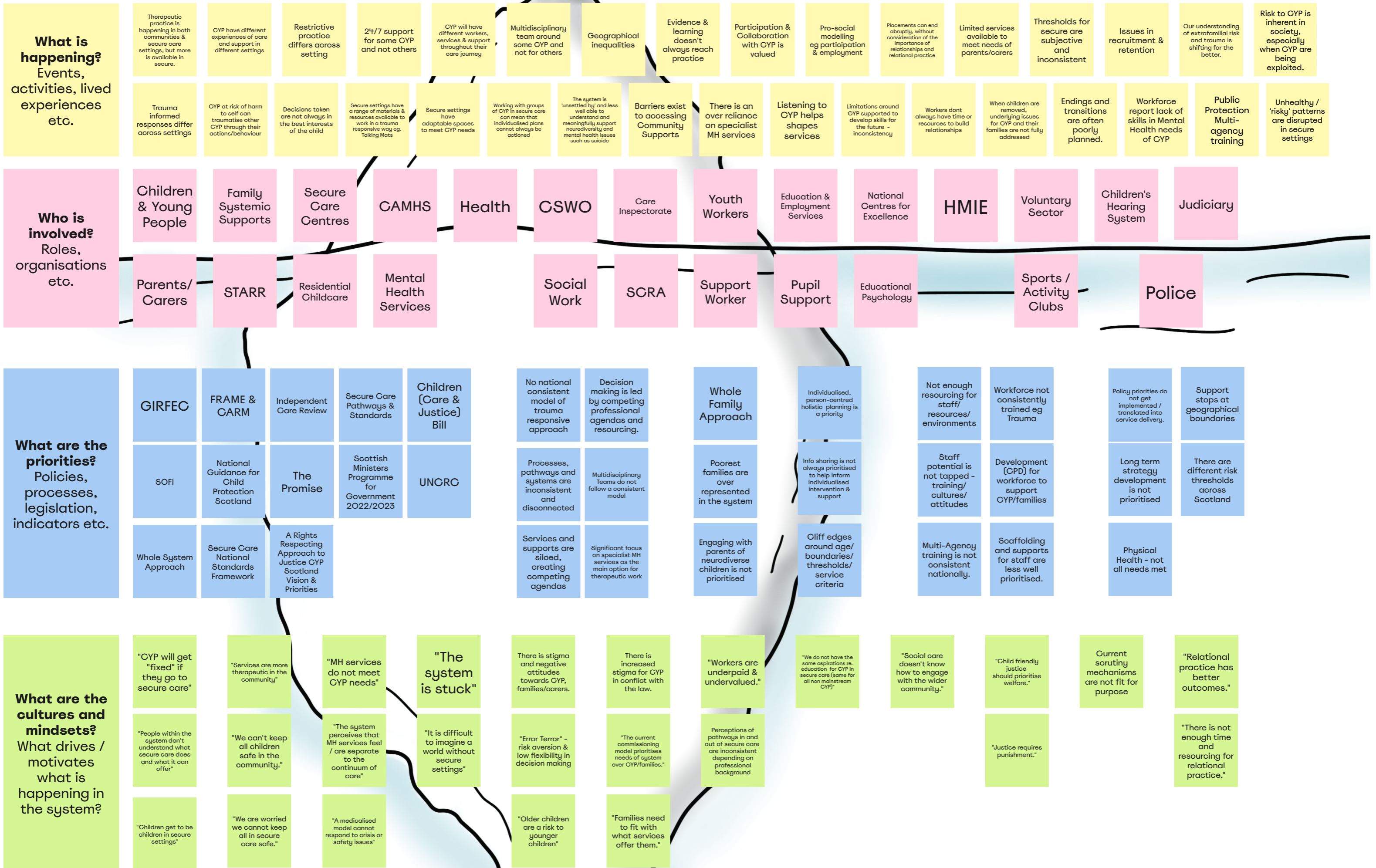


# REIMAGINING THE SECURE CARE SYSTEM: CURRENT WORLD VIEW



**What is happening?**  
Events, activities, lived experiences etc.

Therapeutic practice is happening in both communities & secure care settings, but more is available in secure.  
 CYP have different experiences of care and support in different settings  
 Restrictive practice differs across setting  
 24/7 support for some CYP and not others  
 CYP will have different workers, services & support throughout their care journey  
 Multidisciplinary team around some CYP and not for others  
 Geographical inequalities  
 Evidence & learning doesn't always reach practice  
 Participation & Collaboration with CYP is valued  
 Pro-social modelling eg participation & employment  
 Placements can end abruptly, without consideration of the importance of relationships and relational practice  
 Limited services available to meet needs of parents/carers  
 Thresholds for secure are subjective and inconsistent  
 Issues in recruitment & retention  
 Our understanding of extrafamilial risk and trauma is shifting for the better.  
 Risk to CYP is inherent in society, especially when CYP are being exploited.

