

ADOLESCENCE – NOT HOW IT WAS IN MY DAY!

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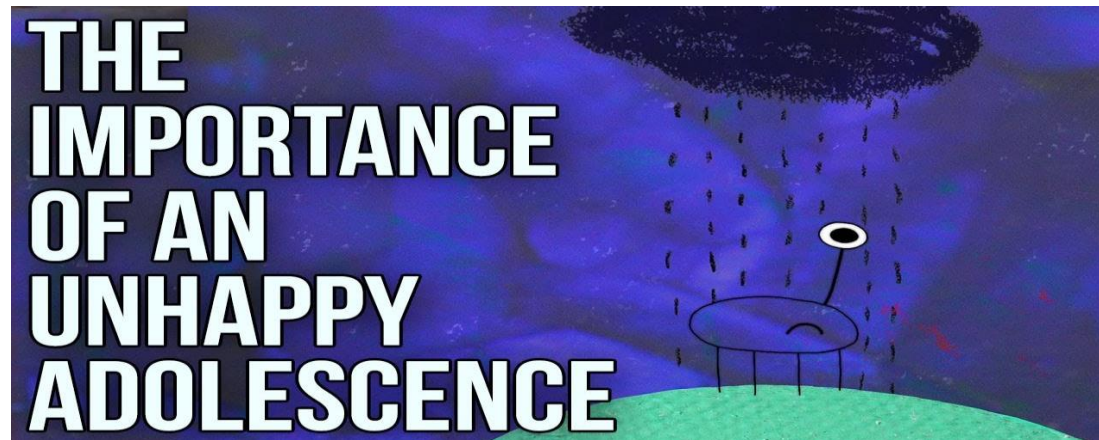
Session Outline

- Issues facing children and young people in Somerset today
- Service history and response
- CE development – beyond the individual
- Hearing from our young people and families
- Q & A session



Think 15.....what was it like for you?

- What was the foremost worry or concern you had as a fifteen-year-old?
- What does Somerset CYP Plan say our children and young people are worried about?

