

‘Lifting the Lid’ Responding to Child Criminal Exploitation in Ireland, Scotland and Beyond

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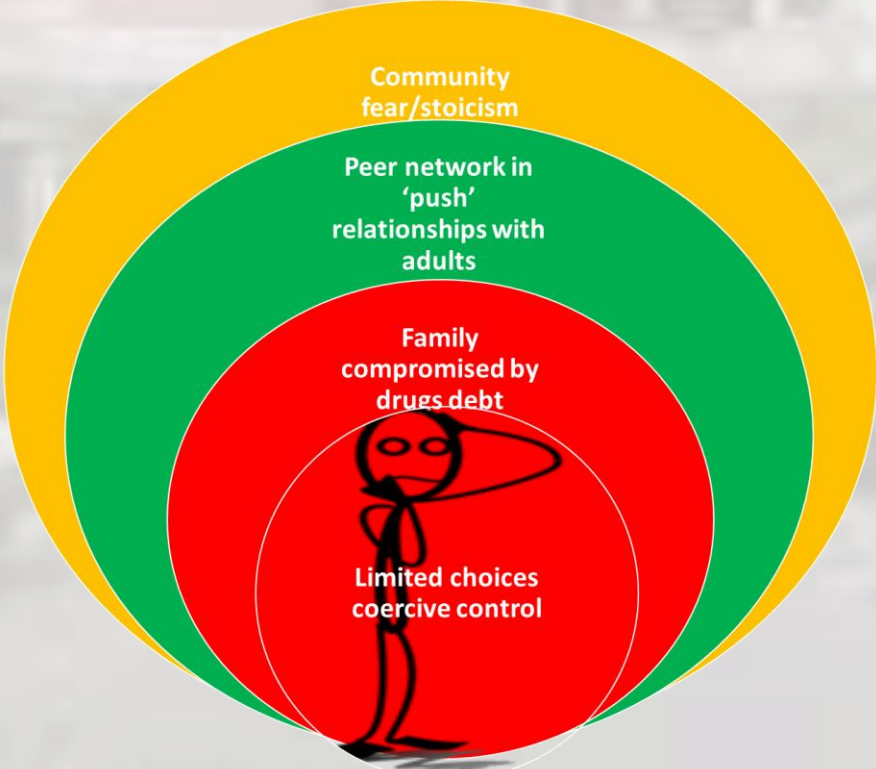
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Hosting
Illicit
Networks
Workshop

