# saferbromley partnership

## Victim Support Youth Intervention Project 1 September 2010 to 31 August 2011

This is a combined report including the funding from The City Bridge Trust the grant which has enabled Victim Support Bromley to employ a full time Young Peoples'/ Community Domestic Abuse Worker .

Victim Support - Income & Expenditure to Aug 2011 (201205)	
Projects like : VS Bromley YP/DV Community	Year to Aug 2011 (201205)
	Actual
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INCOMING RESOURCES	
Voluntary income	
Donations and bequests	-
LB Bromley YOT	2,400
City Bridge Trust	17,850
	20,250
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	20,250
EXPENDITURE	
People costs	
Employed staff payroll costs	21,960
Indirect staff costs (travel, telephone etc)	3,193
Expenses relating to volunteers	72
Total People costs	25,224
Other costs	
Commissioned services	13
Premises costs	850
Office operating costs	655
Other costs allocations and recharges	2,998
Total Other costs	4,516
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	29,741
Incoming/(outgoing) resources	(9,491)
Unrestricted income allocations	9,027
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES	(464)

Shortfall taken from reserves.

Total No. of referrals to Victim Support Bromley 1 Sep 2010 to Aug 2011: 8,348

#### **Inputs**

Referrals age 11 to 18 1 Sep 2010 to Aug 2011: 1,033 Females up to age 18 1 Sep 2010 to Aug 2011: 471 (46%)

Males up to age18 1 Sep 2010 to Aug 2011: 562 (54%)

### **Outputs: Referrals:**

Contacts by worker with all victims in the period:

YP Face to face support sessions: 104

Total letters: 421, total phone contacts: 3,500.

#### **Outputs: Outreach work:**

2 Junior Citizen events (one day in LB Lewisham to cover staff shortage) 200 YP year 6.

- 2 Driven by Consequences Days 195 Year 12 YP.
- 8 Workshops including Personal Safety/Cyber Bullying 245 YP Year 7 to 11
- 3 Prison Me No Way Days: Safety on the internet, bullying, sexual violence, and personal safety 610 YP Year 9
- 8 YOT Victim Awareness Workshops: 35 young offenders aged 13 to 17.
- 7 Spiralling Workshop Healthy relationships and DV awareness: 359 YP aged 15 to 21.

#### **Outcomes:**

Year 1 and 2 the demand on the caseworker was higher than expected due to a number of complex cases of serious sexual violence. The casework also revealed a number of young victims of domestic violence. In order to address this need the worker has undertaken further training to support young victims of Domestic Violence and promote healthy relationships (Spiralling) and cyber bullying.

Shortfall in year 2 was met by Private Space funding (£20k) and brought the Domestic Abuse element to the role of the YP caseworker – this worked well because a high proportion of the ongoing and complex cases were young victims of DV.

Year 3 Spring/summer 2011 the worker completed CAADA IDVA training. Activities:

In year 3 the YP worker was only required to support 1 Junior Citizen Day (year 6 students transferring to secondary school) in Bromley and we loaned the worker to VS Lewisham for a similar day in Oct 2010 due to staff illness. VS presence at Junior Citizen was reduced because the organizers were using PCSOs to deliver the personal safety 'mobile phone theft workshop'. This was helpful to VS resources because we receiving more demand for Cyber Bullying

and personal safety presentations and assemblies with School's Officers from Bromley Police. This was recognized in the letter sent by one officer – see appendix 3f.

Due to extra demand on the caseworker's time the Drop-in surgeries at Cator Park were changed to booked appointments to assist students to return to timetable, build confidence and realise their potential in school following incidents of crime or bullying.

Victim Support remained a partner in delivering Prison Me No Way to year 9 students in 3 secondary schools in Bromley in year 3. The 40 minute workshops covered personal safety, safety on the internet, alcohol, sexual violence and bullying. The workshops aim to help young people to reduce their risk by reflecting on case studies so that they can consider the consequences of certain choices e.g. 'taking the law into your own hands'/ revenge. Also exploring how to reduce risk and promoting non violent ways of staying safe.

LB Bromley Driven by Consequence days aimed at Year 12 students many of whom are new drivers. Focusing on reducing risks to self and others when driving.

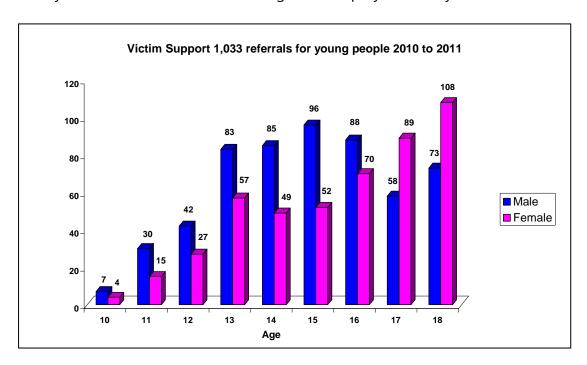
Monthly Victim Impact Workshops continue to be delivered at the Youth Offending Team; the aim is to identify the physical, emotional, mental and financial affects on victims. Also aims to identify direct and indirect victims of crime – the impact on the families of victims and perpetrators and the impact on the perpetrator themselves.

