

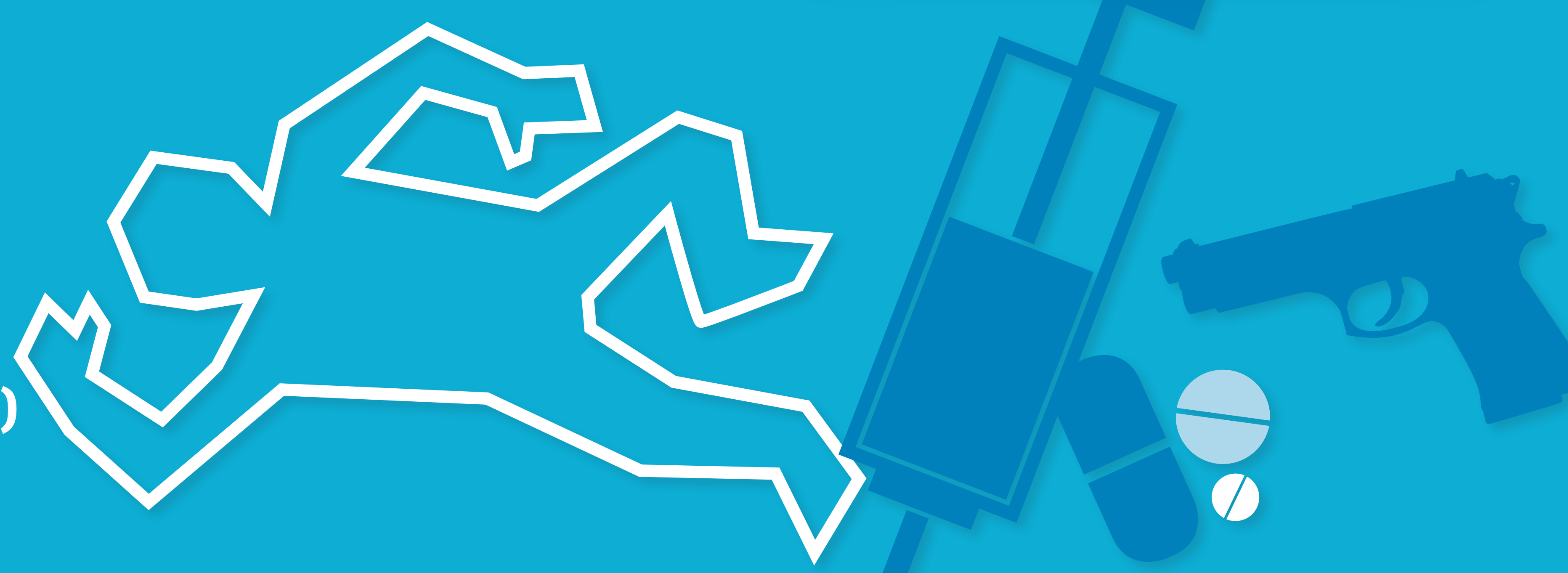
