



# BIRMINGHAM COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

WORKING TOGETHER FOR A SAFER CITY

## **Birmingham Community Safety Partnership**

### **Annual Report 2014-15**

## **FOREWORD**

Welcome to this 2014-2015 Annual Report of the Birmingham Community Safety Partnership.

The last twelve months have seen a significant redesign of services in respect of the work of the City Council's support services for the Partnership. In the course of this year, budgets have shifted and been reduced, and there has been a marked reduction in the level of resources available to the Council to deliver on the objectives and priorities set out by the Birmingham Community Safety Partnership.

During this time, there have also been a significant reduction in budgets across all partner agencies which has inevitably impacted on service delivery in many respects, and which has also had implications for the ongoing contribution which some of our partners have been able to make to the work.

Despite this, the Birmingham Community Safety Partnership has responded in a positive way to the changes and has continued to build on the strong history of partnership work which has sustained the Partnership over many years.

The Partnership has worked hard to meet targets and develop new business areas, and in doing so continues to make a real difference to the lives of citizens of the city. However, we know that the issues of crime and anti-social behaviour are still major concerns for many people in the city.

I would like to personally thank the Partnership Board for its continued support and focus in respect of the challenges set out particularly during what has been a time of significant change and uncertainty for our work. I would also like to personally thank the outgoing Chairperson, Assistant Chief Constable Garry Forsyth, for his work and dedication to partnership working in the City.

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## **REPORT SUMMARY**

### **Key Trends of Crime in Birmingham**

The Birmingham Community Safety Partnership (BCSP) is in a strong position regarding developed priorities (Domestic Violence and Youth Violence) but other strategic priorities presented a learning curve and significant challenge. Measures were nominated by the responsible priority steering groups, as the work was 'new' no target reductions were identified instead performance was measured in terms of increases and decreases compared to previous years. The performance measures were agreed at 31/01/2015, with a view to provide comparison based on the 2 year average (rolling 24 month percentage change).

#### **Business Crime**

This work stream draws on information from a number of partners. To date there has been an improvement in 10 out of the 15 measures, the improvement has been primarily due to police recording practices. Some of the reductions are detailed as follows:

- Reduced public place violence in Night Time Economy by 2.5%
- Reduced theft in Night Time Economy by 29.4% reduction

#### **Domestic Violence**

The measures for this work stream all come from law enforcement data and findings are mostly positive, compared to last year eight of ten measures show a change in the desired direction; longer term the 24 month measures show six out of ten measures recording an improvement. Some of the reductions are detailed as follows:

- Reduced domestic violence homicide by 20%.
- Reports of domestic violence reports accepted as crimes, an increase of 13.9%.
- Forced marriage incidents reported to police rose by 116%.
- Reported serious sexual assaults increased by 14%.

#### **Mobilising Communities**

There is only one measure which showed an increase in numbers of road traffic collisions where someone is killed or seriously injured. Though there has been a sizeable decrease in the rolling 24-month figure of 14.5%.

#### **Vulnerable People**

The vulnerable people strand currently has one agreed measure, referrals to the Birmingham Residents Antisocial Behaviour Victim Empowerment project. As such there are no comparison figures to compare with previous years performance. The steering group is setting out a revised programme for 2015/16.

## **Youth Violence**

Data for the Youth Violence stream is currently sourced from WMP and the 'Multi Agency Gang Unit' (MAGU) partnership. Both shorter and longer-term comparisons suggested that the vast majority of measures were improving. Some of the reductions were:

- Most serious violence reduced by 4.7%.
- Weapon enabled violence with injury reduced by 23.9%.
- Violence with injury reduced by 9.4%.

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## SECTION 1 INTRODUCTION

The Birmingham Community Safety Partnership (BCSP) comprises members from public sector agencies, elected officials and members of the community. The 1998 Crime & Disorder Act (and subsequent legislation) outlined the requirements for English cities to put in place Partnerships which would focus on strategic approaches and delivery arrangements in respect of crime and crime reduction initiatives. The legislation also identified the key agencies in respect of these activities, and placed a statutory duty on them to form a partnership which considered the crime affecting the local authority area and to set in place strategies and interventions to tackle the problems.

In Birmingham the Partnership has been strengthened by inviting other partners and agencies in this enterprise. In November 2014, arrangements were put in place to invite up to four community members to contribute to the Partnership.

The full list of Board members is detailed below:

- Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Foundation Trust
- Birmingham City Council
- Birmingham Cross City Clinical Commissioning Group,
- Birmingham South & Central Clinical Commissioning Group
- Birmingham Voluntary Service Council
- Castle Vale Community Housing Association
- Community Representatives.
- Midland Heart, (representing the Chamber of Commerce)
- National Probation Service
- Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
- Political representation from all three main parties
- Sandwell & Birmingham West Clinical Commissioning Group
- Staffordshire and West Midlands Probation CRC
- Victim Support
- West Midlands Fire Service
- West Midlands Police
- Women's Aid

The BCSP's reach is across the whole city through a highly-developed structure, broken down below as Central and Local delivery mechanisms.

### Central Structures

Centrally, the Birmingham Community Safety, Police and Crime Board acts as the key strategic body for the Partnership. A Partnership Delivery Group (PDG) is in place to support and guide work on local initiatives and projects in respect of delivery and operations.

Page 7 below sets out the structure. The Partnership Delivery Group addresses operational matters with particular emphasis on events that can have city-wide

impact, such as the annual funding for the policing operation of the Frankfurt Christmas Market. The Group also provides support on issues which may affect local areas but where a central approach is required

In spring 2014, the Birmingham Community Safety Police and Crime Board agreed three strategic outcome measures for the Partnership (detailed below) which would be used to track and monitor the overall performance.

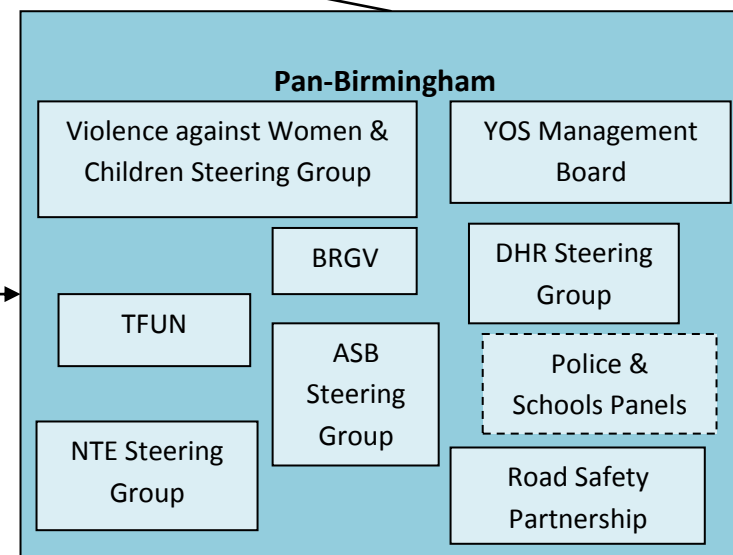
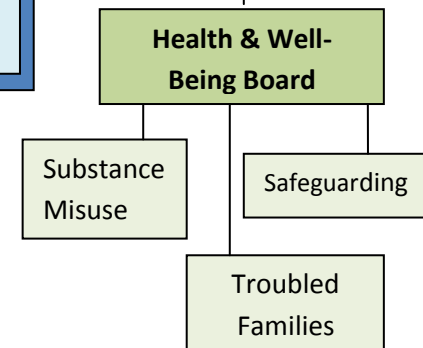
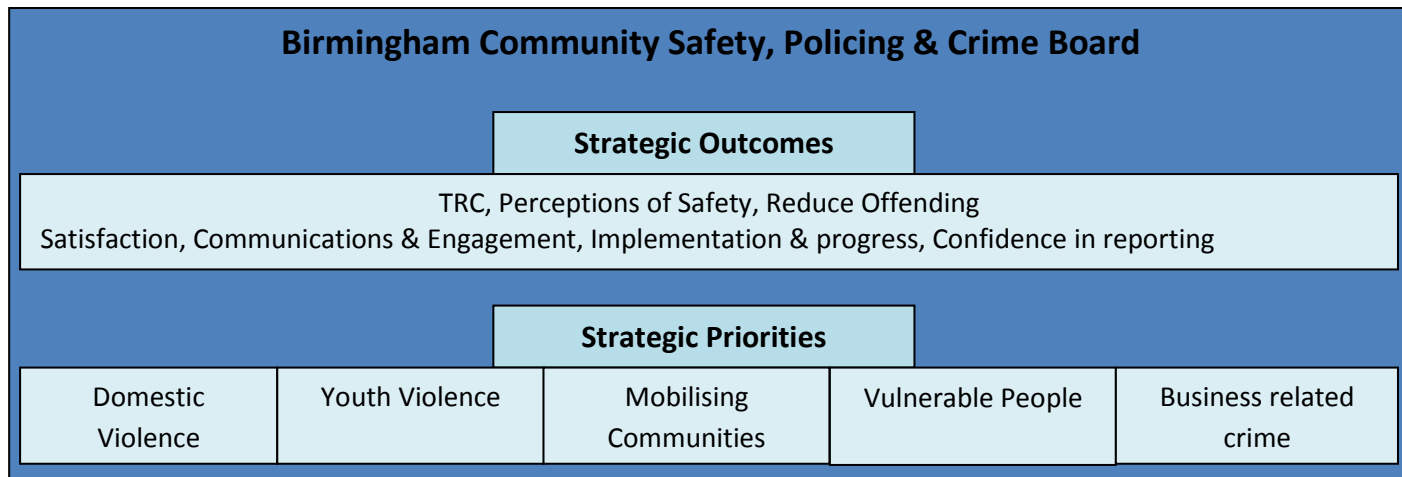
1. Reduce total recorded crime
2. Increase perceptions of safety
3. Reduce reoffending

The Birmingham Community Safety Police and Crime Board also agreed to five overarching strategic thematic priorities, each having a delivery plan and performance framework relevant to the subject area. The details of this are set out later in this report, together with each of the strategic priorities and the interventions which relate to them.

