

The report collates information from a range of agencies and services involved in the managed approach to street based sex-working.

The aims of the managed approach are to:

- Reduce the prevalence of street sex working
- Better engage with street sex workers to improve their safety and health
- Reduce the problems caused by street prostitution to residents and businesses

Four dedicated police officers work alongside the existing police liaison officer and officers from the local Neighbourhood Policing Team to;

- Provide a faster response to calls made through the dedicated phone line;
- Help build positive relationships with sex workers to support greater confidence in reporting concerns or where they have been a victim of crime and signposting them to specialist support services;
- Act on intelligence provided by a range of partners, including local people, to increase presence and patrols in areas flagged for concern; as well as ensuring appropriate investigation and enforcement of any offences or abusive behaviour towards sex workers or members of the public
- Use proactive enforcement measures to tackle a variety of issues and target those not abiding by the rules; including soliciting and kerb crawling in residential areas which is not tolerated;
- Get to know local residents, community representatives and businesses to understand their concerns and feed them back to influence operational and strategic management of the initiative.

During the 4 week period 19.06.19 – 16.07.19 the team have reported:

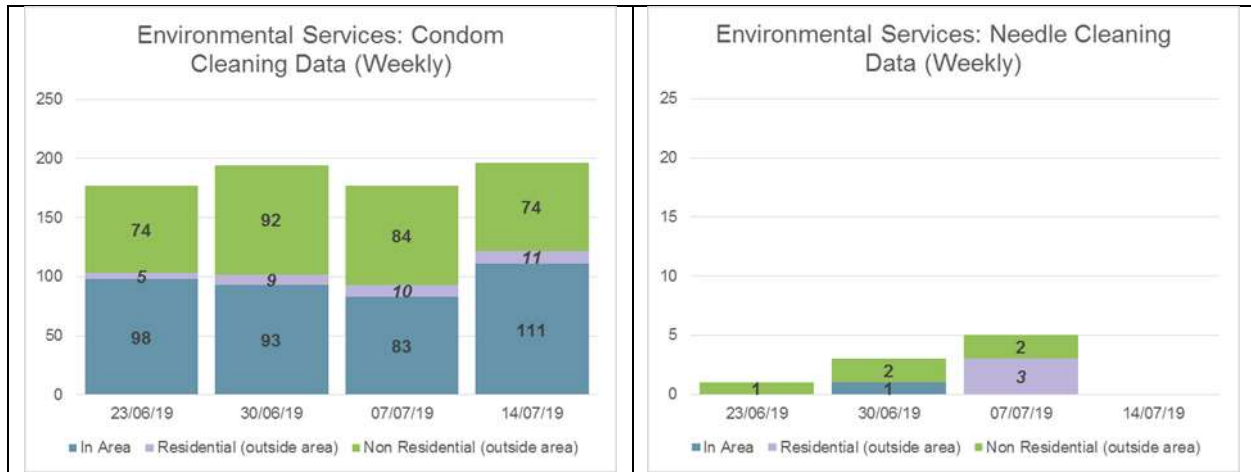
- 106 contacts to the dedicated mobile number:
 - 44 occasions officers deployed found no sex work related issues
 - 24 calls resulted in sex-workers being identified on attendance: 22 spoken to and reminded of rules of the managed approach/ moved on, 1 arrested and 1 given official warning
 - 6 calls from services concerned about welfare of a sex-worker
 - 1 reporting abusive behaviour towards a sex-worker
 - 13 could not be responded to due to officers attending to other duties/ previous calls; of these 8 passed to NPT for action
 - 3 reported apparent suspicious activity of males; 1 moved on from area, 2 no-one seen when officers arrived
 - 9 were not related to sex-working
 - 4 reported suspected sexual acts: 1 resulting in arrest, others no activity proven on Police investigation
 - 1 call thanking Police for response to previous contact
 - 1 call, female seen by Police was not a sex-worker
- Contact with 85 sex workers. These include welfare checks and building relationships to effectively safeguard individuals as well as enforcement activity.
- Given 7 official warnings to sex workers, 1 criminal behaviour order issues, 1 arrest for public decency offence and 5 arrests for non sex-working related offences.
- Arrested 5 male purchasers for not complying with the rules of the managed approach. All attended Liaison and Diversion assessments and interviews as conditions of arrests.
- Arrested 2 further males for breaching bail conditions (not to associate with specific sex-workers)

- One female who was charged with a soliciting offence, after breaching the MA rules on June 9th, has attended court and received a fine.
- The team has successfully worked with partners, including the Joanna Project, to safeguard a vulnerable female and helped her escape exploitation via the National Referral Mechanism.

Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Teams and Leeds Watch have been working in and around the wider area to reduce the impact and effect of nuisance and anti-social activities and improve the safeguarding of street sex workers.

- 2 individuals with history of violent and anti-social behaviours have behaviour orders not to be seen in the area

Dedicated teams from the council work in the area to minimise any impact on the local environment. The graphs below show the weekly recorded volumes of condoms (used and unused) and needles picked up by these teams.



Locations where condoms/ needles have been found are classified to identify if they are within the managed approach designated area or outside in residential or non-residential areas.

- A small number of locations, all non-residential, continue to account for the majority of condoms.

Bespoke engagement and support to help sex-workers keep safe, address contributing factors for women selling sex on street, and enabling women to exit sex working continue. This engagement work is ongoing and long term, due to the multiple and complex nature of the issues. Women are offered support on the streets through evening and overnight outreach by Joanna Project and BASIS. Both also provide daytime drop-in facilities where women can access support with housing, health, drug treatment, and emotional and practical needs.

Street outreach have regular contacts with on-street sex-workers each evening, relating to support and engagement of individuals; some individuals having several contacts with a range of services to develop confidence and rapport.

Currently, between 65 and 80 sex-workers are regularly engaged each month through evening outreach work.

Note: Every effort is being made to ensure accuracy of the reporting information. The operational nature of this work and variety of stakeholders/services involved means this report is as accurate an assessment of the current situation as can be produced.