

Early Intervention Youth Work in secondary schools

This project has been commissioned by the Police and Crime Commissioner, Thames Valley. The Safer Slough Partnership (SSP) has worked to secure this funding to deliver a four tiered programme of work (as depicted below) aiming to prevent young people being exploited into violence and offending through gangs and County Lines drug dealing. This will range from broad reach awareness raising in schools to targeted intervention with young people already involved in gangs and knife crime.

4. Intensive

To be delivered by **Adviza Partnership** across 2 areas. They will work intensively with YP already involved in knife crime and gangs and offer specialist provision. They will be most likely to work with YP known to Police, YOT and Haybrook

3. Detached Youth Work

Delivered by **Berkshire Youth**: Targeted specialist on-the-street youth workers will help young people in Berkshire who are at risk of being exploited, coerced into gangs or becoming the victims of knife crime. (121, mentoring up to 12 months). Each young person will receive one-to-one mentoring and support for up to 12 months. They will be street based in shopping precincts and parks.

2. Tackling exclusion in schools

Delivered by **Berkshire Youth**: Youth Workers being placed in secondary schools to help young people at risk of exclusion. This will include preventative education, helping with early identification of those at risk of gangs, drug and knife crime. 5 schools have been identified based on local intelligence, and ASB data for the location in which the school is located.

1. Broad reach awareness & upskilling professionals

There are three aspects to this awareness section:

1a. A performance (Altereago) aimed at secondary school students to raise general awareness of: County Lines, grooming, Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE). This is delivered as a single 50 minute theatre performance which includes a short post-show talk clarifying subjects covered in the play. Young people are provided with an information leaflet at the end of the performance with more details including signposting to sources of help and advice.

1b. Workshops (Crimestoppers- Fearless). To educate young people on gangs, knife crime and County Lines to reduce the risk of them becoming involved in criminality. The sessions aim to educate and empower 11-16 year olds to help them make the right decisions about crime and violence.

1c. Training for professionals (Reaching every generation). This will be run and managed through the LCSB with 40 delegates per session and Slough have secured two dates in the autumn term. It aims to upskill and increase confidence of professionals working with young people across the Thames Valley. The workshops will encourage staff to see beyond what they are presented with, to challenge their levels of professional curiosity to identify risk, manage trauma and safeguard young people.