

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR NEIGHBOURHOODS AND PREVENTION

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“Breaking the Cycle” to launch during the month of October.

A project funded through the Big Lottery looking to further enhance our work with victims and perpetrators of Domestic Abuse is being formally launched this October. The programme which received an award of just under £500,000 over 3 years from the National Lottery will form part of our integrated domestic abuse service offer, adding significant capacity for the most complex and challenging families, allowing more sustained, long term support for those that need it. Blackburn with Darwen was chosen as the host for this new programme by Changing Lives, who are the recipients of the award, given our already outstanding partnership working in tackling domestic abuse.

Organised Crime Early Intervention Programme gathers pace:

The Organised Crime programme – targeting those at risk of engaging in Organised Criminality across Blackburn with Darwen, East Lancashire and Preston has begun rolling out its early intervention service. Delivered through three providers; the Triangle Care Group who will be working with individuals and families, Resource Creatives working with school's on prevention and Lancashire Women's Centre's working with vulnerable young women at risk of exploitation and harm, the services will work on a one to one basis and in group sessions to mitigate the underlying reasons why people get drawn in to criminality.

For those that refuse to engage and are posing a risk to others they will be targeted through Operation Genga; the 'pursue' arm of the programme which is in the process of rolling out a new intelligence and targeting co-ordination system called PAM. This combines the intelligence products of the police, local authority, department of works and pensions amongst many other agencies, improving our collective ability to both target the right people and widens the scope of interventions and sanctions available to the group.

Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery Event:

The Community Safety team are working with the Police & Crime Commissioner on a Human Trafficking and Modern Day Slavery Event taking place on the 18th October, to coincide with the launching of a new Crime-stoppers campaign, aimed at improving awareness and reporting.