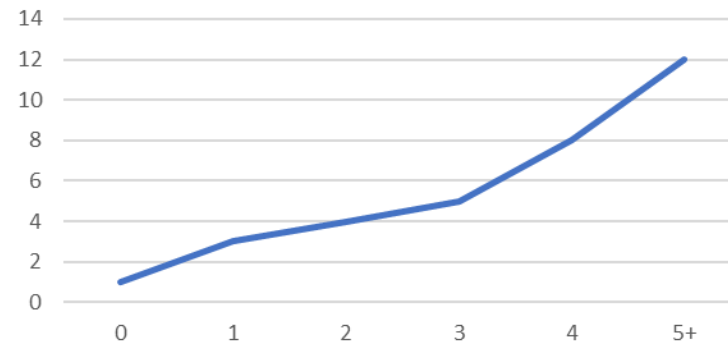
Victim of Sexual Assault



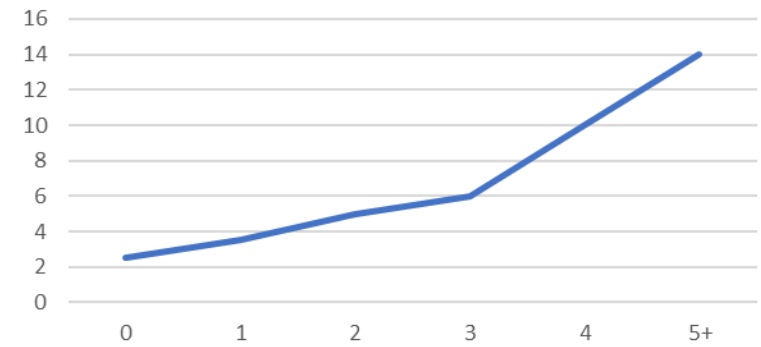
Liver disease



Drug Abuse

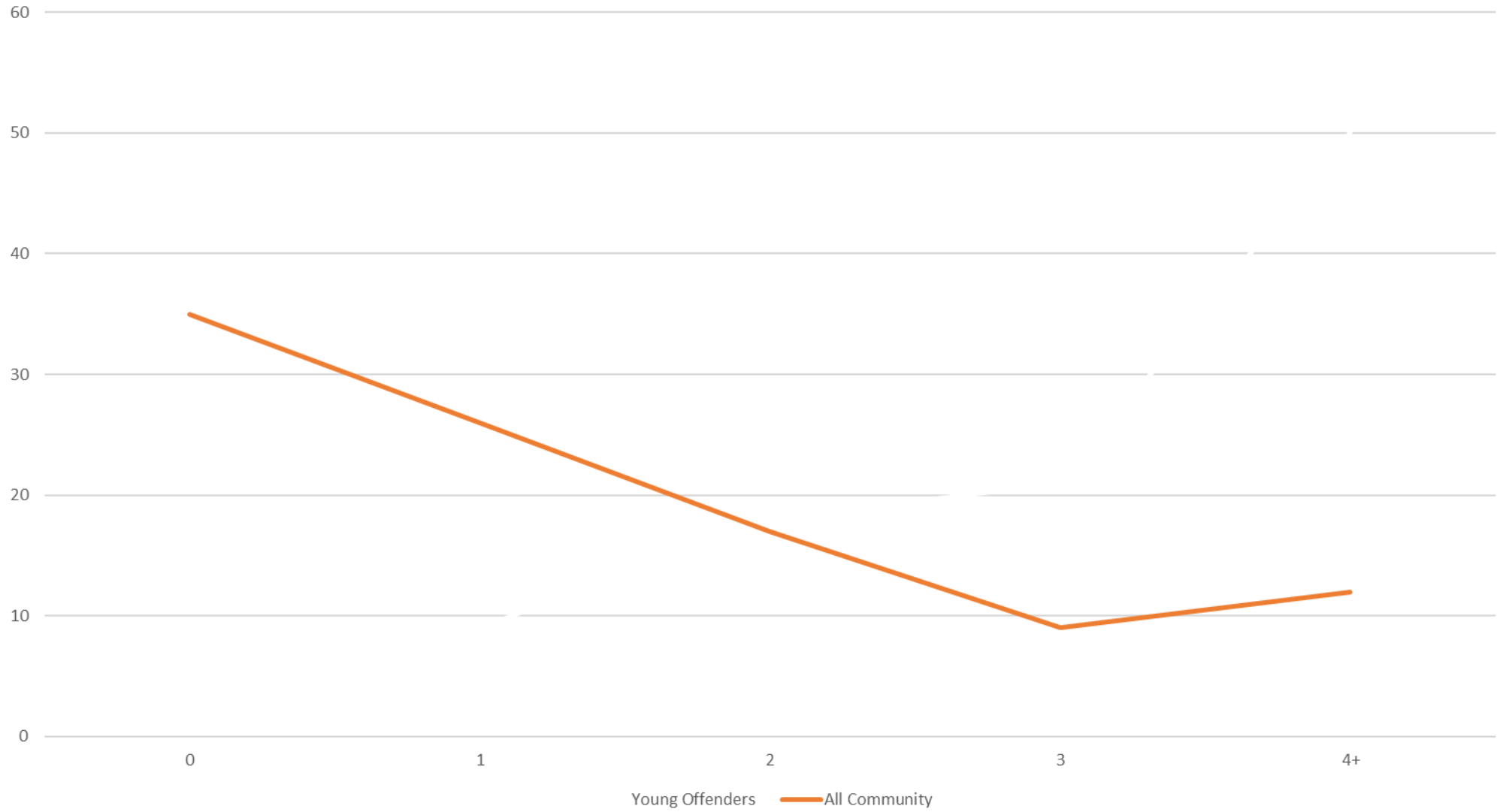


Domestic Violence Perpetration

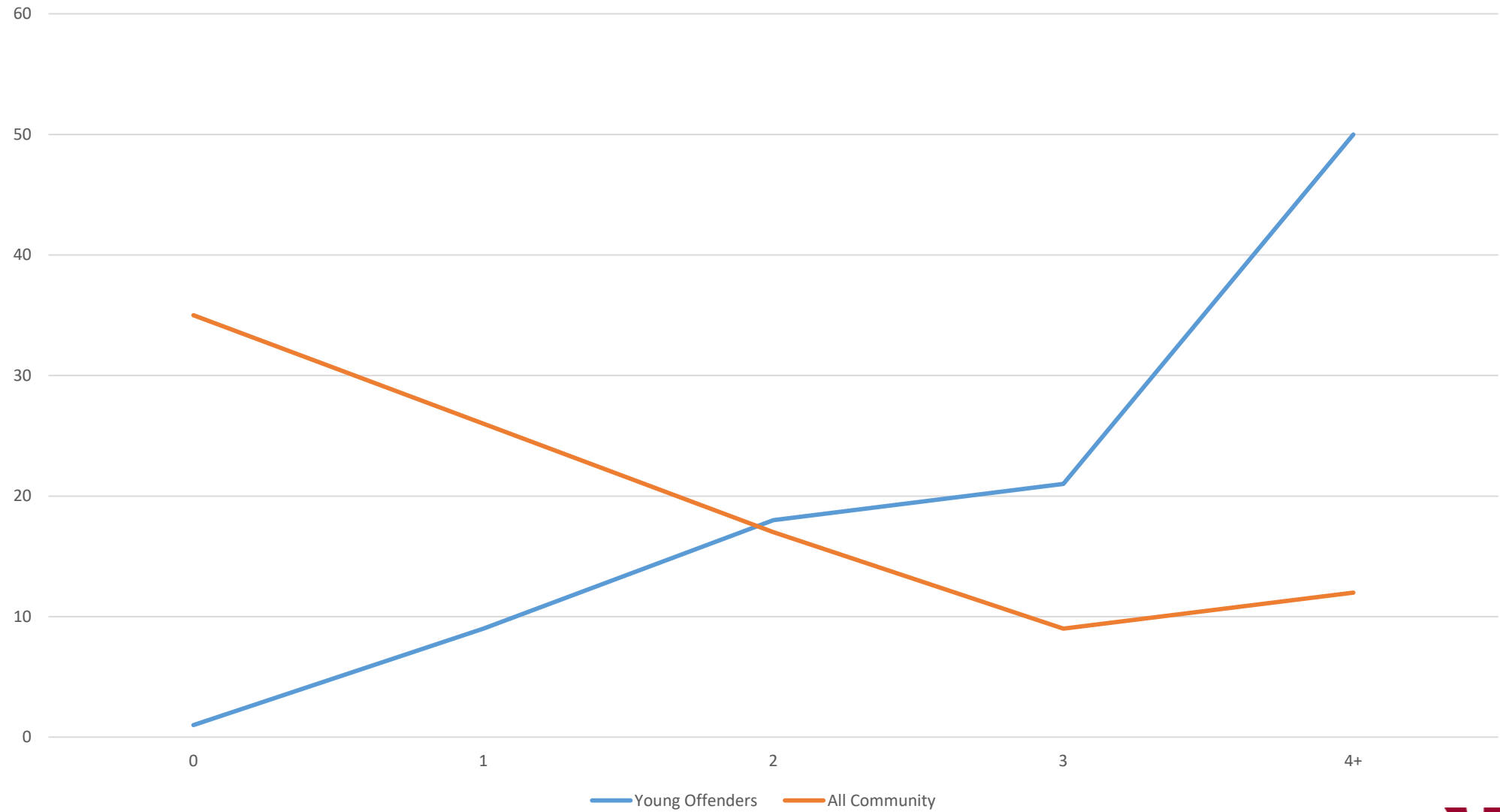




# Number of Aces



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**Break**  
the  
**cycle**



# *TRAUMA INFORMED POLICE DIVISION*



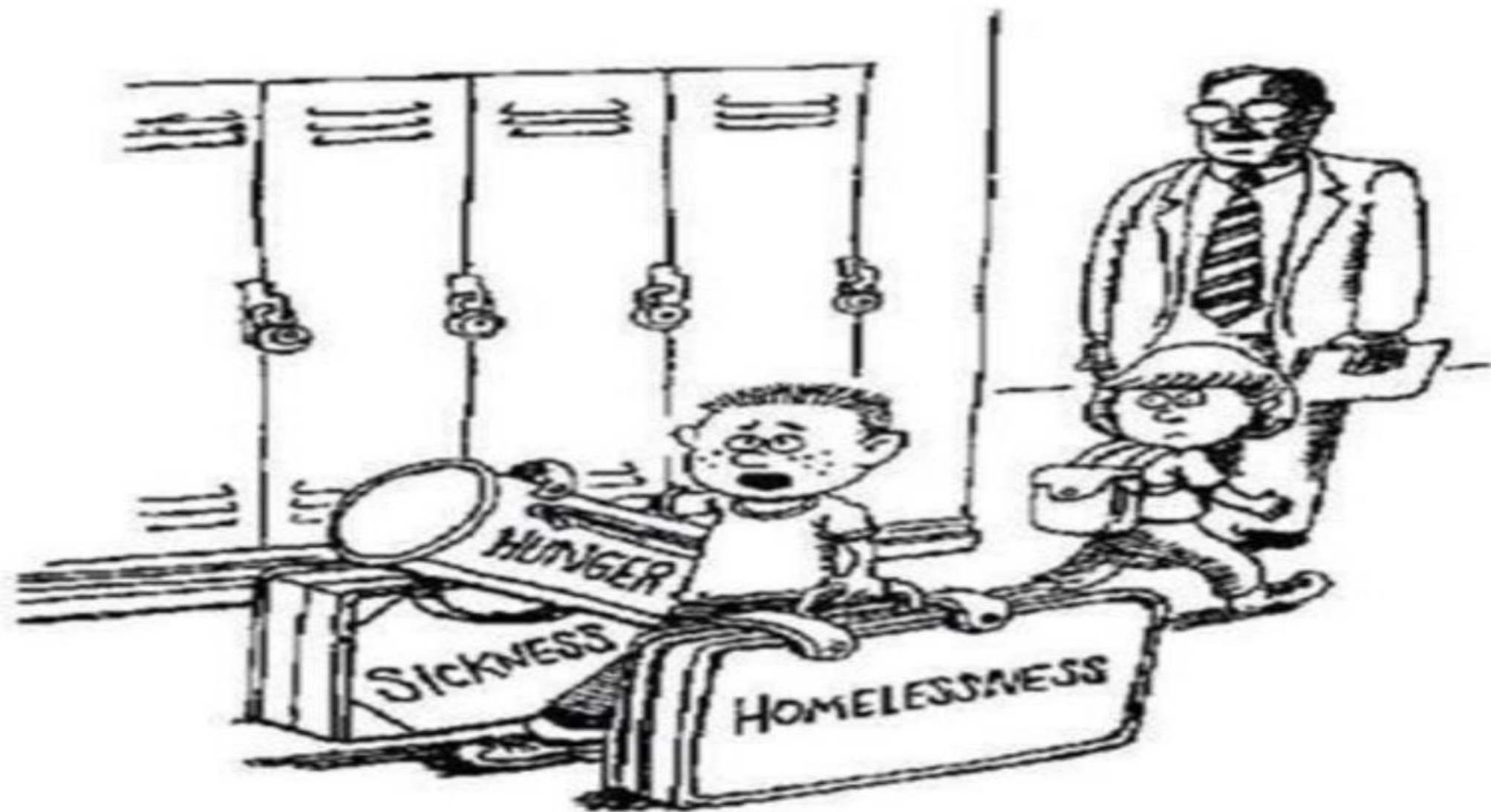






