

Introduction

Plymouth City Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Unit (ASBU) was set up in 2001 in response to a growing city-wide problem with anti-social behaviour. It is a dedicated team consisting of a police ASB liaison officer, five case officers, the Unit Manager, Team Leader and a senior lawyer specialising in ASB, together with an ASB assistant (whose duties include the use and installation of surveillance equipment) and an admin assistant.

How do we get cases?

Cases are referred to the Unit from housing officers, other departments within the authority and from other organisations, such as the police and registered social landlords. Where appropriate, calls are received directly from the general public and dealt with. The Unit regularly meets with other statutory agencies to decide how to tackle individuals who are engaging in ASB. Some actions include Stand Alone Anti-Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs), Section 153 ASB Injunction with a Power of Arrest attached (for likely or actual threats of violence against staff or agents of Plymouth City Council and Plymouth's residents).

What is our aim?

The aim of the Unit is to drive forward solutions to tackling ASB issues, strive to engage with individuals to modify behaviour within a multi-agency, problem-solving context and to work in partnership with other agencies.

In brief, the Unit:

- ◆ Receives referrals from PCC housing officers, other authorities and other agencies such as the police or social services. Calls are also received directly from the public and are dealt with accordingly.

- ◆ Undertakes surveillance/evidence gathering.
- ◆ Facilitates and chairs multi-agency meetings.
- ◆ Prepares witness statements, court papers etc for enforcement action.
- ◆ Provides witness support in conjunction with PETALs (witness support service).
- ◆ Facilitates referrals to the Plymouth Problem Solving Group (sub-group of the Community Safety Partnership).
- ◆ Develops links and working practices with other agencies to enhance preventative alternatives.
- ◆ Provides ASB training for Departmental officers, police officers, resident and tenant groups and other interested RSLs.
- ◆ Works closely with residents, resident and tenant groups and forums to ensure processes and performance are adopted as examples of 'best practice'.

Want to know more?

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