PROFILE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN DETENTION

Q1 2017 – 69 YOUNG PEOPLE IN DETENTION:
▶ All male
▶ 36 on remand orders
▶ 33 on detention orders
▶ First time in detention for 10 young people

PRIOR TO DETENTION:
▶ 31 were in care (45%)
▶ 18 had been in three or more care placements
▶ 4 had been in 7 or more care placements

MENTAL HEALTH:
▶ 38 had a mental health need (55%)
▶ 22 had at one time been prescribed medication (almost exclusively for ADHD)

EDUCATION:
▶ 49 were not engaging in education prior to detention (71%)
▶ 36% had a diagnosed learning disability

OFFENDING:
▶ 37 had multiple charges of the offence of Theft & Fraud

SENTENCING:
▶ 13 received a detention order of one year or more (19%)
▶ 5 received a detention order in excess of four years (7%)

FAMILY:
▶ 37 had suffered the loss of one or both parents either through death, imprisonment or no long-term contact (54%)

DRUGS/ALCOHOL:
▶ 54 had substance misuse problems (78%)