

APPENDIX B

Coventry CIRV Update – Scrutiny Co-ordination Committee

Case numbers

The project went live in April 2023 in both Coventry and Wolverhampton. The project is subject to rigorous academic evaluation (paid for by the Youth Endowment Fund) to determine whether the intervention is effective. Since going live, there have been a total of 493 eligible referrals and cases identified by CIRV. The breakdown of these cases is as follows:

Cohort 1 Control – 96

Cohort 1 Treatment - 94

Cohort 2 Control – 117

Cohort 2 Treatment – 100

Case worked* - 86

*Case worked are the cohort members which are out of scope of evaluation identified via Trial 2 referral process (as they said yes to the offer at first contact).

At present, there are 46 people currently engaged with CIRV Navigators and 20 are on the disruption pathway. Those identified for disruption are identified based on recent offending, and every case is researched by an analyst to ensure the case warrants disruption and it would not be disproportionate.

High Level Updates

The CIRV Team continue to grow their links to local partners and businesses to generate new opportunities across a broad range of sectors for the people we're work with. Recent connections include a national construction company and a national security company.

Outside of employment opportunities for young people, we have also expanded the range of services available for cohort members including Cognitive Behavioural Therapy and St Johns Ambulance Young Responders Training.

This is in addition to the bespoke provision and support that can be sourced via spot purchase available to Navigators. This is used when it contributes to defined goals as identified in supervisor reviews, and the cohort member is also contributing towards their development.

In Q2 we are expecting both an updated website and a new promotional film to both go live. This will improve both the visibility and amount of information publicly available



about the programme. We are also planning to step up broader communications work with posters due to be displayed at Coventry bus station, and good news stories shared with partners.

Work is also ongoing to further develop and target disruption pathways with the Guardian Team to ensure it is as effective as possible at reducing offending behaviour through either engagement or CIRV or desistance as a direct result of the disruption activity.

Case Study

MI had a large footprint on Police systems, linked to a known gang and has previously been arrested for offences including attempt murder and possession of firearm with intent to endanger life (these have since been NFA'd and he has no impending prosecutions) and there are 115 intelligence logs linked to him.

MI was first offered CIRV on 27/7/23 and declined the offer. He was then added to the disruption list and each time that the NTF conducted OM visits at the address, they gave him a CIRV card and re explained the programme to him. During a visit by officers on 20/11/23 MI stated that he did want to engage with CIRV and CIRV team were updated. CIRV Navigator attended MI's home address on 23/11/23 and he signed up to the programme.

A full gang injunction was granted against MI at Birmingham County Court and runs from 23/11/22 until 22/11/24 which has a number of conditions including restrictions on areas that he can go to and prevents him from communicating or associating with named individuals.

MI was initially a little bit guarded about CIRV and the fact that it was a Police programme due to his past and previous interactions with Police but over time Navigator has worked to build his trust, build a rapport with him and develop a relationship.

MI's main objective when he joined CIRV was to go back to University as he started an economics degree in Brighton a few years ago but dropped out of the course due to having a lot going on with his chaotic lifestyle. MI said that now he is in his mid twenties, he wants to change his life and his goal is to stay on the right path now and stay out of trouble. He also opened up about the fact that he suffers with his mental health from events in the past including the fact that his friend was shot dead in 2020, which he said still causes him to feel very angry at times.

MI was fitted with a tag when he joined CIRV, which he was happy to wear but this has since been removed.



The Navigator has been seeing MI on a weekly basis to have catch up with him and so that any issues or areas of support that are needed can be identified and dealt with asap and MI has always been very polite and grateful for the support.

MI has engaged well with St Giles and had weekly sessions with him in relation to his mental health, dealing with his emotions, consequences of his actions etc and he has found sessions very beneficial. St Giles also did an AVision counselling referral for MI and as a result of that he has been attending trauma counselling sessions.

MI has commented that this has been particularly useful for him as he has a lot of past trauma, which he has always declined support for in the past and it was actually something that he really struggled with. He said that he feels in a much better place mentally as a result of the counselling sessions and these sessions are ongoing.

MI has also engaged well with Prospects, which has resulted in him receiving an unconditional offer at Manchester University for September 2024 to do a Business Management and Economics degree, which he has accepted. MI is delighted with this and is really looking forward to starting his degree and having a fresh start in Manchester.

There have been no new intel logs or crime reports linked to MI since he joined CIRV and he has maintained a focussed and positive outlook throughout.

Since being on CIRV MI has achieved his objectives in relation to getting accepted to University to do a degree and staying out of trouble, as he has not come to Police attention since being on the programme.

CIRV is optimistic that MI will have a bright and successful future!