

Steer Clear Knife Crime Prevention Intervention

Criteria

Aged 10-17 living in West Mercia

There has been intel that a young person may be carrying a knife, but they have not been found with a knife

A young person has been made verbal threats to stab (in person or online)

Photos of a young people with knives has been created and shared on social media

A young person is associating with others who are known to carry knives but do not carry themselves

Out of criteria

Young people must not currently be involved or working with the Youth Justice System.

Young people must not hold any previous convictions for weapons

Examples

- * A knife has been found at home, hidden in a young person's room. The young person says that they don't feel safe in the community so they're considering carrying it with them, or won't say why they have it.
- * A young person tells a professional that they're thinking about carrying a knife.
 - A young person is beginning to show interest in knives and is posting pictures of knives online and watching videos involving violence.
- * A young person threatens to stab another young person.
- * A parent or professional is concerned that a young person may be/may start carrying a knife but there is no evidence that this is happening

Referrals