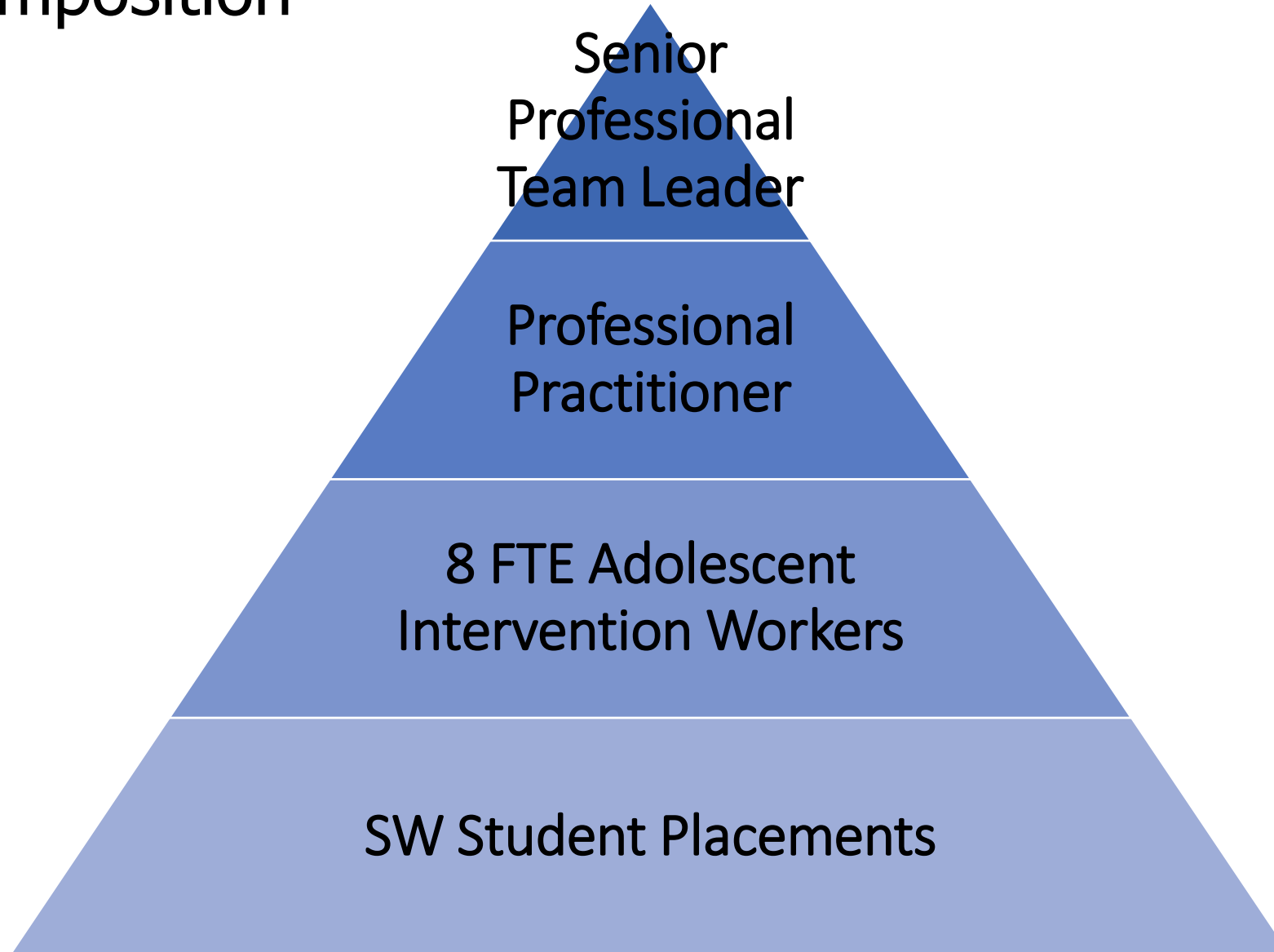


Service History of Team 8 Adolescent Services

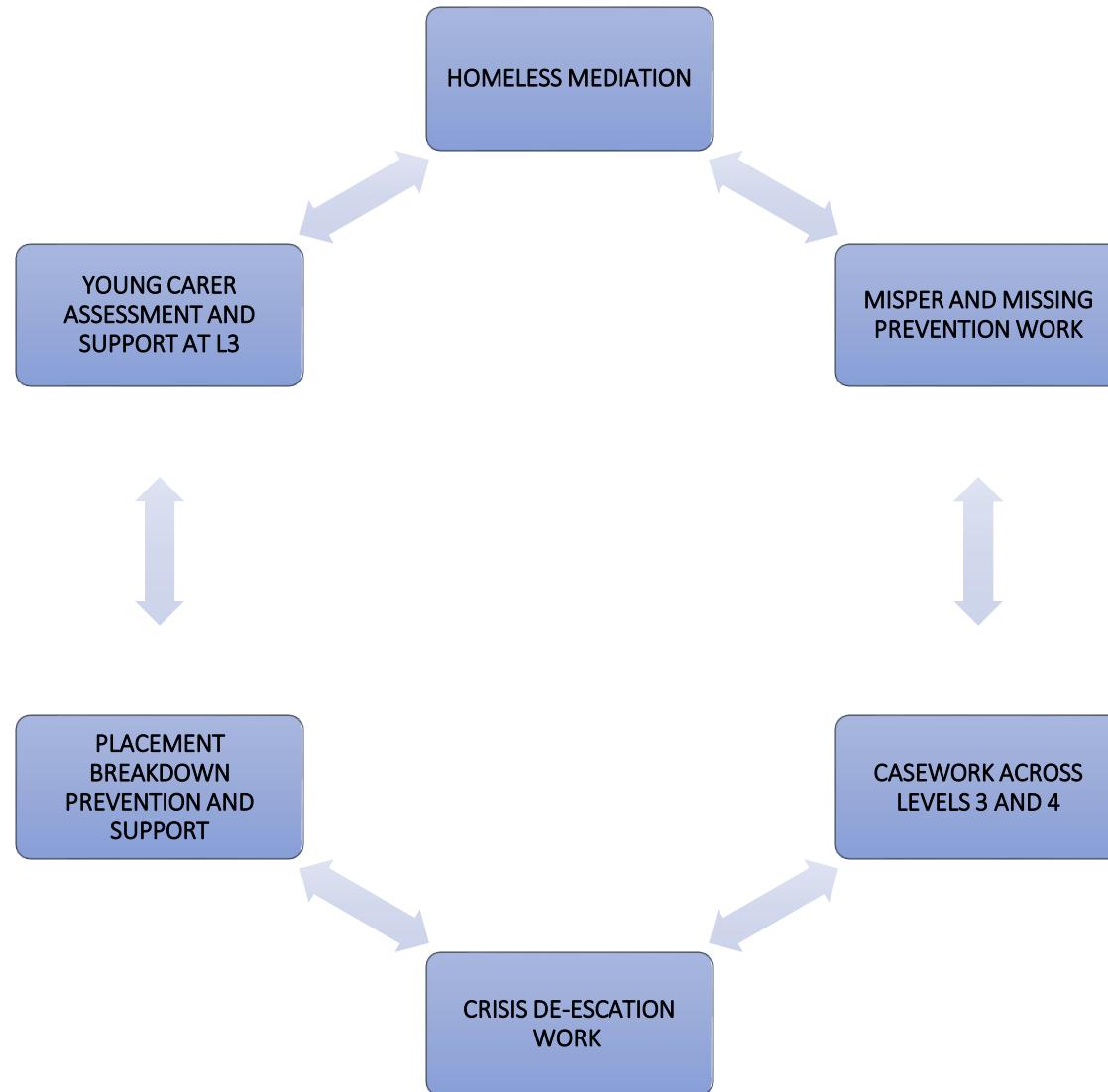
- Origins - edge of care and placement support in fostering / at home to reduce breakdown
- Widened – adolescent 10 plus work for children earlier to prevent escalation
- Wrap around – extended hours – better meeting adolescent family needs
- Overnight crisis support – stabilising till day services re-engage
- Skills set – team composition and staff backgrounds linked to what we see and what our families tell us are the needs
- Additional Services - MISPER and links to CE