Challenge

**“Could someone help me with these?  
I’m late for math class.”**





## Tweet

 Glasgow City Council Retweeted



**Maureen McKenna**

@maureen0207

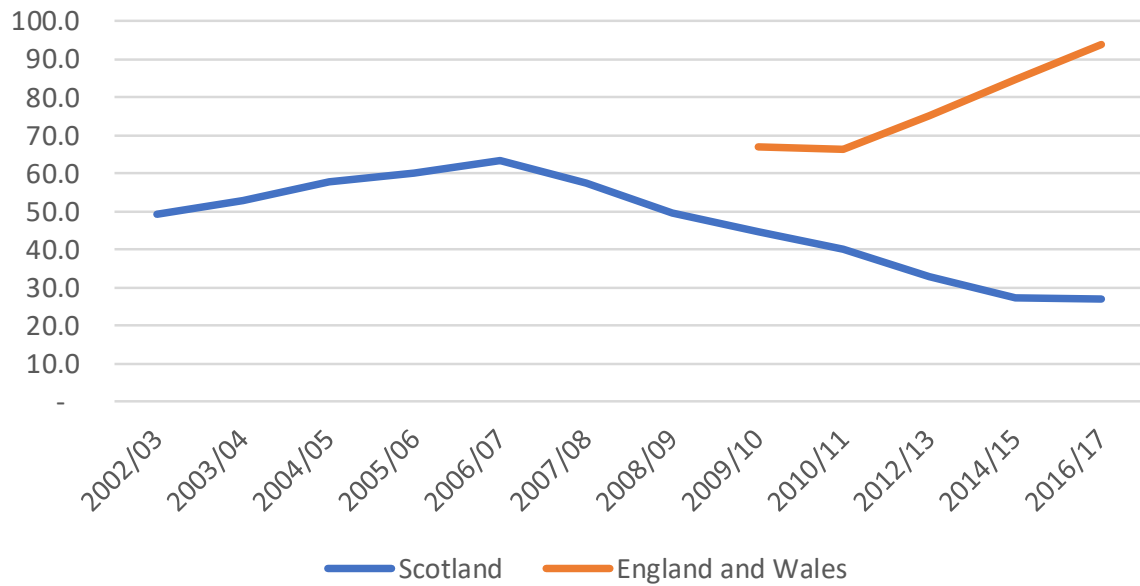
fact#5 from [@GlasgowCC](#) there has been an 81% reduction in school exclusions since 2007 and a 48% reduction in youth crime (10-16 year olds) since 2008 partnership works! [@vruscotland](#) [#restorative](#)  
[@GlasgowNurture](#)