- Business Crime
- Domestic Violence
- Mobilising Communities
- Vulnerable People
- Youth Violence

### Local Delivery Mechanisms

In Birmingham there is a long tradition of initiatives to support Local Delivery Groups (LDGs) working to address crime and disorder at local levels and respond to local concerns. The principle vehicle for this is the Neighbourhood Tasking Groups which tackle localised issues of crime and anti-social behaviour affecting communities. Community safety work is enhanced at a local level through cross departmental and partnership working across the full range of business (e.g. domestic violence and ASB).





## SECTION 2 CITY WIDE THEMATIC PRIORITIES

### 2.1 Business Related Crime

The Business Related Crime Thematic Priority draws together the Night Time Economy Steering Group (NTE) and Safer Travel Partnership (STP), and has been the catalyst for the creation of the new Day Time Economy Steering Group (DTE).

The Business Related Crime Group is a sub-group of Birmingham Community Safety Partnership (BCSP). The aim of this thematic priority is to reduce business related crime with greater emphasis on offender management interventions, crime prevention initiatives and more collaborative working with businesses. A number of programmes across all three delivery strands were delivered, increasing business confidence and resilience particularly regarding cyber-crime.

A key achievement during 2014/15 has been the strong relationships with business communities to increase trust and confidence and improve the work of the police and community safety partners in respect of business related crime. Retail and cyber related crime present the greatest challenges. Retail crime accounts for nearly 11% of total recorded crime.

During 2014 and 2015 the following key areas of work were commissioned:

#### 2.1.1 Business Crime Steering Group

- A business crime online & paper based survey was undertaken to capture the experiences and views of Birmingham businesses.
- A Business Crime Workshop was attended by over 100 pan Birmingham business representatives and associated partners coming together for the first time to discuss and shape business crime services. The feedback has been considered in the 2015/16 Business Crime delivery plans.

#### 2.1.2 Day Time Economy

- *Op Engage* - This initiative comprised high visibility policing patrols to engage street beggars with the aim of reducing public place nuisance and vulnerabilities experienced by street beggars. Enforcement options were used for persistent or threatening beggars, otherwise individuals were signposted to appropriate support services.
- Retail Loss Prevention Training - 3 x 2 day training courses were delivered by a commissioned provider to retailers, police & security personnel to improve the response to retail crime. Feedback was very positive and attendees identified transferrable knowledge and skills they could use within the workplace.
- A large quantity of Cyber-Crime & Fraud Prevention awareness literature was circulated across the city to raise awareness and prevent victimisation

within businesses of cyber-crime and other “scams”. A key message is 80% cyber-crime can be prevented by following the government advice.

### 2.1.3 Safer Travel

Projects were delivered to Improve Perceptions of safety on public transport to reduce the crime & anti-social behaviour associated with public transport networks and increase public reassurance. These included the following operations:

- *Op Goliath* – a pan Birmingham “all out” on public transport with West Midlands Police & British Transport Police providing additional support. An example of this activity is a recent gateway operation on Digbeth High St focussed on bus routes into and out of the city centre resulting in:
  - 160 buses checked;
  - 163 penalty fare notices issued totalling £5,522;
  - Three persons searched by police and one person given a formal cannabis caution.
- *Op Snow* - city centre Christmas Market operation focused on the three city railway stations and key bus interchanges.
- General ASB Operations - in response to the “See & Say” public engagement/feedback campaign. Activity included handing out the “See Something, Say Something” cards, providing crime prevention advice and reassurance patrols on buses, trains and trams.
- Safer Travel proactively investigated a number of incidents using CCTV which resulted in
  - 3 persons identified regarding assault on bus;
  - 1 person arrested for arson on bus;
  - 1 person identified for cycle theft at train station;
  - 2 persons identified for serious unprovoked assault on a passenger at bus station; and
  - Identification of a group damaging buses on no.50 route.
- A number of press releases were circulated on the following campaigns:
  - **‘Can You See Me, I Can See You’** – a campaign promoting undercover police officers on public transport – costs incurred include additional patrols & publicity material.
  - **‘Put Pocket’** – a campaign focused on reducing thefts from vulnerable people at risk of opportunist offenders - costs incurred include additional patrols & publicity material.

The latest passenger focus satisfaction statistics (from the autumn wave) show the following:-

- Bus at stop 78% (+2% on the last autumn survey and +15% since 2011)
- Bus on board 78% (+2% on the last autumn survey and +8% since 2012)
- Rail at station 67% (-2% on the last autumn survey)
- Rail on board 76% (-3% on the last autumn survey)
- Metro at stop 80% (+1% on the last autumn survey)
- Metro on tram 83% (+2% on the last autumn survey)

#### 2.1.4 Night Time Economy

- Communications and publicity material with the Purple Flag theme was used to promote messages around responsible drinking over the Christmas period. This ran alongside a Birmingham City Council Licensing media campaign which was broadcasted on local radio, public transport and across social networks.
- Birmingham city centre has successfully retained Purple Flag status for another 12 months. Sutton Coldfield will be applying for Purple Flag status within the next round of submissions. Moseley and Selly Oak are also preparing to bid for Purple Flag accreditation.
- Seasonal campaigns in all Birmingham LPUs received additional funds to promote seasonal messaging & campaigns for the Christmas & New Year periods. Examples include mobile phone theft awareness & on-street harm reduction messaging within Moseley Village (SIFA Fireside). Funding also provided additional high visibility policing patrols at peak periods, based on statistical analysis.
- Door Staff Breathalyser Pilot was led by the city centre Neighbourhood Policing Team. A number of target venues participated in this project. Talks are ongoing with those venues yet to engage. This project aims to promote responsible drinking.
- The Best Bar None Awards ceremony took place in December. The NTE supports these awards and provides part-sponsorship. The scheme rewards licensed premises that are raising the standard by taking pride in their surroundings, operating responsibly and demonstrating a commitment to reducing alcohol related crime. There is an award for best contribution to community safety.
- A partnership event to promote best practice & learning took place in January 2015. This assisted the development of our 2015/16 NTE Delivery Plan.
- ASB Vehicles Operation - a pilot operation clamping down on vehicles causing nuisance in the city centre. For example, car-cruising targeting

girls on Broad Street, horn honking, etc. Enforcement activity includes drivers being warned, ticketed and in some cases vehicles being seized. This operation has already uncovered interesting links to drugs, gangs, CSE, etc.

- A pilot closure of Ladywell Walk in the city centre took place in February 2015 to observe if there were any improvements to road and pedestrian safety by closing vehicle access. The pilot also hopes to show reduced tension and violence amongst customers who otherwise would have to navigate their way through narrow pavements, often pushing into each other causing conflict. This pilot project is currently under evaluation.
- University College of Birmingham – Safer Walking Routes: A partnership project with the students’ guild. “Safer Walking Routes” have been identified where patrol volunteers issued with radios will issue panic alarms to students.
- The Taxi Marshall scheme operates on Friday and Saturday nights on Broad Street and in Southside. The aim is to swiftly and safely move people away from the NTE areas and reduce the risk of conflict & disorder arising from queue jumping. This scheme provides a visible deterrence to unlicensed taxis and drivers who make unwarranted advances to vulnerable people, particularly lone females who may by virtue of situation, be more at risk of sexual violence.
- Cocaine Wipes: This is a new initiative to provide wipes for use in venues to detect the use of cocaine. The project aims to enhance engagement within the NTE and support any enforcement activity.

A key finding from the first year of this priority group is the strong emphasis placed by businesses on seeking to reduce the negative impact of public place nuisance which can spoil the customer experience. Other findings include:

- Additional capacity to achieve cleaner and safer public transport.
- Safer roads provide personal safety benefits and improve the local economy.
- Preventative initiatives to tackle cyber threats will protect businesses and increase confidence in online systems.
- This priority is an outlet for the “Business Voice” in the community safety arena. Business engagement in meetings, workshops and surveys helps to best understand the issues and perceptions and better shapes the responses.
- This priority has enabled links with other key partners such as Digital Bham, the Birmingham Business Charter, the Economy Directorate of BCC, Bham & Solihull LEP and Greater Birmingham Chamber of Commerce.

## 2.2 Domestic Violence

The Violence Against Women and Children Steering Group is a sub-group of Birmingham Community Safety Partnership (BCSP); the Steering Group's purpose is to:

- Oversee the development and implementation of the Birmingham Community Safety Partnership's Delivery Plan on Domestic Violence on behalf of the Executive Board.
- Provide a collective, expert voice and evidence base for the city on domestic violence and sexual violence.
- Promote partnership working around sexual violence issues.
- Support Birmingham Safeguarding Children Board in its responsibilities for the safeguarding of children with particular regard to domestic violence, child sexual exploitation, forced marriage and female genital mutilation.
- Ensure that lessons concerning domestic violence that emerge from the Domestic Homicide Reviews are fully addressed and take action as requested by BCSP's Executive Board on specific issues.
- Promote 'Birmingham Domestic Violence Standards' to all service providers and support their on-going implementation.

During 2014/15 the following key areas of work were commissioned:

### 2.2.1 Women's Safety Unit

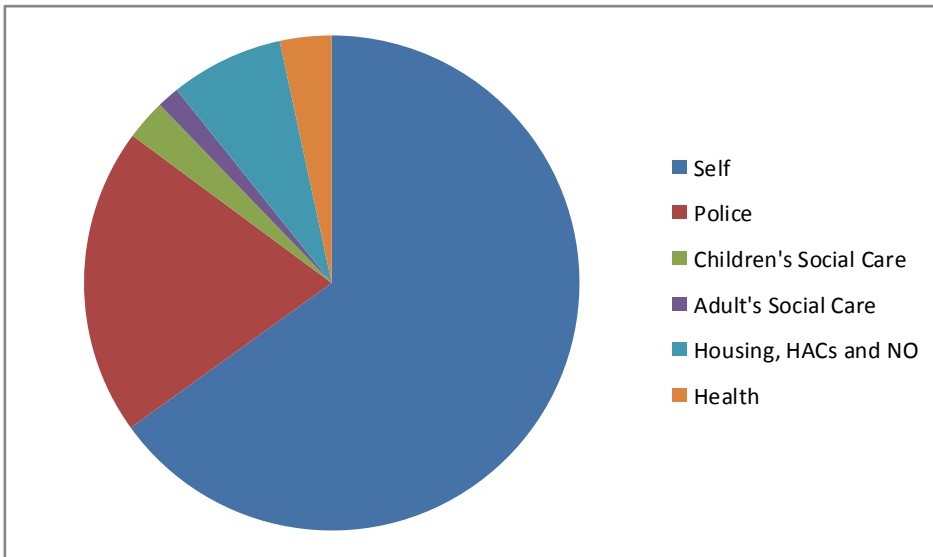
The Safety Unit project is delivered by Birmingham & Solihull Women's Aid and provides independent support and advocacy to domestic violence victims as an outreach service or targeted to high risk or those involved in court proceedings. The domestic violence helpline has recently been commissioned to enable victims and professionals providing information, advice and access to the range of services in the city.