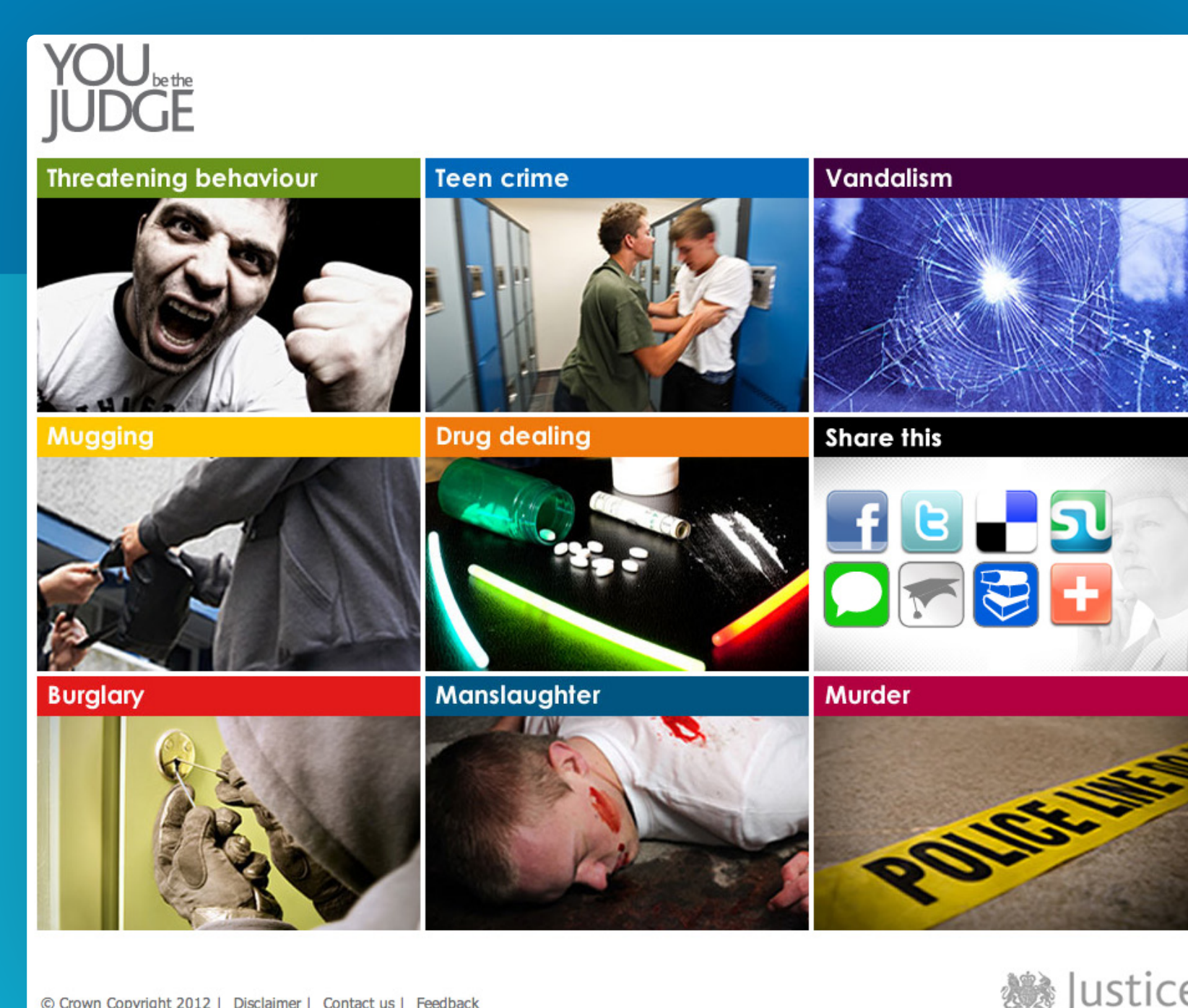
# What's your verdict?