19/09/2018, 09:14

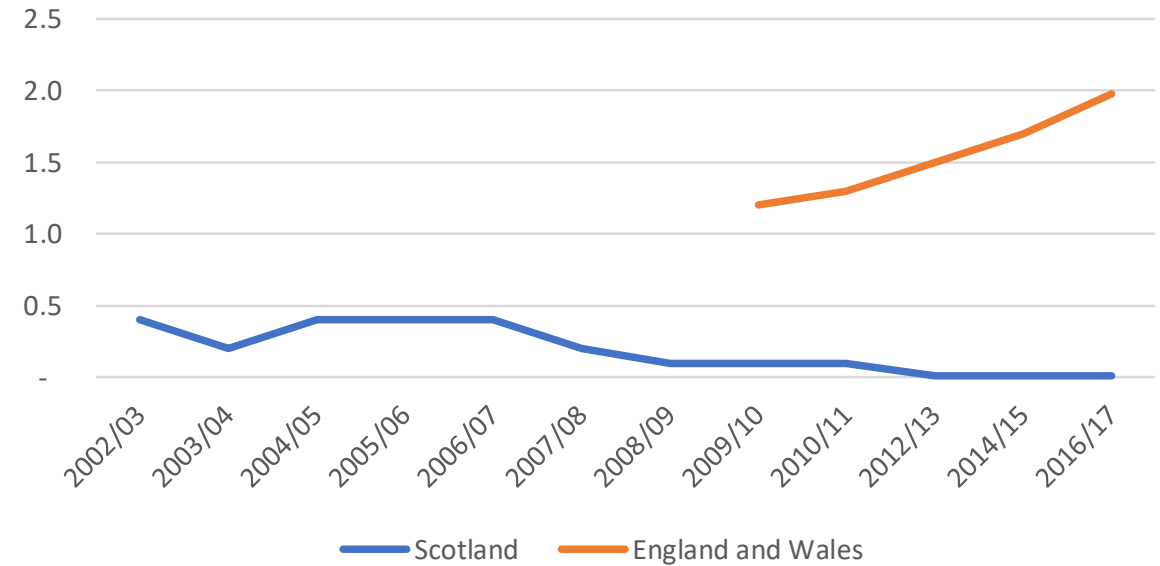
**46** Retweets **151** Likes



### Temporary Exclusions



### Permanent Exclusions



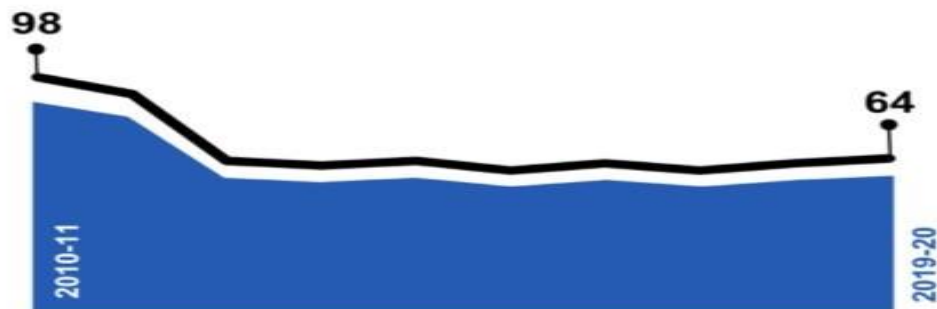


# HOMICIDE IN SCOTLAND 2019-20

Justice Analytical Services



- The number of homicide cases in Scotland has fallen by more than a third in the past 10 years



Since 2012-13, the number of homicide cases has remained relatively stable, with between 59 and 64 cases each year.

- In 2019-20:

## ► METHOD

**55%**

of victims were killed using a sharp instrument



**91%** of which involved a knife

**22%**

of victims were killed by hitting and kicking

**2%**

of victims were killed by shooting

## ► LOCATION

**66%**

of homicides occurred in a residential location



**33%**

occurred in a public place

**2%**

occurred in prison

## IN THE LAST TEN YEARS:

Fall in the number of homicide victims ▼ **36%**

Fall in the number accused of homicide ▼ **46%**

## 64 VICTIMS



**45** were men



of male victims were killed by an **acquaintance\***

\* where accused was known (44 of 45 male victims)



**19** were women



of female victims were killed by a **partner / ex-partner**

**Median age of victims 44**

Under 21	3
21 to 30	12
31 to 50	28
51 and over	21

## 76 ACCUSED

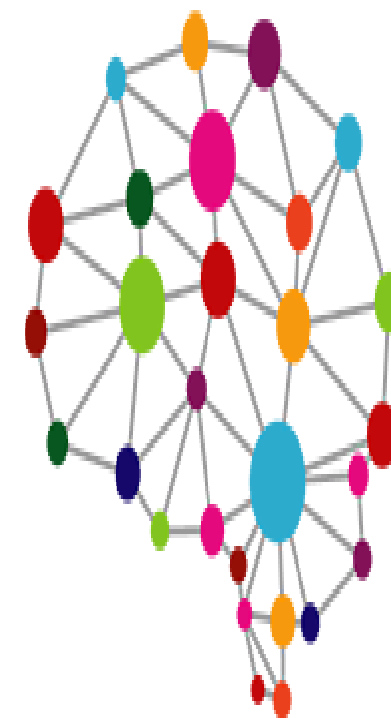
**70** men

**6** women

**Median age of accused 33**

Under 21	9
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**MAYOR OF  
LONDON**  
VRU