In addition to monitoring of outcomes by court disposals, homeless prevention and income generation, the Safety Unit monitors the self-assessment of victim progress in the following areas:

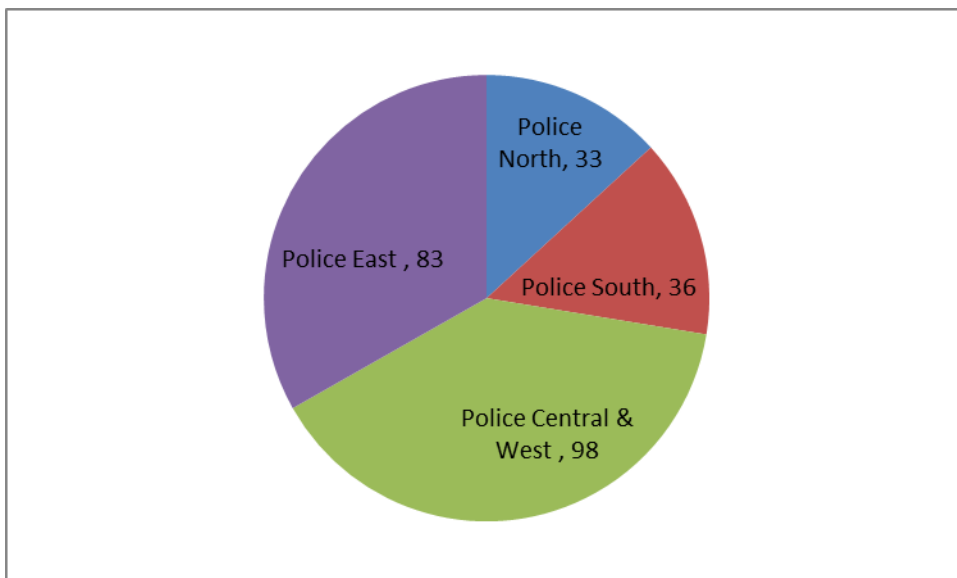
- Feel safer and have the confidence to keep themselves and their children safer;
- Positive about their future and their children's futures;
- Feeling healthier and more confident;
- Have knowledge about services and the opportunities for sustaining positive change.
- During 2014/15 the Women's Safety Unit has supported 1783 victims of domestic violence with 1883 children and responded to 1734 calls through the helpline. 1441 of contacts were with women facing high risk.
- The Safety Unit responds to a high take up from Black and Minority Ethnic victims (53%) and victims living within the East LPU catchment (39%)

- Homelessness was prevented in 439 families, 1081 women were supported with criminal proceedings with only 4 victims working with the Safety Unit retracting their statement.
- The domestic violence helpline has been recently commissioned (December 2014) and by the end of the financial year, full monitoring information will be available.

**Fig 1: Women’s Safety Unit Source of Referral**  
*1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015*

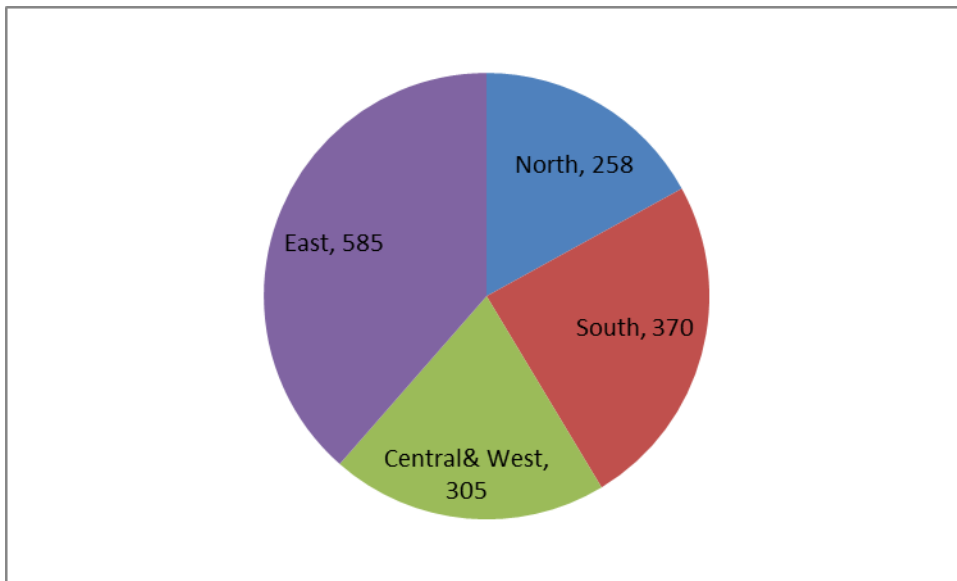


**Fig 2: Women’s Safety Unit - Source of Police Referral by Local Policing Unit**  
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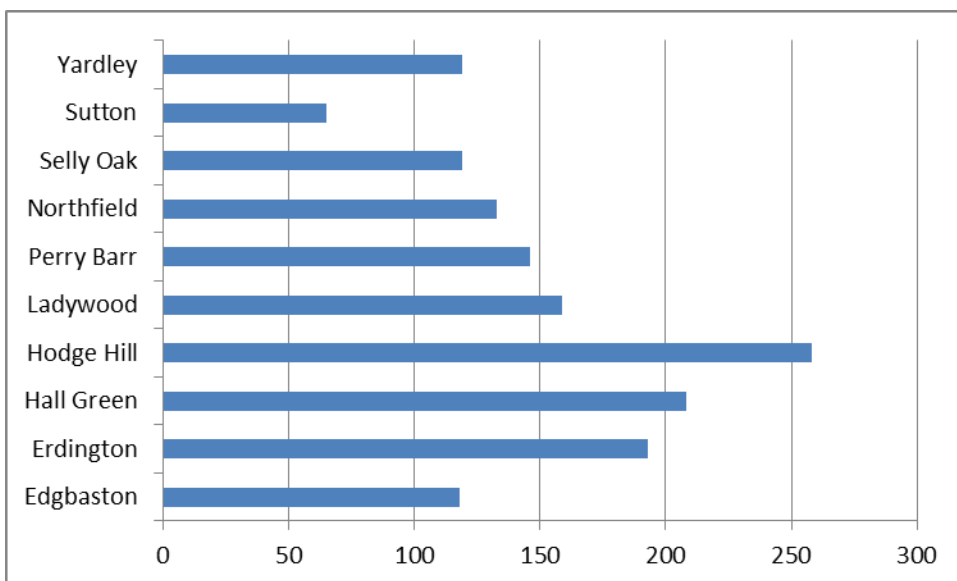
**Fig 3: Women's Safety Unit – Main residence of service user by Local Policing Unit**

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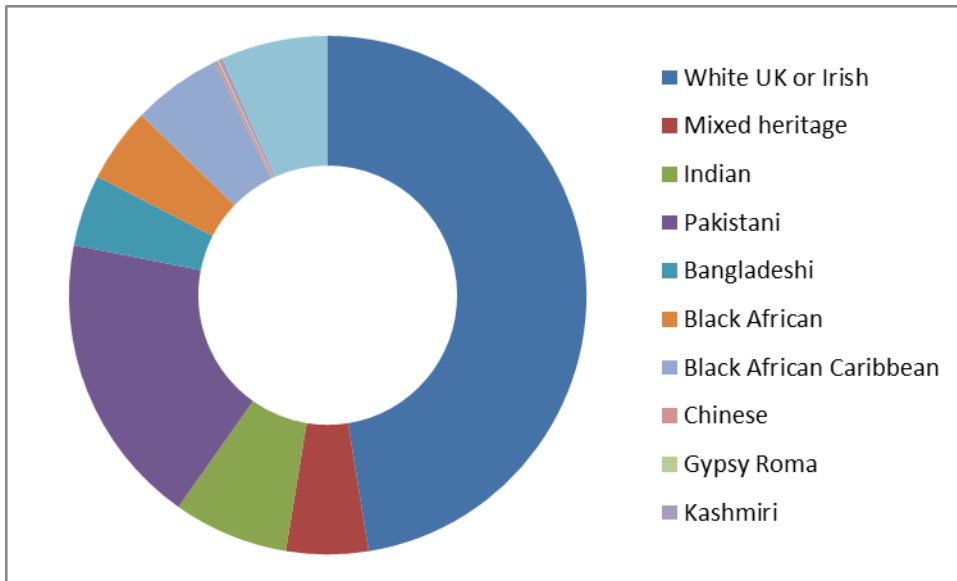