28-29th June 2021



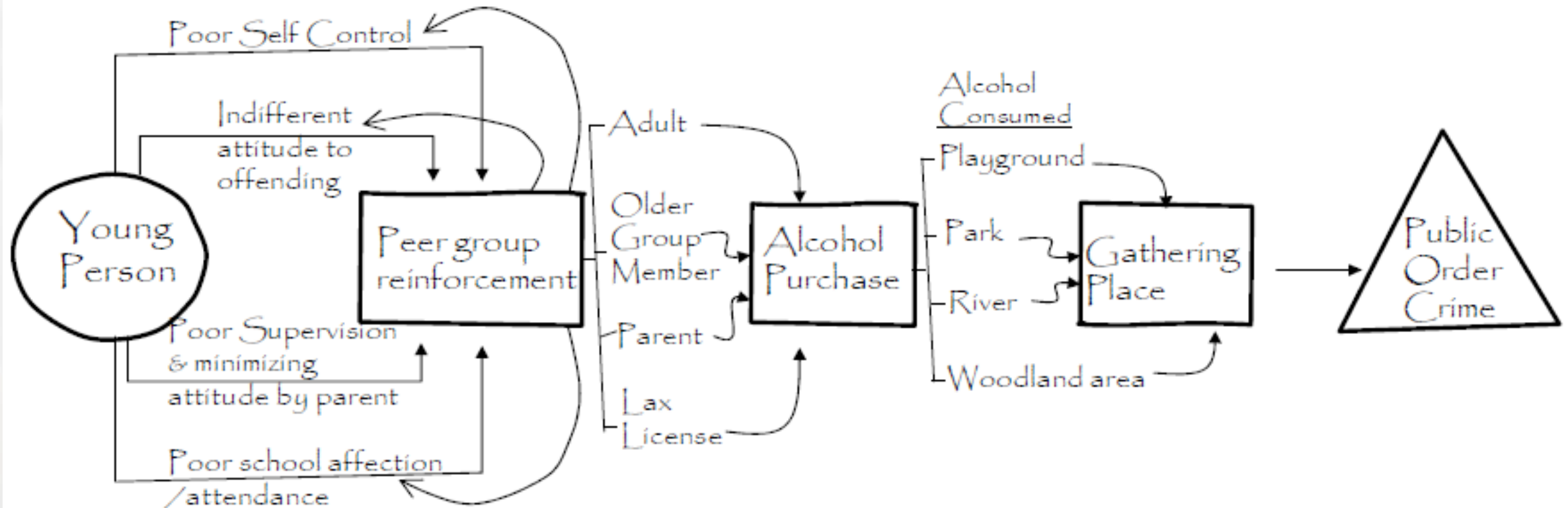


Outline

- **Lifting the lid** – How did we find out in Ireland?
- Examining criminal networks
- Building Responses
- Update on Progress
- Next Steps

