



Newcastle Youth Crime Action Plan Intensive Package – 09/10

Project Overview and DCSF Feedback

In July 2008 the Government published the Youth Crime Action Plan (YCAP) and Safe Newcastle is delivering a comprehensive package of measures encompassing our triple-track approach of tough enforcement, non negotiable support and prevention. Newcastle is committed to the Youth Crime Action Plan and the delivery of its 7 interdependent elements will support the following aims:

- Young people and families receive support and challenge early to stay or get back on track;
- Young people who break the law are held to account for what they have done in such a way that prevents re-offending; and
- The public is protected from the harm caused by crime

The YCAP Programme will support Newcastle's Sustainable Community Strategy and contribute to the delivery of its Local Area Agreement including targets on:

- Achievement at level 4 in English and Maths
- Secondary School persistent absence
- First time entrants to Youth Justice System
- Under age conception
- Proven rate of re-offending by young offenders
- Dealing with local concerns about ASB

Governance at a Strategic level includes regular reports to Safe Newcastle, the Youth Offending Team Board and the Children & Young People Strategic Partnership Executive (C&YPSP). A cross partnership YCAP Group has been meeting for several months to drive the development of the programme and will continue to provide leadership and direction.



Newcastle will build on the excellent partnership working between Safe Newcastle and C&YPSP that the Respect agenda re-enforced and facilitated. However, the challenge under the Think Family banner is to engage Adults' social care in the delivery of the local YCAP arrangements.

DCSF Sign off: 13th March 2009

Element	Budget (£)(K)	DCSF Comment	Action	Lead Agency
Operation Staysafe	20,000	Excellent proposal	The principle aim is to protect vulnerable children/young people whose behaviour or whereabouts places them at risk of significant harm. Newcastle will deliver at least 10 Stay Safe operations to take vulnerable young people to a safe place.	Police
Street Based Teams	60,000	Good proposal	Street-based teams will target and engage with those young people most at risk of becoming involved in anti social behaviour by offering a programme of high quality activities including urban arts, sports, music and support. Teams will engage directly with young people, who for a variety of reasons have been unwilling or unable to participate in existing provision. The Teams will operate weekly with at least two sessions being delivered in designated neighbourhoods, culminating in 200 sessions over the course of the year.	Youth Services
After School Patrols	30,000	Good Proposal	The deployment of 108 police After School Patrols will focus on specific corridors used by the pupils as a route home. The emphasis will be to address disorder, recognise and provide protection to vulnerable young people and provide the opportunity for positive engagement. The patrols will signpost a range of diversionary activities and supportive services through leaflets and website details.	Police



YOT Worker in Custody Suite	70,000	Good proposal	This project will place Youth Offending Team (YOT) workers in the Etal Lane and Market Street police custody suites so that young offenders can be assessed and directed to appropriate services at the earliest opportunity. This will build on the existing successful scheme operated by the YOT and strongly supported by the local Magistrates' Court;	Youth Offending Team
Reparation in Leisure Time	60,000	Excellent proposal	<p>Making young offenders feel the consequences of their actions by expanding YOT reparation schemes during their leisure time, including on Friday and Saturday nights</p> <p>Number of sessions 2 per week for up to 6 young people</p> <p>Days of week Friday (3 hours), Sat (3 hours) or Sun (3 hours)</p> <p>Total hours reparation 36 hours per week, 40 weeks pa = 1440 hours</p>	Youth Offending Team
Youth Crime Family Intervention Project	£123,000	Excellent proposal: used as national model	Developing and maintaining the Family Intervention Project to work with the most vulnerable and problematic families with children at risk of offending, with non-negotiable elements and sanctions for a failure to engage;	Childrens Services
Think Families	£52,000	Excellent proposal: used as national model	Implementation of 'think family' reforms to provide an integrated and appropriate service response across Adults' and Children's Services to all families at risk by the end of the funding period.	Childrens Services