

Appendix 1

Case Study – from Family Intervention Worker

Family Composition

- Unemployed female parent aged 41
- Unemployed male parent (who is not the birth father of any of the children)
- An older son who was no longer living in the family home
- Unemployed son of 18
- School age son of 15
- School age daughter of 13

Issues identified with family

- The family had experienced varying degrees of domestic abuse (verbal and physical chastisement.) from both parents
- the children also verbally and physically abused each other
- Rules and Boundaries were non existent within the household
- Regular heavy drinking took place which the entire family joined in except for the daughter
- One tenancy had already been lost and the family had moved to a private landlord
- Boy (15) disappearing for days and associating with inappropriate adults
- Refusal to attend school by boy (15)
- Refusal to accept parental responsibility
- No acceptable role models

There had been many reported incidents of ASB and offending behaviour including:

- Violence inside and outside of property
- Heavy historical use of alcohol associated with fighting within the family
- Groups of people drinking alcohol in the property and on the streets

Partners involved in this family

- Police
- Education
- Children's Social Care
- Connexions
- Drugs/alcohol (FACE IT)
- St John's Church Youth and Community Group
- YOS
- Health

Tools/powers used

- Family behaviour contract that identified the targets for each family member and the commitment from the Programme to deliver services/support and sanctions identified
- Safe 'house' for boy (15) instigated
- Supported re-entry into education, identification of suitable and acceptable course
- Introduction of constructive leisure activity
- Mother encouraged to take a positive stance at progress of boy (15)
- Incentives/Rewards for continual engagement with the project

Outcomes

- Boy (15) has gained a place at local college studying Media
- Mother became increasingly proud of her son and accompanied him to all Programme reviews
- Boy (15) now attends local youth group and takes an active part in fund raising for the trips, himself winning a talent competition, and no longer associates with offending peers
- The household limits its drinking habits and therefore their violent behaviour is also limited
- The family retained their tenancy
- There have been no reported issues in relation to the daughter (13) who maintained her place in mainstream education
- Work continues with adults re. worklessness issues

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