**Fig 4: Women's Safety Unit - Residence of Service User by District**

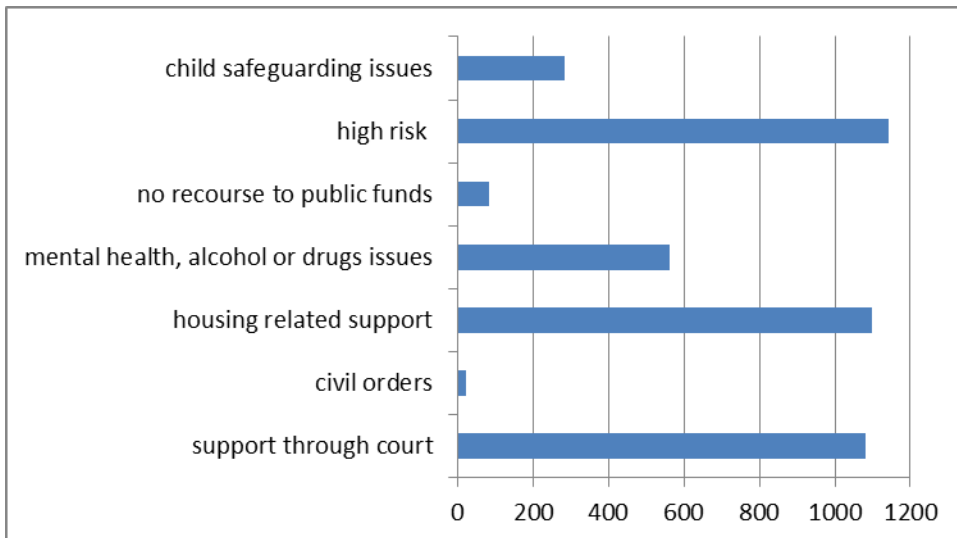
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**Fig 5: Women’s Safety Unit - Ethnicity of Service Users**  
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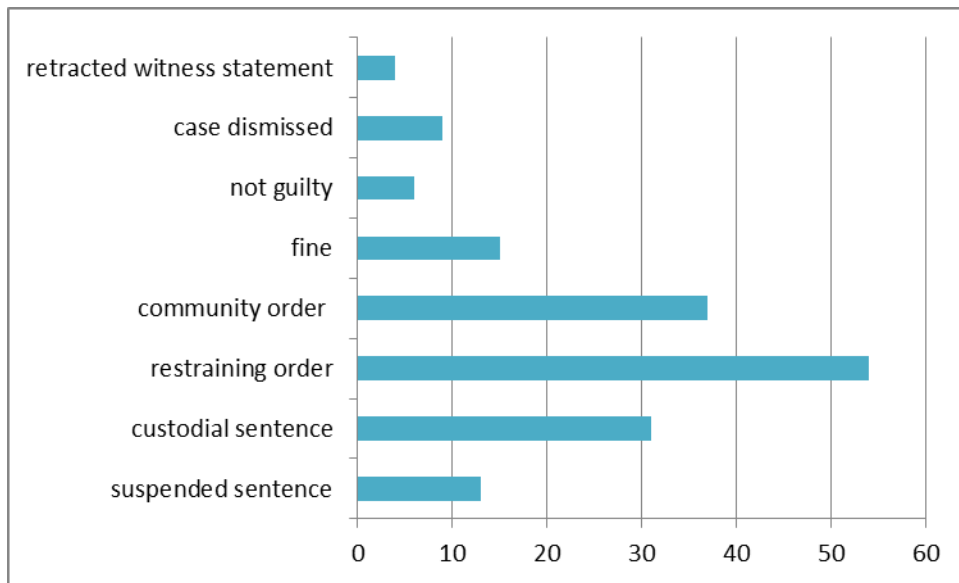


**Fig 6: Women’s Safety Unit – Main interventions**  
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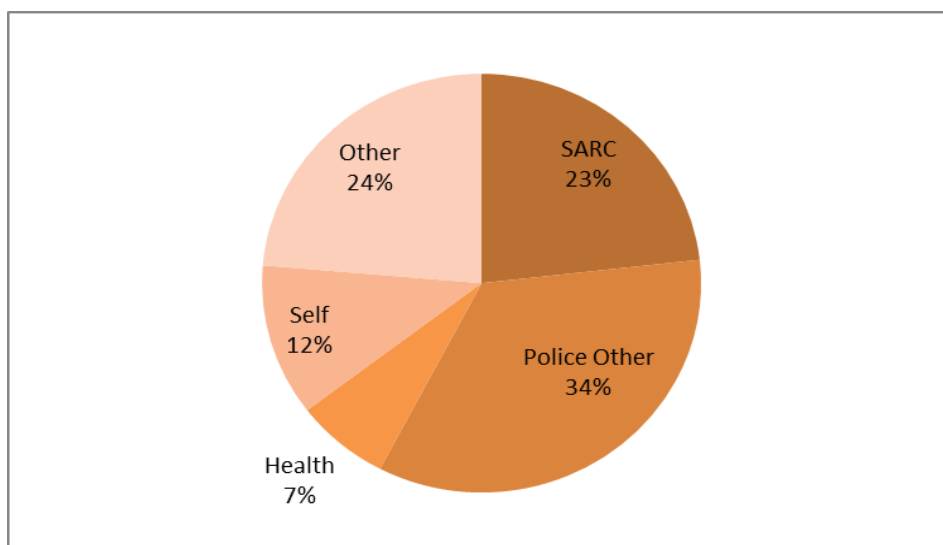
**Fig 7: Women’s Safety Unit – Known Court Disposals (n=169)**  
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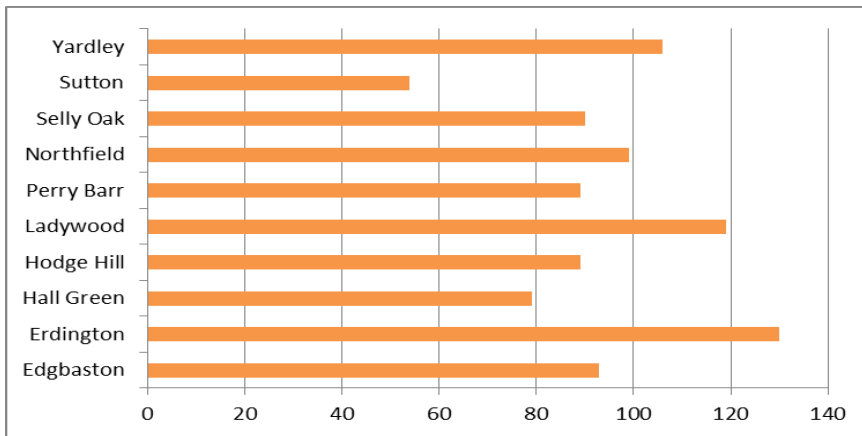
### 2.2.2 Independent Sexual Violence Advisors

Provision of independent support and advocacy to sexual violence victims is delivered by the Rape and Sexual Violence Project. During 2014-15 the Independent Sexual Violence Advisor service at the Rape and Sexual Violence Project has supported 332 victims of sexual violence. Where the criminal justice outcomes are known in 75 cases 33 perpetrators received custodial sentences of an average of 7 years each; 9 accused were found not guilty; 29 cases were dismissed and the victim retracted in 14 cases.

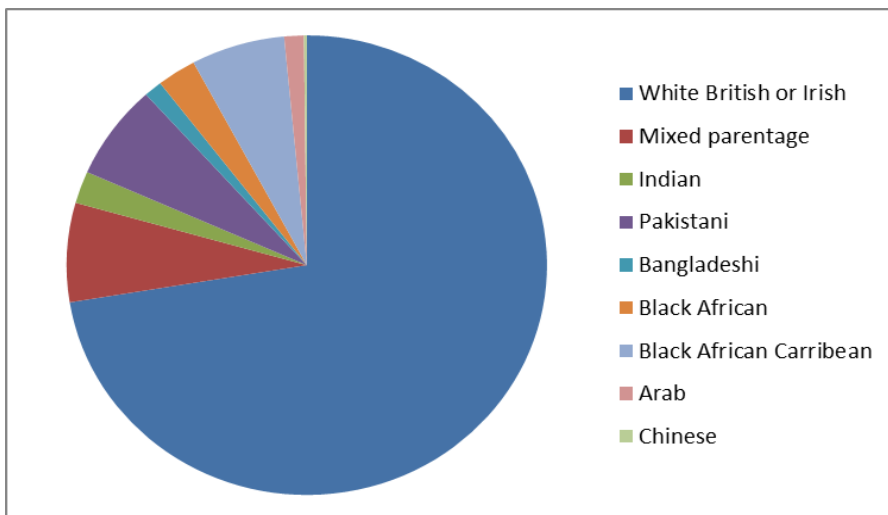
**Fig 8: ISVA - Source of Referral**  
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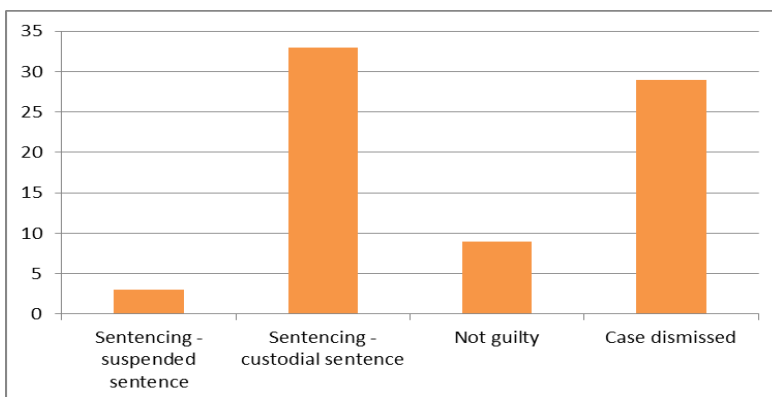
**Fig 9: ISVA – Service User Residence by District**  
 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015



**Fig 10: ISVA – Service User Ethnicity**  
 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015



**Fig 11: ISVA – Known Court Disposals (n=75)**  
 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015



### 2.2.3 Positive Relationships Schools Programme

The provision of preventative programmes for schools promoting healthy relationships is delivered by Birmingham & Solihull Women's Aid. During 2014/15, 21 schools, 7 year groups, 2824 pupils and 100 teachers have participated in the programme provided to help equip young people to build their relationships based on equality and respect.

Schools can choose from a structured 6 week programme or individual sessions both of which are accompanied by:

- briefings for teaching and non-teaching staff;
- drop-ins enabling young people affected by domestic violence and abuse who participate on the programme to access support; and
- sessions provided in mixed or single sex groups.