Lifting the Lid 2009 – Consultations with local youth crime diversion projects

Alcohol and Public Order Crime
Profile 2
Regular Membership/Regular Activity

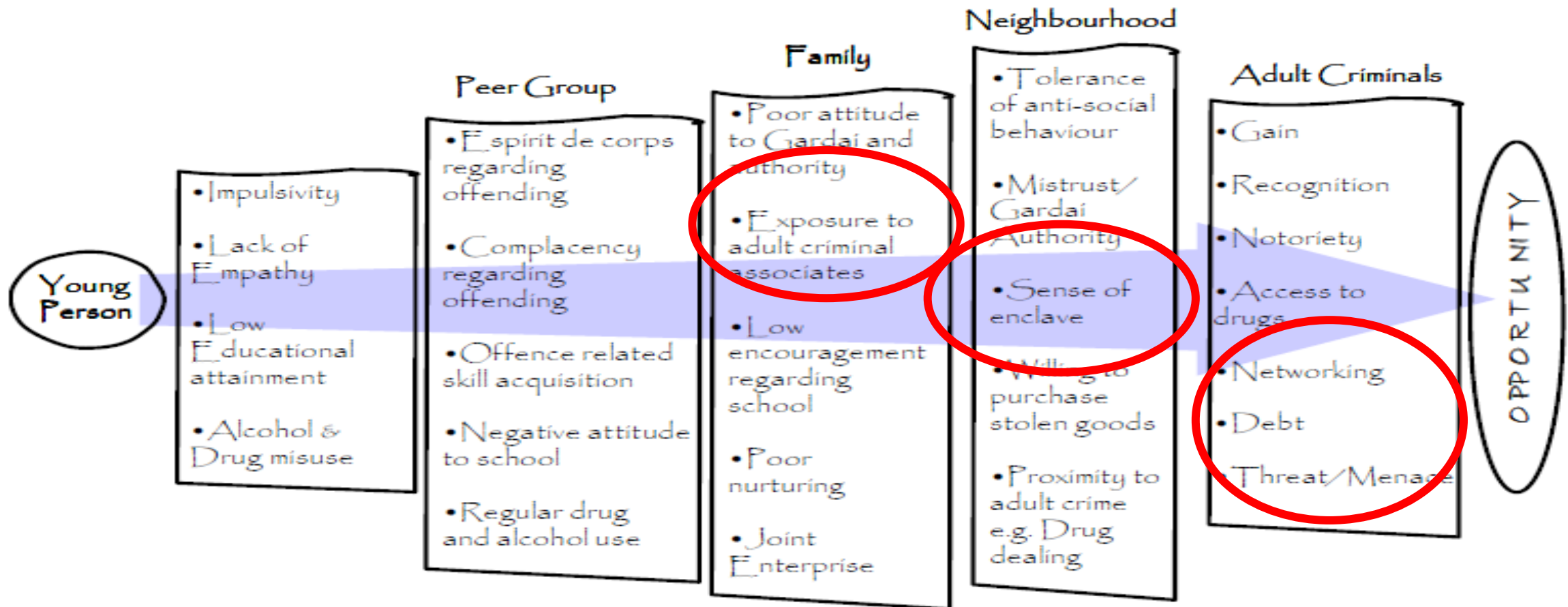


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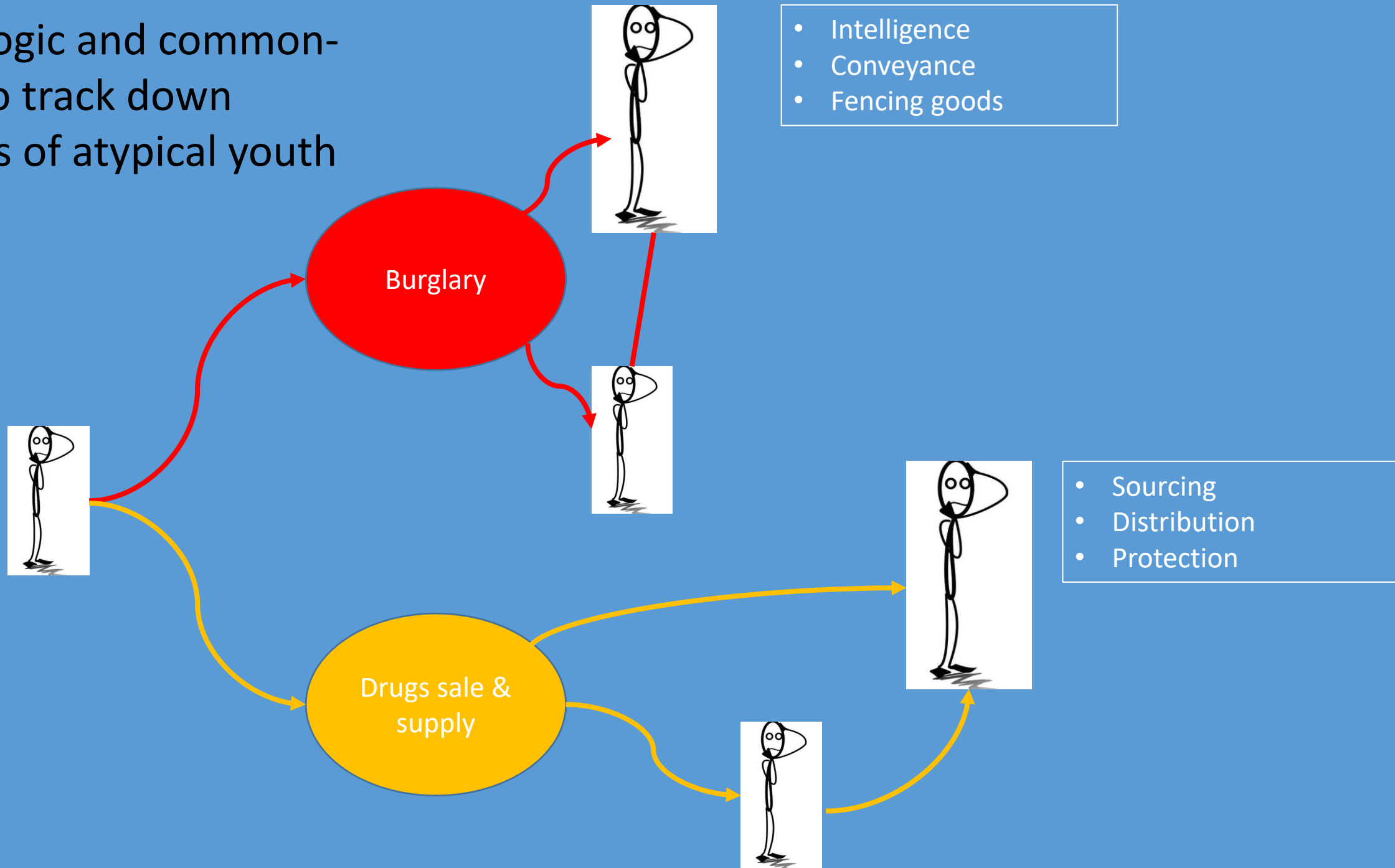
Profile 3

