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‘Something to do,
something to look forward to
and someone to love’

A presentation by Who Cares? Scotland’s
Campaign and Training Assistants



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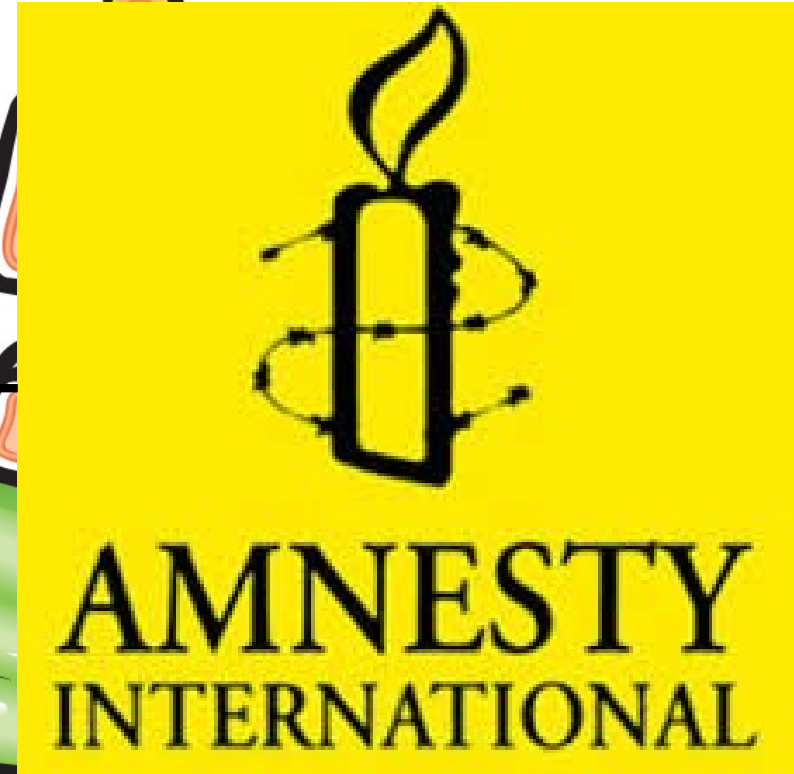
Looked After Children

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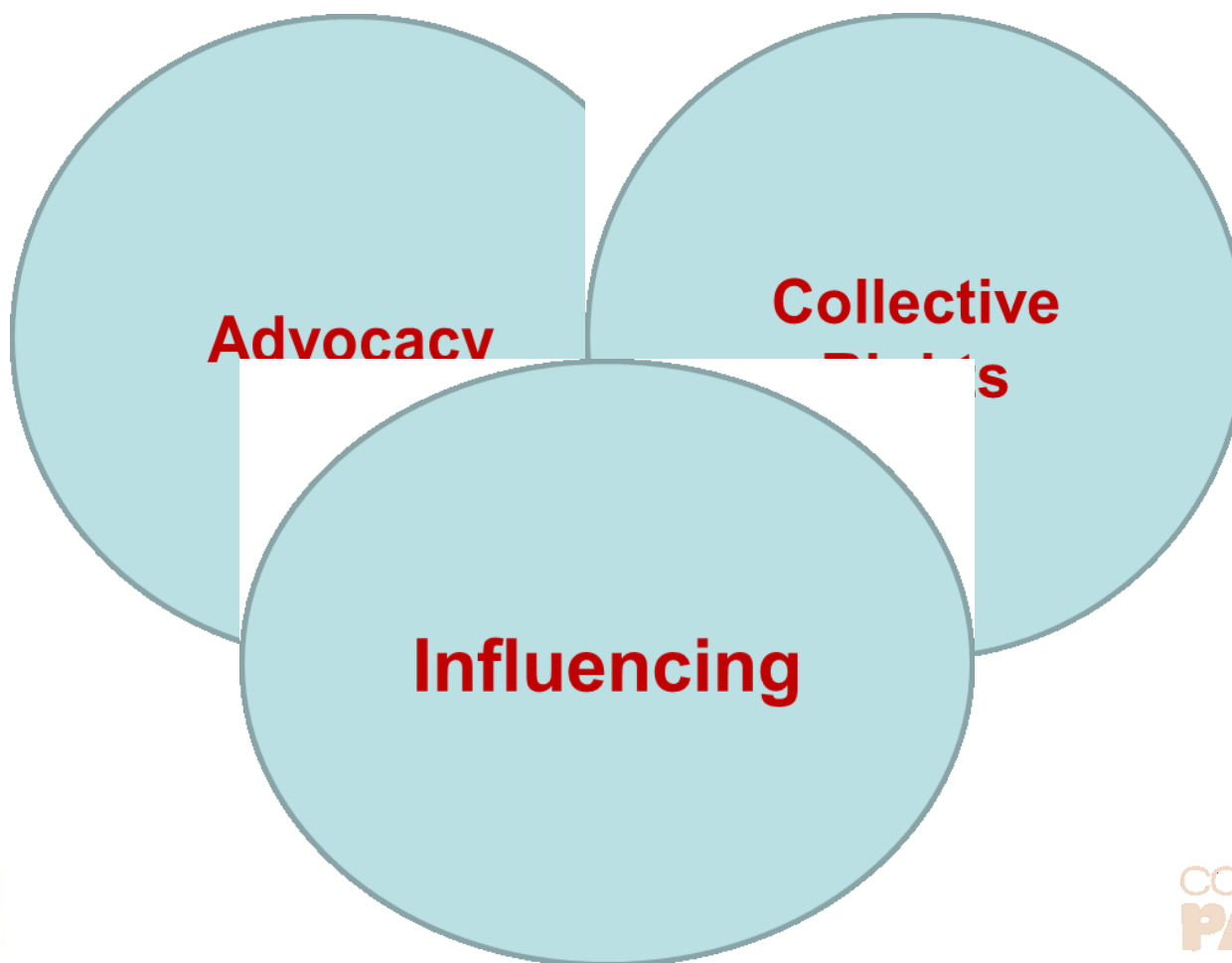
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Why do Children come into care?

