



Education Alliance for Life Chances

TACKLING INEQUALITIES FOR OUR CHILDREN

Act Locally: Holme Wood

High Level Summary



Focus Priority: Children and young people vulnerable to crime and anti- social behaviour

The data tells us:

- Holme Wood is **one of the most deprived areas** in the Bradford district, with **47% of families living in the area classed as living in a low income household** (recipient of two or more welfare benefits) and high rates of **children living in care (130 in every 10,000)**.
- Violence and crime are particularly prevalent in the Holme Wood area. It has the **third highest crime rate** of any area in the Bradford district, with **243 crimes committed per 1000 people** which is **52% higher** than the average for Bradford.
- A much **higher proportion** (48% higher) of adults in Holme Wood have **no qualifications** compared to the average for Bradford as a whole.
- Unhealthy lifestyle choices are also more prevalent for residents of Holme Wood. For example, **29.9% of people ages 15 and over are regular smokers** (highest in Bradford) and **14.3% are obese** (the third highest in Bradford.)

Convening Partnership

Our convening partnership includes representatives from the Local Authority, Bradford Children & Families Trust, the West Yorkshire Police, schools and Multi Academy Trusts, VCS organisations, Public Health, ICB, Youth Service, Family Hub/Early Help, Born in Bradford and Age of Wonder research .

Statement of intent

We agreed our 'Statement of Intent' which contextualises the issue using data and community voices and states our locally agreed actions and recommendations for commissioners.

From this, we have developed an action plan so we can keep our convening partnership updated and we can monitor progress.

Intended Outcomes

Our intended outcomes for our focus priority are:

1. Young people feel a sense of community pride and belonging to Holme Wood.
2. Our Holme Wood community feel engaged and part of the conversation about suggesting solutions
3. Young people and children vulnerable to crime and antisocial behaviour get the right support to tackle issues earlier.
4. The number of children and young people involved in crime and antisocial behaviour reduces compared to 2022/23 data
5. Our local schools and VCSE organisations work together (as a network) to find solutions and understand each others work
6. Schools and local agencies better understand the vulnerabilities and patterns of risk that lead to children and young people being involved with crime and antisocial behaviour locally.
7. Develop a local support offer that is joined up and co-ordinated with sharing information between agencies not a barrier.
8. Schools and local agencies are trauma informed in their understanding of the issue and in the support they provide to children and families
9. Inward investment develop support and interventions that better meet local needs .
10. Evaluation provided by CAER/Age of wonder to enable us to monitor the success and take up of our work.



Longer term ambitions

- We move onto focusing on our next collectively agreed priority issue
- We secure funding so our convening partnership has a ‘community budget’ that they can use to commission support/activity above and beyond what is currently available.
- We develop a school hub to serve the Holme Wood area as a base for co-located, integrated service delivery

Our partners include

