

Targeted Prevention

The proposed work of the Youth Justice
Service Targeted Prevention Team



Key Definitions

- **Prevention** = support and intervention with children (and their parents / carers) who may be displaying behaviours which could indicate underlying needs or vulnerability.
- **Youth Justice Prevention** = aims to keep young people away from crime and the criminal justice system
- **‘Early’ Prevention** = support for children (no linked offence or arrests to address needs)
- **‘Targeted’ Prevention** = support for children who have had some contact with criminal justice services

Themes

- GMP & NFA's – avoiding criminalising a child whilst positive, can mean they don't get the support they need.
- Children – Trauma & ACE's remain unmet
- Involving children in the criminal justice system can increase future offending



Evidence

- 70% of crimes where a child is named as a suspect are closed without obvious sign of referrals to prevention services.
- Data from GMP suggests that as of 16.12.21 there was in Bolton:
- **95** Children currently released and under investigation
- **21** Children on Police Bail
- Between 01.09.21 to 01.12.21 **485** children released with no further action
- YJS Officers currently on average identify one or two siblings of children on their case loads who they have concerns about may become involved in offending / asb.



Moving Forward

- Further refinement / analysis of the data
- Prevention Co-Ordinator
- YJS to focus on referrals from GMP & Community Safety (Anti Social Behaviour Pathway) to provide 'targeted' prevention
- Early Help Service to focus on referrals from other agencies in respect of 'early' prevention & predictive ACE's
- Close working between YJS / IFD / EH to ensure all children / families who need it receive 'whole family' support
- Key is to focus on Trauma & ACE's
- Build on existing resources – Safer Schools & Community Officer, Youth Diversion Support Worker, Team Around Schools, Early Help Targeted Support



Lets End The Hurt – Knife Crime Prevention Training

Partnership between Bolton Council, Secondary Heads & Greater Manchester Police
Strategy meetings between GMP, LA & Headteachers

One day training programme developed (Phase 1)

- To raise awareness amongst young people of the growing incidence and implications of knife crime
- To provide young people with strategies to prevent involvement in knife crime as either a perpetrator or victim - serious implications of handling knife's.
- Medical Implications of being stabbed – speed of blood loss
- Debunk the “grassing” myth – talking can help

Delivered to all our 20 mainstream secondary schools in July 2021

Approx. 20,000 students experienced training



Lets End The Hurt – Knife Crime Prevention Training

Training Programme Created and delivered by Bolton Police

- Delivered on each school site by GMP Police Officers with PCSOs
- Supported by a training video created by GMP and other resources
- Facilitated question and answer opportunities for students across school
- Informal opportunities for students to meet GMP Police Officers and PCSOs

January 2022

- Strategy meeting between GMP, Bolton Council and Secondary Special School Headteachers.
- Delivery started to new Year 7's students in secondary schools
- Bespoke training programme being developed for each secondary Special School
- Training Programme delivered by February half term 2022 in each school