

“It’s a small city in terms of knowing people and you know there’s not many players... you can’t compare one area of Newcastle to another area because it’s all different.”

Stakeholder 23

We take a joined up approach to reduce some serious violence and to tackle major problems before they become significant...we’ve got the right support in place in communities where they may be experiencing higher rates of serious violence.

Stakeholder 20

Some YP want to be a ‘little gangster’, a big fish in a small pond. It’s all about respect and hierarchy.

Stakeholder 13

Newcastle is very territorial, and they’ll not go in each other’s areas.. The East and the West ends of Newcastle, you’d think there’s a wall down the middle...

Stakeholder 3

The most effective model in terms of justice delivery for a diversion and early intervention is the one in Newcastle because it’s really it’s got clear parameters. If a young person is involved in an incident, partners know which pathway to put them in to put them on.

Stakeholder 12

“They need to believe we understand what they’re going through.” Stakeholder 10

I can remember the gangs that came out of Elswick and riots, it was here in the city 30 years ago...Gangs have been around forever and we just kinda know more about it now.

Stakeholder 21

If it’s not happening in Walker it doesn’t exist; their world is where they live. Being from Walker is an important part of their identity.

Stakeholder 10

They’ve never left that area because they can’t afford it... it [poverty] keeps people in their local areas and comfort zones and has bred a fear of going elsewhere.

Stakeholder 13

They say that they are like NE4 or NE6, like postcodes sort of things and for some reason they try to like assault each other.

Service User 2

They all know each other in Newcastle, so being ‘top boy’ is easier to establish. Because Newcastle is so small, everyone knows everyone and reputations are known across town

Stakeholder 8



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