Regular membership, widespread activity, external influence

Influences



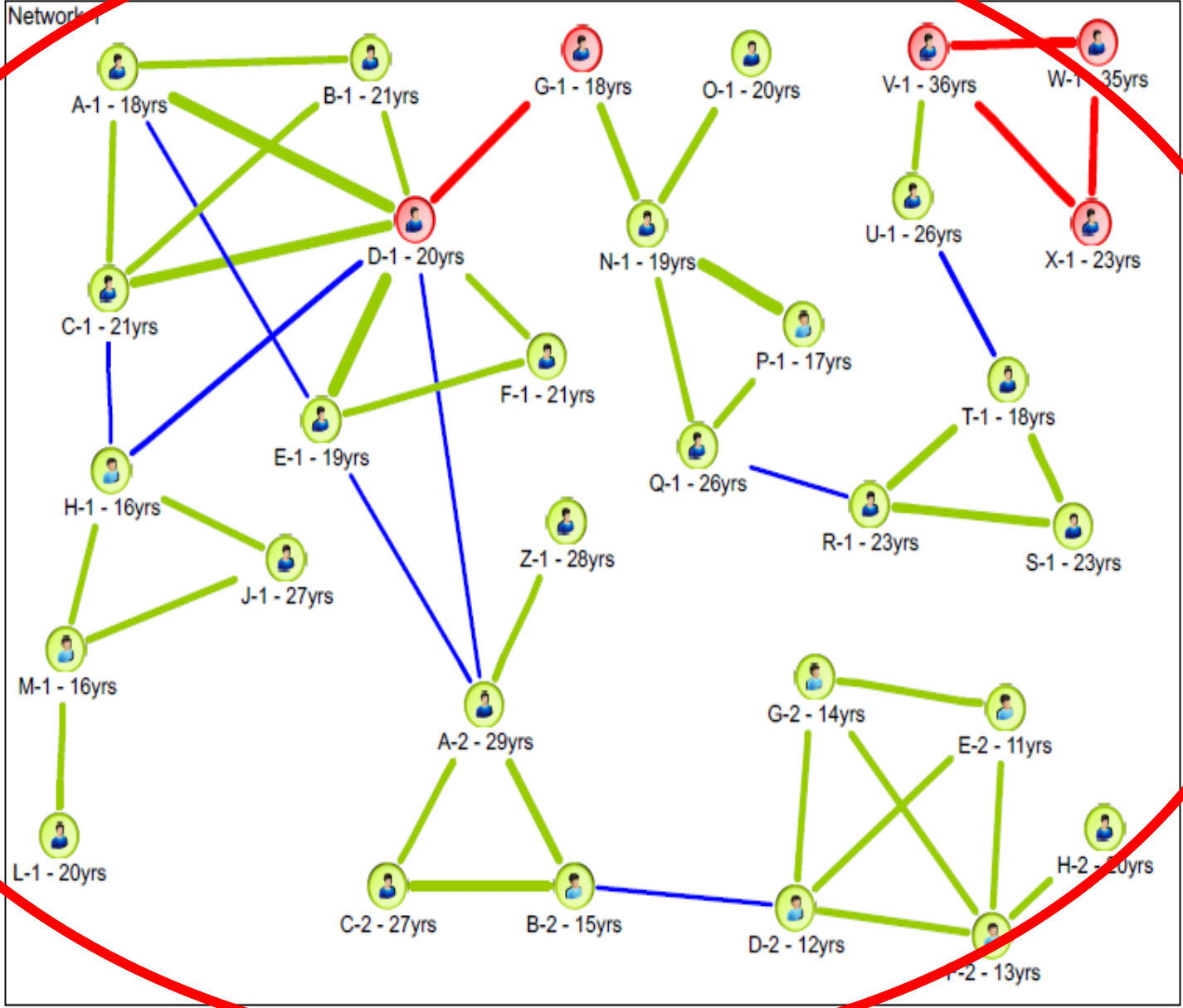
Using Logic and common-sense to track down patterns of atypical youth crime



