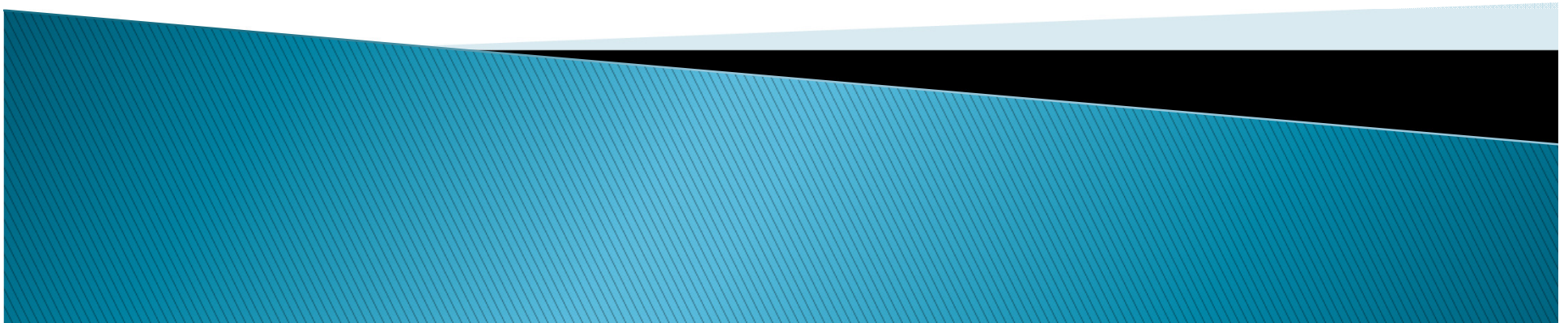
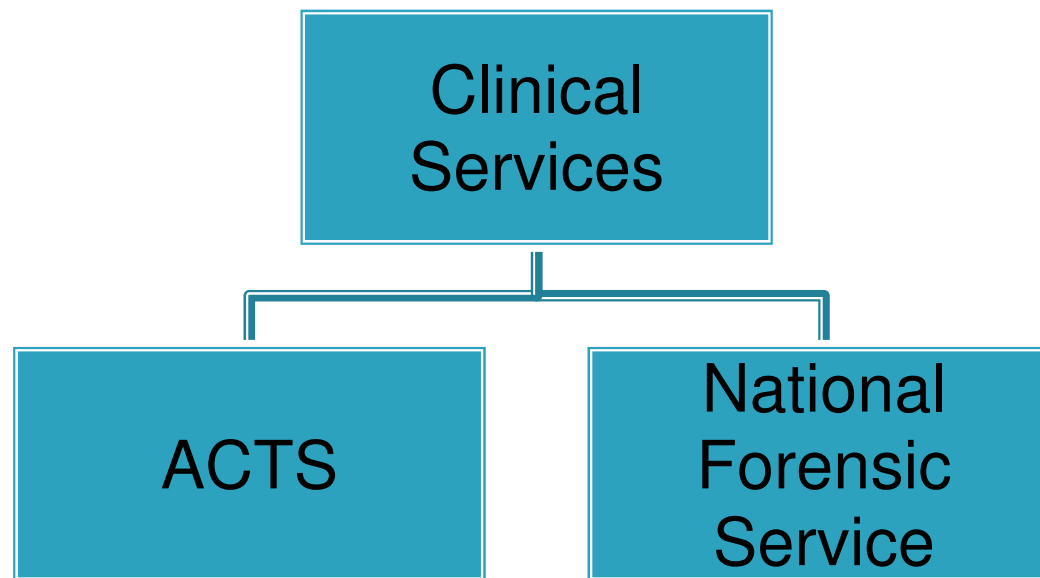


Evidence of Alcohol and Illicit Drugs on the young people placed in Oberstown, Lusk Campus

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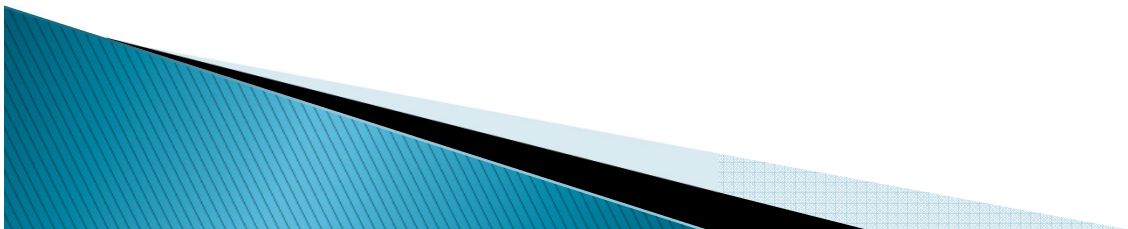