Violence  
Reduction  
Network



West Midlands  
Violence  
Reduction Unit











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**IT  
AIN'T  
OVER.**





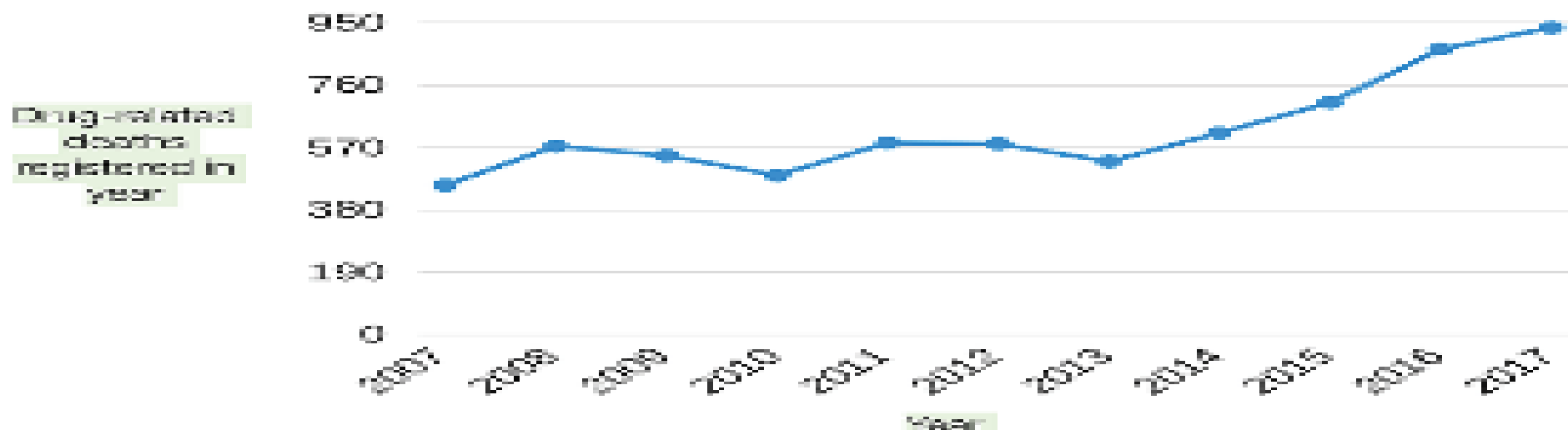


# SUICIDE IS THE BIGGEST KILLER OF YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 20-34

Take action now

LOCAL ACTION SAVES LIVES

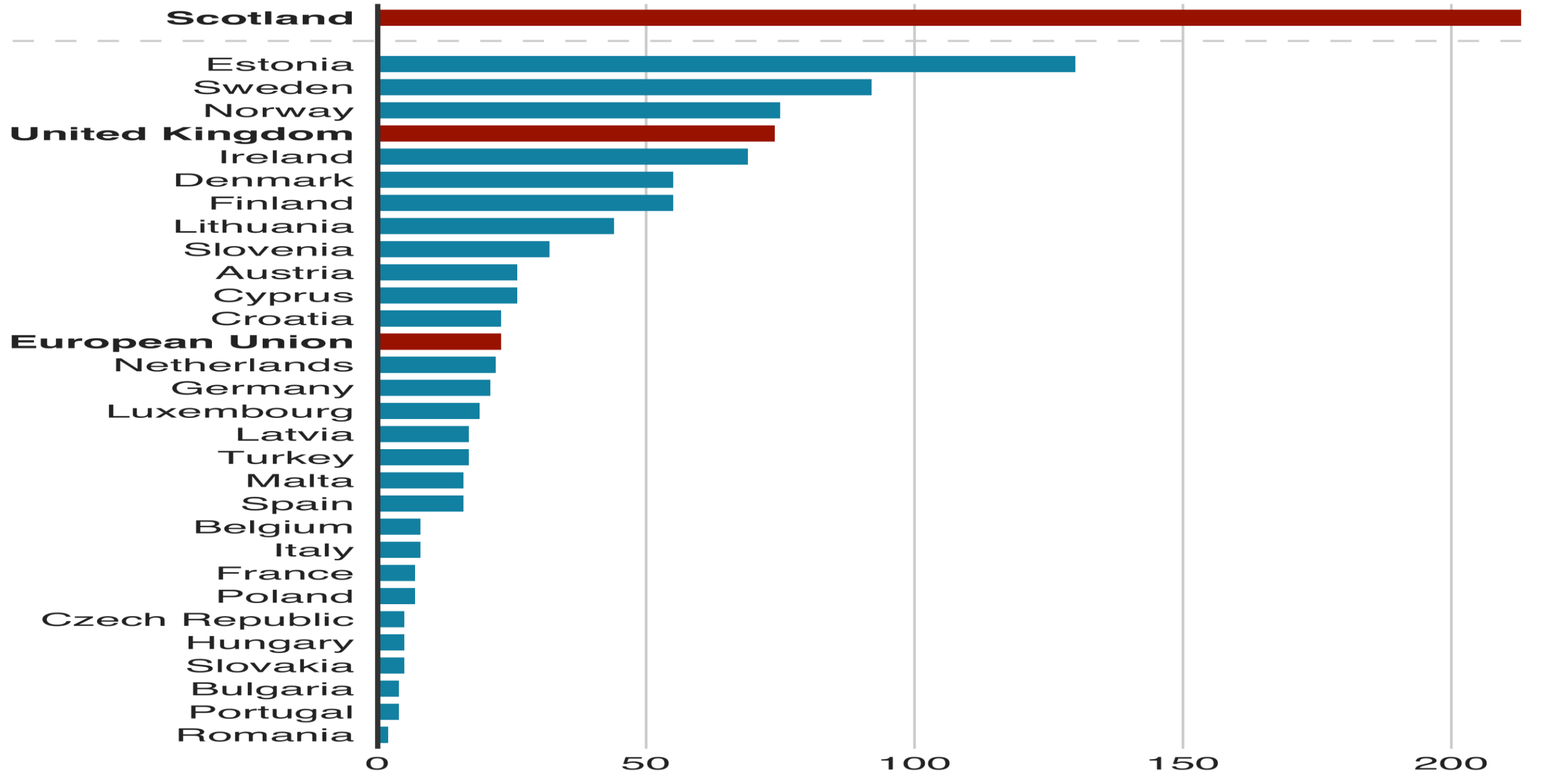
## Drug-related deaths in Scotland, 2007-2017



Source: National Records of Scotland

# Scotland has more drug deaths per capita than any European country

Number of deaths per million people, latest available data



Source: National Records of Scotland. Note: No data available for Greece



# *ALCOHOL AND VIOLENT CRIME IN SCOTLAND*

- A FACTOR IN 46% OF VIOLENT CRIMES IN 2017/8
- VIOLENT CRIME COSTS £727M PER ANNUM
- 42% OF ALL ACCUSED OF HOMICIDE SINCE 2008 WERE UNDER THE INFLUENCE AT THE TIME
- 53% OF YOUNG MEN IN PRISON WERE DRUNK WHEN THEY OFFENDED





**17%**

more alcohol is  
**sold in Scotland**  
than in England  
and Wales



**More than 16,000**

places to  
**buy alcohol**  
in Scotland



**97%**



of applications for new **licensed premises** are approved each year

**73%**

of alcohol is bought  
from **supermarkets**  
**and off licences**





# 10 Scots die

every day  
because of  
alcohol



The **impact** of alcohol availability in Scotland

Compared to those with the fewest outlets  
**neighbourhoods with the most outlets** have...



