

# Bradford SAFE Taskforce

## February 2023 Update



Picture: The Bradford SAFE Taskforce will be supporting activities around the forthcoming Knife Angel exhibition in the city

### Progress highlights

- The SAFE project proposal 'Support for girls in Key Stage 3 at risk of serious violence' is currently out to [tender](#) - deadline 17<sup>th</sup> March.
- Continued focus on budgets with financial end of year fast approaching.
- The SAFE Student Voice questionnaire received over 1700 responses, providing a valuable cache of data to support the development of new projects.
- The SAFE team have been visiting participating schools to review the implementation of SAFE projects with a view of continuously improving the offer for schools and young people.

### YES Project

- Demand for places on YES Project continues to be strong, with over 100 referrals received to date.
- Delivery is underway in all of the 15 schools that expressed an interest in YES.
- The YES Project Specialist Nurse has been recruited and is due to start following the Easter break.
- A further round of whole-school assemblies will take place in April, to coincide with the arrival of the [knife angel](#) to Bradford
- Two Case Worker positions continue to be vacant, with recruitment to these posts ongoing.
- Delays to the processing of DBS checks mean that some YES workers have been unable to work independently in school settings, hindering the capacity of the programme.

### Commando Joe's

- Delivery into 10 secondary schools is continuing at capacity, with CJ's instructors delivering a blend of group workshops and individual support as required by each individual setting.
- Feedback from secondary schools continues to be encouraging, with evidence emerging from schools describing improved behaviour and attendance for participating pupils.

### **Educational Psychology**

- The first round of referrals for Ed Psych support in primary schools closed and have been triaged.
- Work is underway on assessments, identifying potential problems at an earlier stage to allow for improved support as a child reaches secondary school.
- A second round of referrals is due to open during March.

### **Speech and Language Therapy (SaLT)**

- The first half of the training offer is complete in participating schools.
- Planning is underway for follow up coaching and support sessions for staff involved.

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

- Delivery is underway in two school sites, with referral processes in place and caseloads allocated.
- Seven out of ten practitioner positions have been recruited to, however delays to DBS checks are again holding up some new appointees starting in schools.
- Two Family Support Worker positions are currently being [advertised](#)
- SHS are holding a staff training and induction day in Bradford on March 9<sup>th</sup>

### **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.

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