Background



MAYSI-2

Screening serves as a “triage” or “first look” at the possible mental health needs of the youth, especially those who may need immediate intervention



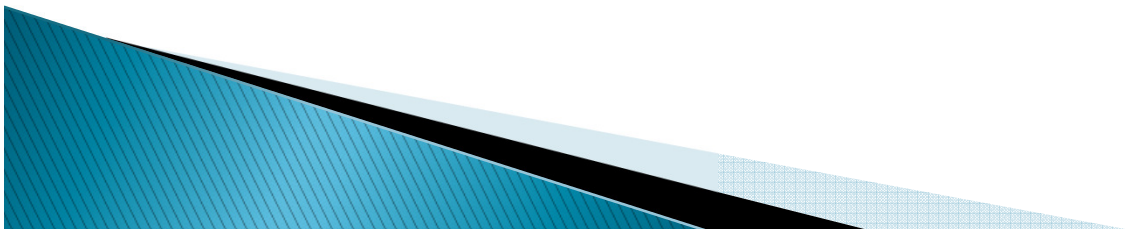
Preliminary Results

- ▶ Since Jan 2014 to this evening over 66 young people screened.
- ▶ High percentage of young people scored in the warning or caution zone of MAYSI-2 for substance misuse.
- ▶ Sample of 31 young people for purposes of presentation.

