



includem's Adapt Project

About Adapt.

includem have been awarded funding from the Scottish Government's Whole Family Wellbeing Fund to build a better understanding of youth justice in Scotland. The primary objective of the Adapt Project is to divert young people away from behaviours that could result in criminalisation, and a trajectory of involvement within youth justice systems. The Adapt project supports young people aged 10 to 26-years-old and their families. We can offer an 8am to 10pm service seven days per week with access to a 24-hour telephone support line.

What are we doing?

The two main aspects of the Adapt project are research and the creation of pilot interventions. For the research part we are speaking with people and organisations across the country, from social workers to supermarkets to Police Scotland. From these conversations we can build a detailed picture of youth justice in Scotland, which includes where the current gaps in provisions lie.

Once the gaps in youth justice provisions have been identified, we work with organisations to codesign, create, and fully fund pilot interventions. What we are able to do with these pilot projects is extremely broad. We can design pilots that are focussed on early intervention, and we can design pilots that support young people who have committed high-tier offences.

With the data that we gather from the research and from the pilot projects we will report back to the Scottish Government with details of where the gaps in provisions are and what works to fill them. We will also share our findings with our partners and other organisations.

What are we hoping to achieve?

We know that there are resourcing gaps in provisions for young people coming into conflict with the law, but we want to know exactly where these gaps are and how we can fill them. We want to work in partnership with key stakeholders across Scotland. The Adapt project will find these gaps and will create opportunities to demonstrate which interventions are most effective at supporting young people throughout each stage of the criminal justice system. We also want to make sure that our findings are shared as widely as possible. We want to make sure that the great work that happens in one part of the country is known about and can be used across Scotland.

More information.

If you have any questions about the Adapt project or you would like more information, please contact our Research Associate Dr David Gould: david.gould@includem.co.uk.

