

Putting you first if you're the victim of anti-social behaviour



The Anti-social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 puts victims at the heart of resolving anti-social behaviour ('putting victims first') and helps us protect our communities and tackle anti-social behaviour ('more effective powers').

Putting victims first gives you greater say if you're subject to anti-social behaviour (ASB). This includes 'the community trigger' where you can ask for a review of your ASB case if it meets set criteria. It's not a complaints procedure but is designed so you can ask your council to review your case to find a solution. In reviewing cases, the council works closely with the police, Radian etc. The community trigger runs differently depending on your local authority area. Ask your local authority or check their website to find out how it operates in your area or to activate the community trigger for a case you have.

More effective powers means more measures for us to protect our communities. Some of which include:

- From January 2015, we could apply for a new 'civil injunction' which requires a person to do (or not to do) specified things if they've 'engaged or threaten to engage in anti-social behaviour' (which is similar to the current anti-social behaviour injunction). As well as a clear standard for behaviour, a civil injunction may also require a positive commitment from the individual to help them keep to the terms of the court order. For example, to attend a specific support course to help them manage their behaviour. The injunction also provides us with the option to apply to court for a civil injunction on a young person aged between 10 and 18 who has caused ASB and who is a household member or a visitor to one of our properties. However, before applying we'd work with the local youth offending team, partner agencies etc. and where possible, we'd support the young person to help them deal with their behaviour e.g. drug or alcohol support.
- The Act includes a new 'absolute ground for possession' where ASB or crime has been proven by another court. This will mean in serious cases we can evict those causing ASB more quickly. We consider this measure when a tenant, their household member or visitor to their home has been convicted of a serious criminal offence, a court has made a finding of a breach of a civil injunction, has been convicted for breaching a criminal behaviour order or noise abatement notice, or if the tenant's property has been closed under a closure order because of serious Crime and ASB.

We use these and other powers of the Act in our commitment to tackle anti-social behaviour in your neighbourhood. If you'd like help in tackling ASB or a copy of our leaflet, please contact us.



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