

Building Resilience Project Stoke-on-Trent

Supporting Families Against Youth Crime



BACKGROUND

2014 – S-O-T identified as an emerging area under the ending gang & youth violence strategy

2020 – Around 200 young people within S-O-T currently being actively monitored by the Integrated Offender management (YOT/IOM) Unit as being **actively associated with gangs**

RISK FACTORS

CYP growing up in S-O-T are more likely to be vulnerable to CCE due to the contributing factors of higher than average levels of:

- Deprivation,
- Crime,
- Rates of school exclusion
- Unemployment



AIMS

- Reduction in ASB/crime
- Reduction in school exclusions
- Improved attendance in education
- Increased feelings of connection to school
- Young people make more positive decisions
- Increased resilience in young people
- Young people have a trusted adult
- Young people feel safe in school
- Increased number of those identified children engaged in activities within their communities
- Better informed **CYP's workforce**
- Better informed & more **resilient communities**
- Workforce with appropriate skills & understanding to engage **young people & their wider family networks**
- Practitioners can **identify vulnerability** & know how to address it
- **Parents/carers understand** how they can help to keep young people safe
- **Wider community understands** how they can help to keep young people safe
- Improved **engagement in education**



MULTI-AGENCY PARTNERSHIP BOARD

- Developed by local high school, FE Institutions & parents
- Identified gang & child criminal exploitation (CCE) as a concern
- Recognise this needs to be addressed through holistic, coordinated & supportive approach



PUBLIC HEALTH APPROACH

- Violence seen as a disease
- Moves onus away from Criminal Justice System as solely responsible
- Systemic, multi-agency approach
- Bottom-up focus on early years & parenting
- Aims to build resilience



FOCUS

2 secondary schools & their main feeder primary schools alongside existing youth provision



FUTURE ASPIRATIONS

- Development of in-depth knowledge & skills
- Evidence-based resources
- Existing frontline teams to deliver face-to-face with CYP & their families
- To deliver at pace
- To engage voluntary sector & communities



TRAINING

Whole school training developed & delivered by SSEP from S-O-T Virtual School

To facilitate building of resilient schools through trauma informed practice



DATA

Local:

- Troubled families
- Police
- Youth Offending Team



EVALUATION

- Evaluations of training delivered in schools
- CYP & their families' own reflections of targeted resilience building work
- Increased reporting of concerns
- School attendance data
- ASB/Youth Crime data
- Young People's Lifestyle Survey 2019 re. CYP feelings of safety in school



TRUSTED ADULT WORKERS

Recruited from existing community practitioners & community volunteers

- Deliver **Living Life To The Full (LLTTF) programme** to vulnerable young people in feed-er primary schools from year 6 and followed through to year
- Support YP to develop **LLTTF Wellbeing Peer-Mentoring Ambassadors Programme**
- Work 1:1 with families not already engaged with service using **Contextual Safeguarding model**
- Receive bi-monthly supervision from SSEP from the virtual school