**Over  
four times**  
the crime rate

The **impact** of alcohol availability in Scotland



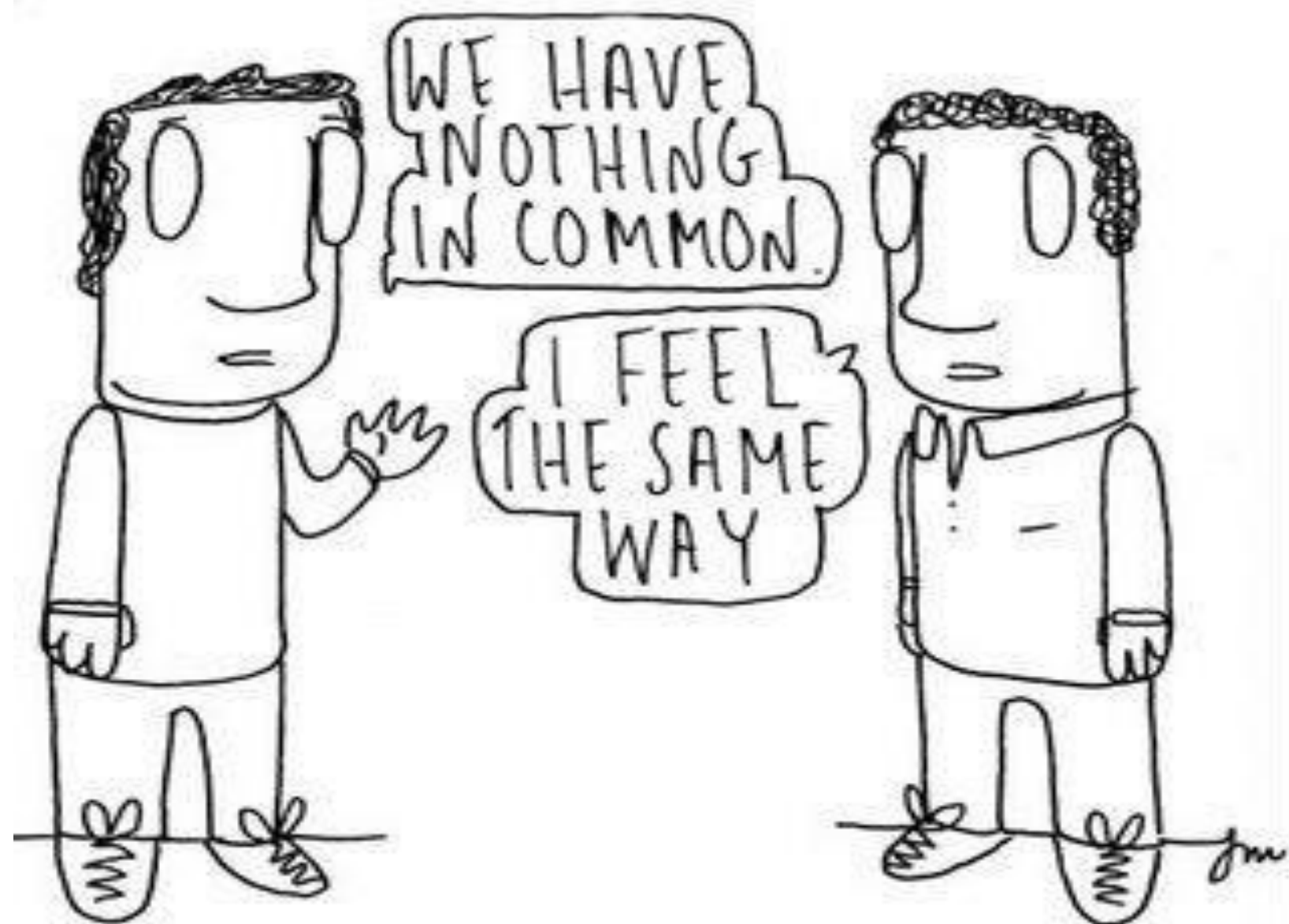
**40%  
more**

places to buy  
alcohol in **deprived  
areas** than in more  
affluent areas

# Every 15 mins

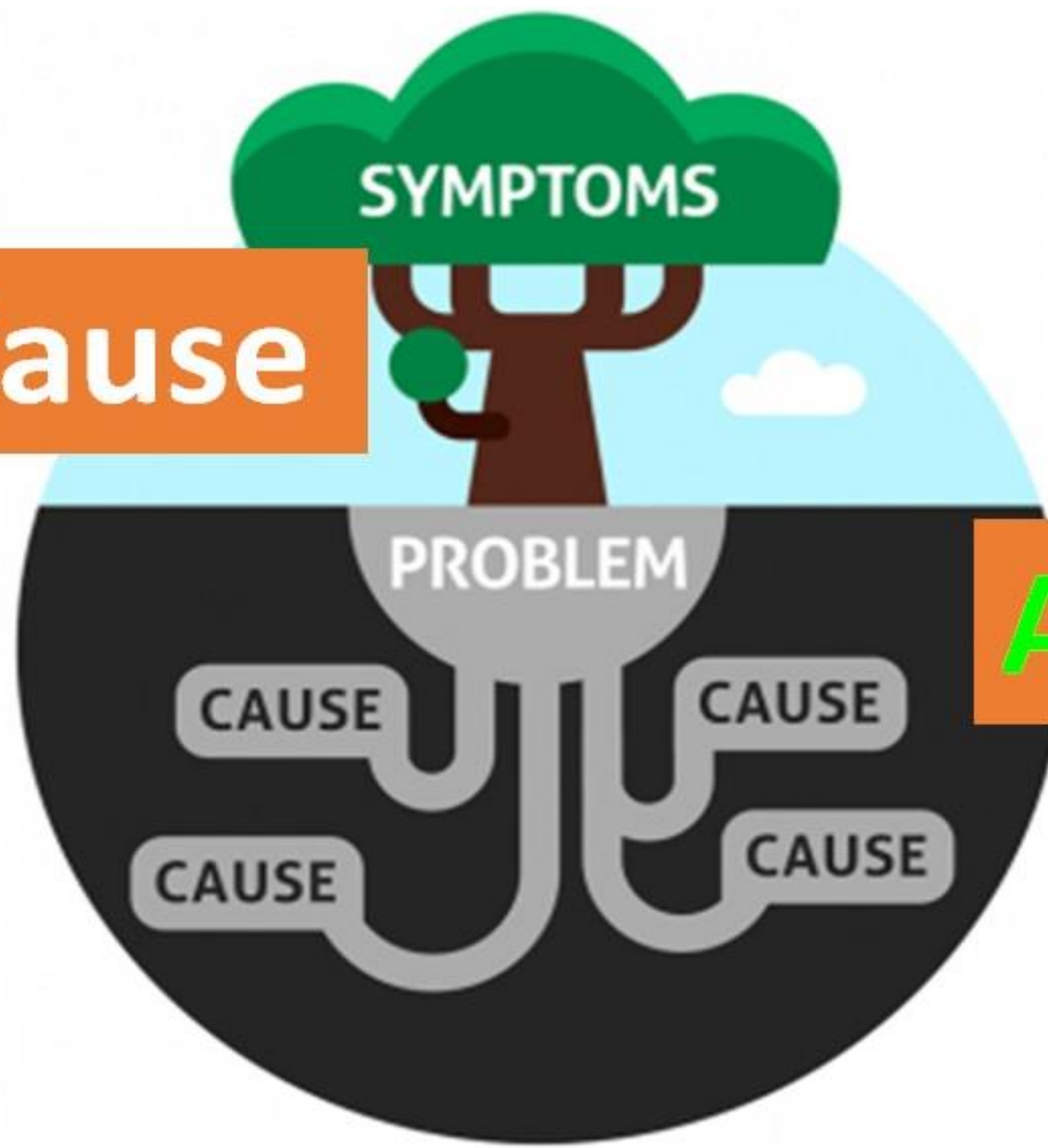
someone in Scotland  
is hospitalised from an  
**alcohol-related condition**







