

Bradford SAFE Taskforce

July 2023 Update



YES Project Manager John Thompson with the Mayor of West Yorkshire, Tracy Brabin

Project Updates

YES Project

- The staffing profile of the YES Project has increased, resulting in an expansion of reach, with over 200 referrals received to date.
- The recruitment of a specialist nurse and SAFE Taskforce Police Officer have bolstered the capacity of the project to meet the complex needs of some of the young people referred to the intervention.
- YES will be running a summer programme of support for young people referred to the project.
- Some excellent feedback has been received from participating schools:

"I just wanted to make you aware of how well [practitioner] has settled in, and how well regarded he is. [He] has come in and has been proactive and incredibly adaptable in his approach to working with both professionals and students.

Students he has only met on maybe the one occasion are keen to see him again, which in itself is a compliment.

I appreciate we are in our early stages of intervention, but he is a credit to your team, and we are certainly lucky to have him."

Commando Joe's

- Commando Joe's has been extended as a provider for Bradford SAFE until March 2025.
- Over 150 pupils have been directly supported by CJ's year one.
- The total reach in year two will be 15 secondary schools and 45 primary schools.
- One extra CJ's Instructor will start in September to facilitate this growth.



Educational Psychology

- The Ed Psych project is continuing in year two of SAFE Bradford.
- Focus is shifting towards secondary schools and supporting those young people who are transitioning into year seven.
- 39 primary school pupils were assessed and supported with additional needs in the April-June quarter.

Speech and Language Therapy (SaLT)

- The SaLT project is wrapping up for the year on July 21, having achieved all key objectives.
- 28 key staff in 10 participating schools have been trained in screening for speech and language difficulties.



School-Home Support (SHS)

- Nine practitioners are now in post, with recruitment ongoing for the final vacant position over the summer period.
- Over 50 families have been supported to date, with the project reach expected to expand in September.
- Practitioners are embedding effectively in their allocated schools, with delivery responsive to local communities.
- More than £2000 worth of school uniform has been supplied alongside other essential items.

St Giles - Supporting Vulnerable Girls

- A team leader and six female mentors have been recruited to the project.
- Training for new recruits will take place during August, ready for the new school year.
- Initial meetings have been held with 11 participating schools, with the remaining six booked for early September.

BD4 School Attendance Support pilot project

- Bradford SAFE Taskforce is partnering with Breaking the Cycle and three schools in the BD4 catchment to pilot a project to improve attendance for those pupils currently in the 70-85% attendance range.
- Two practitioners will work in an assertive outreach capacity between 8am and 10am with a view to improving this attendance percentage.

After School Scheme Fund

- A project is currently in development with Taskforce schools to implement after-school activities appropriate to individual settings.
- Local research carried out for Bradford SAFE indicates that youth violence is most likely to occur between 3.30pm and 5.30pm.
- After-schools activities can involve academic support, enrichment, sporting and artistic activities and are intended to provide supervision during a high-risk period.

Upcoming

- Available funding opportunities will be advertised on the Bradford SAFE Taskforce [web page](#) and [social media](#), please share these to your networks where appropriate.
- Job opportunities within the SAFE network can also be found on our [website](#)

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