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Context of new OOCD framework

- Victim's Code – YOTs must enable victims to have access to reparation / RJ
- Children Act 89 - reduce the need to bring criminal proceedings against CYP
- Prevention of Offending (s.37 CDA 98) – the principal purpose of the YJ system
- The age of austerity – no part of public service can justify misusing scare resources

Opportunities of new OOCD framework

- Turn off the escalator
- Intelligent rather than mechanistic response to offending
- Deliver to victim code
- Prevent unnecessary criminalisation
- Better use of scarce resources
- Better use of courts

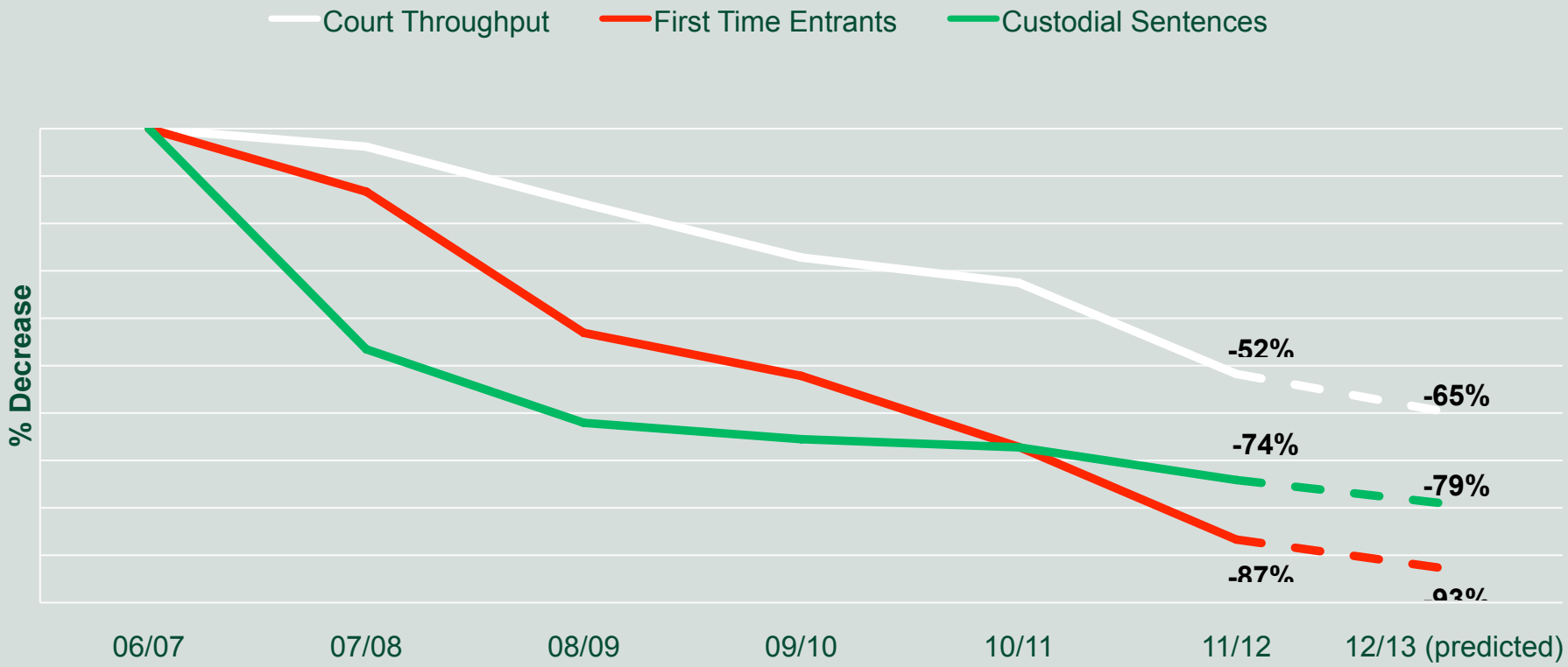
Risks of new OOCD

- Justice may not be public or transparent
- Judicial oversight lost
- Inconsistent and unfair, dependant upon post code
- Poor quality ‘RJ’ will discredit OOCDs
- Could still un-necessarily criminalise

Turning off the escalator: the Youth Restorative Intervention

- All CJS partners signed up
- Police and YSS co-delivery / decision-making
- High victim involvement and satisfaction
- High quality RJ by skilled practitioners
- Judicial oversight / scrutiny
- Getting in early – for victims and young people
- Available to all young people – even with convictions

Surrey's Youth Justice Outcomes



Court	1368	1316	1151	996	923	660	482
FTE	1729	1499	984	827	568	230	120
Custodial	58	31	22	20	19	15	12

YRI Outcomes

- 4 out of 5

- victims recommend over traditional CJS

- 1500

- young people free from a criminal record in 18 months

- 0

- looked after young people FTE's in Surrey in 2011/12