

Priority 5

Sustainable Communities

5.1 Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour

Leeds City Council is committed to reducing anti-social behaviour.

Our 'City Priorities Plan' sets out our aims to achieve sustainable reductions in crime & disorder, tackle anti-social behaviour and to build stronger cohesive communities.

Anti-social behaviour can mean different things to different people, and reports received by the council can range from low level disputes to more serious threats, abuse and violence.

Reports of anti-social behaviour are therefore directed to the most appropriate agency for response.

Some reports are best dealt with by Housing Leeds as some behaviours will be a breach of the tenancy agreement and could be resolved by mediation or giving an appropriate warning.

More persistent problems, hate related incidents or reports where

someone may be at risk of harm will be passed to the Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team (LASBT).

LASBT is a partnership service of ASB officers, former Housing Officers, Environmental Health Officers, Police Officers and Victim Support workers.

LASBT will attempt to resolve issues at the earliest opportunity, identifying vulnerabilities or support needs through the provision of interventions and supportive referrals, which in turn help to address problem behaviours.

Where problems persist LASBT will conduct a detailed investigation to obtain evidence to support legal action. This could include applying for an injunction, closing premises down or applying to evict an anti-social tenant.

Customer satisfaction with the service provided by LASBT is currently at 97.1%.

LASBT Targets

- Respond to hate incidents within 1 working day
- Respond to all other ASB reports within 2 days
- Meet with victims within 10 working days
- Assess vulnerability and support needs of all case victims and accused

Contacts

- 1 To report any anti-social Behaviour contact your landlord or housing provider (To contact Housing Leeds ring 0800 1448000 or 0113 3760410)
- 2 Serious ASB can be reported to LASBT on 0113 2224402
- 3 Hate crime can be reported to West Yorkshire Police on 101 (Or 999 in an emergency), Stop Hate UK on 0800 1381625, LASBT (details above) or at any Hate Incident Reporting Centre in Leeds
- 4 To report problems of Noise Nuisance outside of normal office hours , as they are happening, ring 0113 3950143
- 5 If you have made 3 reports of ASB and feel you haven't had an adequate response, contact the Community trigger on 0113 2475533



ASB, Crime & Policing Act 2014

The revised powers for dealing with ASB introduced in 2014 aim to put victims at the heart of responses and given professionals more flexibility to deal with any given situation.

The legislation creates new powers to deal with ASB including Anti-Social Behaviour Injunctions, Criminal Behaviour Orders, Community Protection Notices, Public Space Protection Orders, Property Closure Orders and dispersal powers.

Importantly for tenants the legislation creates a new 'Absolute ground for Possession' of secure and assured tenancies where anti-social behaviour or criminality has already been proven by another court.