## Research shows public more lenient than judges #YouBeTheJudge

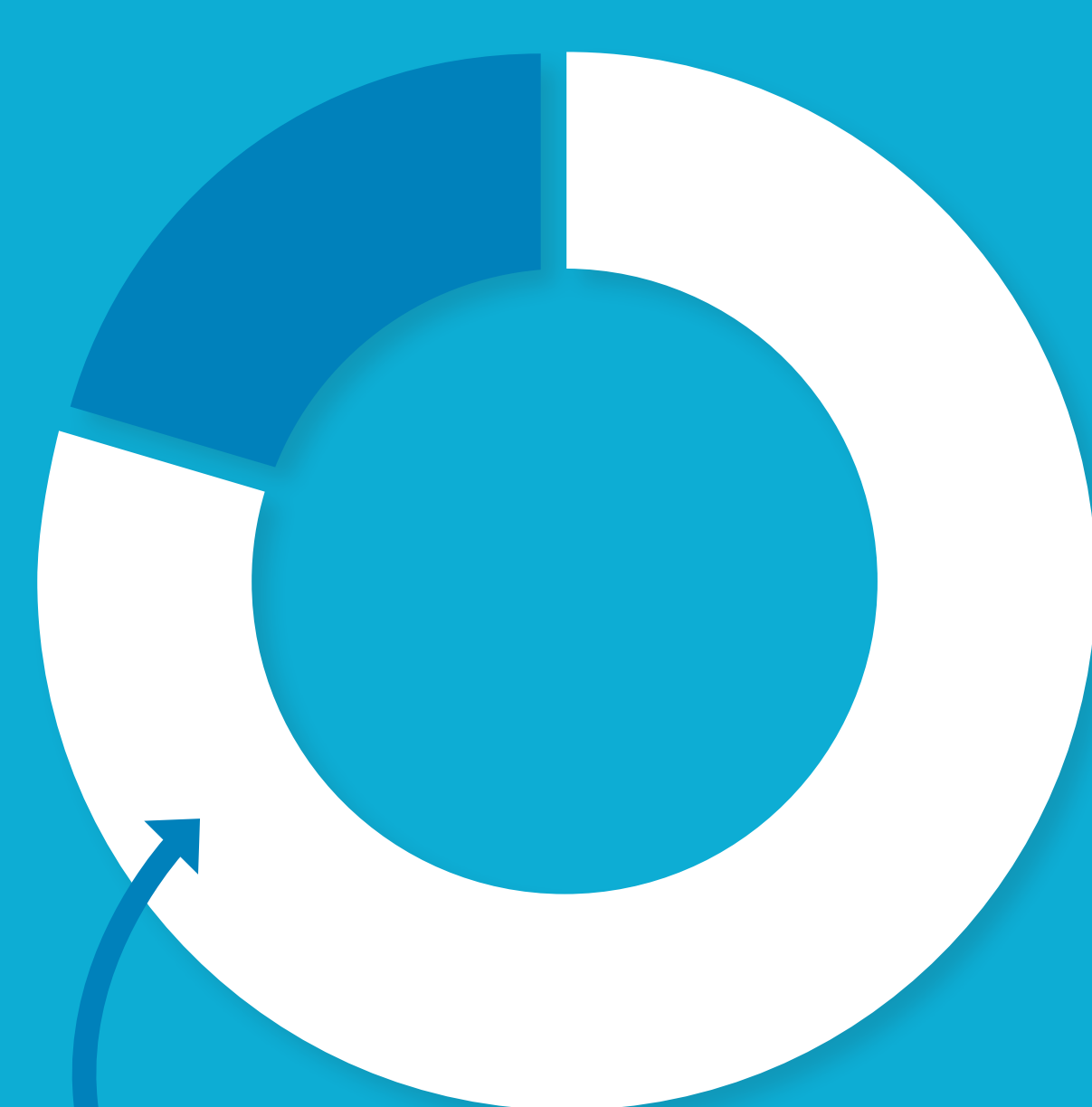
'You be the Judge' is a specially designed interactive website, allowing people to put themselves in the judging seat and pass sentence in scenarios based on real-life cases.

Cases on the site include:

- Burglary
- Drug dealing
- Manslaughter
- Murder
- Mugging
- Teen crime (juvenile robbery case)
- Threatening behaviour
- Vandalism



**Half of the people** who used YBTJ changed their view of sentencing as a result



More than **80%** of those who completed a case on the website **gave a verdict which was more lenient than, or the same as the judge**



More than **two thirds of users** who started their experience with the view that sentencing was 'too lenient', ended the process with the view that it was 'about right'

*Sentencing is complex and getting the right balance is tough. Judges see the realities of crime in society every day and weigh up all the facts of a case before passing sentence. Sentencing is sometimes portrayed as too lenient but evidence reveals that members of the public who take part in a sentencing exercise, are often more lenient than judges, and are surprised when they see how severe the true sentence was. Lord Justice Treacy*

Why not put yourself in the judging seat?

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