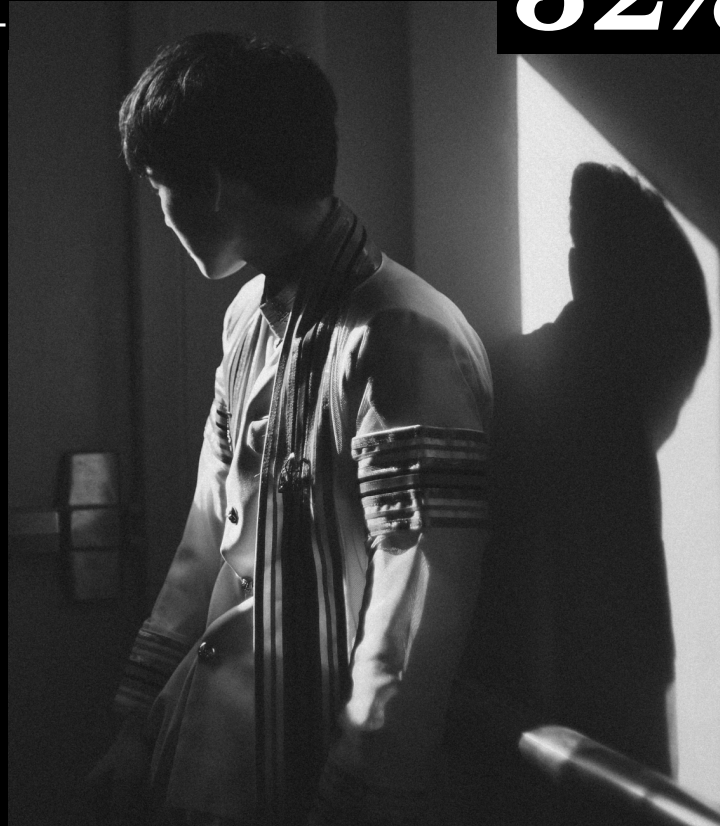


Suicide and Self-Harm

There is a paucity of research on the rates of suicide and self-harm amongst people in contact with probation

A study of deaths amongst people on probation found that in 1996 they were over 9 times more likely to die than the general population; and in 1997 they were 13 times more likely to die than the general population (Sattar, 2003)



32%

A study of a random sample of 173 offenders on probation in one county in England, found that nearly a third of those interviewed had a lifetime history of suicide attempts (Pluck and Brooker, 2014)

5%

had self-harmed in the month prior to interview (Pluck and Brooker, 2014)

A study of deaths amongst ex-prisoners from the Washington State Department of Corrections concluded that:

- In the first two weeks after release, the risk of death for ex-prisoners was 12 times that of other state residents
- The leading causes of death among former inmates were drug overdose, cardiovascular disease, homicide, and suicide" (Binswanger et al., 2007: 157)

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