Team Composition

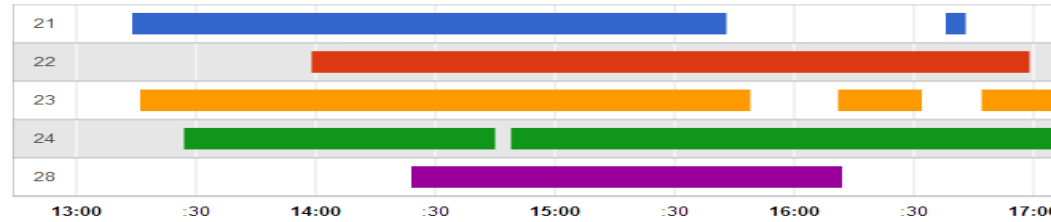


What our Adolescent Service Team 8 does.....



Our Working Week

It's Complicated!



- Monday to Friday 8.30 am – 5 pm core service / case work
- Duty service 7am – 8.30 am and 5 pm – 10 pm plus weekends 7 am – 10 pm – 2 shift system earlies and lates
- Rapid Response overnight call out crisis service 10 pm – 7 am 4 night per week
- 2 team members per RR shift on call out basis with protected day time hours
- 4 team members on emergency work each evening and weekend shift
- One PP per early or late shift and one On Call SPTL



Next steps

- Recognition from our adolescent workers that they were noting increased levels of exploitation with their children and families
- Not restricted to any one locality in Somerset
- Not restricted to sexual exploitation – our contracted partners (BASE) were limited to working with CSE
- Needed a county wide response and coordination
- Funding released – 25% of a SW role from each of the 4 SCC localities/districts
- Pilot role as Lead Social Worker for Exploitation linked closely to adolescent workforce and social care



The Aims of the Lead Social Worker post:

CSC link with Operation Topaz targeting perpetrators and supporting young people affected by sexual exploitation irrespective of direct disclosure

