

# Early Intervention through Mentoring



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# What does Chance UK do?

Mentoring for 5-11 year olds with behavioural difficulties.



# How are these children identified?

Referrals from schools, Children's Services, police & parents

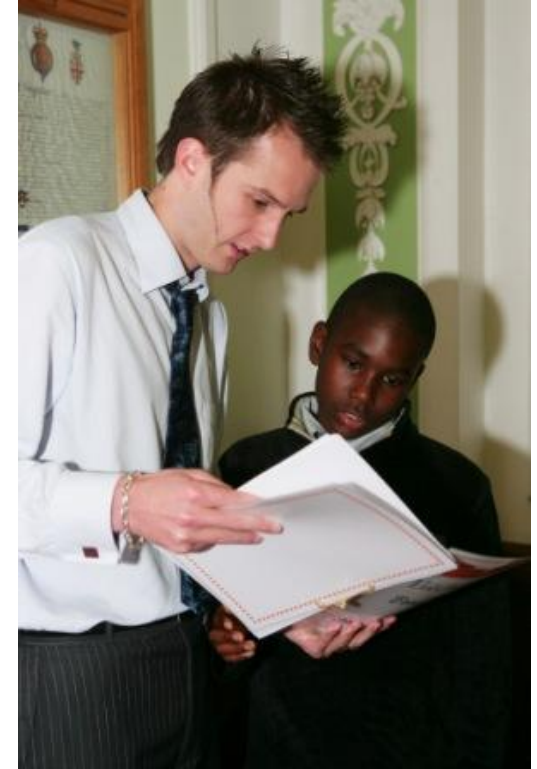
Assessed using Goodman's Strength & Difficulties Questionnaire (SQQ) Score of 16+



# Why early intervention?

SDQ scores over 16 indicate the children most likely to go on to Criminal, offending and anti-social behaviour later in life (Goodman 1997)

80% of crime is caused by adults who displayed behavioural difficulties as children (Sainsbury's Centre for mental health, 2009)



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# Who works with the children?



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# Who works with the children?

Adult volunteers

Trained, vetted, CRB checked & supervised by Chance UK in a managed relationship



# The Mentoring Year

## Mentoring consists of...

- Matching and introduction
- Engagement phase
- ParentPlus
- Supervisions
- Review meeting
- Ending preparation
- Graduation



# Our Impact Evaluated

- Psychology department of Goldsmith's University
- 98% of children show improvement
- 51% have no behavioural difficulty at end

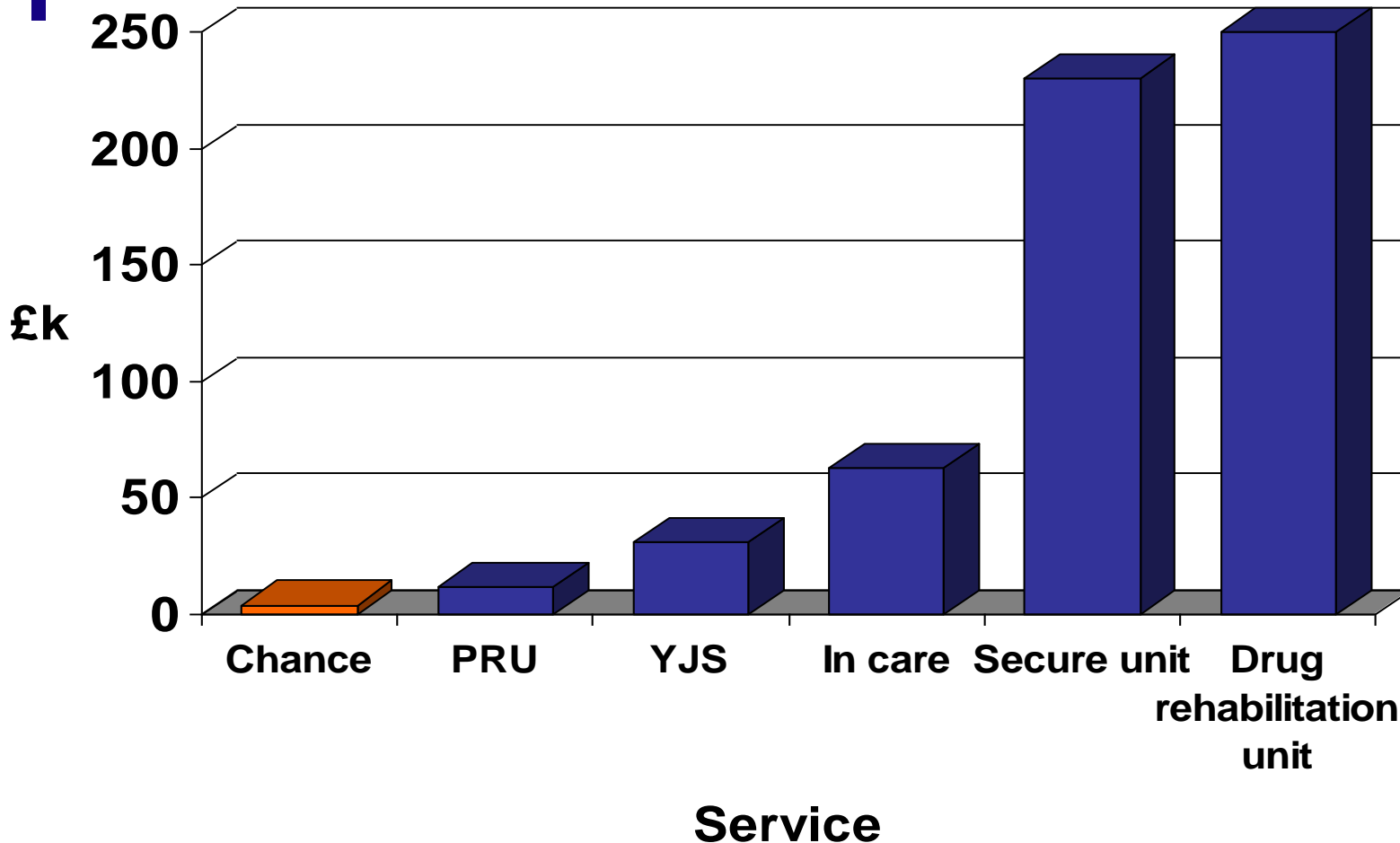


# Our Impact Evaluated

- Substantial overall improvement
- Improvements maintained 3-5 years later
- Parents, teachers and mentors agree



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- **Short term savings:** Annual savings of preventing exclusion
- **£11,000** Saving per year to a local authority of keeping one child in mainstream education as opposed to a PRU within their borough
- **£21,000** Saving per year to a local authority of keeping a child in mainstream education as opposed to a PRU which is outside their borough
- **£63,851** Maximum cost of a child excluded from school.



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# Cost of intervention

- for every **£1** spent on early intervention there is a saving of **£9.60** for society. Chance UK costs as little as £4,000 per child per year, whereas each adult offender can cost the taxpayer up to £200,000. (*Action for Children: A Chance for Change, 2009*)



# Activity

## Case Study



- What are the main differences Chance UK could make
- What are the potential cost savings

# C4EO Validation

- Clear and measurable aims and intended outcomes
- The intervention is fit for purpose and based upon a clear and sound rationale
- There is sufficient external and internal evaluation evidence that the intervention has made a difference and led to improved outcomes
- Evidence that the intervention has already been successfully transferred to different settings and has the potential for replication
- Cost effective
- Clear structured programme that works!



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# In Conclusion

Changing lives:

- Mentors
- Parents
- Children