### 2.2.4 Domestic Violence Group Work Programme

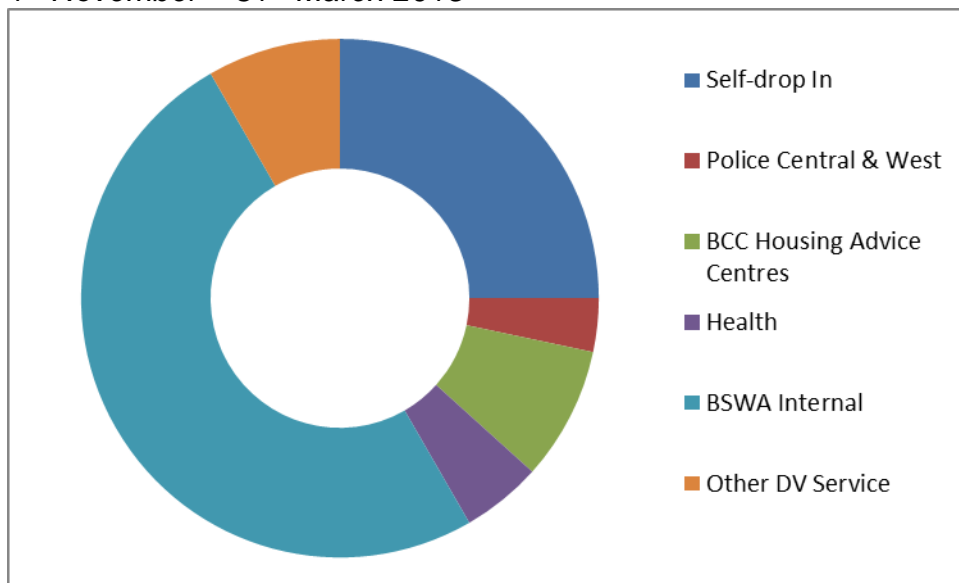
A ten week domestic violence programme is delivered over forty weeks of the year and aim to target participants of 160-180 per annum. The group work programme is available across the three Birmingham quadrants: north, east, central & west. Birmingham south is serviced by Allenscroft for group work.

Each group is made up of 10-12 women with crèche facilities provided. The sessions take place during the working week to enable efficient referral into agencies and services as needed, for example for safeguarding issues or referral to refuge accommodation. 65 victims have benefited from group work in this first full quarter.

As a newer commissioned service, the programme will be trialling effective and safe practice in under-researched areas such as:

- Assessment of suitability for groupwork
- Confidentiality contracts
- Mixed and identity specific groups

**Fig 12: Domestic Violence Group Work – Source of Referral**  
 1<sup>st</sup> November – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015



### 2.2.5 LGBT Independent Domestic Violence Advisor (IDVA)

This project is delivered by Birmingham LGBT Community Trust. An independent domestic advisor for the LGBT community has been in place since January 2015 and responded to 12 calls for service. To date only self-referrals and internal referrals through the LGBT Centre have been made, in part reflecting the nature of how the communities seek help but further promotion of the service amongst agencies will be required.

The programme is to deliver a 12 month pilot which provides:

- an independent advocacy and support to LGBT survivors of domestic violence and abuse
- a robust evidence base about what works in the protection and support of LGBT survivors of domestic violence and abuse to inform future commissioning.

### 2.2.6 Domestic Homicide Reviews

A full summary of progress against the domestic homicide reviews is contained within the appendix 1 (Domestic Homicide Review Annual Report to Birmingham City Council Social Cohesion and Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Committee Feb 2015)

## 2.3 Mobilising Communities

The Mobilising Communities Group is a sub-group of Birmingham Community Safety Partnership (BCSP). The aim of this thematic priority is through community consultation to establish community priorities and encourage agencies to work together and address the priorities as set out. There is also strong emphasis on encouraging, supporting and mobilising communities to tackle them too. This includes supporting and encouraging Neighbourhood Tasking Groups, faith organisations, schools, tenants and residents associations, special interest groups and local businesses, to take local action on the following with practical examples of activities they can run themselves and small scale funding to draw on to assist them if required.

During 2014/15 the following key areas of work were commissioned:

### 2.3.1 Litter and Environmental ASB

There was some overlap with the Litter Charter and Small Grants Fund. It was anticipated the majority of this area of work will be tackled via Small Grants Fund applications. Support was provided to the launch of the New Litter Charter. Campaigns around greater public understanding of enforcement powers (especially with regards to noise nuisance) and restorative justice programmes were taken forward.

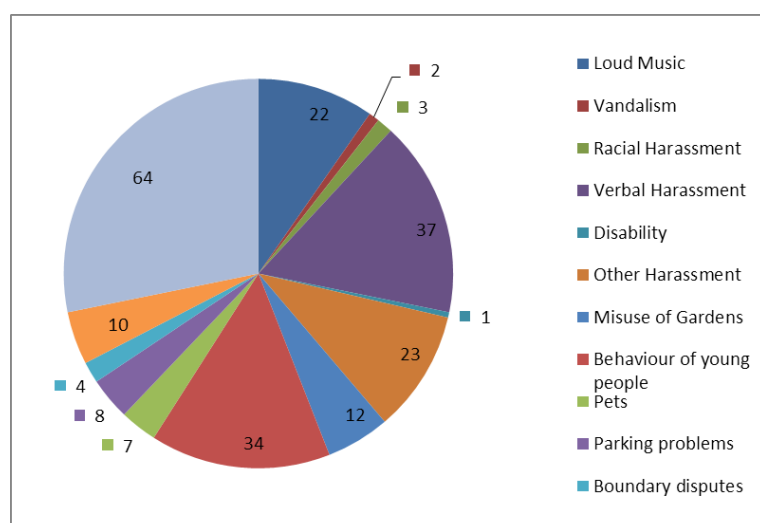
### 2.3.2 Mediation

This service is used mainly in neighbour disputes in Birmingham. Mediation is part of the City Council's toolkit for resolving neighbour conflict and ASB. The contract was commissioned in 2013/14 on three year basis. The service can take up to 70 referrals per annum from City Council ASB team and Registered Providers. During 2014/15 the service received 98 cases in total from the following referral agencies Housing 62; BCSP& West Midlands Police 20 and Housing Associations 15.

#### ***Mediation Outcomes***

- 105 cases (7 carried forward from 2013/14) were:-
- 61 closed on full agreement
- 10 closed 'no' to mediation full terms
- 27 closed no to mediation after initial contact
- 3 cases closed cancelled after initial contact
- 4 cases closed cancelled full term

Fig 1 - Mediation Cases 2014/15 (by type of ASB Nuisance)



### 2.3.3 Road Safety

Road safety experts and psychologists have been studying the behaviours of drivers for many years and identified that people are better drivers when elder ‘peer’ relatives are in the car i.e. grandparents who have an especially positive influence on young-driver behaviours. Given that young-drivers still present a high number of ‘killed or seriously injured’, they were the focus of this campaign. The ‘Nan Effect’ campaign utilised a combination of radio air-time, bus-backs and a viral video to get across a clever message to young-drivers to ‘drive like they would as if their Nan was in the car with them’. The viral aspect of this campaign was particularly successful with exposure on You Tube; Face Book; BRSP web-site and the campaign was picked-up as a news story by Road Safety GB, which has a national circulation.

### 2.3.4 Small Grants

The Small Grant application process went live in September 2014. It was heavily promoted through social media to partners and local community groups. The application pack has also been made available on the Birmingham Community Safety Partnership's website. A business Panel was established, comprising officers and community representatives. During 2014/15 the panel received a total of 39 applications. Of these 31 were successful and 8, unsuccessful.

## 2.4 Vulnerable People

The Vulnerable People Priority (VPP) Group is a sub-group of Birmingham Community Safety Partnership (BCSP). The VPP group seeks to complement the wider work of the Partnership and the Safeguarding Boards by focussing on vulnerable victims of crime and anti-social behaviour including people with mental health needs, repeat and vulnerable victims of ASB, experiencing hate crime and child sexual exploitation. Additionally, the group identifies the gaps in provision to ensure vulnerable victims receive the right support and protection. During 2014/15 the following key areas of work were commissioned:

### 2.4.1 Barnardos Space

Birmingham Space works directly with children and young people who are abused through sexual exploitation, to develop strategies that will enable them to move towards a safer and more settled lifestyle. Work is also undertaken with children and young people who are vulnerable, to reduce the risk of abuse through sexual exploitation. This contract enables direct work with young people who are vulnerable/sexually exploited, enables the delivery of 15 events to 200 professionals and delivers 12 events to 200 children and young people.

<b>Targets for 2014/15</b>	<b>Achieved 2014/15</b>
110 referrals processed each year	201
Referrals to include 40 Young people from BME	76
Referrals to include 40 from a source other than SC	95
Direct work with 100 young people	255
Deliver 15 events to 200 professionals	32 events to 1374
Deliver 12 events to 200 young people Note: target redefined to include Group work programmes	20 events - 528

<b>Birmingham Space Measurable Outcomes</b>	<b>improved</b>	<b>no change</b>	<b>degraded</b>	<b>Not an issue</b>
<b>Enhanced parent/carer/adult - child relationships</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>14</b>
Knowledge of sexual health strategies	36	5	0	5
Reduced/safer consumption of controlled substances	17	8	2	19
Able to identify abusive/exploitative behaviour	40	5	0	1
Recovery from sexual abuse/exploitation	31	8	0	7
Reduced association with risky peers/adults	34	3	3	6
Remains in regular contact with the service	20	5	2	19
Stable and secure accommodation	15	8	3	20
Episodes of missing from home/care reduced	21	3	1	21
Satisfactory school/college attendance	16	2	3	25

#### 2.4.2 Mental Health First-Aid Training

Birmingham Community Safety Partnership's (BCSP) Vulnerable People's Steering Group commissioned Mental Health First Aid Training to be delivered to professional bodies and their staff. Outcomes of the training achieved are as follows:-

- Participants' personal confidence to support others with a mental health problem increased by 125% as a result of attending the course.
- Participants' knowledge and understanding of how best to support others with a mental health problem increased by 163% as a result of attending the course.

