

Bradford SAFE Taskforce

May 2024 Update



Commando Joe's: Staff deliver character development sessions at a Taskforce school.

General Update

- The Bradford SAFE Taskforce has entered the final year of delivery under current funding arrangements, with a final closure date of 31st March 2025.
- Full intervention delivery will continue to the end of the 2023/24 school year, with a staged closure of projects commencing from 31st July 2024. Each individual intervention has a different end date to mitigate for a 'cliff edge' of withdrawal of services.
- Significant work has commenced developing the sustainability of interventions, with the aim of continuing support for vulnerable young people following the end of central government funding.
- Partnerships across Bradford and West Yorkshire have continued to be developed and strengthened, with joint pilot projects being delivered to tackle online harms, promote Child First approaches and provision of summer holiday activities.
- The [Youth Endowment Fund](#) are featuring Bradford SAFE Taskforce as a case study of good practice in their forthcoming youth violence reduction guidance for education providers.

Progress highlights

St Giles Trust – mentoring support for girls at risk of violence

- The St Giles Trust gender-specific mentoring programme has accelerated delivery significantly, with 165 girls being directly supported by skilled practitioners as of April 26th.
- The project continues to assist with a range of issues being experienced by girls in Bradford, including managing anger, recognising negative relationships and coercive behaviours, and developing self-esteem and awareness.



St Giles Trust: a practitioner utilises personal strengths cards with a participant.

YES Project – mentoring and social skills for at-risk young people

- As of April 26th, the YES Project has directly supported 418 young people, with several thousand children reached through assemblies and other violence reduction activities.
- Increased project capacity means school sites with larger caseloads have been allocated a practitioner twice per week.
- The YES Project has become well integrated into the youth support offer in Bradford, with referrals received from Taskforce schools, West Yorkshire Police, Early Help and other agencies.

Commando Joe's (CJ's) – mentoring and character development

- CJ's have supported 370 young people in Bradford to date.
- Practitioners will continue to deliver a character development curriculum to 15 Taskforce secondary and 44 primary schools.

Educational Psychology

- The EP project lead will be providing a training session on Person-Centred Planning meetings on Thursday 16th May at 3:30pm.
- The training will cover what person-centred approaches are, look at some tools and techniques that encompass person-centred thinking, and more information on how to run an example of a person-centred planning meeting, including discussion on facilitation skills.
- Please email Anna Wallace or Jeremy Swire via the contact details below to book a place on the training session.

School-Home Support (SHS) – attendance support

- Nine practitioners are in post with over 150 young people supported to date.
- Excellent improvements in the number of days that participants spend in school have been recorded, with SHS practitioners well embedded within their school settings.

After-School Activities

- Five after-school clubs are underway in SAFE schools, providing a range of diversionary activities for young people at risk of violence.
- Project include boxing clubs, construction skills and other positive activities.



After-School Activity: Staff from a Taskforce school at the site of a construction skills project

BD4 Attendance Pilot – hyperlocal attendance support

- Delivery of attendance support to young people in the BD4 area is well underway, with more than 40 young people currently receiving a service across the three operational school sites.
- Feedback on initial impact is good, with anecdotal improvements noted with attendance and in-school behaviour.

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