**Who is involved?**  
Roles, organisations etc.

Children & Young People  
 Family Systemic Supports  
 Secure Care Centres  
 CAMHS  
 Health  
 CSWO  
 Care Inspectorate  
 Youth Workers  
 Education & Employment Services  
 National Centres for Excellence  
 HMIE  
 Voluntary Sector  
 Children's Hearing System  
 Judiciary  
 Parents/Carers  
 STARR  
 Residential Childcare  
 Mental Health Services  
 Social Work  
 SCRA  
 Support Worker  
 Pupil Support  
 Educational Psychology  
 Sports / Activity Clubs  
 Police

**What are the priorities?**  
Policies, processes, legislation, indicators etc.

GIRFEC  
 FRAME & GARM  
 Independent Care Review  
 Secure Care Pathways & Standards  
 Children (Care & Justice) Bill  
 SOFI  
 National Guidance for Child Protection Scotland  
 The Promise  
 Scottish Ministers Programme for Government 2022/2023  
 UNCRC  
 Whole System Approach  
 Secure Care National Standards Framework  
 A Rights Respecting Approach to Justice CYP Scotland Vision & Priorities  
 No national consistent model of trauma responsive approach  
 Decision making is led by competing professional agendas and resourcing.  
 Whole Family Approach  
 Individualised, person-centred holistic planning is a priority  
 Not enough resourcing for staff/resources/environments  
 Workforce not consistently trained eg Trauma  
 Policy priorities do not get implemented / translated into service delivery.  
 Support stops at geographical boundaries  
 Processes, pathways and systems are inconsistent and disconnected  
 Multidisciplinary Teams do not follow a consistent model  
 Poorest families are over represented in the system  
 Info sharing is not always prioritised to help inform individualised intervention & support  
 Staff potential is not tapped - training/cultures/attitudes  
 Development (CPD) for workforce to support CYP/families  
 Long term strategy development is not prioritised  
 There are different risk thresholds across Scotland  
 Services and supports are siloed, creating competing agendas  
 Significant focus on specialist MH services as the main option for therapeutic work  
 Engaging with parents of neurodiverse children is not prioritised  
 Cliff edges around age/boundaries/thresholds/service criteria  
 Multi-Agency training is not consistent nationally.  
 Scaffolding and supports for staff are less well prioritised.  
 Physical Health - not all needs met

**What are the cultures and mindsets?**  
What drives / motivates what is happening in the system?

"CYP will get fixed if they go to secure care"  
 "Services are more therapeutic in the community"  
 "MH services do not meet CYP needs"  
 "The system is stuck"  
 There is stigma and negative attitudes towards CYP, families/carers.  
 There is increased stigma for CYP in conflict with the law.  
 "Workers are underpaid & undervalued."  
 "We do not have the same aspirations re. education for CYP in secure care (same for all non mainstream CYP)"  
 "Social care doesn't know how to engage with the wider community."  
 "Child friendly justice should prioritise welfare."  
 Current scrutiny mechanisms are not fit for purpose  
 "Relational practice has better outcomes."  
 "People within the system don't understand what secure care does and what it can offer"  
 "We can't keep all children safe in the community."  
 "The system perceives that MH services feel / are separate to the continuum of care"  
 "It is difficult to imagine a world without secure settings"  
 "Error Terror" - risk aversion & low flexibility in decision making  
 "The current commissioning model prioritises needs of system over CYP/families."  
 Perceptions of pathways in and out of secure care are inconsistent depending on professional background  
 "Justice requires punishment."  
 "Children get to be children in secure settings"  
 "We are worried we cannot keep all in secure care safe."  
 "A medicalised model cannot respond to crisis or safety issues"  
 "Older children are a risk to younger children"  
 "Families need to fit with what services offer them."