As a direct result of the training, participants reported the following outcomes in terms of how they intend to use their learning and the impact of the training on their job role:

- More informed and mindful client work with people experiencing mental health problems
- Influencing policy, procedure and strategy development
- Promote positive mental health in the workplace and personally
- Improved confidence in working with people (and specifically in terms of confidence to ask and explore mental wellbeing with clients)
- Promote non-judgemental listening, understanding and compassion

#### 2.4.3 Victims Services Capacity Building Fund Projects

Funding was allocated for 17 Projects for up to a maximum of £30,000 each. This was from a one-off Fund which has been provided by the PCC's office to help build the capacity and capability of providers of services for victims from the voluntary, community and social enterprises sectors in the city. A summary of key outputs achieved include the following:-

- 145 workshops/awareness raising sessions undertaken involving over 3281 individuals
- Engagement with 30 taxis drivers raising awareness of child sexual exploitation
- Awareness raising sessions run in 20 schools involving 641 girls
- 10 new drop in centres have been arranged including hospitals and GP surgeries
- Direct support has been provided to 389 individuals
- Identification of male victims of domestic abuse with support provided to 18 individuals.
- Awareness of disability hate crime raised through training
- Hate campaign including leaflets in 8 languages and a series of radio adverts encouraging reporting of hate crime.
- New telephone help line launched. A web based support programme which has received 199 hits
- 55 volunteers recruited and trained.



## 2.5 Youth Violence

The Youth Violence Group is a sub-group of Birmingham Community Safety Partnership (BCSP). The Youth Violence Steering Group (YVSG) has strategic ownership for the city's youth violence issues and provides a response to it, working in partnership for the benefit of all our communities. The YVSG works in conjunction with partners, providing a joined up approach to tackle youth violence.

The Youth Violence group commissioned a range of early intervention and preventative programmes during 2014/16. The aim of these programmes was to positively and sustainably impact on the lives of young people at risk of involvement in youth violence as victims or offenders, and thereby reducing future costs and resources. Unless otherwise stated, the funding for the programmes or services listed below continues until the end of March 2016:

### 2.5.1 Three Youth Offending Service Intensive Mentoring & Support Services Interventions. These were:

- Young Men – BRAP was commissioned with £55,000 which was increased by £15,000 due to additional demand. Over April 14-Mar 15 a total of 29 young men were engaged in the project for a total of 1,941 support hours.
- Young Women – Barnardos project allocated £27,000 to support young people at risk of gang/CSE influence. In the period April 14-Mar 15 a total 28 young women were engaged in the programme for a total of 637 support hours.
- Looked After Children (LAC) – RACE project allocated £15,000 to work with vulnerable LAC providing positive relationships & empowerment support. In the period April 14-Mar 15 a total of 15 young people were engaged in the project for a total of 1520 support hours. The contract with RACE has ended and YOS are in discussions with BRAP to continue the project until March 2016.

### 2.5.2 Four Youth Services Interventions. These were:

The young people, who participated in these interventions, either live or go to school in neighbourhoods which have been identified by the police as areas of high youth violence. All projects aim to reduce serious youth violence and promote positive and healthy lifestyles through focussed youth engagement and diversionary activities.

- Street Doctors anti-knife crime outreach awareness sessions delivered by medical students. 40 programmes delivered across the city to Youth Offending Teams (YOT) and Youth Centres. Knives End Lives Crime Stoppers 6-week programme at 5 Youth Centres.

- 49 young people trained as peer educators exceeding the initial target number of 40. They have delivered the programmes widely to other young people in schools, community based organisations and youth centres. Young people have also taken part in the Street Doctors sessions and are aware of how to administer first aid to a person with a knife injury.
- Young people are better aware of the consequences, legal implications (including joint enterprise) of carrying knives. This can be evidenced through before and after questionnaires, the amount of young people that were able to correctly answer the questions at the celebration event and feedback from staff.
- Youth workers have undertaken the 'Fearless' training and have fed back that they feel confident to promote the campaign with all young people that use youth services, not just those participating in the funded programmes. As well as positively addressing the issue of youth violence, this programme has helped to improve the relationship between police and young people.
- Social Media 6-week programme across 5 Youth Centres to promote positive use of social media platforms. The five programmes have been successfully delivered and 56 young people participated as evidenced by the high quality YouTube videos produced. The YouTube Programme covered the following issues and themes :
  - Consequences of violence to family members.
  - Consequences of posting videos on YouTube to a young person, their family, friends and potentially future employment opportunities.
  - Implications of judging young people by stereotypes.
  - Perceptions of gang members; how people allow the media to influence their views of what a gang member looks and acts like.
  - Implications of being involved in gangs or gang related activity. Young people realised that this can limit their life chances and also affect their family and friends.
  - How stereotypes of young people are formed and the impact of the negative portrayal of young people in the mass media.
  - How the media highlights young people in a very negative manner, as the perpetrators of crime and anti-social behaviour, whilst positive stories rarely appear.
  - Participants realised that the videos that they watch can reinforce these negative views.

2.5.3 Adrenalin Rush 12 month project was condensed into 4 month delivery (year 1 only) across 5 Youth Centres to promote healthy lifestyle & relationships and self-control, outcomes achieved include the following:

- 68 young people participated across the five centres
- The focus areas where young people are gaining proficiency and are addressing the issues of discipline, commitment and achievement include Akido, Boxing and Krav Maga.
- As part of the healthy lifestyle section of the programme one group concentrated on healthy diets including gaining an accreditation in basic food hygiene and preparation skills. Another group looked at healthy relationships with a particular focus on sexual health and positive relationships with young women.
- Three young people that have previously been in trouble with the police and have a criminal conviction have changed their behaviour and are now volunteers within the Youth Service
- This programme has been able to engage with a group of 15 Somalian young men who previously had no engagement with services. They are now making a positive contribution to the community through a social action programme and are viewed more positively by the local community and other young people including their school.

A celebratory event was held at the Midlands Arts Centre to recognise the achievements of all the young people that took part in the Youth Violence Programmes. Over 100 young people attended and all received a certificate from West Midlands Police. This event was a showcase of the learning that the young people had achieved and for some the difficult journey. The event was supported by Councillors, community members, parents, the police and City Council Officers.

#### 2.5.4 Miss Dorothy Programme

This project funds a school-based co-ordinator to support resource delivery by police school liaison officers, school nurses and teachers within participating schools. To date 120 schools, 242 teaching staff, 163 police staff and 109 school nurses have received training and support to engage and protect 8906 children on the programme.

#### 2.5.5 A&E Youth Workers

Match-funding provided to the Supporting People Programme to enable a project of two A&E Youth Workers based at City Hospital and University Hospital Birmingham (UHB) to engage vulnerable young people presenting themselves to A&E with serious violence injuries. The project seeks to signpost young people to local diversionary projects and support groups. The over-arching aims are to reduce serious youth violence, youth vulnerability and the demand within A&E Depts.

The A&E project has been in operation at City Hospital since the beginning of the year. The post for UHB has now been agreed with the Hospital and is starting this month. The numbers of young people being seen at City Hospital have been very small and there have been no young people with injuries taking up the offer of support or assistance. The worker is seeing young people about other issues such as homelessness. A review of the project is to

be undertaken to look at other A&E data and to see how the project could link into other Youth Violence projects such as Young People Exiting Serious Youth Violence and Gangs

#### 2.5.6 Project Empower

Safer Travel Partnership conducted public transport patrols to identify and safeguard vulnerable young people at risk of CSE. Project success includes:

- The arrest, charge and public transport exclusion of a registered sex offender responsible for 8 offences.
- Over 4000 public transport workers have received awareness training and resources to help them with early identification and protect young, vulnerable passengers.
- A full marketing campaign has now gone live, inclusive of passenger live surveys across Birmingham and can be viewed online at <http://www.westmidlands.police.uk/latest-news/news.aspx?id=2606>.
- The April Safer Travel Tactical Assessment shows an 8% increase in sexual offences reported on the bus network which indicates that more victims are coming forward who otherwise may not have told the police.

#### 2.5.7 Multi-Agency Gangs Unit (MAGU)

Funding was made available to the Birmingham Multi Agency Gang Unit to help high risk gang offenders facilitate access to education, training and employment.

- The current MAGU caseload is 95 individuals and the team are supporting these individuals to exit gang lifestyle through sustainable employment and housing prospects; reducing serious crime and enriching a young workforce for the local economy.
- Funding was allocated to "Inspired Steps", a Community Interest Company (CIC) which has experience working with voluntary and community sectors in hard to reach groups. The organisation has previously successfully sourced employment and training for a number of MAGU offenders.
- The funding has provided 11 offenders with personal protective equipment and work wear, a basic tool kit and tool allowance. This has enabled them to train for CSCS cards and gain employment.
- Two offenders are now in permanent employment in refurbishment and associated trades through Inspired Steps.

#### 2.5.8 Youth Violence Community Engagement

A public event took place in February 2015 where young people presented their work and celebrated the completion of Youth Service diversionary projects and received certificates of achievement.

## **SECTION 3 LOCAL DELIVERY GROUPS**

### **INTRODUCTION**

This section outlines the work and achievements in respect of Local Delivery Groups

Birmingham comprises of four Local Policing Units (LPUs) with each having its own Local Delivery Group (LDG). This approach is key in ensuring community safety priorities have a real and tangible impact across the city using established key networks such as Neighbourhood Tasking and Safety Community Groups to tackle local problems.

- LDG East comprises the constituencies of Hall Green, Hodge Hill and Yardley.
- LDG North comprises the constituencies of Erdington and Sutton Coldfield
- LDG West and Central, comprises the constituencies of Ladywood and Perry Barr, including the city centre.
- LDG South comprises the constituencies of Edgbaston, Selly Oak and Northfield

### **3.1 Local Delivery Group East**

#### **3.1.1 Support to Central / City-wide Theme (Domestic Violence)**

A new style DV Forum has been started which will continue in 2015-16. It has provided a valuable networking and support facility for a range of local partners, as well as identifying opportunities for local working.

#### **3.1.2 Support to Central / City-wide Theme Theme (Youth Violence)**

The approach has focused on targeted youth diversion and in three specific strands:

- Targeted provision in ASB hotspot areas to facilitate the development of more long term local youth provision – Shard End & Washwood Heath Wards.
- Short term provision during summer holidays for ASB hotspot areas – Acocks Green; South Yardley; Stechford & Yardley North; Bordesley Green and Sparkbrook Wards. Young people identified by the Police and housing as at increased risk of being involved in ASB were also referred to these programmes.
- Additional and focused provision in response to critical incidents. This refers to Sparkbrook where a specific programme to support young people and challenge perceptions of violence was delivered in the aftermath of a murder – this was funded by West Midlands Police Counter Terrorism Unit.

