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Youth Violence Reduction Solutions

- Remedi are a non-profit organisation providing restorative solutions in a number of settings across the UK
- Established in 1996 with the simple aim of offering victims of crime the opportunity to engage in a restorative intervention with the person responsible.
- From our inception we have developed a wide range of restorative approaches across the youth and adult criminal justice systems, within community settings and in response to conflict wherever it may arise. This has led to extensive development of family based interventions.
- Currently commissioned in 7 areas across the UK delivering a wide range of different services.

## WHO WE ARE?

- Serious Violence Team - The Project is funded by Derbyshire PCC as part of the Serious Violence Duty Funding
- The Project aims to provide interventions for those who are already involved in serious violence and prevent other young people from becoming involved in serious violence. To do this we provide two strands of support; Mentoring and Education.
- Mentoring – Holistic approach to addressing the needs of young people involved in/at risk of becoming involved in serious violence
- Education and Awareness - Workshops and programmes on a variety of subjects such as knife crime, County Lines, Hate Crime, Domestic Abuse. Provided to groups of young people in a number of settings

## WHAT WE DO

The Home Office serious violence strategy (2018) defines serious violence as specific types of crime such as homicide, knife crime, and gun crime and areas of criminality where serious violence or its threat is inherent, such as in gangs and county lines drug dealing

WHAT IS SERIOUS YOUTH VIOLENCE?

- Young people are becoming increasingly involved in knife crime and county lines
- We see a lot of young people come through our service with additional needs such as; ADHD, Autism, learning difficulties
- A young person is more likely to become involved in serious violence if other factors are present in their life. What might these factors be?

TRENDS IN SERIOUS VIOLENCE

- Drugs and Alcohol
- Mental Health
- Familial problems
- Associates currently involved in violence
- Not in education
- Boredom
- Fear
- Poverty

WHAT AFFECTS YOUTH VIOLENCE?

- Task part 1 – In small groups on the paper provided create a spider diagram of solutions to youth violence. Think about what factors affect youth violence and how we could address these to minimise youth violence.
- Task part 2 - Apply your ideas to a case study. What might work/not work for the child in the case study. How would we approach these solutions with the child?

HOW DO WE REDUCE YOUTH VIOENCE?

- Ben is 16 and lives in a care home where he is the only child due to his high-risk behaviours. Ben does not attend school due to the aggressive behaviour displayed towards staff. Ben has links to drug dealers across the county that are much older than him and has been arrested twice for carrying a knife.
- When you ask Ben about why he carries a knife he states that everyone carries a knife so it's to protect himself from other people.
- Ben often has outbursts of extreme anger when things don't go to plan or if he is challenged by professionals for his behaviour. He has never assaulted a professional but often caused damage to property during these outbursts.

## CASE STUDY



CASE STUDY – OUR VIOLENCE REDUCTION PLAN