

# Birmingham Gang Injunctions

Birmingham Urban Street Gangs

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# Birmingham Gang Tensions 2015-16

- Decision making process is now made strategically at a multi agency Organised Crime Group meeting. Also Birmingham Prevent and Pursue Panel
- December 2015 issued against '**Get Money Gang**' (GMG) and '**Armed Response**' (AR) gangs due to an escalation of violent incidents between them including murder, attempt murder and 22 reported firearm discharges in a 6 month period
- Review of 50 offence and intelligence based offenders identified our principal 20



# Proceedings

- Interim orders secured February 2016 exclusion zones and power of arrest
- Proceedings issued on both Gang injunction legislation and Civil injunction legislation in the alternative
- Trial commenced January 2017, finalised May 2017
- Over 80 witnesses from across the country gave evidence
- Trial ran in conjunction with ongoing criminal matters and sentencing
- Application withdrawn against 2 YPEG
- After trial 17 gang and 1 civil injunction including serving and remand prisoners. Power of arrest for two years imposed against those at liberty
- 7 recorded breaches with sanction during interim stages



# Operation Yarn



Naasir Francis



Baboucar Huma  
(Injunction expires 29/9/18)



Akeen Ivy-Foster



Ravelle  
Hutchinson



Tesfa Bernard-Wheeler  
(Civil Injunction granted)



Rayani Sutherland



Omarni Bernard-  
Sewel



Lawrence Morgan



Jerome Jones



Jerome Christie



Reial Phillips



Ushane Jeffers



Kayne Robinson



Ashai Grey



Jacob Brown



Cash Wallace



Ishmail Lee



Isaac Duffus



These men are subject to a final injunction to prevent gang related violence and drug dealing activity.

The injunctions were granted on 13 July 2017 and come with a power of arrest until 12 July 2019.

If the men named are seen associating with each other or attempt to contact one another they can be arrested.

They are excluded from areas of Birmingham including Winson Green, Lozells, Aston, Handsworth and Newtown. If seen in these areas, again they can be arrested.



We are encouraging people to report any breaches to West Midlands Police on 101. Or contact Crimestoppers the independent charity anonymously by calling 0800 555 111.



# Trial Learning

- Prior learning has shown the necessity to file evidence in the alternative acts
- Accused of filing too much and unrequired evidence
- Findings of fact then found we did need to file the additional evidence to prove association, offending behaviour
- Judge decided that merely being involved in a gang related video did not necessarily mean they were gang members or advocating gang related violence
- Chronology of tit for tat violence in addition to specific incidents against the respective defendants via a timeline enabled the judge to deem they were gang related incidents to validate the exclusion zone
- Judge didn't find incidents within night time economy area as either gang related or on occasion ASB so the separate exclusion zone was removed
- Early engagement and support from CPS resulted in timely service of significant criminal support evidence
- A thorough review of all partnership systems allowed timely intervention in legal aid and benefit payments
- Consultation process
- ICIS records, defendants saying violence was over drugs turf war
- Civil injunctions are easier to secure, same requirements and longer terms



# Current Application

- Currently have 11 interim adult and youth orders in place against 3 gangs involved in firearm and gang related incidents
- Further 5 on notice
- Interim judge found primary evidence from inclusion of social media footage and grime videos
- Application includes offenders currently in prison serving or on remand
- Ongoing criminal offences



# Cost Benefit Analysis

- Previous applications show predominantly that those issued with orders do not reoffend during the course of the order and even thereafter
- Cost benefit analysis using following UTS application between 2012-14 showed savings to CJU of over 3 million pounds using Home Office guidance figures

Offences	HO estimated costs
Criminal Damage	£5,514.00
Sexual Offences	£73,904.00
Section 5	£7,352.00
Section 4	£1,838.00
Robbery	£61,670.00
Arson	£102,988.00
Harrasment	£1,838.00
Conspire to kidnap	£125,747.00
Obstruct a Constable	£1,838.00
Pervert the course of Justice	£1,838.00
Dangeous Drive	£1,838.00
Possess Firearm Endanger Life	£137,241.00
Att Murder	£3,549,362.00
S47	£19,580.00
S18	£128,735.00
S20	£51,494.00
Possess Class A	£1,838.00
Possess Class B	£1,838.00
Possess WI Supply Class A	£25,747.00
Conspiracy to Supply Class A	£25,747.00
Possess Offensive Weapon	£3,676.00
Have article with intent to cause damage	£1,838.00
<b>Total cost to CJU</b>	<b>£4,333,461.00</b>

Estimated costs if no intervention	£7,623,681.39
Potential savings	£3,290,220.39
Cost of TFUN (circa)	£250,000.00
Actual savings	<b>£3,040,220.39</b>





# Operation Halting - B'ham

- Follows Ops **Yarn** in identifying, mapping and understanding vulnerable associates of Gang Injunction nominals - ACEs
- Intervention across public/third sector agencies in planned monthly tasking forums in Birmingham

# Operation Evaporation

- Illegal Unlicensed nightclub/restaurant/gym established in disused bakery
- Premises attracted USGs, Class 'A' and firearms
- GAIN Operation – premises use restricted – electricity supply cut – arrests x 2 - eviction