The detailed evaluations of these programmes show an impact on levels of anti-social behaviour in some areas.

This approach is being developed for 2015 and 2016 and beyond and will focus more on the development of longer term projects to have a more sustainable impact. There will also be the introduction of a new Youth Forum.

#### **3.1.3 Support to Central / City-wide Theme (Mobilising Communities)**

This priority involves a number of different strands, and therefore as a result, there has been a particular challenge in co-ordination of delivery. The focus in 2014-15 has been on road safety, burglary and litter/ environmental ASB.

Burglary – there have been funded interventions around burglary prevention in Yardley District including small gating schemes. The LDG has also worked with West Midlands Police to determine how to sustain a more intensive burglary prevention programme for vulnerable tenants.

Road Safety – some work has been delivered around tackling quad bikes, which is on-going. A plan for raising awareness and community involvement around road safety is also now being delivered.

Litter/ Environmental ASB – over the year there has been limited progress towards addressing this intervention. The future approach will now focus on involving communities to reduce demand. Initiatives to date have included a pilot garden tool scheme for BCC tenants to encourage cleaner and tidier gardens – this is often cited at Neighbourhood Tasking Groups as a priority.

#### 3.1.4 Support to Central / City-wide Theme (Vulnerable People)

Similar to Mobilising Communities, this is a broad and challenging agenda. However, the LDG agreed to focus its activities on and around mental health; child sexual exploitation and hate crime.

Mental Health – this work has concentrated on building relationships with Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Foundation Trust. To reduce delays in supporting vulnerable tenants, a new referral contact telephone number has been shared with BCC Housing staff for quicker links into Mental Health services. Along with other LDGs, additional First Aid training spaces were secured – 40 people have been trained from East and an additional 40 people have expressed an interest for future opportunities.

The LDG approach towards Hate Crime has been to encourage reporting and ensure quality of service for residents. There has been a local review of third party reporting centres which has revealed significant gaps. Contacts have been made with Stop Hate UK, Freshwinds and other projects, and a plan for delivery is in development.

In addition to the above, there is work to support raising professional awareness in Sparkbrook around Female Genital Mutilation issues.

#### 3.1.5 Support to Central / City-wide Theme (Business Related Crime)

Partnership work around this issue has specifically focused on Kings Heath and Moseley, which then share best practice with other areas. The Business Champion secured additional funding from the daytime BCSP group to deliver Operation Engage. Funding was also secured to create a safer environment for the Night Time Economy in Moseley Village during December 2014. Work remains ongoing in Moseley Village around improving business engagement a project is to start shortly.

The Kings Heath BID have also been supported by the LDG to encourage business involvement in Face Watch.

## **3.2 Local Delivery Group North**

### **3.2.1 Vulnerable adults and partnership working**

Partnership speed dating event took place on 12 November 2014 and was followed by a community 'Pop Up Café' where partners were offered a joint approach to dealing with vulnerable adults. Posters have been produced and agencies are making referrals. The next Partnership event taking place on 08 June 2015, following this event, a delivery plan will be produced by a task and finish group.

### **3.2.2 Children and Young People Safeguarding**

Children and Families Partnership now in place, the group has been named – Hub Integration Partnership (HIP). This groups over sees all aspects of safe guarding for children and families. Children Centres and Police chair/ Vice chair.

With a delivery plan in place the group has governance of Task and Finish meetings, and links into MASH, DHR and all new policy and process's and ensure a consistence approach within North for children safe guarding concerns. A partnership one stop shop web page is being developed

The LDG youth group is working on a project to identify and put in place a Youth worker linked to each care home on Birmingham North. The youth worker will engage with the vulnerable young people to prevent them being at risk of crime including CSE.

### **3.2.3 LDG Group - Substance Misuse**

This group is working in partnership to pull together an operation to target vulnerable clients using their prescriptions to deal or misuse. This group will be merged into the Vulnerable People sub Group

### **3.2.4 LDG Group – Building Neighbourhoods**

This group is working on the top 3 priorities from the Feeling the Difference survey which were speeding; parking and litter. These are also the main priorities for Neighbourhood tasking. A process has been agreed for dealing with and progressing issues related to speeding. Each tasking group now has a trained officer to create a social media outlet for tasking.

### **3.2.5 LDG Business Sub Group - Crime & Partnerships**

Erdington and Sutton BID's fully engaged within the LDG and there are plans moving forward to look at a business related restorative justice process. The Purple Flag launch event took place on 20 November 2014 and in a meeting on January 2015 there was attendance from local Councillors, police and over 25 pubs and clubs within Sutton Town.



### 3.2.6 LDG Sub Group - Youth Projects were planned against the following themes:

- Child Sexual Exploitation – working with John Wilmot School to carry out first stage, further plans to create a plan working with vulnerable YP.
- Alcohol and legal highs
- Domestic Abuse – lead Urban Devotion – consultation completed and project being developed
- Health (Obesity and lifestyle)
- Self-Harm- Working on first of the project with Kingsbury School.
- Play Therapy
- Training was provided to 36 Youth Workers on Protective Behaviours.

### 3.2.7 LDG Sub Group – Domestic Violence

- The launch of the group took place and a delivery plan has now been signed off. The Freedom Forum has been setup to ensure programmes are delivered and offer support.
- Engaged with Child Minding network to support victims to attend Freedom court and counselling
- Training being provided to enable delivery of the DV tool kit.
- Continue to support Stand Up Shout Out campaign.
- Counselling service now in place and link into Erdington Police Station.
- Setting up partnerships to enhance support for victims within legal and court matters

### **3.3 Local Delivery Group South**

3.3.1 Tackling Vulnerability - formal links have been established with the central BCSP Vulnerable People Delivery Group bringing benefits both centrally and locally.

- Launch and trial of “Supporting Adults Panel”, reporting to Adult Safeguarding Board Operations Group and South CSP
- Increase in capacity and coordination of Mental Health First Aid Training (75 places from Birmingham South)
- Launch and development of “Children & Families Partnership”, which has been adopted as template for other quadrant partnerships
- First BSWAID drop-ins in GP practices brokered
- Domestic Abuse No Excuse and First Night DV campaigns
- Cannabis cultivation profile to highlight links and trends within social housing
- Mapping and beginnings of the rationalisation of all community safety, children’s services, health and education delivered groups relevant to family support and safeguarding

3.3.2 Visible Community Concern Initiatives

- Development and implementation of good practice templates for dog fouling and fly-tipping
- Creation of “Don’t Plonk It Park It” initiative to address car problems near schools and other parking issues

3.3.3 Support to Central / City-wide Themes (Youth Violence)

- Development of Police & School Panel approach to young people and cannabis
- Lobbying for attention to be given to partnership work with schools
- Reduction in the number of young people as offenders of crime and ASB, as well as victims. Also increase in young people accessing activities/information and the impact on ASB

3.3.4 Support to Central / City-wide Themes (Business Crime)

- Preventing Cyber Crime plan and on-line resources
- Trend improved significantly from the start of the year

3.3.5 Support to Central / City-wide Themes (Domestic Violence)

- Increases in reporting and early intervention, reduction in homelessness, for instance

3.3.6 Support to Central / City-wide Themes (Mobilising Communities)

- Resident satisfaction is increasing with neighbourhoods, but some concerns about public confidence in agencies
- More work needs to be done encouraging personal ownership and reporting

### 3.3.7 Local Innovation

- Development of a community safety and multi-agency data tracker to measure delivery and track emerging issues; widened partner involvement and network; continued development and popularity of the South CSP's website and Twitter.
- 2015/16 – change of name to South CSP; maintaining the successes and momentum from 2014/15; developing the multi-agency input to Bartley Green Neighbourhood Action Zone.
- Use of on-line tools to map and share information – Google Maps for “Involving Communities” network, young people’s activities, supporting adults community resources and services.
- Partnership funding and commissioning of multi-agency civil orders through the Safer Communities Group.
- First community trigger successfully received; successfully trialling first multi-agency commissioned and partnership funded civil order. 2015/16 – Trialling use of new powers, including PSPO in Bartley Green Ward.
- Young People, summer activities on reducing youth ASB; continued use and popularity of “What’s On South Brum”; continued support and popularity of CYP Providers Forum. 2015/16 – continue to develop work with Police & Schools Panels; further development of WOSB; increasing the summer activity offer.
- Domestic Violence, fourth and best year for First Night Campaign; delivery of “Domestic Abuse No Excuse” campaign; bringing CSE and DV into local partnership planning across community safety, health, children’s services and education. 2015/16 – developing partnerships with NHS primary care and CCGs; developing partnerships with schools (secondary and primary).
- Vulnerable People – Launch and trial of Supporting Adults Panel; launch and implementation of Children & Families Partnership; 75 staff accessing Mental Health First Aid Training. 2015/16 – establish C&F partnership; evaluate and embed Supporting Adults Panel; develop multi-agency approach to hoarding and self-neglect; develop and broaden skills and confidence for mental health and mental capacity; renewal and refresh of multi-agency safeguarding guide.

- Mobilising Communities projects carried out include:-
  - development of resources and guidance for social media
  - social media training for 40 people from statutory and voluntary sectors
  - 21<sup>st</sup> century public servant and involving communities workshops
  - drugs profiles for Wards and cannabis cultivation;
  - multi-agency intelligence plan for drugs and a drug enforcement plan;
  - off-road biking plan, profile and resources
  - road safety profiles and development of fly-tipping toolkit.