The first Study
'Greentown'
Study

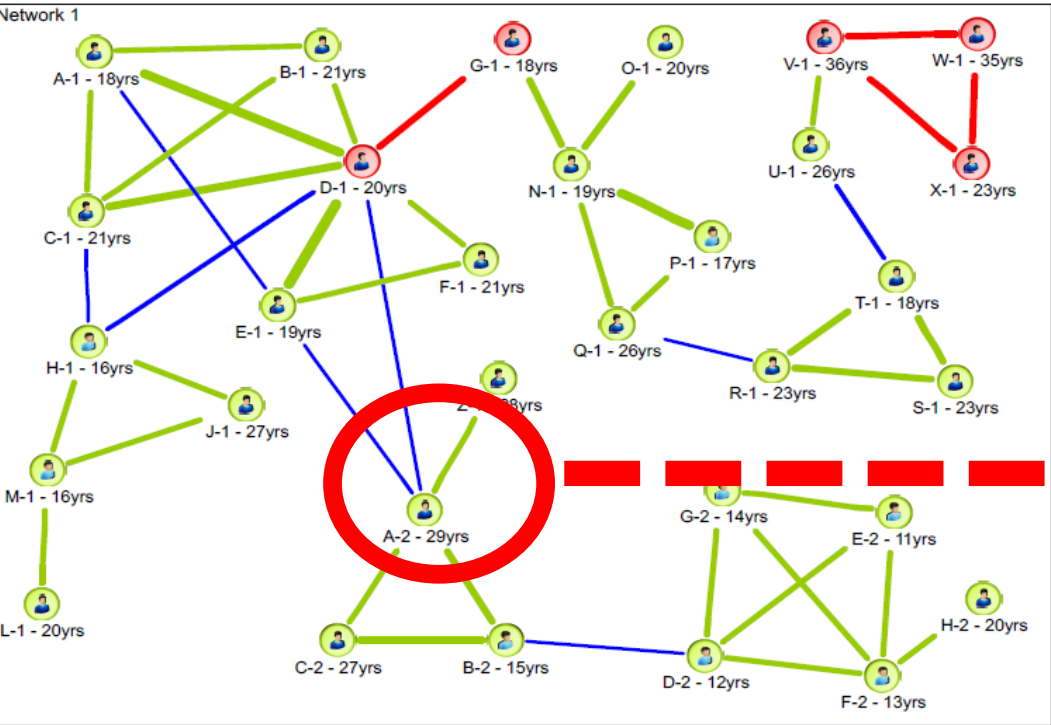
Rank	Location	Offences 2010 and 2011 offender aged 17 or less				Number of unique offenders 2010 and 2011			
		01 Drugs for Sale and Supply	02 Burglaries	03 Robberies	Total	01 Drugs for Sale and Supply	02 Burglaries	03 Robberies	Total
1	Bluetown	28	4	2	34	20	4	2	26
2	Redtown	23	61	27	111	15	33	21	69
3	Yellowtown	21	12	13	46	15	7	4	26
4	Orangetown	18	10	13	41	14	1	8	23
5	Whitetown	17	7	16	40	5	2	13	20
6	Blacktown	16	23	13	52	12	8	5	25
7	Greytown	13	23	11	47	11	12	4	27
8	Browntown	12	5	5	22	9	3	3	15
9	Purpletown	12	3	31	46	6	1	19	26
10	Pinktown	11	15	15	41	6	6	3	15
11	Greentown	10	17	23	50	8	13	11	32
12	Area 12	9	31	23	63	9	19	14	42
13	Area 13	9	6	4	19	2	4	4	10
14	Area 14	6	40	41	87	6	13	21	40
15	Area 15	6	5	2	13	6	5	2	13
16	Area 16	5	13	7	25	5	7	7	19
17	Area 17	5	3	13	21	5	1	7	13
18	Area 18	5	8	4	17	5	4	3	12
19	Area 19	5	2	1	8	5	1	1	7
20	Area 20	5	12	0	17	4	9	0	13

Building the network



VERSION A

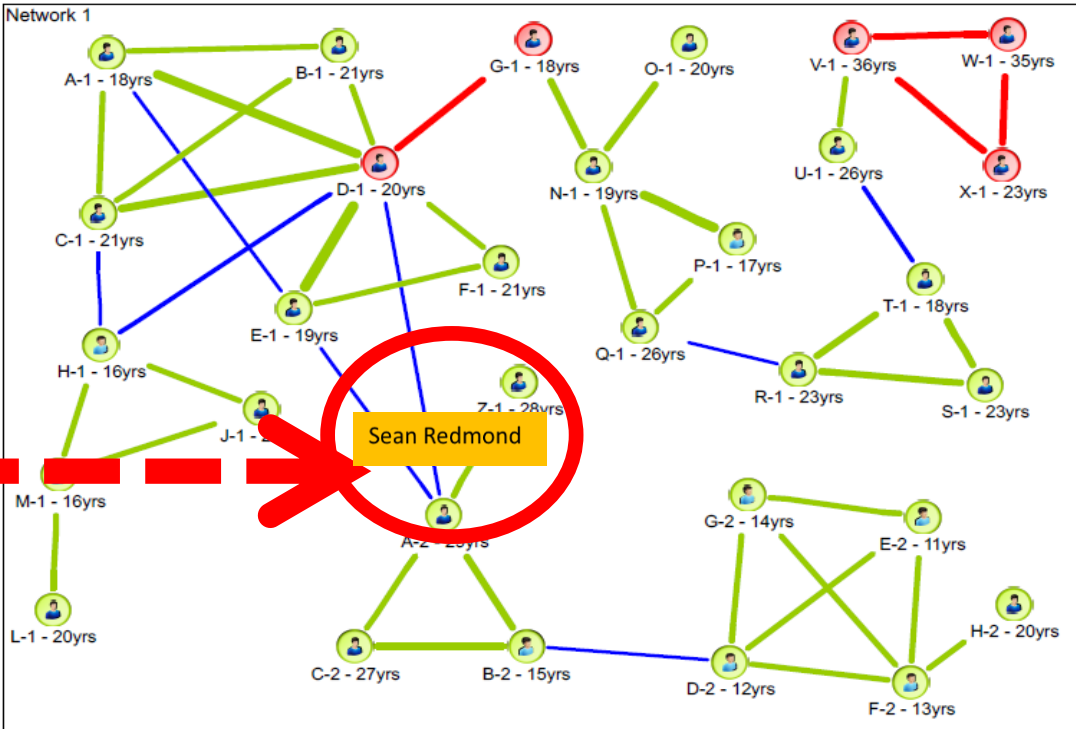
Researcher: "A2" is "A2"



