

## CVS Community Safety Partnership Report re ASB

### Experience of Youth ASB

Due to high levels of deprivation and high levels on ASB VCF projects have been able to access funding to deliver activities and support for Young People (YP).

### Interventions from VCF Youth Providers – A Snapshot from 10 Commissioned Services

#### Alchemy Youth Detached

- This is a project to prevent vulnerable Children and Young People (CYP) from engaging in criminal exploitation; such as County Lines with and underpinning focus on positive childhood experiences.
- They Identify CYP at risk by referrals from agencies such a children's social care, The Police, Youth Workers and Parents. They 'Meet young people *'where they're at'*, at locations identified by the police and other intelligence as being hotspots for crime.
- They arrange to meet the young person (ages 11-19) for ages 9-11 they have a weekly youth drop in session.
- They listen to the CYP and identify individual suitable responses / interventions that include Mentoring, Practical Interventions (e.g.CV writing, drug awareness, discussions on county lines). Making Connections with other services/agencies.

#### Litherland Youth and Community Centre (LYCC)

- A project to engage with YP aged 8 to 13 in a range of activities and conversations regarding the dangers of the operation banger period and gun and knife crime. Conversations take place in focus group style and are recorded and displayed in words and pictures in the centre. This prompts further discussions among YP.
- Staff encourage YP to talk about the dangers of the Oct/Nov period, ways to stay safe and any other issues/needs that may be highlighted in relation to the area during this period.
- Diversionary activities included: Inflatable Assault Course & Pizza Party, Inflatable Basket Ball Shootout and Inflatable Football.

#### Woodvale and Ainsdale Community Association (WACA)

- The project engages with YP offering activities and outreach youth work to deter YP from participating in ASB. Activities that have taken place include: Bowling, Walking, Cycling, Day Trips.
- They are working with The Police on a piece of work that share the dangers of carrying offensive weapons with YP.

#### Netherton Park

- Deliver 'Youth View' – targeting 11yrs +. The group enables YP to explore current concerns e.g. mental health & wellbeing, crime and ASB, sexual health and exploitation.
- The Over 10's Youth Project. The group delivers a range of health and wellbeing activities for those struggling with mental health and education including: Outdoor Play/Sport activities and 121 Support.

### Barriers to Achieving Success

- Community Safety for staff and volunteers
- Sustainable funding
- COVID restrictions/changes in YP behaviour (staying indoors online)