

**STOCKTON ON TEES YOUTH CRIME ACTION PLAN - INTENSIVE PACKAGE 2009- 10**  
**PROJECT DELIVERY REPORT TEMPLATE**

**OPERATION STAY SAFE**

**Aims-**

- To protect vulnerable children/young people whose behaviour or whereabouts places them at risk of immediate significant harm
- To prevent youth people committing crime and becoming victims of crime due to their vulnerability.
- To work with parents and guardians to improve parental care and supervision
  
- To work with partner agencies to safeguard and divert children and young people from crime and ASB; and
- To reassure communities

**1. Delivery Details**

Police Officers identified a child or young person on the street at risk of significant harm, Connexions One Stop shop in Bishopton Lane was identified as the “safe place” due to its geographical location and for its young person friendly environment. The activity commenced on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2009. The operation is delivered as outlined in the Operational Order and Children’s Services staff are on duty to receive young people. Those staff comprise of YOS Team Manager / Case Manager (Social Worker), Preventions Caseworkers, TYS workers and Connexions Personal Advisers.

When the child or young person arrives at the place of safety the circumstances are explained to the Police Inspector who takes over responsibility for the police protection case. The Inspector will satisfy himself of the circumstances and the need to take action to remove the risk the officers found the child in. The Police Inspector is then responsible for contacting social services to jointly assess the risk and make the most appropriate care arrangements for the child.

A swift and easy CAF was completed and the EDT was contacted. A range of support was offered by SBC staff including alcohol awareness. Police then ensured that parents were contacted and arranged for the young people to be picked up. In some cases the Police accompanied young people back into the care of parents. Police re-in forced parental responsibilities.

If further action was required young people cases were referred into Preventions Panel (YISP) or existing services involved with each young person were informed to provide follow up.

**2. Numbers Engaged and Reasons**

21 Operations have taken place in 2009-2010, 19 Young people have been engaged reasons include; drinking alcohol with older youths, alcohol with older youths and know offenders, intoxicated at Mandale in Prostitution area, young females drinking alcohol older males.

**3. Impact of operations undertaken in 2009-10**

The activity has clearly strengthened the relationship between the Police and Children’s Services staff and those taking part have formed an effective partnership in delivering this activity.

The impact of YCAP activity can be noted as supporting reductions in criminal damage and anti social behaviour (Police data) but just as importantly case study examples do: recently 3 young females (Fairfield /Hartburn residents) that had misled parents about their whereabouts on a Friday evening were subsequently found in Stockton centre with older youths with alcohol and picked up by the Staysafe patrol. This clearly evidences the potential preventative work on offer. All parents were delighted to see the safe return of their daughters and through assessment one has been referred into the Preventions service for support and advice.

**4. Evaluation and Improvement Plan**

Evaluation carried out with Parents would support the fact that Staysafe has been a success and well received. A large proportion of the young people engaged were already known to services and this enabled immediate follow up to be carried and additional support plans were put in place.

To improve delivery for 10-11 there will be a review of the amount of staff required on each

operation. It is expected that a more specific and detailed plan will be drawn up before each operation in order to target resources more effectively. Data from this years operations will be used to inform and support police intelligence and current data.

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## **STREET BASED TEAMS AND FRIDAY AND SATURDAY EVENING DELIVERY**

### **Aim-**

Through formation of effective partnerships between youth workers, the police and youth support providers, help to prevent young people becoming involved in crime or anti-social behaviour including:

This involves:

- Joint information sharing between partners to determine shared criteria for identification of young people at risk of crime and/or anti-social behaviour that wont engage in mainstream youth provision.
- Agreement for a way forward involving integrated analyses and activities using local crime intelligence from police/pcsos, to determine the times and places for deployment.
- Engagement with young people to develop/increase opportunities and/or activities that will help prevent offending behaviour and support young people by bringing (or helping them to access) existing local services and facilities.
- Ensuring that appropriate positive activities are provided alongside the work of the street based teams.

### **5. Delivery of Street Based Teams including make up of the team and operational links to the Police.**

There are 4 distinct Street based teams our main commissioned Voluntary Sector Partners Corner House Youth Project (CHYP) and Newtown Partnership who have 2 of the Authorities mobile units. Our YCAP team who form part of the rapid response element of our programme. A Way Out a & Youth for Christ (YFC) Voluntary Sector Partner are commissioned to provide a Friday evening session and the IYSS Youth Bus/detached team link into the Street based Friday/Saturday delivery. The YCAP Coordinator attends the Police Tasking and Coordinating group on a fortnightly basis to identify Hotspots and deploys the YCAP resources accordingly.