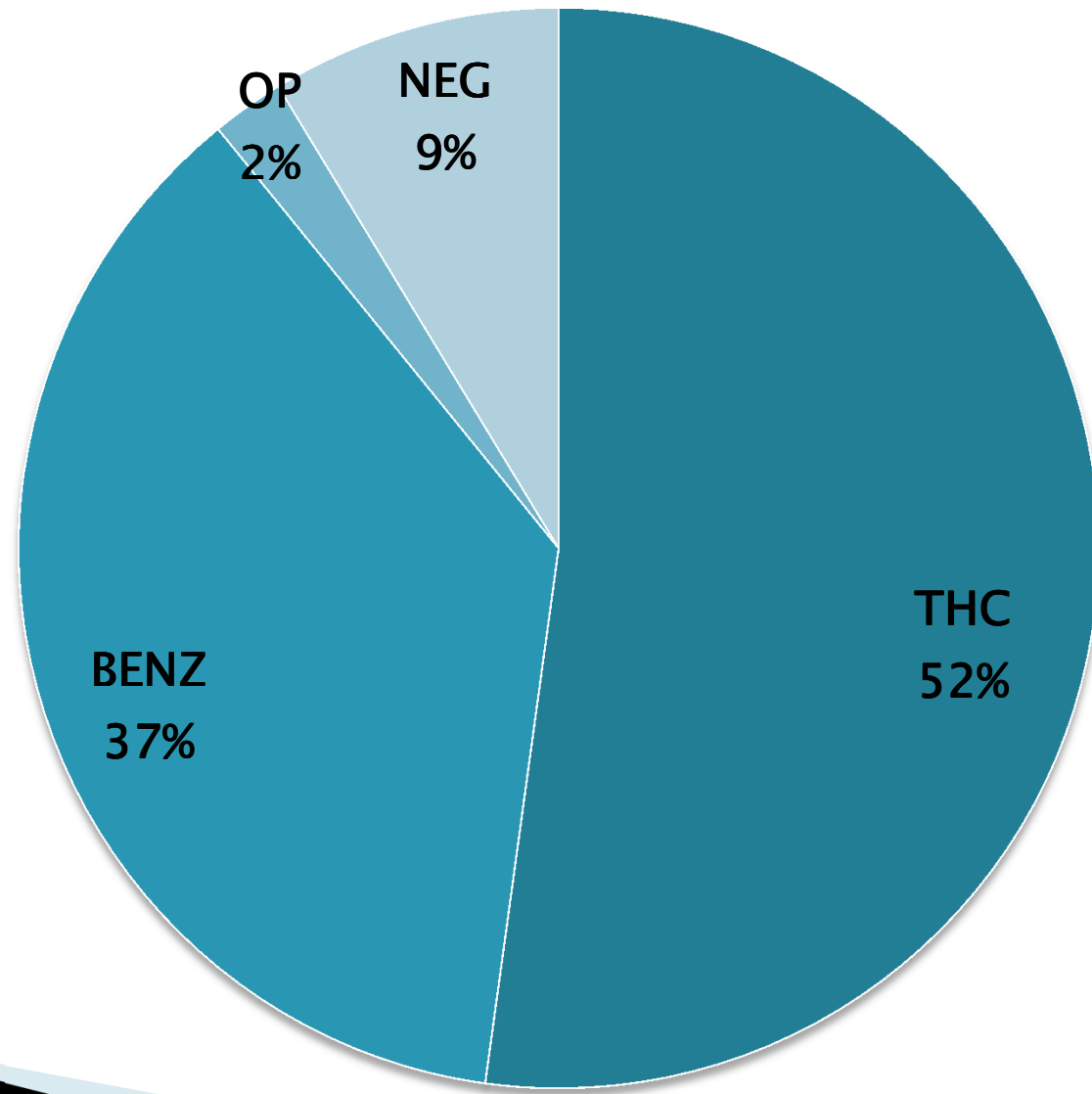


Limits

- ▶ Limited access to urinalysis results as research has only recently commenced.
- ▶ Urine screen in Oberstown does not currently highlight alcohol use.
- ▶ Interim Research on alcohol use will be on a self report basis.



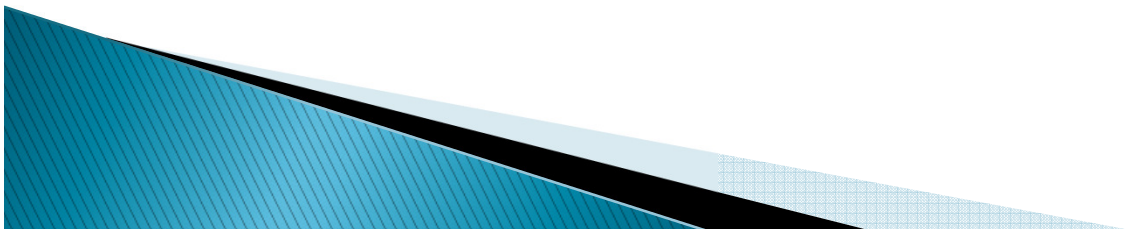
Substance Misuse among Young People in detention



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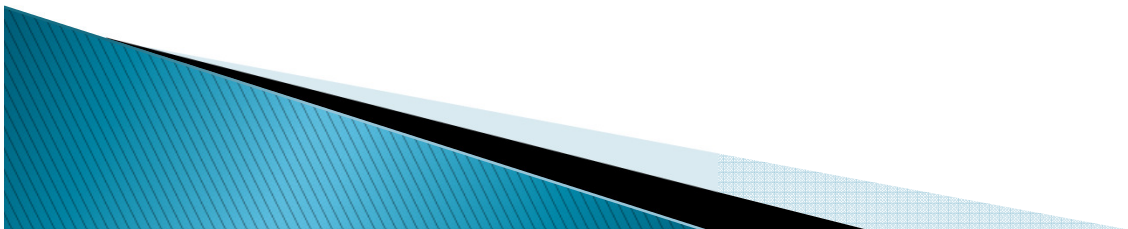
Parasuicide Risk

- ▶ 2 Cases of drug related self harm since February 2014
- ▶ Queried cases of parent/visitor smuggling benzodiazepines to young person.



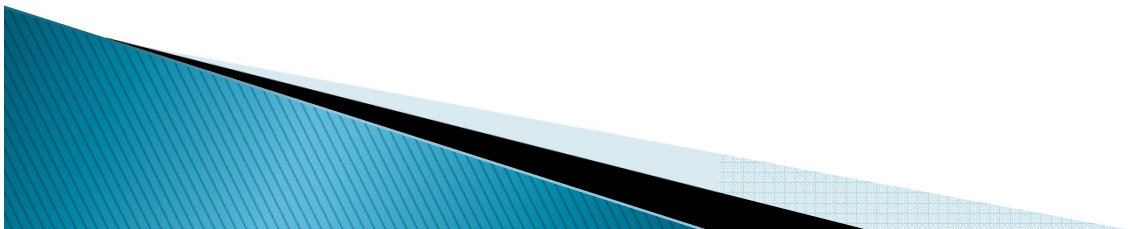
Challenges while in Oberstown

- ▶ Medical oversight limited – Cold turkey!
- ▶ Impact on unit.
- ▶ High rate turnaround of Young People on Remand



Other Challenges

- ▶ Young person is not off substances through personal choice
- ▶ Usually difficult to engage both in community & in the secure setting.



Concerns

- ▶ Young people being sentenced while under the influence of substances
- ▶ Reform – Community services engagement with Oberstown?

