

Anti-Knife Crime Project

A Partnership between the Children's Society and the Home Office

The Children's Society have secured funds to deliver the Anti-Knife Crime (AKC) Project to Children and Young people in the Birmingham area in an attempt to tackle and reduce the effects of Knife Crime within our City. Deliverance of the AKC Project has been designed to adapt to both the needs of large groups and individuals.

Sections of work delivered via the AKC Project may link in with our Disrupting Exploitation (DE) Project, especially the coaching aspect and ongoing targeted work. The DE Project is focused on driving long-term, sustainable impact for young people and will work both directly with young people and on systems change and contexts that place children at risk of exploitation.

The aims of the AKC Project are to discourage young people from carrying knives and are built primarily on the following areas:

- *Carrying a knife is illegal whether it is used or not and a prison sentence could be faced if found in possession with one*
- *Carrying a knife does not protect but in fact puts young people at more risk of being hurt or worse*
- *Exploring the effects of carrying a knife using visual aid and verbal discussion*
- *Accessing current data around knife crime to explore the real effects of knife crime in today's society*
- *Encouraging young people to report if they know someone is carrying a knife and developing understanding around how to do to this safely*
- *Encourage young people and remind them that their life matters*

What we offer:

Assemblies/Large Groups (up to, or around 300 young people)

This will comprise of a presentation which includes risks of carrying a knife, the law round carrying a knife, statistics, what to do if you know that someone is carry a knife and how to report anonymously.

Estimated time **20 minutes**

Classroom Setting/Group (up to, or around 10 young people)

Within this setting we utilise video examples and 'No Knives Better Lives' intervention to explore the effects of carrying a knife, choices and impact detailed and explorative conversations will be had around Knife Crime giving the group ample opportunity to discuss and feedback. Areas of focus within this session will include:

- Reassurance
- Risk and Consequences
- Resilience
- Responsibility

Estimated time **2 hours**

Coaching (1:1 work)

The Coaching will be available to one school or young person's service provision with 10 students using the No Knives Better Lives tool as a basis. This is built around building relationships with most at risk young people and providing mentoring support in and out of schools. Intervention will be based solely on the needs of the young person and will build on their current skills and experience in order to lead better lives.

Areas of focus within these session will include:

- Reassurance
- Risk and Consequences
- Resilience
- Responsibility

Estimated time: **working on a consultancy basis**

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