Physical Space

VERSION B

Police : "A2" is "Sean Redmond"



Twinsight – Examining Crime Networks

AMERICA'S ALL TIME
FAVORITE GAME

BATTLESHIP

IT'S A HIT

G-A



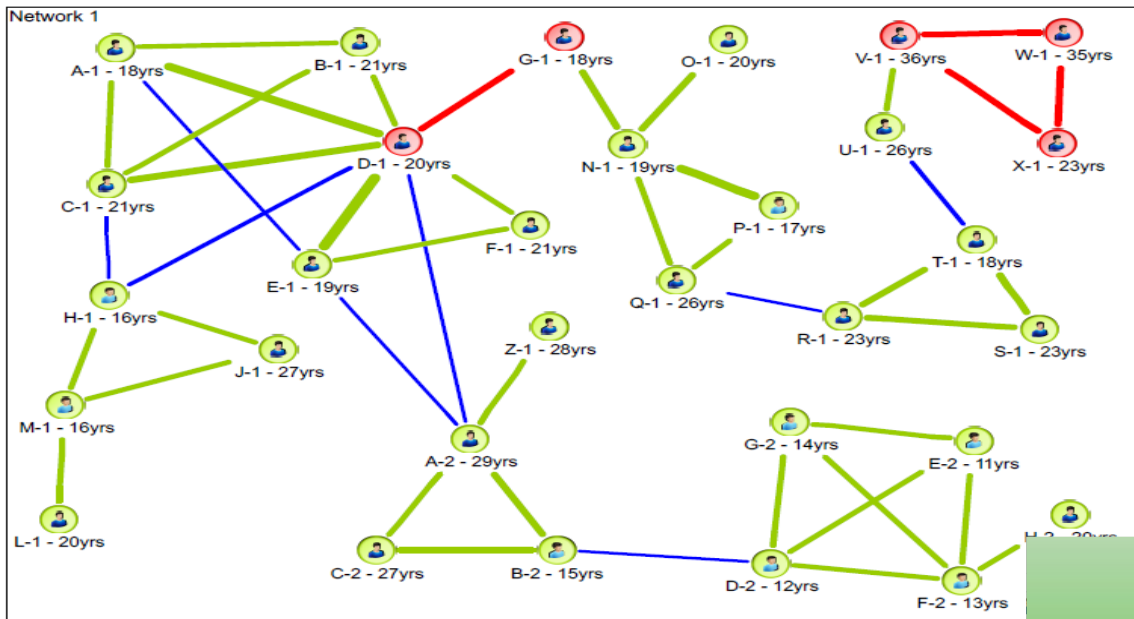
OBJECT

Take all of the

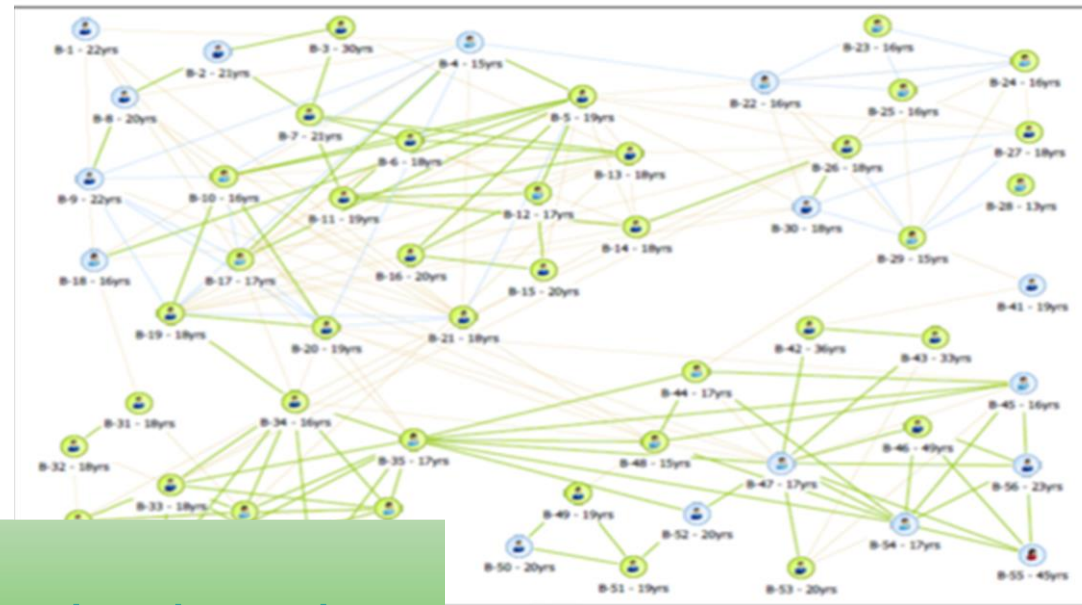
opponent's ships

average playtime 20 minutes