**Root Cause**



**Analysis**



WHAT  
WE  
KNOW

NOW

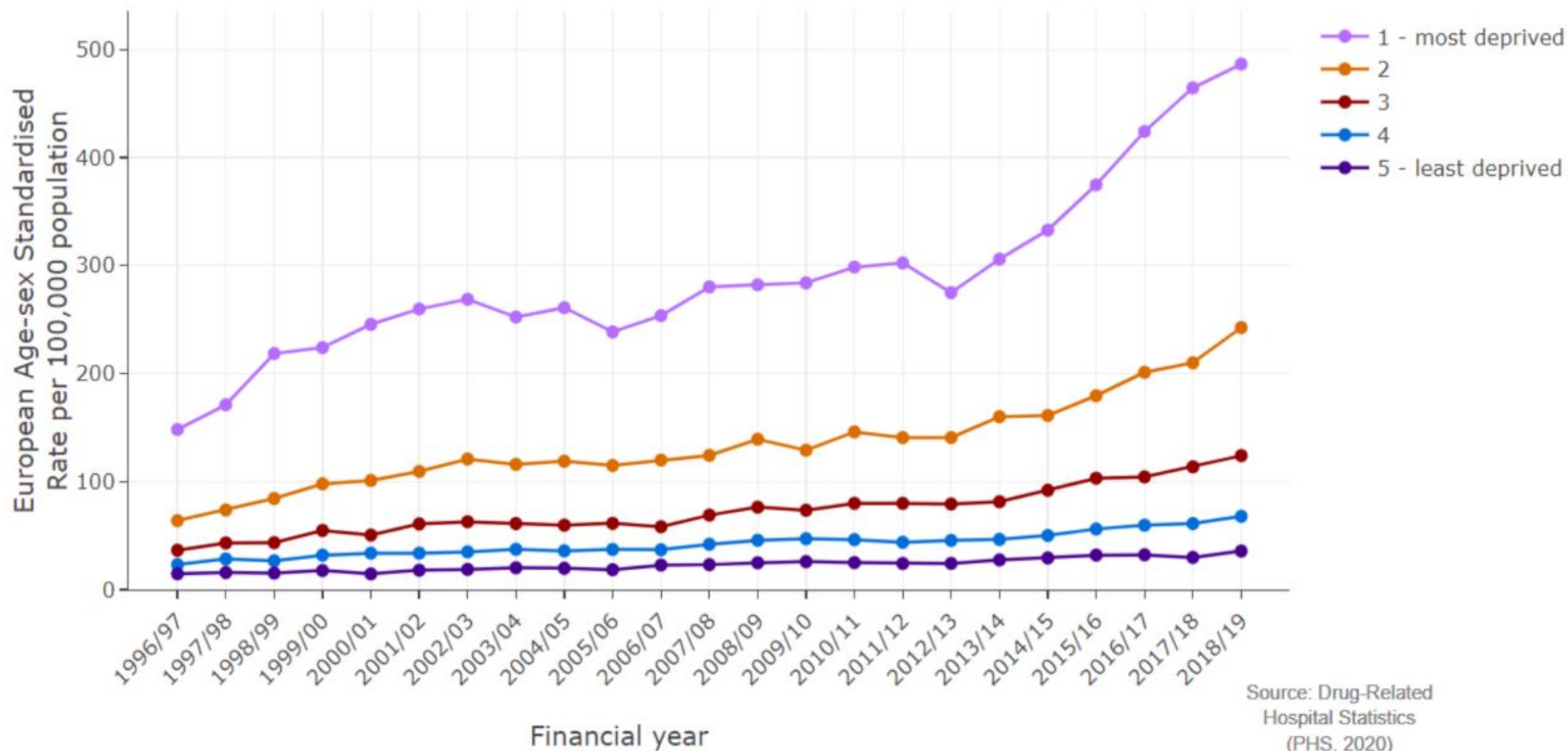


DINNY JUMP TAM.  
YER ONLY 53. YOU'VE GOT  
MONTHS AHEAD O YE.



GALTON BAR

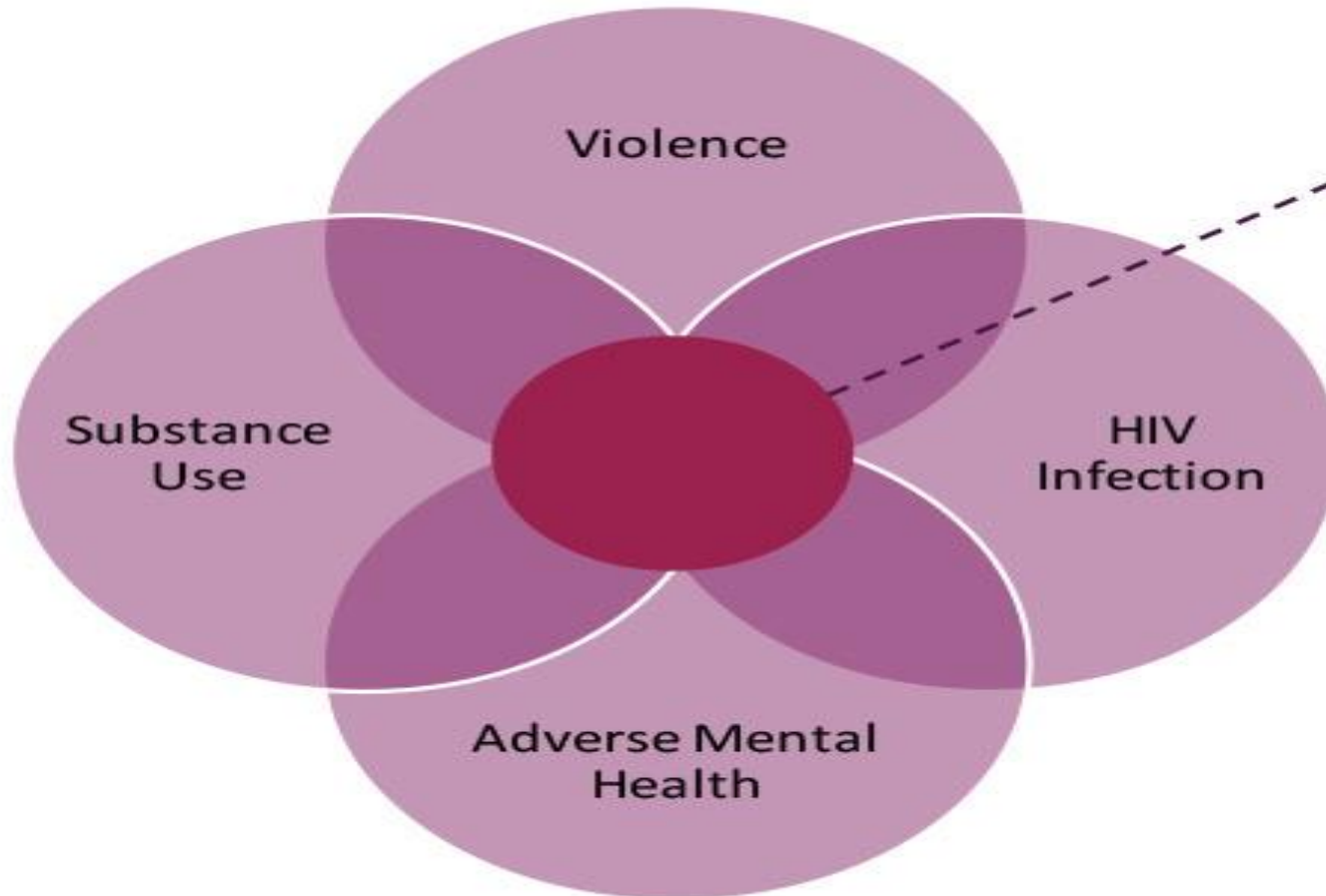
Drug-related hospital patient rates by national deprivation quintile  
(Scotland; Any hospital type; Any diagnosis)



Source: Drug-Related Hospital Statistics (PHS, 2020)



# A SYNDEMIC: A SET OF LINKED (HEALTH) PROBLEMS



**Syndemic:**

Mutually reinforcing  
interaction of disease  
and social conditions

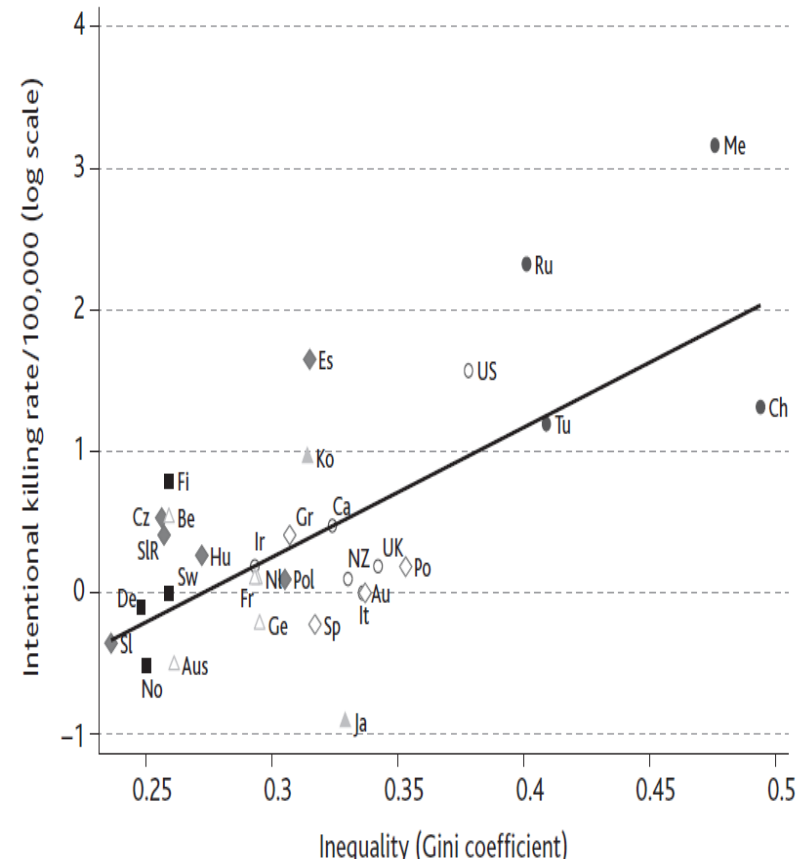




# Challenges: (i) Rising Inequality

- Causal link between rising inequality and increases in violence (see Blau & Blau, 1982; Wilson & Daly, 1997; Wilkinson & Pickett, 2010; Pemberton, 2015)
- Inequality promotes sense of inferiority, status competition, anxiety and lower levels of trust, disrupts community cohesion, that act as driver of violence