### 3.4 Local Delivery Group West & Central

#### 3.4.1 Local Innovation / Activity

- A Hoarding & Hygiene Sub Group was established and will consider a cost and benefit analysis to support the case for joint commissioning of specialist support services. Also using meeting to discuss anonymised cases.
- *Recipe for Change*: Baking and cooking is used as a platform to engage with some of the most difficult young people in the most deprived areas of Birmingham. The aim is to improve police and youth relationships, get young people out of gangs, identify vulnerable individuals and provide support and life skills.
- Burglary Pilot in Lozells & East Handsworth Ward. Project delivered, intense house to house intervention in a vulnerable location, included DNA marking.
- Local Youth Profile produced. Further profile commissioned to identify ASB hotspots and local youth projects. Profile will be used to provide targeted youth outreach work in ASB hotspots over summer 2015. Over 80 youth projects identified on W&C and currently being mapped.
- Mischief Week Linx Event – promoting October half term activities to young people 300 visitors to the event and information provided with regards to services for young people.
- Commissioning of Nash Dom to assist the LDG in engaging with emerging communities. A series of information sessions delivered in February and March on different topic areas, e.g. DV, and in association with partner agencies.
- Encouraging quiet zones in Ladywood. Partnership work around ASB and noise from customers exiting Tower Ballroom. Included the installation of “Quiet” signs.
- New Mobile Patrol Officers (ex-concierges) trained in community safety. Training included: DV, CSE, the importance of Intel (e.g. drug dealing), cannabis factories, common crimes (VRN theft, etc.)
- New ASB Powers Training. 50 partners trained in multi-agency working around the new ASB powers.
- Supporting Duke of Edinburgh Awards for those least able to access the scheme funding various equipment, such as sleeping bags, etc., for those unable to afford them. WMP are involved in ensuring targeted outreach.

#### 3.4.2 Support to Central / City-wide Theme (Domestic Violence)

- The Violence Against Women Forum Agenda included, Police Approach to DV, Training needs, NTE & DV, Emerging Communities. Mobilising Communities.
- Resident satisfaction is increasing with neighbourhoods, but some concerns about public confidence in agencies.
- A First Night Domestic Abuse Campaign in November and December. Several venues collected goods.
- Security and personal safety equipment purchased. Various items of equipment purchased in relation to personal and home safety for distribution over the coming months. This is especially in relation to DV.

#### 3.4.3 Support to Central / City-wide Theme (Mobilising Communities)

- The LDG funded community clean-ups and encouraged sustainable community efficacy. Equipment purchased and will be given to resident volunteers taking long term responsibility for cleaning their street following community clean up days.
- Working in partnership with the Community Foundation. Support included funding community clean up days and encouragement of volunteers.

#### 3.4.4 Support to Central / City-wide Theme (Vulnerable People)

- Mental Health Training. Approximately 35 partners trained in Mental Health First Aid over a two-day period.
- Mental Health Conference Hoarding & Hygiene. Multi-agency summit held in February 2015 at Highbury Hall; cross-city event with over 60 attendees. Sharing good practice and widening discussions around multi-agency contributions.
- LGBT DV campaign. LDG supported this campaign with the purchase of promotional goods. Bham LGBT and other partners will distribute the goods throughout Southside.
- Equipment for vulnerable people at risk of fire. Funding provided for equipment such as fire retardant bedding and hearing impairment alarms.

#### 3.4.5 Support to Central / City-wide Theme (Youth Violence)

- Youth outreach in Handsworth was a Pilot project with a cricket organisation in Handsworth, funding targeted outreach work.
- Young men at risk of gangs. This initiative targeted at a new cohort of young men who are becoming involved in local street gangs. One area is the lack of excitement they have in their lives, often filled with the adrenaline rush of committing criminal offences. We show them alternatives such as high adrenalin filled activities like rock climbing, zorbing, high ropes etc. Also addressing negative behaviour such as workshops (knife crime etc.).
- Young girls at risk of gangs and exploitation comprises a group of about 20 'at risk' young females who are currently at risk and come from communities (Somali and mixed Asian backgrounds living within Muslim households) who have historically been hard to reach and have not received any targeted support before.

## **SECTION 4 BIRMINGHAM YOUTH OFFENDING SERVICE**

BCSP makes a significant financial contribution to the Birmingham Youth Offending Service (YOS) which uses the funding to enhance the packages and interventions in managing young offenders in one of the most challenging and complex cities in the country. The following sets out the various interventions that YOS delivers and shows performance in following particular areas:

### **4.1.1 Offender Management.**

The YOS is responsible for the assessment and supervision of all young people under 18 years in the Criminal Justice System. There are a broad range of responsibilities which include pre-court work under the new Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders (LASPO) Act 2012 which requires the YOS, in partnership with Police, to determine outcomes and packages at Pre-Court level. YOS no longer has targeted prevention services and therefore its work begins once young people enter the system though YOS attends the School/Police Panels to influence and support the preventative agenda.

The YOS is responsible for all assessments, court reports and interventions for young people at Court. All supervision is carried out under Integrated Offender Management with risk and vulnerability levels determining contacts and extent of multi- agency controls and involvement at One Day One Conversation (ODOC). YOS chairs pan Birmingham Young Persons ODOC, and MAPPA at YOS local risk panels. YOS has a 25 hour intensive supervision and surveillance programme as an alternative to custody or as a response to supervising high risk young people on release from custody. YOS also leads the Sexually Harmful Behaviour Service.

### **4.1.2 Prevent**

Birmingham YOS addresses Anti-Social Behaviour by carrying out assessments and formulating intervention strategies that directly address the behaviour. This is carried out via the use of 'Acceptable Behaviour Contracts' and civil and criminal responses in a multi-agency environment, where parenting, mental health and substance misuse support can also be accessed. The YOS also undertakes effective partnership work through engagement with the Safer Estates Forums; sharing information, preparing reports for Courts and enforcing court orders.

YOS staff are trained in recognising vulnerability to radicalisation and the Service works to support the Prevent and Channel framework.

### **4.1.3 Reduce Youth and Gang Violence**

Programmes are delivered that address violence, in particular robbery and knife crime. Structured assessments of violent offenders are carried out in YOS by CAMHS colleagues. 'Risk of Harm Management Plans' are put in



place that aim to reduce the risk to victims as well as putting controls on the young person. YOS participate in the Multi-Agency Gangs Unit (MAGU), and chairs the Serious Youth Violence/Gangs Panel, which involves the matching of referrals with the commissioned Third Sector mentoring provision. Referrals come from various sources, including schools, to increase opportunities for exiting and promoting engagement and re-engagement with education, training and employment. The Service also utilises approaches such as drama as a means of expression for young people and to cascade messages to other young people.

YOS engage with Public Protection approaches and specifically with partners such as Women's Aid in order to reduce the incidence of domestic violence. In light of the limited commissioning of work with young men on relationships and emotional control, this provides critical input in relation to anger management and emotional resilience.

Vulnerability Management Plans are put in place for those young people who are at risk from others or a risk to themselves.

#### 4.1.4 Public Perception of Safer Communities

The Service has delivered high profile community payback initiatives ensuring that young people take part in reparation as part of a statutory or pre-court response. Projects funded include Graffiti Removal Project in conjunction with Environmental Services; Ring and Ride Scheme whereby young people clean the vehicles that transport the more vulnerable members of our community. Over 100 volunteers work alongside YOS including community representatives who are Panel Members and Chair Referral Panels for all first time offenders who receive a Referral Order (Court order). The Panel determines the contract for the young offender and reviews progress 3 monthly. Victim's views are encouraged including via attending the Panel.

#### 4.1.5 Youth Justice Outcomes:

The YOS reports regularly to the Youth Justice Board on its performance in relation to the National Indicators:

- Percentage of the 10-17 year population as First Time Entrants;
- Percentage of the 10-17 population receiving custodial sentences and Re-Offending rates.
- Parent satisfaction (parenting interventions) and suitable Accommodation are recorded.

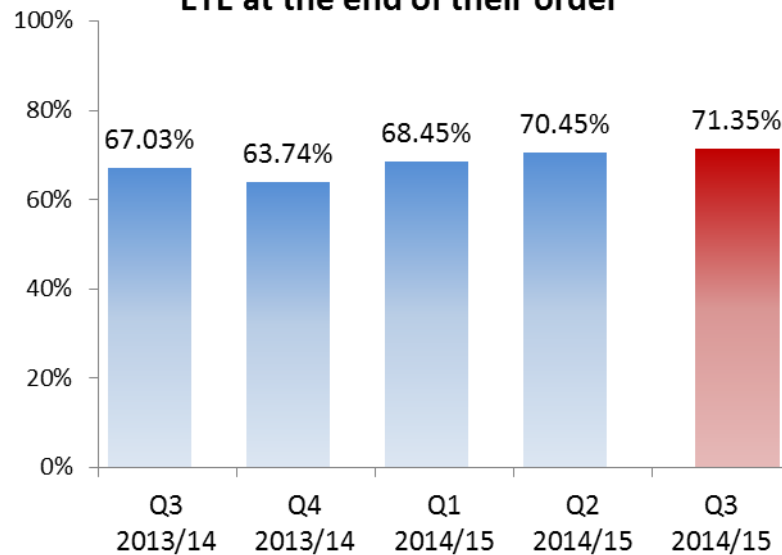
## Performance

The following data was provided by the Birmingham YOS data team. At the time of writing the data was only available to 31 December 2014 (i.e. end of quarter three). The contribution of YOS is shown in three areas, tackling NEETs, family / parenting work and Restorative Justice.

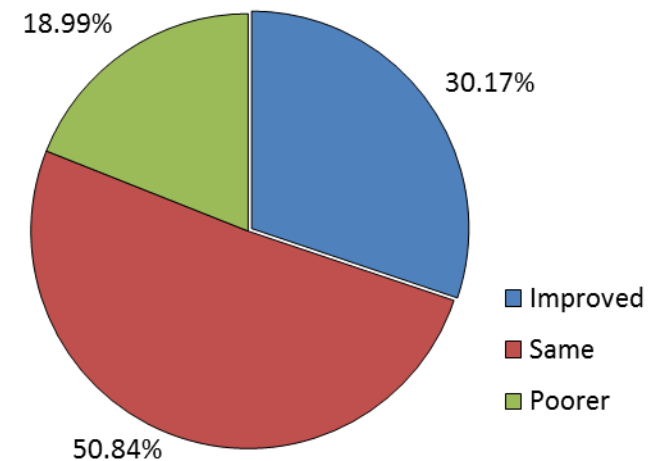
### Young offenders' engagement in suitable education, training and employment

**Definition:** *This indicator measures the proportion of young offenders who are actively engaged in education, training or employment. Active engagement is counted as at least 25 hours (and those above statutory school age at least 16 hours), of Education, Training and Employment (ETE) in the last full working week of the disposal.*

**Proportion of young people in full time ETE at the end of their order**



**Distance travelled by young people during the course of their order**



**REPORT ENDS**