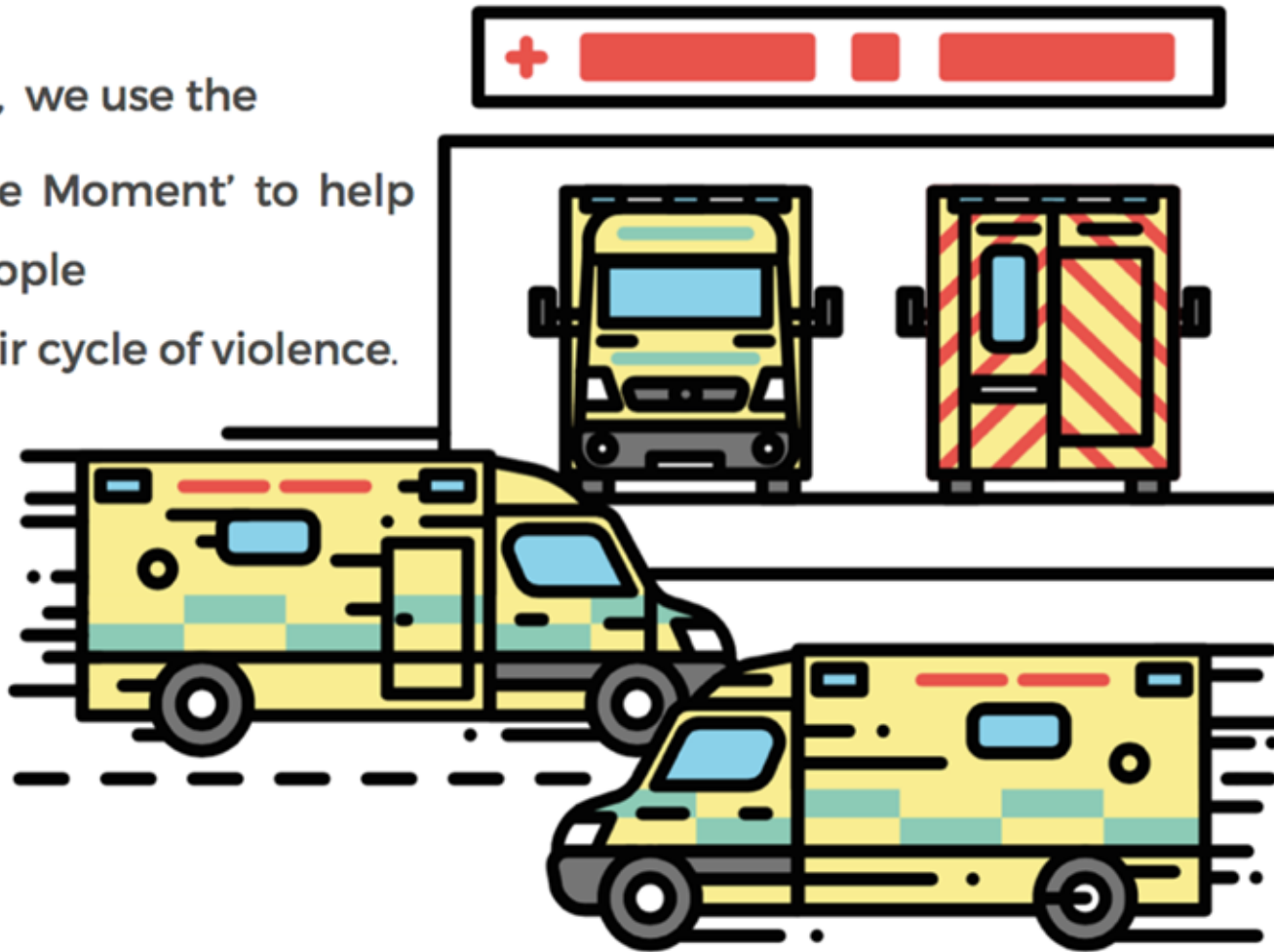


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# Youth Violence Intervention Programme

In **A&E**, we use the  
'Teachable Moment' to help  
young people  
break their cycle of violence.



# The Teachable Moment

- When young people attend the ED they're often faced with life-changing injuries that force them to confront aspects of their lives that present them with risk.
- They are also alienated from their peers and are less likely to be influenced by their presence when offered support.



# Violence is a public health issue

**Prevalent** – with 300,000 ED admissions caused by violence every year.

**Expensive** – costing the NHS £2.9 billion a year in England and Wales, whilst the cost to society is estimated at £29.9 billion per year.

**Contagious** – exposure to violence leads to increased likelihood of further involvement.

**Damaging** – research by the Institute of Psychology shows that “lifetime exposure to two or more types of violence was associated with increased risk for all mental health outcomes.”

**Unequal** – violence is another kind of health inequality, disproportionately affecting the UK’s most deprived communities.

**Treatable** – evidence shows that violence can be reduced through effective intervention.



# YVIP interventions

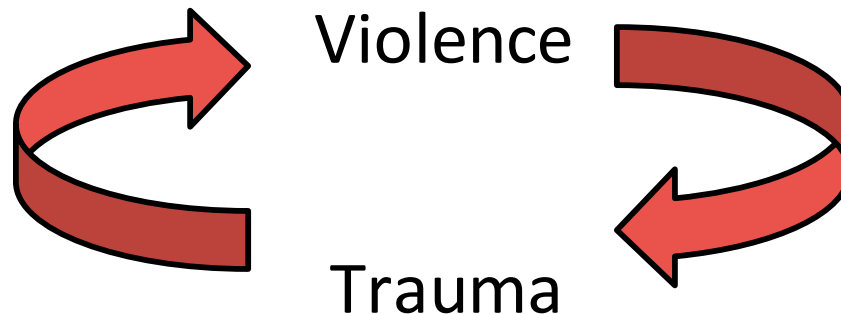
- Practical support and advocacy
- Safety/action planning
- Signposting to ETE opportunities, counselling, mentoring
- Housing
- Home visits and follow up in the community



# Cycle of violence

- 61% of all gang members have been the victim of any crime
- 31% have been the victim of a violent crime
- 15% have been the victim of a stabbing or shooting or a gang flagged crime

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# Trauma informed practice

- Appropriate language
- Compassionate response / emotional reaction
- Empowerment
- Avoid 'victim blaming' / assumptions related to injury



# Referral Criteria



- Male or female aged 12-25
- Weapon-related injuries
- Concerns that individuals are impacted by criminal exploitation or gang affiliated
- Serious assault
- Impacted by gun or knife crime
- Concerns or disclosures of domestic violence, sexual violence, including historic sexual violence/abuse
- Concerns of Child Sexual Exploitation
- Always refer if you're unsure







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