

## Appendix 1

### Area Committee Well Being Fund Commissioning of Service

**Project Name: CASAC Burglary Reduction – Target Hardening - Inner West**

**Lead Organisation: CASAC-Leeds**

#### **Project Summary:**

CASAC Burglary Reduction was established in 2001 in response to meeting Home Office objectives of reducing domestic burglary by 25% and maintaining it. The service is delivered through a multi-agency partnership between Leeds Community Safety, CASAC-Leeds and West Yorkshire Police. Safer Leeds has indicated that domestic burglary has reduced by 44% over the past three years alone, and note CASAC Burglary Reduction as an effective mechanism to achieve such a reduction. Despite these fantastic results Safer Leeds is keen to ensure that investment is still made into target-hardening so that Leeds continues to experience a reduction in burglary offences.

The initiative aims to tackle burglary by providing additional security to the homes of those who have been burgled or are considered particularly vulnerable to burglary. This involves the client arranging an appointment for one of our eight qualified Safety Engineers to visit their home, assess their current security measures and then fit additional door locks, window locks, chains and spy-holes where necessary. The engineer will only fit measures that the client is happy with and also provides property marking equipment and advice on how to avoid burglars in the future. This list of measures is not exhaustive – the Safety Engineers will consider many security devices, which will help individual clients. The service also works closely with the West Yorkshire Fire Service and provides information on their fire safety check and smoke alarm, which is also provided free of charge. Our service aims to alleviate the fear of burglary among residents in Leeds and to assist in reducing burglary and repeat burglary rates. We have visited over 26,000 properties since the scheme started in 2001.

We also attend localised community events in order to extend our message and offer support/advice to people all across the city. Statistics show a significant decline in burglary rates since our inception. CASAC Burglary Reduction is viewed as an integral part of burglary reduction strategies in Leeds, both by Leeds City Council and West Yorkshire Police.

#### **Outcomes (please summarise the main outcome / output / benefit the project will achieve):**

Well-being funding will enable CASAC Burglary Reduction to target harden approximately 60 properties within the target wards. The beneficiaries of the service will have a reduced risk of burglary/repeat burglary. Our internal evaluation procedure also highlights that the scheme reduces the fear of burglary; 96% of our clients have indicated that they feel safer in their homes as a direct result of the service. CASAC Burglary Reduction can also provide clients with details of other services available to them, such as the fire safety check, other relevant CASAC projects and through our links with other support services in Leeds.

**Project Cost (please indicate how much the project will cost, how much Well Being Funding is sought and breakdown between capital and revenue):**

£7,500 –revenue

**Identify which geographic areas will benefit and which Area Committee (Inner or Outer) you are applying to: Inner West**

**State who will receive the funding for this project:**

CASAC Burglary Reduction aims to tackle the issue of domestic burglary. The scheme targets people who have been burgled and also those who are vulnerable to burglary. Vulnerable people include those who live in hotspot burglary areas and elderly or disabled people.

Local Ward Councillors, West Yorkshire Police and the Area Management Team can identify both hot-spot areas and means testing criteria in order to target vulnerable individuals who require additional security.