

(Ref 18 – 2013) Allocation of Community Safety Funds

PCC Scrutiny Meeting 4 December 2014 – Progress Reporting

Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council

July 2014 – September 2014

Within Redcar & Cleveland there are three interagency Community Safety Groups (CSG's) which meet on a monthly basis. The groups receive information relating to the following -:

- Acquisitive crime
- Criminal damage and violence
- Antisocial Behaviour (ASB)
- Hate Crime
- Community Trigger requests
- Statistical evidence

Actions can include the setting up of task & finish groups to determine appropriate responses and interventions, or to organise and plan seasonal/school holiday intervention campaigns and activities.

In addition to the above mechanisms to address ASB, the Police & Crime Commissioners funding is adding value to what we do through the following programmes-:

IDVA (Independent Domestic Advisory Service)

During this quarter the IDVA service has supported -:

- 22 families
- 44 clients without children
- 7 families who are involved with Child Protection
- 32 clients from the Specialist Domestic Violence Courts
- 3 clients to access Refuge accommodation
- 11 referrals for sanctuary
- 3 meetings of the Domestic Violence Disclosure Panel have been held
- 4 MARAC meetings
- 4 clients referred to the Freedom Programme

ASB (Anti-Social Behaviour)

Ambassadors programme

In the New Year, the Ambassadors ten week programme will commence in secondary schools across the Borough. The programme will enable young people to examine ASB and personal safety issues, and determine their own responses.

Stay Safe Scheme

The Stay Safe scheme identifies vulnerable youngsters out on the streets on Friday and Saturday nights, and has recently been re-launched. Through a multi-agency approach, youngsters are then removed from the situation into safety, until a parent /guardian is called.

Community Mediation Pilot Programme

Up to 2005, RCBC procured the services of Unite Limited to provide a Community Mediation programme within the Borough. The anti-social behaviour officers have for a number of years highlighted that this has been a loss in service provision offered to residents involved in anti-social behaviour occurrences.

Unite have a contract with CCH (Coast & Country Housing) for social housing tenants, this leaves a gap in service provision for owner/occupied and private rented households.

The pilot programme represents an opportunity to assess the demand, impact and evaluation of mediation intervention. It will also provide the anti-social behaviour team with Level 3 Mediation Skills qualifications which will be beneficial in their wide

The programme includes -:

- 20 community mediation referrals
- Statistics provided in January and March 2015 (this allows time for the promotion and marketing of the service which will help to generate awareness of the service).
- 3 meetings with a dedicated Project Co-ordinator, to include review of service delivery and marketing.
- All practitioners will be fully trained, experienced (i.e. out of probation period), supervised and receive continuous professional development through their individual learning and development plans.
- Level 3 Mediation Skills Training.

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