

SERVICES TO SUPPORT

EARLY HELP/FAMILY HUBS

Early intervention is important when a young person is involved in low level anti-social behaviour, Early Help can work with you and your family to address issues around ASB by offering parenting strategies and direct work to help stop the behaviour from happening. Early help are able to offer information, advice and guidance to families who are in need of the support.

YOUTH SERVICE/LOCAL YOUTH ORGANISATIONS

Northumberland County Council Youth services offer targeted youth support in areas of high anti-social behaviour and provide information, advice and guidance to young people who hang around on the streets and are seen to be causing trouble. There are many voluntary organisations that also provide this service, this will depend on your area.

SORTED

The service provides intervention for children and young people up to age 18 within the Northumberland area. Young people are supported to stop using substances, and to reduce the associated risks from substance misuse, both to themselves and their communities. young people are also supported to achieve good physical and emotional health and wellbeing.

YOUTH JUSTICE SERVICE

The Youth Justice service helps prevent offending by working with children and young people, aged 10-17, and their families. A worker will complete an assessment and intervention plan based on the young person's strengths and risks.

These interventions will; challenge offending and anti-social behavior; support young people to take personal responsibility for their behavior; help young people to achieve their goals.



CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

NORTH FAMILY HUB

(Berwick, Hadston, Wooler, Alnwick)
Berwick Family Hub, Ladywell Place,
Tweedmouth, TD15 2AE
Main Contact: 01670 62 04 61

CENTRAL FAMILY HUB

(Ashington, Bedlington, Morpeth)
Ashington Family Hub, Alexandra Road,
Ashington, NE63 9EF
Main Contact: 01670 81 99 88

SOUTH EAST FAMILY HUB

(Blyth, Cramlington, Seaton Valley)
Blyth Central Family Hub, 103 Wright Street,
Blyth, NE24 1HG
Main Contact: 01670 79 88 00

WEST FAMILY HUB

(Hexham, Prudhoe, Ponteland, Haltwhistle, Bellingham)
Hexham Family Hub, Beaufront Avenue,
Hexham, NE46 1JD
Main Contact: 01434 60 16 98

You can also search for your local hub on facebook



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ONE CALL

01670 536 400

One call is one number for all adult social care, children's services and community health enquiries in Northumberland. Helping the most vulnerable people to keep safe and well 24-7.



ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR (ASB)

ADVICE & GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS & CARERS

WHAT IS ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR?

Anti-social behaviour is described as behaviour that may not always be a crime but behaviour that can cause harassment, alarm and distress to a community or actions that may have an impact on people's quality of life. Some examples of anti-social behaviour include:

- Shouting, swearing and fighting
- Behaviour aimed at causing distress and fear to members in your community
- Intimidation and threats
- Harassment
- Verbal abuse
- Joy riding
- Underage drinking
- Noise
- Criminal damage, arson and graffiti



WHAT CAN PARENTS AND CARERS DO?

Young people can often be linked to ASB when they hang around in large groups in the streets, it is important as a parent that you talk to your child about ASB and discuss how their behavior can be seen to impact others.

If you are worried about your child's behavior you should talk to them, ask what is going on in their life. Let them know that you are worried about them.

It is important that you take time to talk to your child about being mindful and considerate of others and talk to them about how important it is to be a positive member of their community.

You should talk to your child about...

- **Where they are going?**
- **Who are they with?**
- **What they plan to do?**
- **What time will they be home?**
- **Keeping their mobile phone on and charged**

If you are wanting more support please get in touch with the organisations mentioned on the back of this leaflet.



WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY IF YOUR CHILD IS INVOLVED IN ASB?

As a parent/carer you will be held accountable for your child causing issues in the community or at home. If the behaviour is impacting on people's quality of life the Police, Housing association and Northumberland county council are likely to get involved to try and stop that behaviour from continuing. As a parent, you and your child could face;

- **Eviction**
- **Police action**
- **Criminal records**
- **Legal action**
- **Fines**



Anti-social behaviour can be a stepping stone to serious crime. Young people do not suddenly start committing crime, they were often involved in low level anti-social behaviour.

Young people involved in ASB are more susceptible to being targeted by organised crime groups and are at risk of being involved in **county lines**.

"County Lines is where illegal drugs are transported from one area to another, often across police and local authority boundaries (although not exclusively), usually by children or vulnerable people who are coerced into it by gangs" (National Crime Agency, 2022)