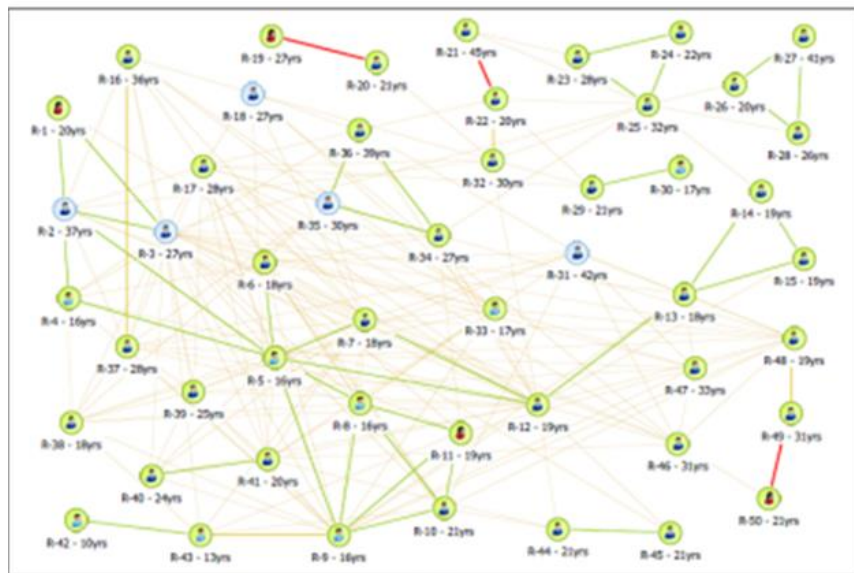
GREENTOWN



BLUETOWN



REDTOWN



National Prevalence Study

Do the findings from the Greentown study of children's involvement in criminal networks (2015) extend beyond Greentown?

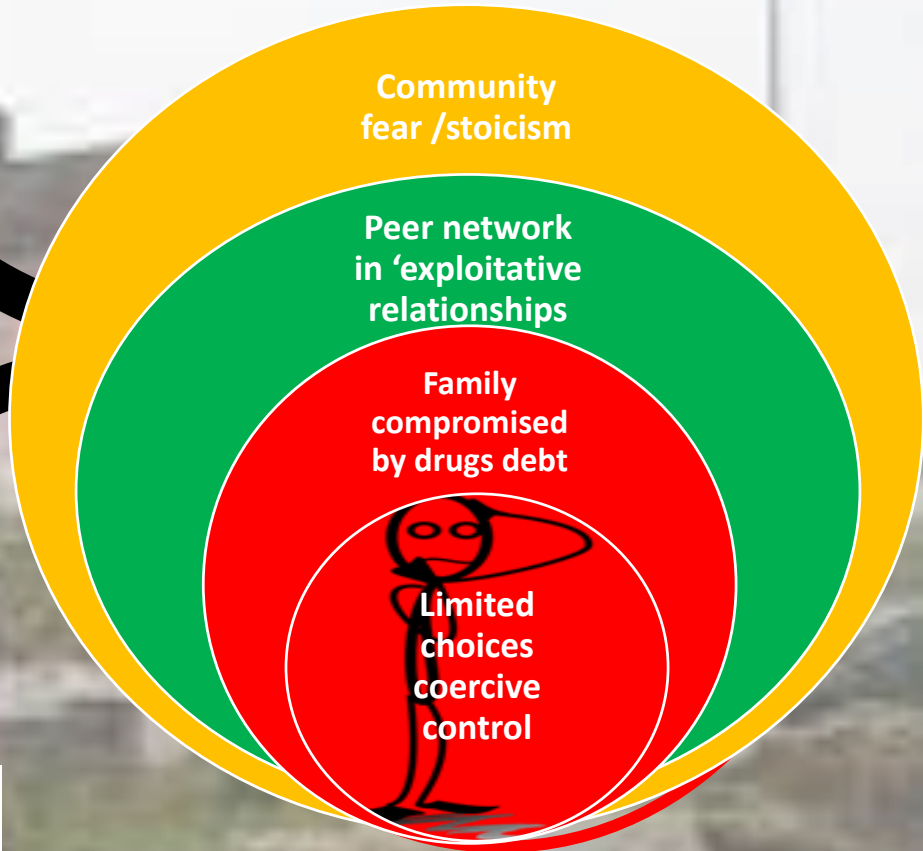
Interim Report

Primary Research

'FAMILY'



