

LEICESTER ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR UNIT (LASBU)

What is ASB?

Anti-social behaviour is defined in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 as:

“... a manner that caused or was likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more persons not of the same household”

Who are LASBU?

- LASBU (Leicester Anti-Social Behaviour Unit) is part of Leicester City Council in the Local and Enforcement Services Division
- We have a team of 6 investigators that each cover a geographical patch of the City
- We mainly deal with higher tier/risk cases of ASB and related crime and are a referral service (we take referrals from any source)

How does LASBU work?

LASBU work with partners and individuals to coordinate, reduce and resolve high tier/risk anti-social behaviour and related complex cases within Leicester City.

LASBU provide specialist advice to partners and internal departments on the management of ASB cases.

What do we do?

- > Investigate high tier/risk ASB issues
- > Provide specialist advice and case coordination
- > Interview perpetrators, witnesses and victims, and offer appropriate support
- > Prepare and manage legal cases including possession proceedings
- > Attend Joint Action Groups (JAGs)
- > Coordinate and lead case conferences
- > Manage and develop partner relationships and feed into the development of best practice
- > Use and manage the shared LCC/police computer system

LASBU only take on the most serious cases of anti-social behaviour within Leicester City.

- This means that we will **usually** only investigate cases where an Acceptable Behaviour Contract has been attempted and failed by another agency such as Housing or the Police.

What intervention tools can be used to resolve ASB?

Examples include:

Verbal advice and advice letters
Warning letters
Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABC)
Evictions and demotions
Civil Injunctions (IPNA)
Mediation
Good Neighbour Agreements (GNA)
Referrals to supporting agencies such as Early Help, STAR and MST
Case conferences
Parenting courses
Joint Action Groups (JAG)
Closure power

What does LASBU offer to victims of ASB and related complex cases?

Victim First

Where LASBU assess a case as being high risk, victims and witnesses to anti-social behaviour are referred to Victim First. They assess the individuals and offer specialised support.

Mediation (in some circumstances) can also be arranged through Victim First.

If LASBU only deal with the most serious cases of ASB, where do I refer low level cases?

Where the perpetrators are not council tenants:

Refer them through to LASBU.

Where the perpetrators are council tenants:

Refer them to their Housing Office.

If LASBU are not the most appropriate agency to deal with the query, we will coordinate and manage it on to the right place.

Community Safety

LASBU Investigators work closely with Community Safety Development Officers.

Community Safety Development Officers

These individuals tackle crime and anti-social behaviour from a "places" perspective.

ASB Investigators

These individuals tackle anti-social behaviour from a "people" perspective.

What does this really mean?

Community Safety Development Officers
Deal with issues such as target hardening, community meetings, CCTV, and area improvements.

ASB Investigators
Deal with identified perpetrators of ASB.

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