Figure 4.1: Intentional killing/inequality

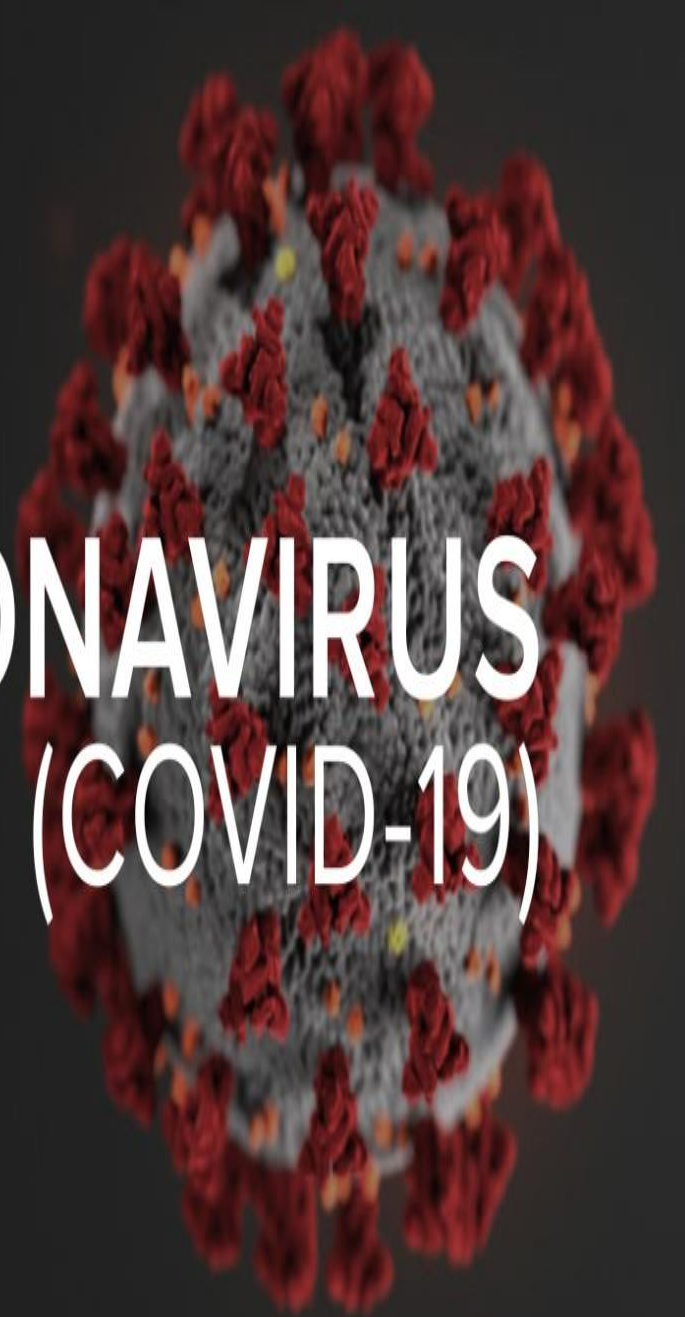


(Pemberton, 2015)





**CORONAVIRUS  
(COVID-19)**











TRAUMA

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Living Below the Line of  
Despair













Sir Willie Rae, Chief Constable,  
Strathclyde Police - 2005

**“WE NEED TO DO  
SOMETHING  
DIFFERENT”**





IT'S ALL  
ABOUT  
ATTITUDE

**ON MOUNTAIN**

SEE PAGES 16 & 17



**AS JODIE MAN HELD...**

# CALL IN THE ARMY

**Top cop's plea on knife crisis**

**By STEVE MANNING**  
The Defence Secretary is ready to send in the Army to help tackle the knife crime crisis.  
Gavin Williamson said the MoD "would always be ready to respond" as the Government was "not looking for the lack of action."  
Last night, a man was arrested near the murder of Jane Kelly, 27, in Chesham, Bucks.  
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70p

**EAT TO BEAT ILLNESS**  
SUPERB RECIPE PULL-OUT

## KNIFE CRIME CRISIS

### FOR JODIE'S SAKE, WE NEED MORE STOP AND SEARCH

by **BORIS JOHNSON** PAGE 16



**Posing for a selfie outside court yesterday after dodging prison for SECOND knife offence, yet another thug...**

# SMIRKING AT SOFT JUSTICE BRITAIN



Mickery: Kyle Davis smiles for his selfie at court

A SUSPECTED drug by Rebecca Corbett, George Olling ... will feel concerned about with ... see had had their lives in 12 days of



“ Here is what we seek: a compassion that can stand in awe at what the poor have to carry rather than stand in judgment at how they carry it. ”

— Father Boyle  
Excerpt from *Tattoos On the Heart*









C.S. LEWIS  
1898-1963

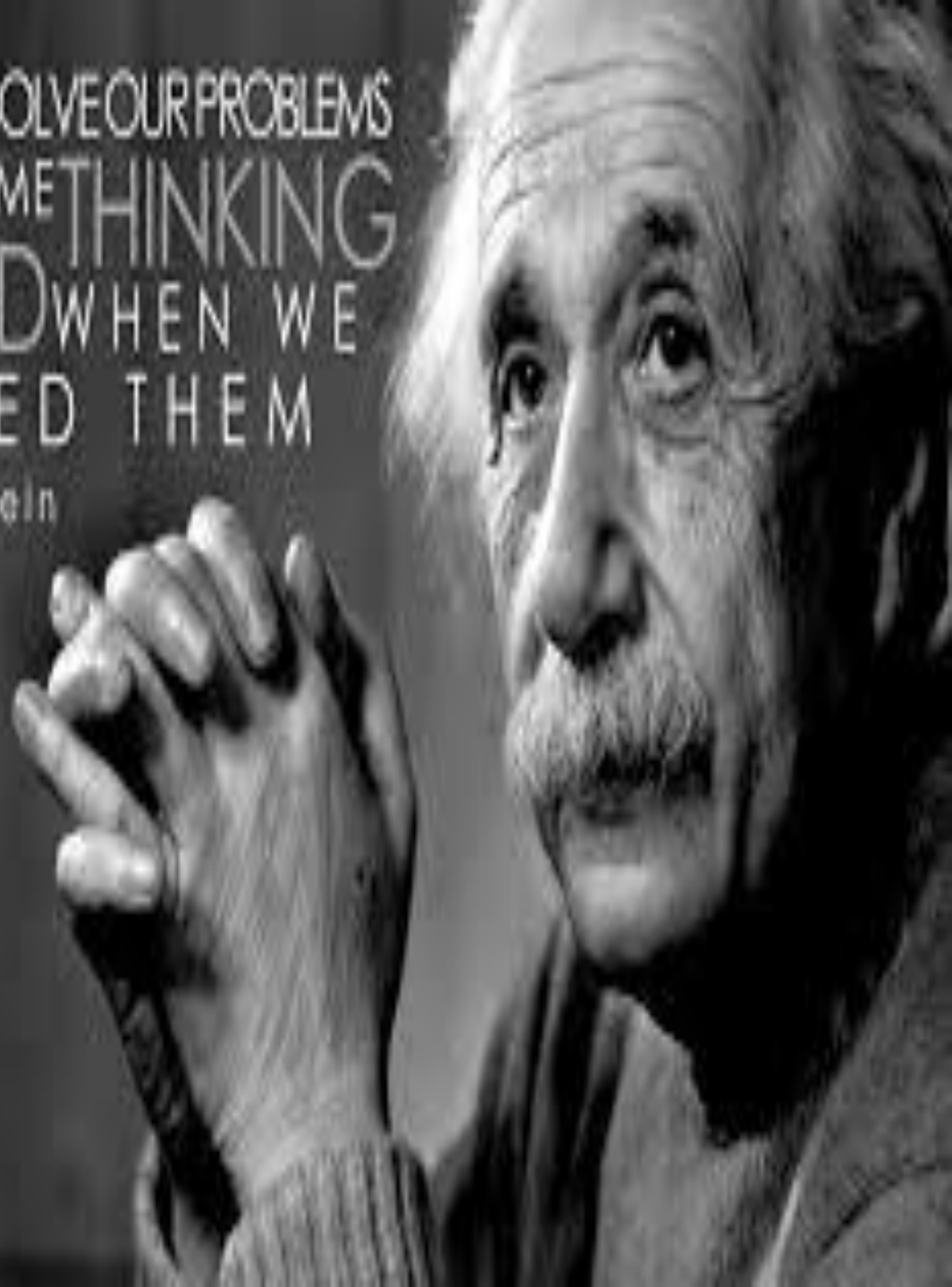
**“You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending.”**

