

# Crisis care for Children and Young People

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# Crises: which crises

- Self harm
- First onset psychosis
- Severe behavioural disturbance with breakdown of care
- Children with neurodevelopmental disorders and challenging behaviour
- Intoxication with drugs and alcohol
- Behavioural disturbance in context of acute illness e.g. encephalitis

# Crisis Care Concordat and Children and Young People

- Less than 40% of CAMH services have rapid access through crisis pathways (CAMHS Benchmarking 2013)
- 958 children and young people held under S136 2012-2013
- >100 in Police cells (Howard League 2014)
- 37/52 mental health trusts do not have specialised places of safety for CYP (Howard League 2014)

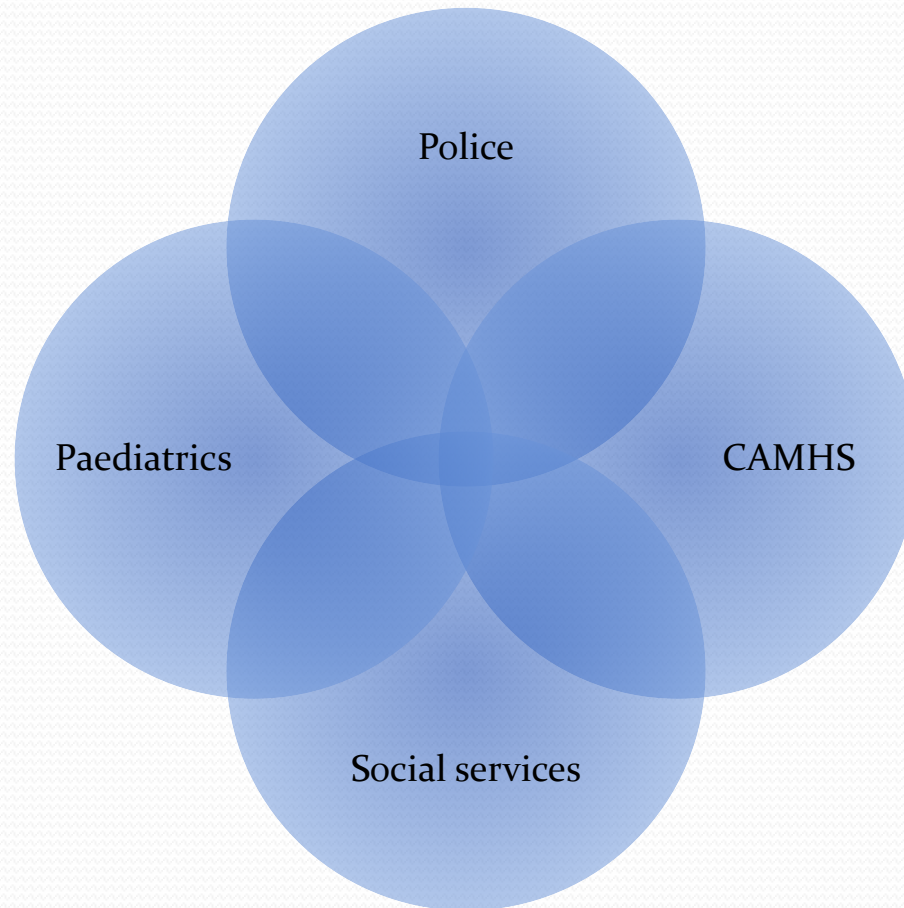
# Crisis: Police and S136

- Police attitude and behaviour towards CYP affects outcome
- CYP can be managed in adult S136 with appropriate training and support
- Adolescent inpatients units not always appropriate settings
- Other possible models

# What we don't know

- Full extent of Out of Hours and Crisis Care Services for CYP
- Demographic details of CYP detained under S136
- Impact of multi-systemic treatment services
- Clear understanding of relationship between agencies

# CYP crises and agencies



# How to prevent crises or intervene early?

- Early intervention and resilience building services to prevent crises – more cost effective
- Increased awareness in all services about signs of impending crisis – catch crises early
- Better linkage between physical health- mental health- social care – Police- youth offending at point of crisis
- Enhance communication at transition points between school and college, child and adult services

# Crisis Care Concordat and Children and Young people: recommendations

- Promote work between Police/social care/mental health/child health for effective crisis care and appropriate use of S136 with CYP
- All CAMH services to develop effective crisis care pathways for children and young people
- Develop network of CYP places of safety for safe management of children and young people detained under S136 (including adult S136 suites)
- Develop Standards for S136 and CYP