

Targeted Youth Work response to ASB

The Targeted Youth Service work to help to reduce levels of youth related anti-social behaviour through two avenues:

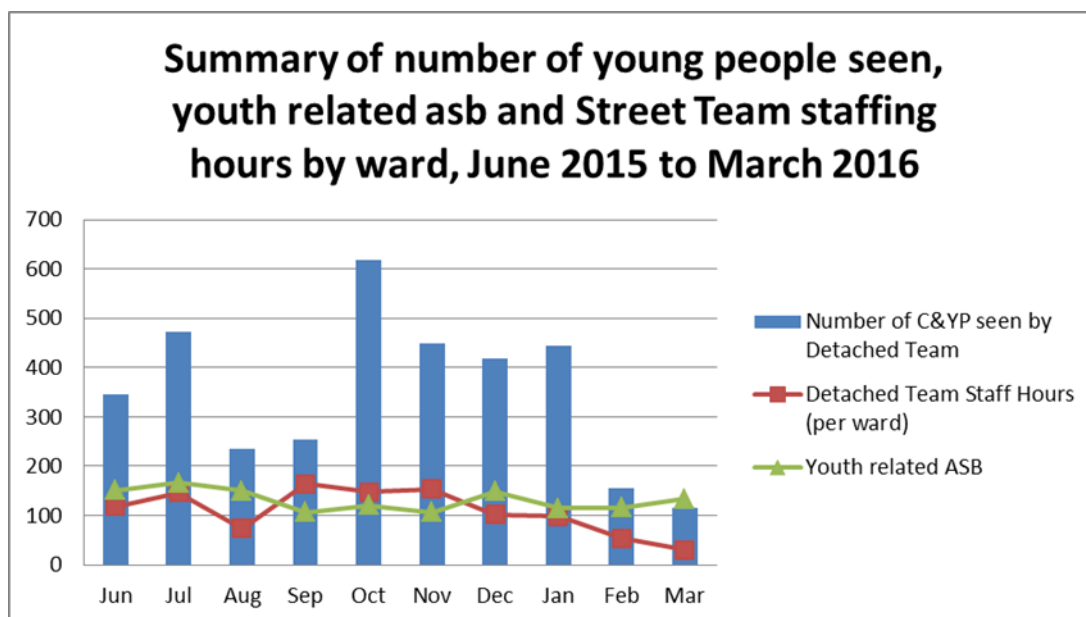
- Targeted Youth Workers work intensively with identified individuals who may be involved in or at risk of becoming involved in anti- social behaviour through a case work model that engages the whole family;
- Detached Street Youth Work Team operate out in the community, engaging with young people in areas in which they congregate which allows us to have a direct impact on levels of youth related anti- social behaviour. Using data and intelligence from the Community Safety Partnership, MAGPan, CSEP, and our own local knowledge the Detached Street Team are deployed to hotspot areas where issues of youth ASB are apparent.

The benefits of this two strand approach to anti- social behaviour are numerous. The Detached Street Team offer a very visible alternative to the traditional approach of having youth clubs for young people to attend. The role of Detached Youth Workers is flexible, and deployment is dynamic and responsive .Staff are able to enter the spaces that young people frequent and this allows them to develop relationships with not only the young people but also the local community. Detached Youth Workers can give young people good, effective advice and information, and can advocate and be the voice of the young people in the local area. They can also work to help to dissuade young people from becoming involved in anti- social behaviour activities by offering alternatives.

Targeted Youth Workers work with individuals or small groups on tailored programs which help to dissuade young people from continuing their involvement in anti- social behaviour, or indeed, moving into the criminal sphere. They are able to work on specific aspects of behaviour with an individual which will help to move them away from negative influences. Both strands aim to primarily meet the needs of the young person.

Correlation of detached street team deployment and youth ASB related Incidents

The following report shows a summary of numbers of young people seen by the detached team together with the number of anti-social behaviour related incidents as recorded by the police.



Where the detached team are deployed there tends to be a reduction in youth related ASB incidents.

Current Detached Youth Work

We are currently operating with a very small team (less than 3 FTE) and therefore we are restricted in our delivery capacity. However, in the New Year we are moving towards a new working model and this allows opportunity to increase detached work through realignment of roles and a recruitment process focussing on community based delivery; this in turn will allow the team to cover wider areas of Luton and with increased frequency.

The Detached Youth Work Team has worked extensively to build relationships with young people and the wider community. These relationships have helped us to contribute to the lessening of youth-related ASB

For example in Farley Hill, members of the team engaged with groups of young people about the dangers of climbing on roofs and causing a nuisance around the Community Centre. We have been able to make a positive impact on young people causing a disturbance at Parktown. Building relationships with young people in Bramingham helped us to successfully organise and run a football programme at Great Bramingham Park with Luton Town Football Club and Sainsbury's. The Detached Street Team has actively supported the volunteer organisers of the youth clubs at Hockwell Ring Community Centre using an outreach and signposting approach with young people, and supporting with delivery during sessions. We have given information to and encouraged groups of young people in the Limbury, Hockwell Ring and Marsh Farm areas to apply for job and training opportunities; and support has been given to the voluntary sector group UpRising to encourage young people to take part in their employability skills training courses.

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