Care and Protection

Neglect, Abuse, putting self at risk

Offending Behaviour

Committing crime



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What is care in Scotland?

Foster Care

Looked After at Home

Kinship Care

Residential Child Care

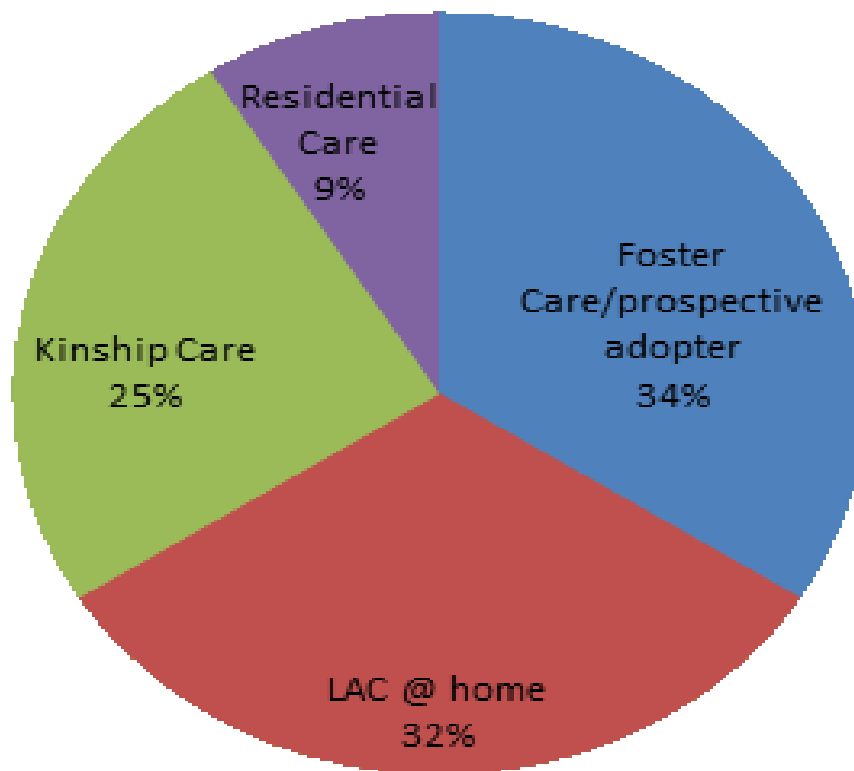
Secure Accommodation

National : Facts & Figures (2012)



How many looked after Children does Scotland

16,248



Looked After Children Outcomes over Ten Years



	2001	2011
No. of LAC	Over 11,000	Over 15,000
Mental Health	45%	50%
Homeless	30%	30%
Positive Destination	46%	55%
Higher Education	1%	2.6%
Prison Population	27%	48%

Looked After Children

What they can achieve
Never write them off!