### **6. Team deployment each week including times and days.**

- **Monday** - Billingham Town Centre the Central Outreach/Project delivery CHYP/Newtown 6.30-8.30pm. Wolviston Court Billingham 6.30-8.30 pm IYSS Youth Bus.
- **Tuesday** - The Clarences CHYP/Newtown 6.00-8.00pm, Tilery 6.30-8.30 IYSS Youth Bus.
- **Wednesday** - Arlington Park CHYP 6.00-8.00pm.
- **Thursday** 5.30-8.30pm Wrensfield CHYP, Blue Bridge Ragworth 6.30-8.30pm IYSS Youth Bus.
- **Friday** - Hardwick 6.00-8.00pm YCAP team. A Way Out & YFC Central Stockton football cage and detached work 6.30-10.pm, Clarences CHYP 6.00-8.00pm.
- **Saturday** - Hardwick CHYP, HYPE YCAP team football sessions. Norton Grange Newtown 6.00-8.00pm. Drop in Outreach the Cave Central Stockton 7.00-8.30pm.

### **7. Number of young people engaged**

- Delivered 278 Street Based Sessions in 14 Neighbourhoods
- Engaged 3,140 young people since April 09.
- This has been supplemented by the delivery of 142 Positive Activity Sessions engaging 2,140 young people.

### **8. Evaluation and Improvement Plan**

In conjunction with the Police we have developed Operation HYDE which targets groups identified at Joint Action Groups (JAGS). During Operation Halloween a top 16 list of young people engaged in ASB including attacks on Fire Service crews on the Hardwick Estate. The group where Targeted by Police, ASB and enforcement teams, with visits by Tristar Officers who are our local Housing Providers. This was accompanied by an intensive package of diversionary Interventions delivered by our YCAP partnership. On 30<sup>th</sup>31<sup>st</sup> and Bonfire Night there where no incidents of ASB on the estate. This has been followed by a joined up weekly programme which gives 6nights coverage of Targeted and universal Service for young people. This has left a legacy after the intensive YCAP intervention which is sustainable and is a model we intend to develop across the Borough.

On 26<sup>th</sup> November we delivered a Workshop to the Regional Youth task Force in Newcastle on our Friday/Saturday night Positive Activities Delivery which was well received and Alasdair Duerdin National lead for DCSF Positive Activities fed back to the conference that if you want to see how to deliver Friday & Saturday nights delivery go to Stockton On Tees.

The YCAP programme is run in conjunction Stockton Activities For All (SAFE) programme Including Beat the Boredom events. These events take place at our local Arts Centre and are hosted by TFM a local radio station, the events include a battle of the DJ'S and a Street dance, dance off . 250-300 young people attend each month and we plan to move the events into other area's of the Borough during the next Halloween/Bonfire night SAFE programme

**9. Impact of delivery including**

- Operation Halloween on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> engaging 235 young people, 4 Street Based deployments engaging 278.
- Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> 14 Positive Activities engaging 480 young people and 4 Street Based deployments engaging 390 young people. During this period we reduced ASB and Criminal Damage where reduced by 9%.
- Bonfire Night a reduction of 33% in Criminal Damage and ASB was reported.
- it is worth noting that last year we had a reduction of Criminal Damage was reduced by 63% and ASB by 29% which makes this years figures even more impressive.

## **AFTER SCHOOL PATROLS**

### **Aims:**

- To tackle anti-social behaviour and disorder at school closing time and at transport interchanges
- To reassure young people and local communities in areas where crime and disturbances occur
- To work with schools, Safer Schools Partnerships officer, parents and the local community to identify and address the needs of individuals who cause disturbances

### **10. Delivery of After School Patrols names and number of schools covered**

This project works with identified schools and locations where there are potential issues of disorder sometimes at school closing time but primarily leading up to and following the end of school terms. This activity is intelligence led, primarily through the Police and ASB teams but also via school information. Stockton District has dedicated neighbourhood Police Officers and PCSOs for each ward and they work closely with local schools linking into the Safer Schools agenda. A Police Officer has also been allocated to work within the schools and with targeted pupils to address offending behaviour and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in specific areas. This is done in partnership with the Local Authority Anti-Social Behaviour Team that goes into all schools across the district and speaks to pupils in assemblies or smaller groups about specific problems.

Stockton on Tees has run a series of successful partnership events aimed at tackling crime and anti social behaviour at key times within the school calendar. This includes a series of "SAFE" events which have contributed to a significant reduction in crime and ASB on the period leading up to and during School Holidays. Police work closely with schools and PCSO's to provide intelligence as to where best to place resources and at what time and provide a visible presence at key times. YCAP will continue to enhance this initiative, supporting schools at all key periods leading up to and during school holidays. In addition the Street Based teams, Police and PCSO teams work in partnership providing patrols at known 'hot spots' within the borough such as shops, parks etc and young people will continue to be encouraged to take part in positive activities and diverted to youth facilities open at these times.

