

# Overcoming Poverty of Hope

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# About Barnardo's

- 153 years
- 294k CYP, parents & carers
- 1k+ services
- 30k staff & volunteers

Better outcomes for more children:

- Stronger families
- Safer childhoods
- Positive futures

*Changing children's lives & the system around them for the better*

# Knife crime, SYV & child criminal exploitation

- **7k** children in England are in gangs\*
- **34k** gang members/know gang members- victims of violence.

## **Evidence from Barnardo's services:**

- **60%** of service managers worked with YP involved in crime
- **70%** of those said YP coerced, controlled, manipulated or deceived by others into crime
- **80%** said technology played a key role in this
- **64%** said these YP were not referred for this reason

\*Office of the Children's Commissioner (England)

# Why do young people carry knives?

- Poverty
- Housing, skills, employment, role models
- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)
- Fear
- Identity/family/community ties
- Lack of services

***The Poverty of Hope***

# How should we respond?

- Awareness
- Investment
- Public health approach
- Earlier intervention
- Multi-agency working
- Culture change

## **Roles for:**

- Health
- Education
- Social care
- Policy & CJS
- Charities

**Interdependency**

Questions?