

Youth Crime Action Plan

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What is the Youth Crime Action Plan?

The Youth Crime Action Plan (YCAP) is a comprehensive, cross-government analysis of what the government is going to do to tackle youth crime and is designed to tackle the issue from different perspectives.

- Government estimates 5% of young people are responsible for over half of youth crime. The YCAP sets out a 'triple track' approach of enforcement and punishment where behaviour is unacceptable, non-negotiable support and challenge where it is most needed, and better and earlier prevention.
- Proposals emphasise the “fundamental importance” of providing services which have a consistent approach to assessment, early identification and targeted support to young people who are at risk of being drawn into criminal activity, or are already involved in crime / ASB and parents in need of support and challenge.
- The importance of partnership working (using existing structures such as CDRPs, Children’s Trusts and LSPs) and information sharing between agencies is emphasised in the plan, as is the need to involve communities in deciding how youth crime is tackled in their area, increasing the visibility of the youth justice system (YJS) and taking collective responsibility for the behaviour of young people – which should lead to increased public confidence and satisfaction.
- YCAP states, “As set out in the Local Government White Paper, it is the responsibility of Local Authorities to join up and improve local services and through this, the quality of life of the public they serve”. The Youth Justice Board (YJB) also has a “pivotal role” in implementing YCAP.

The long-term goal is to reduce youth crime by reducing the rate of young people entering the criminal justice system for the first time by one fifth (20%) by 2020.

The full document is available at:

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/documents/youth-crime-action-plan/>

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Youth Crime Action Plan Activity in Bradford

Overall aim

- Reduce Youth Crime and Anti-Social behaviour
- Contribute to improved public confidence in criminal justice system

Measure:

- Number of reports re anti-social behaviour by young people
- Reductions in the number of first time entrants into criminal justice system
- Reductions in the levels of reported crime
- Levels of satisfaction from young people, parents, agencies involved in the project

Current YCAP Activity in Bradford

Street-based Teams (incorporating Operation Stay Safe)

'Street Based Teams' of youth workers from voluntary and statutory organisations will be operating in the following 'hotspot' areas in Bradford between February - April 2009 in partnership with local NPTs (Neighbourhood Police Teams).

Holmewood Housing Estate; Oakworth Park, Keighley; Queensbury village; Shipley/Windhill; Thornbury/Bradford Moor; Whetley Hill; Scholemoor; Wibsey; Silsden; Keighley

Young people in 'hotspot' areas will be encouraged to attend positive activities operating during weekends with some activity taking place on Friday and Saturday evenings (includes existing activity and new activity). Young People identified as 'at risk' will be referred for additional specialist services.

Examples of activity; Midnight football; Dance weekends; Bradford Motor Education Project; Midnight hockey; Arts activity; Music sessions; Media Museum

Planned YCAP Activity in Bradford

Further development of Street-based Teams and Operation Stay Safe

- After School Patrols will link to Safer Schools Partnerships and Extended Schools
- YOT workers in Custody suites
- Weekend Reparation



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THE MIDLAND HOTEL, BRADFORD - TUESDAY, 28th APRIL, 2009

This is a FREE event - 9.30am - 4.45pm with lunch included

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