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Care Experience





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The Children's Hearing System

1976

21.5% Care & Protection

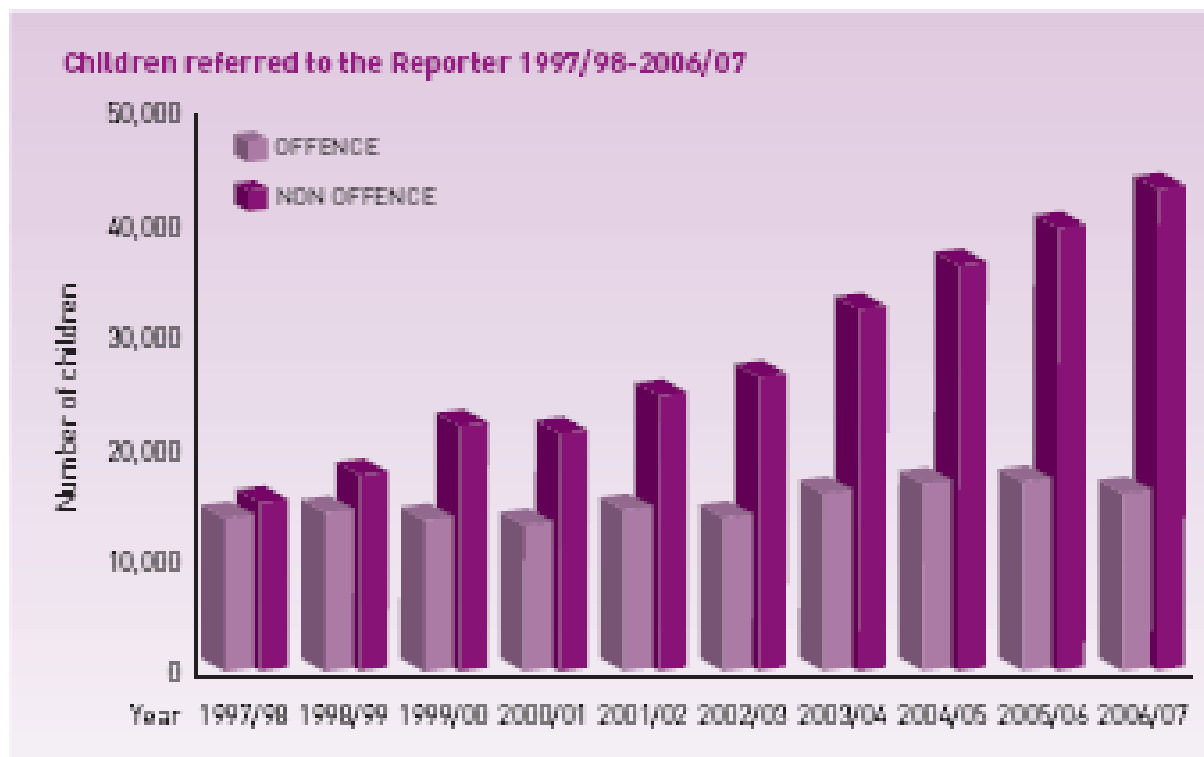
78.5% Offending Behaviour



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The Children's Hearing System





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The Children's Hearing System

2011/12

83.4% Care and Protection

16.6% Offending Behaviour



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Children's Hearing System



In 2011 research **50%** of children and young people were in a state of anxiety before their children's hearing (SCRA 2011, page 13)

In a 2011 study **55%** of children and young people said they felt negative feelings during their children's hearings. (SCRA 2011)

Children and young people often do not look forward to their children's hearings. **50%** of participants in SCRA Report could not give an example of a children's hearing that went well (SCRA 2011, page 24)

Children's Hearing System

Could it be better?



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Alex – Care Experience





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Placement Moves and Transitions

Looked after children often come into the care system via a crisis

They can have multiple placement moves, sometimes out of their local authority area

Placement moves can sometimes be sudden for children

Children can have as many as 45-50 different placement moves



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Staff/Police/YOI Relations

Young People can become offenders whilst in care due to charges from absconding or crisis situations occurring in their placements

Young people can be 'unruly' by their staff and Police during crisis situations

Police and YOI do not receive mandatory training on understanding looked after children's issues

Very few staff members working in Polmont YOI have any previous experience of working with young people



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Young People's Views of the Police Service

Film



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Exclusion



Exclude or not to exclude, that is the argument (2012)

‘I’m not talking about kids with identified additional needs, but pupils who indulge in acts of violence. A particular problem is looked after and accommodated children who seem impossible to exclude’

General Secretary of Scottish Secondary Teachers Association

The **overall exclusion** rate in 2010/2011 for looked after children were **326 per 1,000** for looked after children, compared with **40 exclusions per 1,000 pupils** for all school children.

