

# Bradford SAFE Taskforce

## October 2023 Update



**St Giles Trust:** Staff deliver an assembly to student at a Taskforce school

## Progress highlights

### St Giles Trust – Supporting girls at risk of serious violence

- The project has launched successfully, with initial inductions into all participating schools completed.
- Year group assemblies on criminal exploitation are being delivered in schools, with available slots booked up until the end of the year.
- Initial referrals have been received and processed, with caseloads established in several schools.

### YES Project

- The demand for YES Project services is high, with over 300 pupils referred for support since launch.
- Case studies indicate that significant improvements are being experienced by children referred to YES.

- Written feedback from participating schools has also been excellent, with notable improvements seen in behaviour and attendance.
- The Safe Taskforce Police Officer position has been reviewed and the decision taken to return the resource to West Yorkshire Police.

### **Commando Joe's (CJ's)**

- The reach of CJ's has been expanded to 15 secondary schools in the Taskforce, up from 10 in the first year.
- 45 primary schools are also taking part.
- Extra CJ's staff have been recruited to meet this expansion.
- Feedback from newly onboarded schools has been positive to date.



**Commando Joe's:** Staff from Holybrook Primary School receive a message of support from TV survivalist Ed Stafford

### **Educational Psychology**

- The EP project has a new project lead for phase two.
- Eight secondary schools have elected to participate in phase two.
- The focus of the project for phase two is on secondary schools within the Taskforce, following the phase one focus in primary schools.
- Year Six students who were part of the project in phase one will be supported on their transition to Year Seven.

### **School-Home Support (SHS)**

- Nine practitioners are in post following the late-stage withdrawal of the selected candidate for the remaining vacant position. Recruitment for the final position continues.
- The SHS National Conference was held in Bradford in late September, with representatives from BSTF attending.
- Referral numbers are high for the embedded case workers, indicating significant need for families.

### **After-School Activities**

- Five after-school clubs are being established across Bradford, to keep vulnerable students busy during the high-risk 15:00-17:00 time frame, where evidence shows that most youth violence occurs.
- Activities funded include construction, mural painting and boxing.
- The aim is for further activities to be established in the coming months.

### BD4 Attendance Pilot

- Inductions have been completed at participating schools, with caseloads allocated.
- Visits to referred young people are underway to encourage them to attend school.

### Upcoming

- BSTF is contributing to discussions on Priority Education Improvement Area funding for Bradford.
- BSTF has partnered with the West Yorkshire VRP to develop a pilot for an 'online harms' intervention within a local school.
- Planning and preparation are underway for a potential Joint Targeted Area Inspection on serious youth violence.
- BSTF will hold its first all-staff event in November, bringing together all staff members from Bradford project to improve collaborative working, workshop potential future activities and drive better communication across the network.
- Job opportunities within the BSTF network can be found on our [website](#)



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