

## Anti Social Behaviour Project

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Service Six, Northamptonshire's leading youth service provider, managed the Anti Social Behaviour Project, which aimed to reduce first time and repeat entrance by young people into the criminal justice system, reduce offending and anti social behaviour by young people and support young people to make positive life choices.

The Anti Social Behaviour Project engaged with disaffected and at risk young people from disadvantaged backgrounds who were known to the police, criminal justice system or social services.

It aimed to improve young people's life choices and outcomes by increasing their participation in diversionary, positive activities and educate them on alternative life choices, whilst providing them with positive praise and affirmation to encourage them and build their confidence.

The project's engagement with young people took place through street based outreach during evenings and weekends, where its workers built trusting relationships with young people before encouraging them to choose and develop the positive activities they want to engage in. These included informal education and signposting, as well as accredited courses in coaching, volunteering and first aid.

In addition, the project targeted the parents and caregivers of young people, to ensure its objectives were integrated into the entire family. These relationships were built through a non-threatening method of providing information and offering support in their homes.

Funded for £90,000 by Northamptonshire County Council and Community Safety Partnership for an initial six month pilot period and a further 12 months, the project worked in the Wellingborough localities of Hemmingwell, Queensway, Kingsway and Redwell. In addition, housing association Wellingborough Homes offered a £9,000 grant towards the project.

During the project, anti-social behaviour in Wellingborough was reduced by 30% and in each locality by 13%. Northamptonshire Police commended Service Six for their help with this.

Service Six went on to jointly work with Northamptonshire Police on their Rapid Response service, whereby the police called Service Six immediately with any reports or incidents relating to youths in order for their workers to action them. They also worked with the police on the Knife Arch scheme and received Comic Relief funding for an alcohol project.

The Anti Social Behaviour Project also reduced the number of young people entering the criminal justice system or re-offending, with many participants going on to main stream education and training programmes. Several participants continue to be involved with Service Six, sitting on the boards and panels. The integration with family members also led to a reduction in young siblings entering the system.

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