Edinburgh University (2013) researched the relationship between school exclusion and later outcomes for young people; it revealed that a child who is excluded from school by the age of 12 is four times more likely to end up in prison by the time they reach age 22.



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Tony - Care Experience





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YOI & Prison

It is estimated that 50% of the adult prison population were looked after children

Other estimations were that as many as 75% of young men in Polmont YOI were formerly in care

No staff in Polmont are trained in Youth Work skills

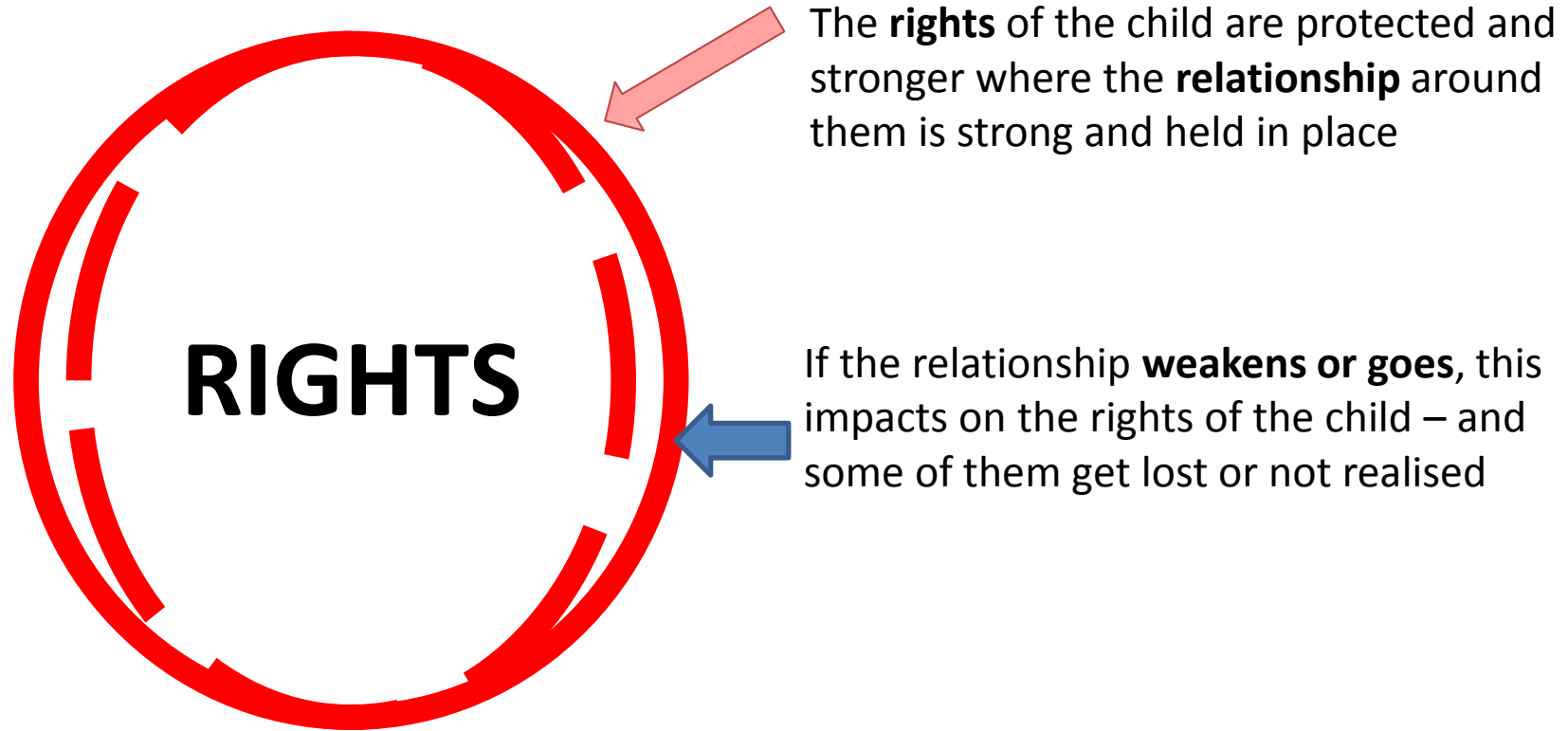
Does prison rehabilitate or Institutionalise?

