Q1 2018 PEOFILE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN DETENTION



92
YOUNG PEOPLE
IN DETENTION

- WERE ON DETENTION ORDERS
- WERE ON REMAND ORDERS
- 88 MALE



- First time in detention for 28 young people
- ▶ **41**% of young people were 16 years old upon admission and 30% came from Dublin
- ▶ **29%** of young people had a sentence of between 2 and 12 months

MENTAL HEALTH

- ▶ **52**% of the 92 young people in detention had a mental health need
- ➤ 27% were prescribed medication for a mental health concern (almost exclusively for ADHD)



FAMILY

- ▶ **36%** of young people had suffered the loss of one or both parents either through death, imprisonment or no long-term contact
- ➤ 22% of were members of the Traveller community



DRUGS/ALCOHOL

72% of young people were considered to have substance misuse problems



- ▶ 38 were identified as having a mental health problem
- **23** were in care
- ▶ **34** exhibited challenging behaviour



- ▶ **40%** of young people were either in care or had significant involvement with Tusla
- ► Of those, **13** young people had multiple care placements
- ▶ **36%** had a social worker





EDUCATION

- ▶ **49%** of young people were not engaged in education prior to detention
- ▶ 20% of young people had a diagnosed learning disability

RISK

- ➤ **20**% of young people were considered to be at risk of abuse or neglect
- ► **47**% of young people in detention demonstrated challenging behaviour
- ➤ There were concerns about self-harm in respect of 23% of young people





