

# KIRKLEES YOUTH INTERVENTION TEAM

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## WHO ARE WE?

Kirklees Youth Intervention Team (KYIT) are the team working directly with individuals who are involved with or at risk of criminal activity as part of the Kirklees Gang Strategy, with the aim to reduce the impact of criminal activity involving gangs in the local community.

## OUR ROLE

The role of the team is to safeguard and support those individuals identified as being involved in a gang or at risk of gang affiliation. Through the referral process, tailored support and case management is put into place to reduce the individual's vulnerability to gang affiliation or membership. Increasing their protective factors and positive outcomes we aim to reduce that risk.

We also provide training and awareness raising to a range of organisations, services and front line staff around gangs. Looking at vulnerabilities and the local referral process as well as engaging with young people in both community and educational settings to raise awareness and help build resilience to gangs.

## ENGAGEMENT IN FOCUS

'Bobby' is a play intended for YR5/6 pupils, it helps them to identify risks and challenges in their communities through drama.

Penguin Acting have performed in over 60 Kirklees schools to date and are now working on performing virtually, whilst in a separate room in a school to enable a virtual Q&A and virtual interaction.



Kirklees Youth Intervention Team delivering safer communities to Year 5/6.

We are now able to restart our work in primary with identified “pods” keeping to School policy and government guidelines, to enable safety for adults and pupils.



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Throughout October 2020, we will be making contact with colleagues in residential children's care to offer our “missing” workshop.

We will also be re-connecting with our primary and high school colleagues to continue the good work started before lockdown. This will include our safer community workshops, knife crime, girls and gangs, CCE and CSE deliveries and awareness sessions for professional parents and pupils, amongst others.

We will be supporting community groups and other applicants to develop projects who have been awarded VRU funding.

As usual we are always at the end of the phone to offer advice and support to all.

You can call: Liz (**07790611809**) or Alison (**07966466096**).