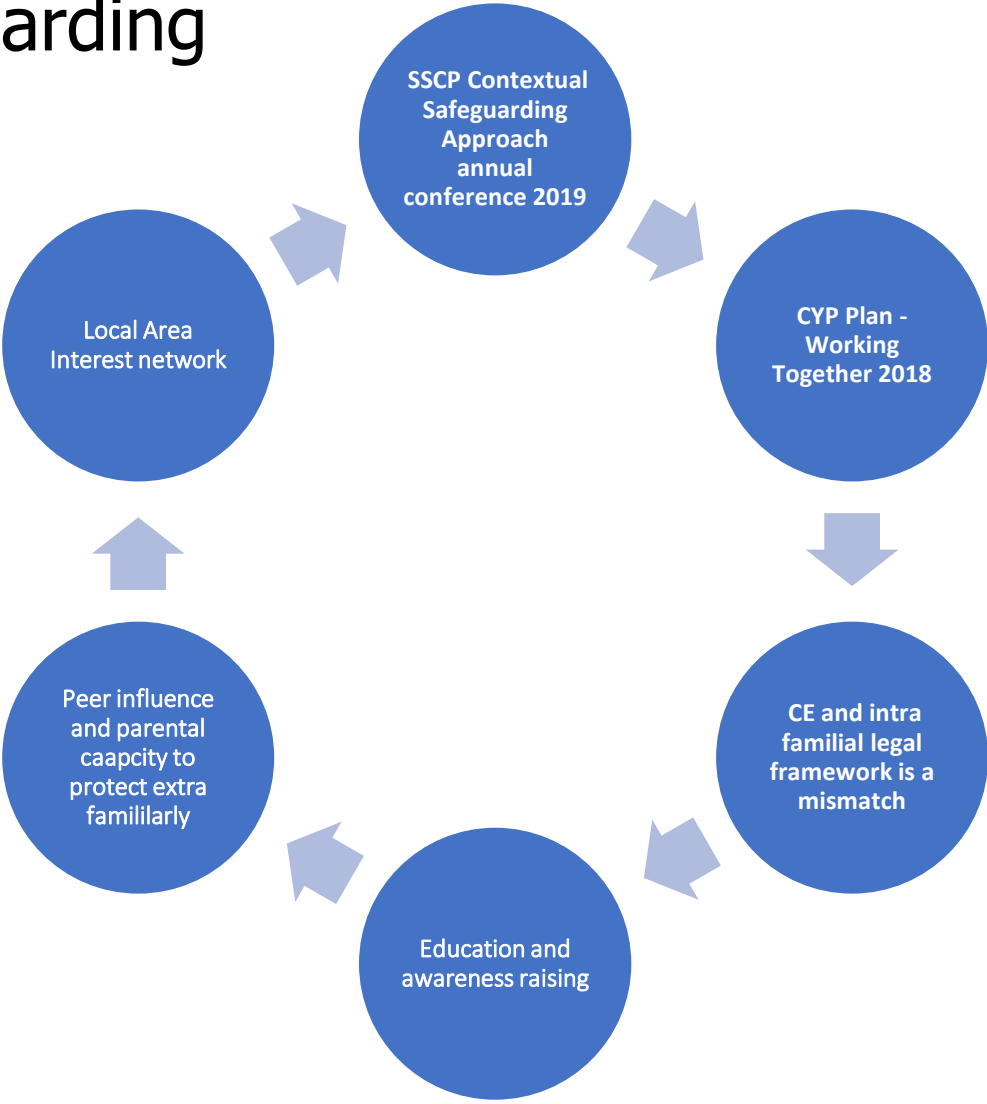
Gathering countywide intelligence enabling better targeting of resources and disruption activity

Working alongside allocated social workers to design and deliver support packages and Safety Plans to support children to remain safely within their families and communities

Delivering relevant training to area social work teams and early help teams



Contextual safeguarding



Moving beyond the individual and understanding young people in their context



Activity



Safety Mapping- How safe is Somerset?

Please see how our young people have communicated where they feel safe, happy and well and where they feel unsafe/ unhappy.

This exercise is a great way to get to know our young people and a real sense of their identity.