### **11. Names and number of schools covered.**

After school patrols cover all secondary schools in the borough with particular attention focused on schools where intelligence suggests there may be trouble planned or may occur.

### **12. Number of After School Patrols including times and days.**

Patrols have been focussed to cover the last day of school in the summer which varies by a few days in the different towns and times of patrol were 3pm till 9pm. Highlighted schools were visited by the local police, school liaison officer and ASB Team in the week leading up to last day of term. Significant resources were deployed over the Halloween period from 4pm till midnight over the course of a week.

### **13. Number of Young People Engaged**

Contact was made with numerous young people in different forms from merely talking to them on the street to diverting them to other activities. It is impossible to accurately say how many children have been engaged with due to the variety of ways this was done.

### **14. Impact of After School Patrols**

Crime and ASB over the summer and Halloween period was reduced significantly and the criminal damage projection for 2009/2010 is a 20% reduction against a target of 5%. This was largely due to the enhanced work from these operations. Due to the success of them they will be used on an annual basis at key periods.

### **15. Evaluation and Improvement Plan**

Crime and ASB continues to reduce well above set targets so this work will continue in the next financial year. There has been significant progress made on housing estates such as Hardwick and Norton with identified individuals being targeted with our partner agencies. We will build on these successful initiatives using problem solving methods and analysis to strive for further reductions

and make the community a safer place. Work is targeted in the schools to educate and raise awareness of community problems and involve parents to take a greater responsibility for their children who offend.

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**YOT WORKERS IN CUSTODY SUITES****Aims**

- To ensure a YOT worker is available either in the custody suite itself or at the end of a phone.
- To ensure when a young person is brought into the custody suite the YOT worker is immediately informed.
- To ensure the YOT worker will make enquiries to establish if the young person is already known to the YOT, YISP, Children's services etc
- To ensure the YOT worker will also carry out a rapid assessment of the young person and liaise with the Police and CPS to make decision on next steps.

**16. Delivery of YOT workers in custody suites in 2009-10 including number of custody suites and type of engagement e.g. face to face.**

Delivery of this project is being led by South Tees Youth Offending Service. There have been difficulties in engaging the Police at a strategic level in this process, which has delayed the commencement of this Project. South Tees YOS have employed two workers to deliver this Project, who are now in post. In the face of continuing difficulties with the Police and until agreement has been reached about input in the police custody area, the project has now commenced albeit with a focus upon those cyp who have already been reprimanded. To date, no children or young people from Stockton on Tees have been engaged in this project.

**17. Frequency of delivery including times and days.** N/A**18. Numbers of young people.** N/A**19. Impact of delivery** N/A**20. Evaluation and Improvement Plan** N/A

## **REPARATION IN LEISURE TIME, INCLUDING ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHTS**

### **Aims:**

To help keep young offenders occupied at peak offending and leisure times to:

- Reduce opportunity to re-offend
- Cut into young offenders' leisure time, so they feel the impact of their sentence
- Repair harm caused by offending
- Bring benefits to local communities

### **21. Delivery of Reparation in leisure time, including on Friday and Saturday nights and types of sessions delivered.**

YCAP Reparation is carried out on evenings especially on Fridays and Saturdays. The sessions include, attending a cycle project. Carrying out environmental work, gardening, litter picking/graffiti removal Etc.

### **22. Number of sessions delivered in 2009-10 including times and days.**

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 the Service have carried out 382 sessions of Reparation on Friday and Saturday evenings from 5pm to 8pm under YCAP funding.

### **23. How the type of session was determined including through engagement with the local community.**

As a part to the start of project the Service has carried out ongoing consultation with local voluntary and community as well residential groups throughout the Borough. These groups have identified many of the activities which are carried out on evening week-ends. These groups will be revisited and the end of the first year and will be updated on progress made within their respective communities.

### **24. Number of young people engaged and reasons for Reparation**

57 Young people have taken part in week end working and all are subject of Court Orders. Each YP must meet the criteria, i.e. Are responsible for being involved in week end anti social behaviour, have committed offence(s) on Friday/Saturday evening.

### **25. Impact of delivery of reparation in leisure time including start date and any other key milestones**

All week end sessions are carried out on a one to one basis with a paid sessional worker supporting sessions. The Service adopts a 'mentoring' approach with the Young people and the feedback from Young people and their families has been very positive. Some of the Young people have gone on to do voluntary work after completed their Court Orders. The Young people taking part on the cycle course have received an accreditation certificate.

### **26. Evaluation and Improvement Plan**

The Service will evaluate the first year's project at the end of March 2010 before deciding if any changes will be carried out in the second year. All Residential/voluntary Groups will be revisited and their views will be sought when considering any changes to the current project.