



Understanding and Addressing Health Determinants of Adolescent Criminalisation

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A recent review (Hughes et al, 2020) highlighted a range of difficulties in health and development in adolescence that have been shown to increase the risk that a young person will be exposed to the criminal justice system. Understandings of such ‘health determinants of criminalisation’ among adolescents provide a persuasive case for policy and practice reform, including for investment in approaches to prevent criminalisation on the basis of health and developmental difficulties, and to better address related needs once within a criminal justice system.

Besides, there remain significant gaps in knowledge, including, *but not restricted to*.

- Evidence from low and middle income countries (Murray and Atilola, 2020);
- Explanations of the relationships between specific determinants and criminal justice involvement;
- Evidence of effective support or interventions to address criminalisation or access to justice;
- The potential of international human rights frameworks to challenge current criminal justice approaches (e.g. Hughes et al, 2020b);

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