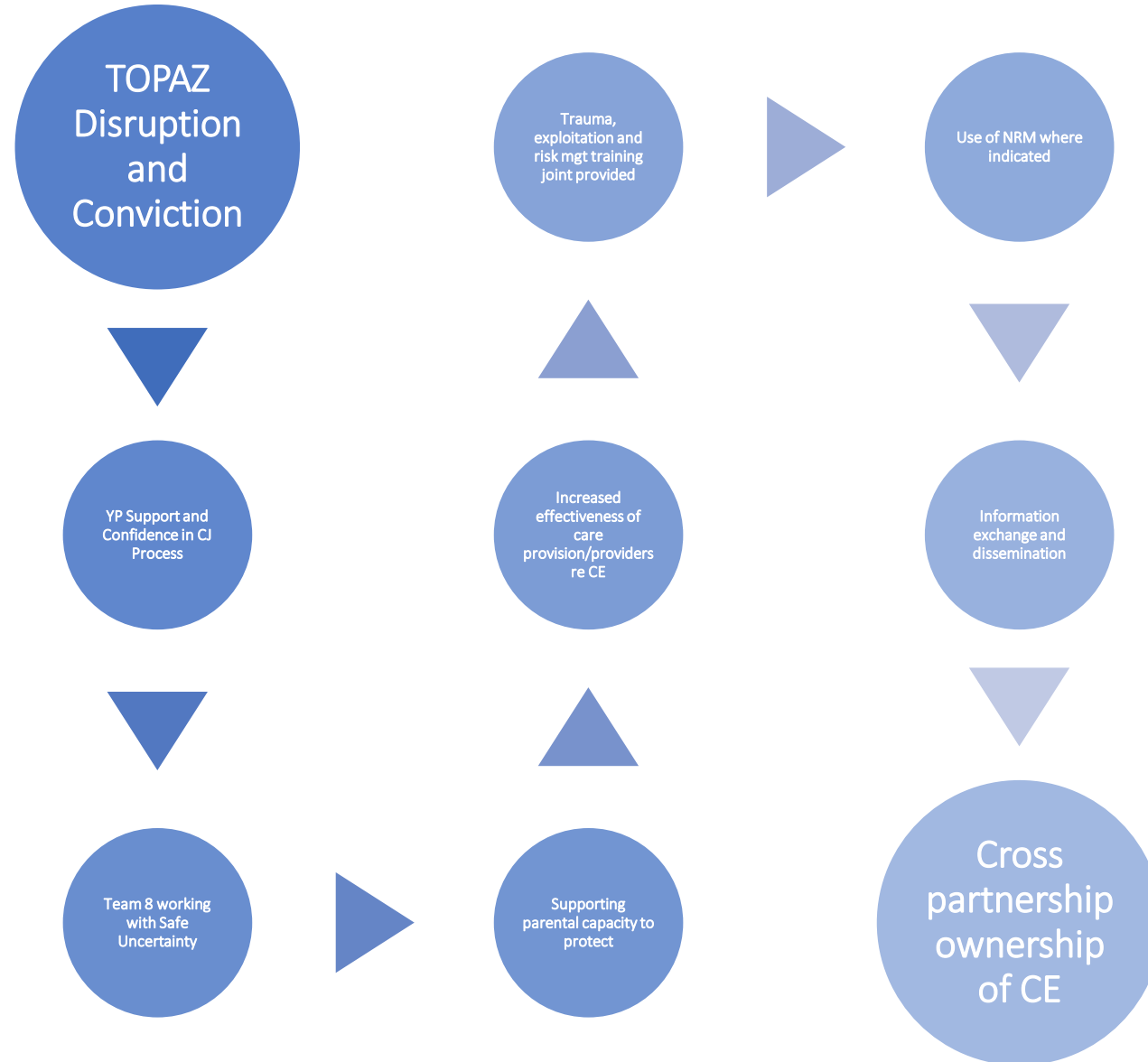
www.contextualsafeguarding.org.uk (Hackney Toolkit, Safety Mapping Exercise)

Safety mapping helps us to identify where we need to intervene and identify who is best placed to do this. For example, a local park:

- 1) The local youth club and detached youth worker is now aware of the area and concerns raised by parents, police and the young people themselves;
- 2) Education is now in place for the peer group attending this location- exploitation, substance misuse, sex and relationships education both in and out of school;
- 3) Schools with pupils in the peer group are working towards assessing their school and how safe this is as a context.



