

Area 9 Panel feedback – 29 March 2011

Crime Prevention Injunction

- Positive response that proposals include owner occupiers and private tenants as they have previously been seen as being untouchable.
- If CPI is breached – it is unclear what the sanctions /outcomes will be e.g.
 - Will there be financial implications,
 - loss of home,
 - removal of personal/household items
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- With proposed budgetary cuts across the board including the Police- who is going to monitor/control or supervise that terms of CPI is being adhered to- there is definitely a capacity issue here.
- Not sure how low level ASB fits into this bearing in mind that the 5 step process currently used is in the main effective.
 - Identification/visit
 - Letter
 - Letter from L/A / Police
 - ASB order
- Lots of cases fall down because people just don't come forward
- Use of professional witnesses is seen to be positive although this is done already.
- Strongly opposed to the removal of section 153 to deal with other breaches of tenancy as this has been successful in the past and would limit NCH's power to deal quickly and effectively with repeated contraventions of tenancy. It will lead to deterioration in the external appearance of estates if things like untidy gardens cannot be tackled with the warning of legal action. Panel members confident that effectiveness of using existing powers within Section 153 can be demonstrated.
- There will be an increase in injunctions – not a bad thing but again there is likely to be a capacity issue for those officers involved including the police.
- Felt that age for a CPI should be lowered from 10 to 8 as most kids are street savvy in terms of what is right and what is wrong and the implications of doing something wrong repeatedly.
- Budgetary provision – will there be enough money in the pot to pay for this.

Dispersals

- Seen to be a simplified system that is too vague
- Designated zone needs to be kept as where are the Police going to direct people to?
- Power too vague

- Clarity on definition 'likely to cause crime and disorder'- as this will be open to wide ranging interpretation.
- Capacity to enforce will be an issue – re: police / PCSO numbers

Community Trigger

- Already have police tasking which works on the same principle
- Shift patterns don't correspond with multi agency working from a policing perspective.
- Will / may get an increase of lower level complaints
- Positive that it will hold professionals to account
- Complaints process seen as a backward step – floods of complaints – creating beaurocracy
- Different agendas per profession may thwart the process
- Different complaints processes – who will be responsible for handling complaint or could complainant potentially, go through different complaints processes per agencies involved.

Criminal Behaviour Orders

- Concern that NCH will not be able to take direct action
- Goes against partnership working
- ASBOs have become ineffective
- Need for support attached to CBO
- Need for continuity and consistency
- How does restorative justice fit into what is proposed.

Community Protection Orders

- Good thing that CPO replaces many other individual orders
- Will the Police/LA have the front line capacity to deal with cases at level 2