

Preventions Team – Help and Support

What measures already exist across the Borough to identify and address anti-social behaviour (inc. support given to those deemed vulnerable)? Why are these not sufficient?

We have a strong multiagency outreach team with funding contributions from Police Crime Commission, we share information and communicate with the voluntary youth sector and this has increased the intel and information they share with us.

Missing from home return interviews are carried out by Preventions and Patrols staff and the information gathered is used to direct youth outreach staff to any areas where our most vulnerable young people maybe.

Our local youth organisation partners have been reopening over the past 8 weeks and we are promoting and diverting young people to local youth provision.

A member of the preventions and outreach team are present at all ASB interviews with our colleagues in community safety, enabling us to assess need and offer the support needed at the earliest opportunity for any young person highlighted as being involved in anti-social behaviour.

The Outreach Coordinator is present at all key meetings, JAGS, VEMT and Hate Crime meeting to share information that is relevant, along with directing outreach staff to areas of concern to support our most vulnerable young people.

The Outreach team are revisiting all local youth providers and reintroduce themselves, offering support where they can and be informed about what's on offer for young people post Covid19.

How will a PSPO be enforced – can this be achieved with existing resources?

Young people are transient and how we respond to young people involved in ASB needs to be flexible, with the capacity to change as and when needed. Allocating outreach capacity to one specific area would remove capacity for preventative interactions with young people and would reduce how flexible we can respond in the community.

PSPOs require resources like dispersal orders used by the police, they need a substantial amount of resource to enforce them to have the impact required. Lack of resources to enforce dispersal orders means at times it could be perceived that they carry less meaning or deterrent to those involved in ASB.