**— C.S. Lewis**

Think Differently

WE CANNOT SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS  
WITH THE SAME THINKING  
WE USED WHEN WE  
CREATED THEM

- Albert Einstein





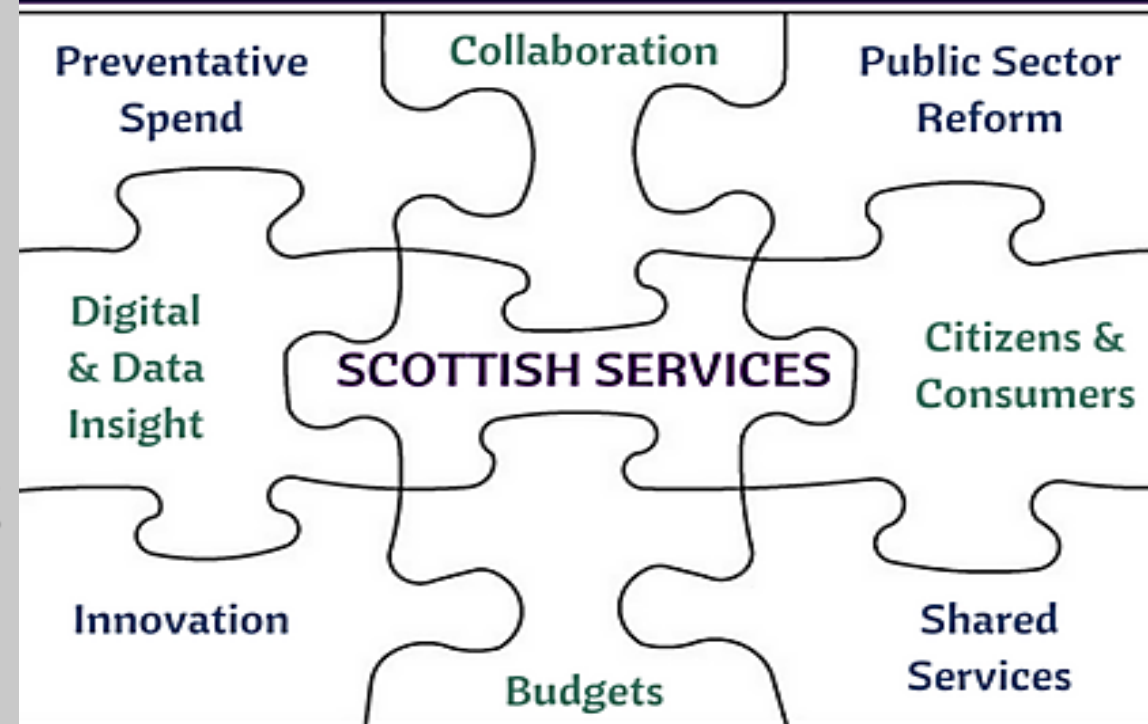


# *CHRISTIE COMMISSION REPORT JUNE 2011*





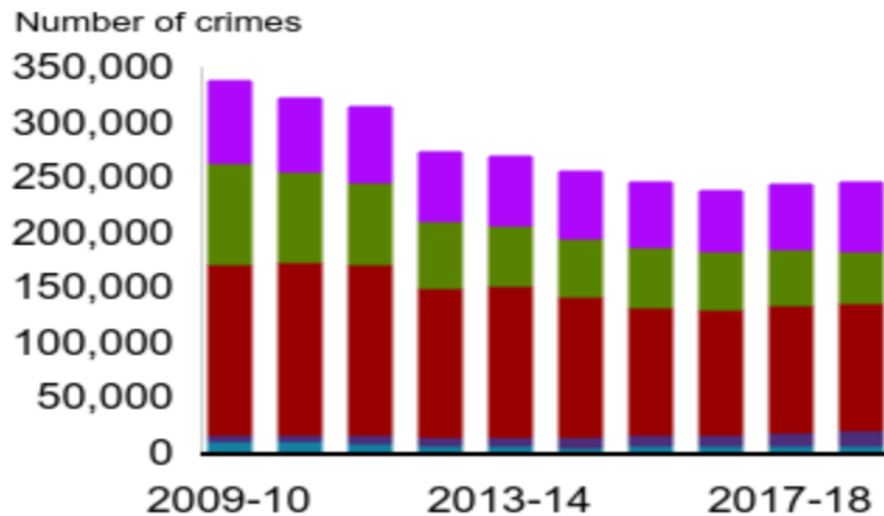
- Effective services must be designed with and for people and communities – not delivered ‘top down’ for administrative convenience
- Work closely with individuals and communities to understand their needs
- Maximise scarce resources by using all available resource from Private, Public and Third Sector
- Concentrate the efforts of all services to producing integrated services that deliver results
- Prioritise preventative measures
- Identify and target underlying causes of intergenerational deprivation and low aspiration
- Driving continuous reform across all public services based on outcomes, improved performance and cost reduction



# NUMEROUS ACADEMIC AND STATISTICAL REPORTS

## Total recorded crime in Scotland by type of offence

- Non-sexual crimes of violence
- Sexual crimes
- Crimes of dishonesty
- Fire-raising, vandalism etc
- Other - including drugs, bail offences a...



Source: Scottish government



## A Collection of Academic Research Papers and Presentations: Violence Risk Assessments

TARI MCNEIL























# *PLACE BASED THEMED HUBS ACROSS SCOTLAND*





# *NEW PROGRAMMES – ‘YOU DECIDE’*



A blue textured background with five white paper cutouts of stylized human figures holding hands in a line. The word "RELATIONSHIPS" is written in large, bold, black, distressed font across the center of the figures.

**RELATIONSHIPS**



# MULTI-AGENCY 'CRADLE TO GRAVE' STRATEGIC PLAN

## The Strategic Planning Model



*shifting the mindset*

**Disruptive Thinking leads to Strategic Thinking**





LOVE



Empathy









“

**There is always light, if  
only we're brave  
enough to see it. If  
only we're brave  
enough to be it.**

**Amanda Gorman**

The youngest inaugural poet in US history



*Opportunity is nowhere.*

**Opportunity**

*Opportunity is now here.*







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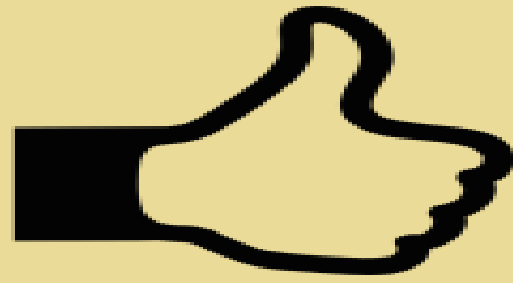
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ARE YOU BRAVE ENOUGH TO  
STAND IN FRONT OF THE  
TANKS – SOMETIMES THAT'S  
WHAT IT TAKES







**THANK  
YOU**

**for**

**LISTENING**

**ANY QUESTIONS?**