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## **Birmingham Residents Anti-Social Behaviour Victim Empowerment Project**

**(BRAVE)**

**Project Outline**

## **AIM**

The aim of BRAVE IS to support residents of Birmingham who are victims of persistent and ongoing anti-social behaviour (ASB) which has not been formally recorded as a crime by West Midlands Police (WMP).

## **HISTORY**

BRAVE was set up in March 2012 following the award of a Big Lottery Grant covering three years funding up to and including February 2015. BRAVE succeeded an earlier initiative funded by Birmingham City Council until it ceased due to financial constraints. The Council however, endorsed the bid for the good work accomplished since 2006/7. When the Lottery funding ceased, the Birmingham Community Safety Partnership agreed to fund BRAVE for a further year to March 2016.

## **BACKGROUND**

Following set up, BRAVE developed a good relationship with many partners and has worked to reach a resolution to clients suffering from ASB. BRAVE is not a decision making authority but prides itself on being able to act as a single point of contact for the client, whilst also empowering the client to act for themselves and move through the journey of coping and recovering.

During the first phase of the Project there were many successes. BRAVE received 1071 referrals of which 869 were contacted (81.31%) the rest having not met project criteria.

BRAVE takes referrals from a variety of partners including WMP, Housing partners, other agencies and self-referrals; however there must be written consent from the client; without which BRAVE cannot take the case.

Due to BRAVE's impact further funding was received from Birmingham Community Safety Partnership (BCSP) to March 2016.

## **OBJECTIVES**

In its first phase the performance criteria for BRAVE was a set of Objectives expressed by a series of indicators. These were:

- By project end, 600 victims will report improved emotional wellbeing and reduction crime/ASB-related stress, by accessing multi-agency support co-ordinated by BRAVE.

### *Indicators*

- Annually 250 victims identified and receive a comprehensive needs assessment
  - 80% of "closed case" victims reporting a reduced level of ASB related stress / improved level of wellbeing.
- By project end, 600 victims will report improved skills/knowledge to tackle future ASB, from the multi-agency support coordinated by BRAVE.

### *Indicators*

- 90% of victims will report improved access to / awareness of support channels in their client evaluation.
- 250 victims identified and given a comprehensive needs assessment
- 70 victims given a tailored action plan outlining multi agency support.
- By project end, 30 volunteers will report new skills/knowledge to support local ASB victims, developed through the BRAVE training programme.

*Indicators*

- 10 BRAVE centre volunteers completing Victim Support core and ASB specific training.
- 10 volunteers given on the job “experience and mentoring”
- 30 volunteers who will (during yearly appraisal) report improved skills and knowledge to support local ASB victims.
- By project end, approximately 450 victims annually will have improved emotional well-being and better knowledge/skills through receiving support from the BRAVE Community Network.

*Indicators*

- 10 BRAVE Network partners recruited to form the BRAVE Community Network
- 3 x Partnership working groups established
- 4 x Network partnership seminars held.

Since April 2015 when BRAVE received funding from BCSP, a Service Level Agreement was drawn up (SLA). The SLA criteria have been set out within the attached Invitation to Tender document. A copy of the SLA will also be made available on the BCSP website [www.birmingham-csp.org](http://www.birmingham-csp.org).