**Objective**

Implementation strategies outline the ‘how to’ aspect of human and social services aimed at improving overall well-being, advancing social justice, and ensuring access to essential resources. The Ireland’s Youth Justice Strategy 2021-2027 research examines the implementation of the Strategy among stakeholders in four geographical locations and compares it with strategies of four other jurisdictions to derive valuable insights. The study aims to generate ideas on how to prepare a strategy document that can effectively guide implementation. It focuses on balancing clarity and flexibility in strategy design and implementation to avoid hindrances caused by excessive vagueness or prescription.

**Methods**

Utilising a mixed-methods approach, the study incorporates surveys with youth justice oversight groups, use of generative AI and interrater outputs to extract keywords that represent essential key messages and most significant projects embedded in the Strategy. To examine how the Strategy has ‘landed’ with the implementers and beneficiaries at the local levels, semi-structured interviews with young people and frontline professionals, and focus groups with young people are conducted.

The datasets have been imported into NVivo for comprehensive coding and analysis. This detailed examination will facilitate the identification of key themes, patterns, shaping the report of the study findings which will be published and disseminated.