'ASSOCIATE'



Building Responses - Our Experts



1. Reduce the influence of criminal networks on child offending And
2. Improve pro-social outcomes for children involved in criminal networks



Update - Intervention



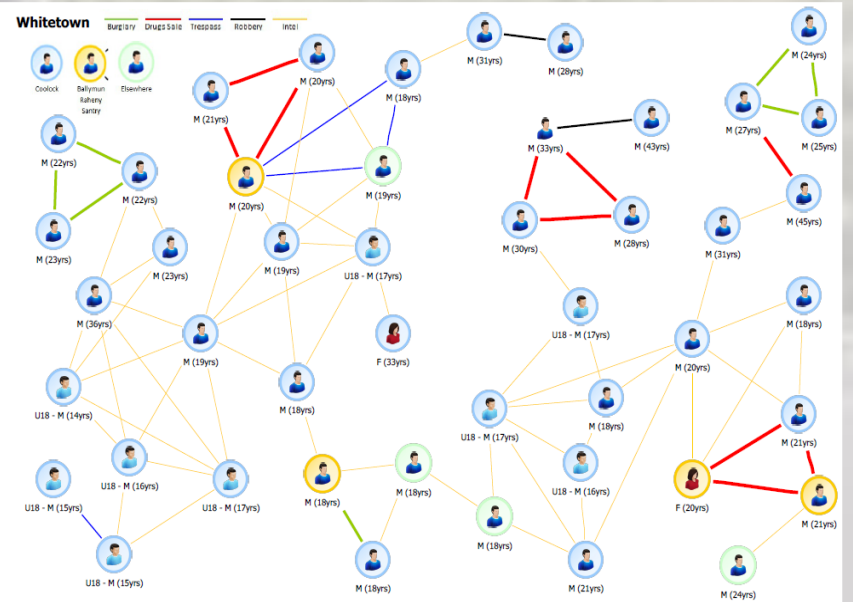
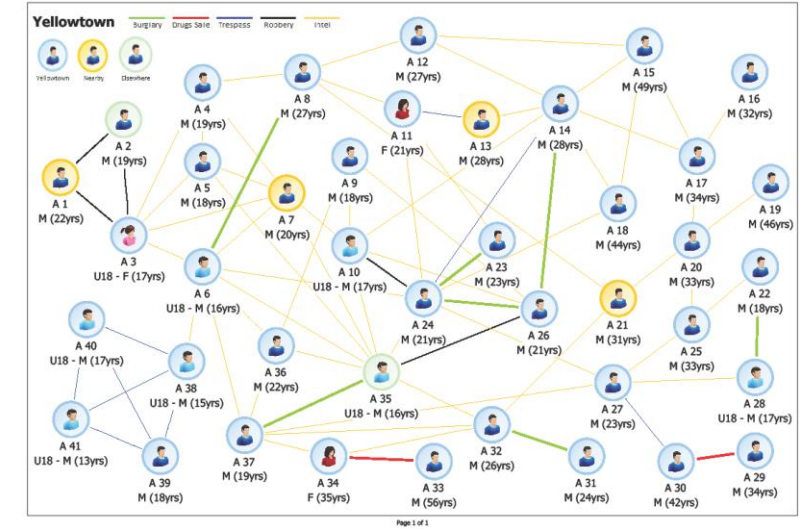
Catherine Naughton

- €4.2 million awarded to trial
- Two locations x three years
- Contracts Awarded
- Sites commencing



Jane Mulcahy

- Covid-19
- Network analysis
- University of Limerick Scientific Advisor



Update - Legislation

Criminal Justice (Exploitation of Children in the Commission of Offences) Bill

- Specific offences where an adult compels, coerces, induces or invites a child to engage in criminal activity
- Those found guilty of the new offences face imprisonment of 12 months on summary conviction and up to five years on indictment.
- The child concerned does not have to be successful in carrying out the offence for the law to apply.
- Prosecutable as a completely separate and additional offence to any crime committed by the adult using the child as their innocent agent



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Update –Publication



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Greentown: Recognition European Crime Prevention Award First Place December 2020



