



Valsts policija

Why, what, how...

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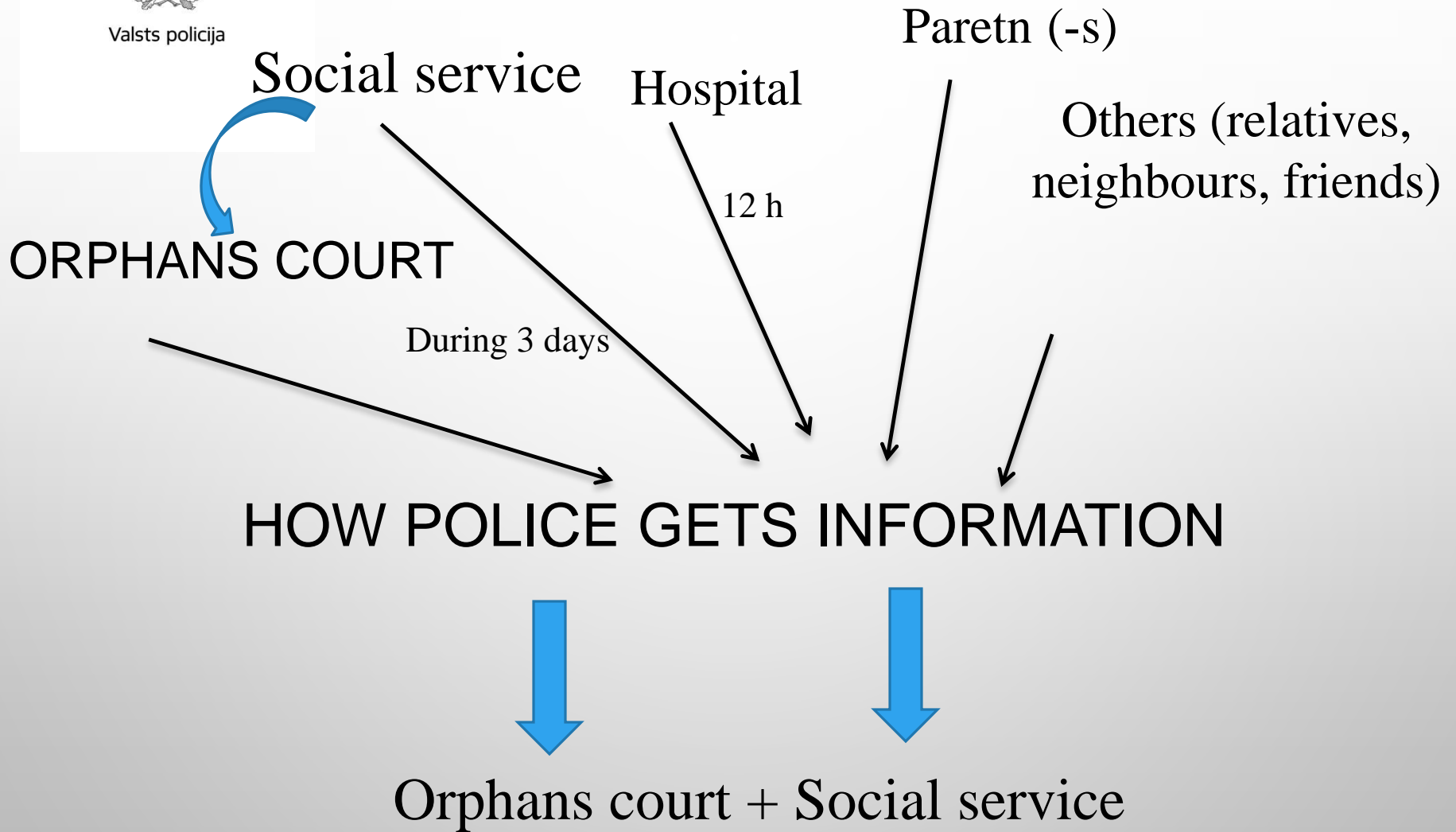
Latvia < 2,2 milion
400 000 children (0-18)

384 juveniles in Police records – criminal offense
58 juveniles >14 y.o.

764 juveniles - other
291 juveniles >14 y.o.



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NPAIS (Juveniles' support information system):

Orphans court

Social service

State police

Municipal police

Medical service (National Medical Center)

Educational institution (Ministry of Education and Science)

Court (for criminal cases and administrative cases)

State Probation Service

Prison Administration

Social Integration State Agency

Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs

State Social Insurance Agency



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Legislations

Rights of the Child Protection

Convention of Children's Rights

Civil Law

Constitution of the Republic of Latvia

Criminal Law

Criminal proceeding Law

Administrative offense code

Social Services and Social Assistance Law

The Law on Police

Orphan's Court Law

Treatment Law

Minors' support information System regulations

The Labour Law

Education Law

State Social Benefits Law



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Child involved

> 14 y the presence of psychologist, teacher or parent

> 14 a victim of parents abuse =

Investigator → psychologist → child

Older 14 – 18 mainly parent or specialist

Interview once /.../

Timing /?/



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Requirments

Specially equipped room for interrogation in police office

Specially equipped room in the center of the Crisis

Specialist - psychologist, psychotherapist, teacher, social worker

Officer (in Police) – with special sertificate



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Special room

Optimal 8 – 20 sqm

2 cameras

Good quality sound and picture recorder

Warm colored walls

Window (away from busy streets)

3-4 comfortable chairs

Table

Silent place (sound isolation) with no chance of side sounds and disturbings

Cozy things around but few

Closed shelves

Clock



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Parts of interview

Planning

Introduction

Interview/ questioning

Conclusion



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Getting better

~ 1/4 child criminal interrogations took place in the same month

~ 2/3 were interviewed once

~ 1/3 were questioned during the first 5 days /.../

But:

Negative:

~ 15% of criminal cases – no psychologist / educator

Positive:

Slightly more than 15% of interviews - video recorded



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Causes:

Violence in the past

Domestic violence

Lack of care

Weak character

Strict upbringing



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Problems we face:

Turned back = silence of society

Blindness = busy parents

The lack of good professionals

Availability of specialized agencies

Isolation of the perpetrator

Safe Safety issues - Guarantee for victim

Immediate engagement of a Specialist

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Consequences:

Violence towards others in any age group

Ramble

Untidiness

Various physical and emotional disturbance

Administrative violations

Criminal offenses

Injuring himself / others

Suicide