Ensuring young people who are exploited can remain in Somerset!



The National Referral Mechanism:

- ISSUE Cross agency understanding needed - language a factor in how young people are viewed by professionals with an impact on the service they receive

'S/he is from that family, of course s/he is going to get in to drug dealing'

- Lack of identification and response to potential criminal exploitation - is that child being trafficked, used as a modern slave?
- SOLUTION Multi- Agency Training around Modern Slavery, Trafficking and the National Referral Mechanism, so that these conversations could be had without it impacting on casework
- Thank you to the South West Regional Organised Crime Unit!

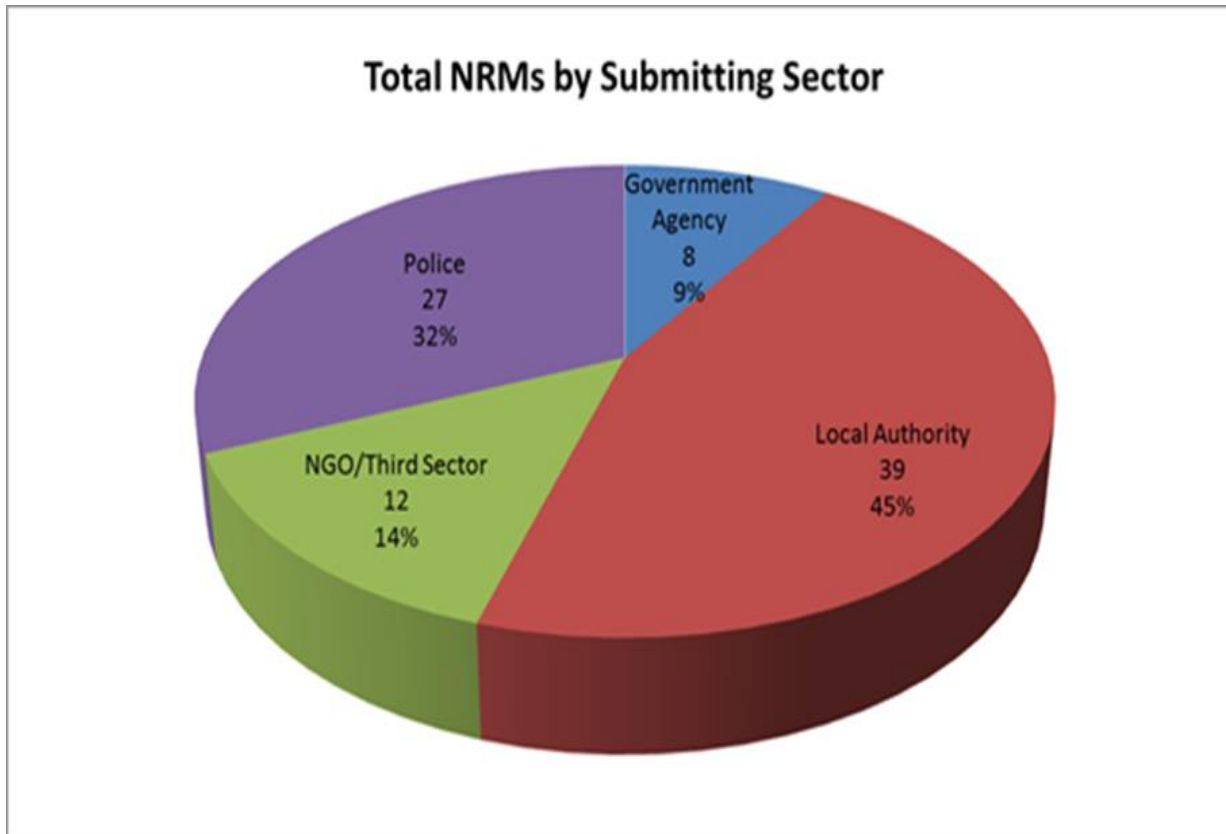


The National Referral Mechanism:

2018 the Local Authority made 5 referrals to the NRM

Somerset's NRM referral rate has increased significantly between Jan – July 2019

Somerset\LA inc. CSC / YOS has made 39 out of the 86 referrals



Wrap Around Service and Support for Adolescents

