

Anti-Social Behaviour Family Intervention Project (ASB FIP)

Project Content

DISC (Developing Initiative Supporting Communities) deliver the ASB FIP in Sunderland. Staff provide support tailored to suit the needs of individual families who are threatened with eviction or other enforcement measures or who have been evicted due to anti-social behaviour.

Typically, there will be a number of agencies involved with the family, but their antisocial behaviour will remain at persistent levels in spite of existing interventions. The project takes a whole family approach using an assertive and persistent style of working to challenge and support problem families to address the root causes of their anti-social behaviour. A behaviour contract is agreed between the family and the key worker which sets out the changes in behaviour that are expected and support that will be provided in order to facilitate the change.

This service would be offered to families in their current accommodation. It is appropriate where the family are responsible for persistent anti-social behaviour and consequently are subject to or at risk of enforcement measures. Families receiving this service will be visited by FIP staff within their own home a minimum of three times a week.

The FIP specifically offers:

- Family mediation
- Signposting to other relevant services
- Parental support
- Educational support
- Structured activities
- Support to maintain the tenancy.

Access Pathway

Families can self-refer or be referred to the project by contacting the Family and Parenting Team on (0191) 443 2908.

2009/10 Performance

91 families were referred to the ASBFIP and 60 have been supported so far. When families have been assessed as no longer requiring the intervention of the ASBFIP, there is a clearly defined exit strategy with relevant monitoring arrangements to ensure the long-term sustainability of the ASBFIP.

- 42 individuals were unemployed prior to the ASBFIP intervention and this reduced to 28 upon completion of the ASBFIP.

- 6 Children were on the 'at risk' register prior to ASBFIP intervention and this reduced to 3 upon completion of the ASBFIP.
- 4 children were not attending school at all and this reduced to 1 child.
- 1 family expressed teenage pregnancy as an issue and this was reduced to 0 after ASBFIP intervention.