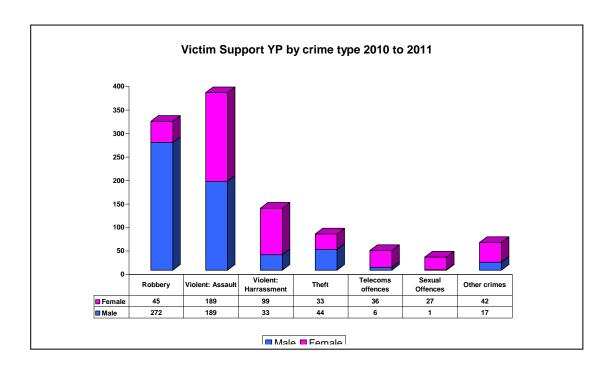
Victim Support continues to progress suitable volunteers to undertake specialist training to support young victims of crime. In year 3 VS Bromley recruited and trained a further two young volunteers (aged 19 and 20) who are providing initial contact and emotional support directly to young victims. Since 1 April 2010 the YP worker has been supporting domestic violence referrals from police and working with the Independent Domestic Abuse Advocates based at Bromley Police Station. The YP worker has completed CAADA IDAA training (July 2011) and now supports both young victims and cases of domestic abuse that are reported in community. **Due to the DV aspect of the role, in year 3 VS made a successful application for Home Office IDVA funding which has secured £20k per year for 3 years.** 

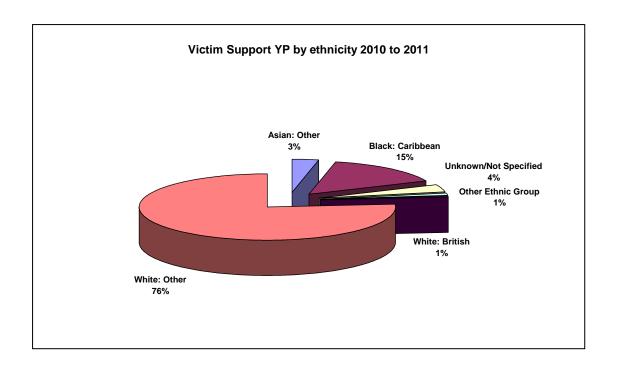
The main challenge over the 3 years has always been to fund a full time post. We always believed that the post should be full time however due to the fact that Bromley crime numbers are low compared to the rest of London we were part funded by City Bridge Trust. Consequently it was always a struggle to make up the shortfall when we employed our YP worker. This however has worked to our advantage in the respect that we have looked to diversify the role around supporting young people and has given us the freedom to

explore a wider range of services to provide support within the remit of the project.

Recruitment and retention of volunteers has also been a challenge – many young volunteers who were actively seeking work were often hampered by being called to short notice interviews at the job centre and this meant that they were not always reliable; naturally seeking work had to take the priority. Finally once our new volunteers had gained employment they tended to leave.







## **Spiralling Presentation Feedback**

The following feedback was received from 68 young men and women who attend Charles Darwin School in Bromley Year 12 aged 16 to 17

From six individual sessions of Spiralling

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	%	%
Were you aware of all the ways that people can abuse their partners?	59	41
Do you think that Spiralling showed just how subtle the perpetrator		
can be?	72	28
Do you think that Spiralling was powerful?	53	47
Were you aware of all the effects abuse has on the recipient?	26	74
Can you appreciate how people can be drawn into such		
relationships?	64	36
Can you think of examples of people you know who have been in		
such a relationship?	36	64
Has this session made you more aware of the problems which can		
be encountered in a relationship?	74	26
Do you think there was anything missing from this session?	9	91
Would you recommend this presentation to others?	76	24

Yes No

#### YOT Workshop Feedback Date: 1 Apr to Aug 2011

Av AGE: 15 Ethnicity: WB 70%, Mixed 9%, Asian 9%, Black 12%

Male 83% Female 17%

Before the workshop how much did you know about being a victim?

Nothing/a little: 87% some things: 13% a lot of things: 0

After the workshop how much more did you know about being a victim?

Nothing new: 4% some more information: 39% A lot more information: 57%

How was the pace of the workshop?

Too fast: 0 the pace was suitable: 100% Too slow: 0

Did you get the opportunity to ask questions? YES: 100%

Were all your questions answered? YES: 100%

#### What will you remember about the workshop?

**New Things** 

Grateful we are not a victim

Duno

That boys can be victims of rape

Talking about Young people

All sorts of stuff

nothing

learned new things

consequences of bad things

Understanding victims emotions

How others feel about offences I commit

Talking about things

who victims are/everything

A lot of things

Sad hearing about victims

Discussing victims stories

Talking about Rape/Alledged

Being a victim

Most things

Talking about Rape

Consequences to actions

Info about the victims

Anyone can be a victim

everything