

Bradford SAFE Taskforce

January 2023 Update



Staff from a participating primary school taking on a Commando Joe's top secret mission.

Progress highlights

- SAFE Taskforce School Leads met in early January to discuss implementation in school settings, ideas for future interventions, recent successes and concerns. Feedback on early intervention delivery was excellent.

- The SAFE Taskforce Steering Group met in mid-January to receive an update on progress and to provide expert advice and guidance on current and emerging issues as well as future directions for the Taskforce.
- A new iteration of the SAFE Student Voice questionnaire was distributed, with over 750 responses received from pupils in Taskforce schools to date. The data from this survey will be used to inform the development of interventions in years two and three of the Bradford SAFE Taskforce.
- The first data drop for the SAFE Taskforce national evaluation was completed on time and without issue.
- Bradford SAFE Taskforce was used as an example of good progress at the DfE Multidisciplinary Programme Board, with senior representatives from the Ministry of Justice, Home Office, NHS, DWP and DfE briefed on the interventions taking place locally.
- An initial Theory of Change and project proposal have been developed to look at girls' involvement in serious violence, receiving DfE approval to move forward in late January.
- A Community of Practice has been developed in partnership with Leeds SAFE Taskforce, with a view to developing solutions to common problems and sharing of good practice.
- Bradford SAFE Taskforce are supporting the development of the local Action Plan for the forthcoming Serious Violence Duty.

YES Project

- The delivery of the YES Project continues apace, with over 70 referrals for individual support in place.
- Delivery is underway in 14 of the 15 schools that expressed an interest in YES.
- The SAFE Taskforce Police Officer has been recruited and is due to start on February 6. The successful candidate is currently undergoing training in the specific courses offered through the YES Project.
- Applications closed for the YES Project Specialist Nurse closed on 30th January, with interviews expected to be held by the middle of February.
- Two Case Worker positions remain vacant, with recruitment to these posts currently underway.

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 has been excellent, with case studies showing real impacts on behaviour and attendance for participating pupils.
- 30 feeder primary schools have signed up for CJ's to support year 5 & 6 pupils with transition to secondary school. All participating schools have received their CJ's resources and 15 schools have been trained on their use, with remaining schools due to receive the training in the coming weeks.

Educational Psychology

- 35 primary schools have been invited to take part in the Educational Psychology project training, with 18 having attended. Work is ongoing to increase this figure.
- 29 referrals for assessment for primary pupils have been received, with a view to identifying potential difficulties at an earlier stage in a child's school career.

- Assessments are due to begin over the next one to two weeks once triage of referrals has been completed.

Speech and Language Therapy (SaLT)

- Module one of training in recognition and referral for speech, language and communication disorders has been completed for eligible staff at participating schools.
- Dates for modules two and three are currently being booked in.
- Challenges for Taskforce schools in being able to release staff for training are emerging.

School-Home Support

- A local Coordinator has been appointed and is due to start on February 6th.
- Six out of ten practitioner positions have been appointed, with interviews for the remaining four positions being held in the next fortnight.
- Two practitioners started induction on Monday Jan 30th and have been allocated to Taskforce schools.
- Delivery anticipated to commence in mid-late February.

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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A year group assembly being delivered by staff from the YES Project