

Bradford SAFE Taskforce April 2023 Update



Picture: SHS Caseworker Sarah supporting a family with school uniform supplies

Progress highlights

- All 10 national SAFE areas met in Westminster over two days in April to share learning and work through collective challenges.
- Leads from the five SAFE intervention providers in Bradford met to discuss progress, identify challenges and share learning at a local level.
- The second data drop for RAND Europe, the national evaluator of SAFE, has been collated and submitted.
- Planning has started for a video package highlighting the work of the Bradford SAFE Taskforce and providers locally.
- The Taskforce Steering Group met to provide input and guidance for the future direction of travel locally.
- Development of strategy and delivery plans for years two and three of Bradford SAFE Taskforce interventions has started.
- Bradford SAFE Taskforce are supporting an MSc research project in partnership with the School of Law at the University of Leeds 'Assessing and addressing the relationship between girls and violence in Bradford'.

YES Project

- The YES Project package of whole-school information sessions has been completed in all 14 participating schools.
- Demand for individual support places on the YES Project continues to be strong, with over 120 referrals received to date.
- The YES Project Specialist Nurse started in post on May 2
- The YES team are responding to individual need in each of the schools they are working in, adapting delivery to suit each local context.

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.
- Please see the box below for a quote about CJ's from a senior school leader.

Absolutely amazing programme. Delivered by a professional and experienced member of staff who works really well with our students. Doing a great job. Would recommend 10 / 10. Our students love all the missions, especially Blackout.

[Our instructor] really knows how to engage with the students and this is definitely improving our students' behaviour/attendance and personal and professional development. There has been a huge difference between their communication and resilience from before the programme until now. My message is to please carry on doing what you're doing. You're changing young lives for the better. Thank you!

Educational Psychology

- A second round of referrals for Ed Psych support in primary schools closed and have been triaged.
- Work is continuing apace on Ed Psych assessments, identifying potential problems at an earlier stage to allow for improved support as a child reaches secondary school.
- Liaison and collaboration between primary and secondary school SENCo's is growing

Speech and Language Therapy (SaLT)

- Key staff from all 10 participating schools have been trained in the use of a bespoke SaLT screening tool.
- Training of staff in specialist SaLT interventions is underway.
- Follow up coaching and support sessions are being provided by the project lead.
- An extra project worker is being added to support school staff and to assist with QA

School-Home Support (SHS)

- Delivery is fully underway in four school sites, with referral processes in place and caseloads allocated.
- A round of interviews for the remaining Support Worker positions is being held in the week commencing May 8th.
- Vacant Family Support Worker positions are currently being [advertised](#) via the School-Home Support website.

Upcoming

- A sixth major project to support vulnerable young people in Bradford is currently in development.
- Available funding opportunities will be advertised on the Bradford SAFE Taskforce [web page](#) and [social media](#), please share these to your networks where appropriate.



Picture: National SAFE Taskforces meeting in Westminster, April 2023

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