Looked After Children Outcomes Next Years?

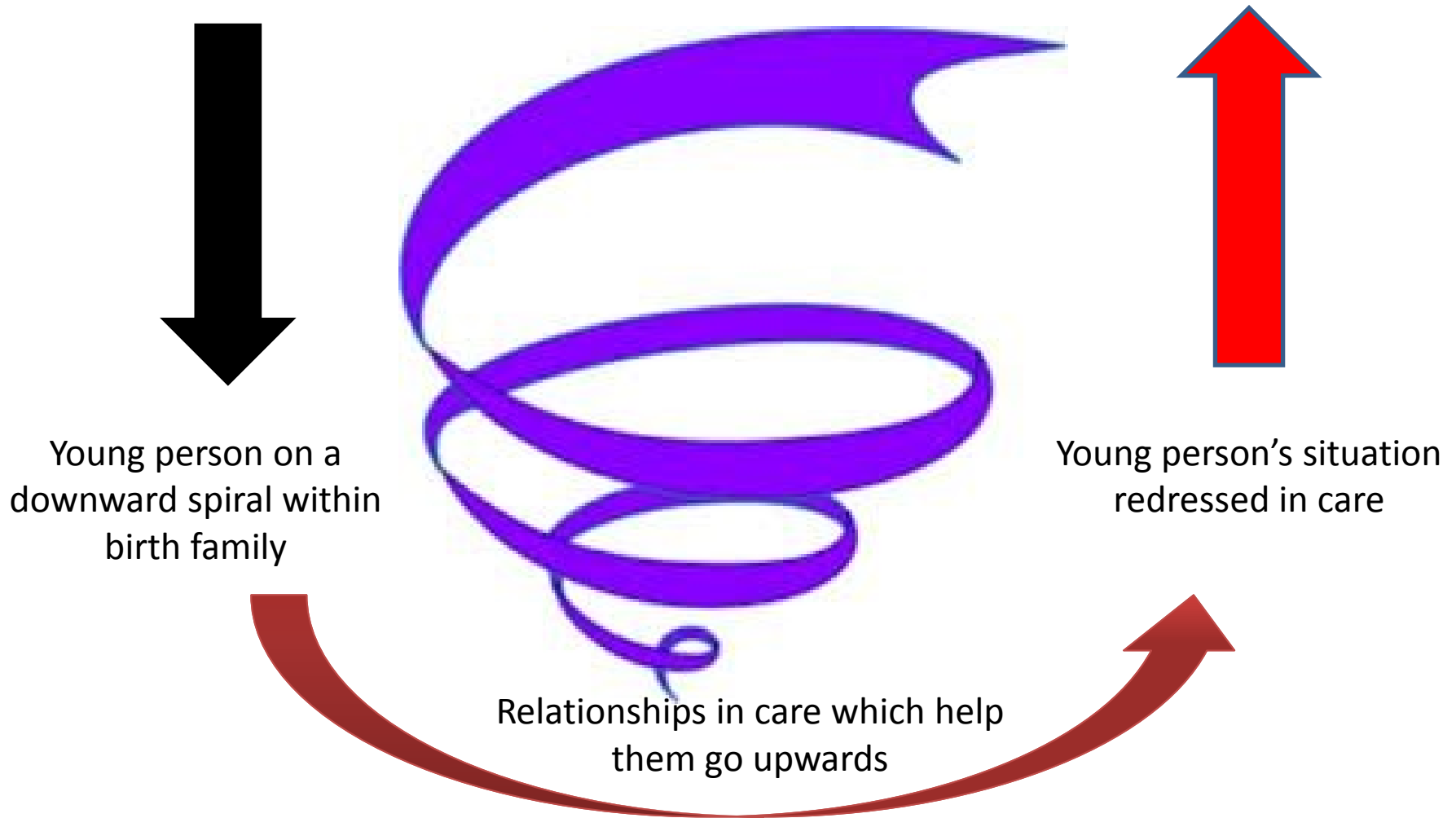


	2012	2022?
No. of LAC	Over 16,000	?????
Mental Health	50%	?????
Homeless	30%	?????
Positive Destination	67%	?????
Higher Education	4%	?????
Prison Population	50%	?????

Relationship role



Relationship



The missing ingredient?

Stable

Loving

Relationships



What is Missing?



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Help give a voice to children in care.



Creating the way for change

United in force – Give me a chance campaign

Not Who Cares? Scotland's campaign – but ALL of ours in the sector



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to our side of the story

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Our Lobbying Work.....





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Thank You

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