



CASE STUDY

1. Title: Walsall's Anti-bullying Standards & Charter
2. Area (Local Authority/School (if applicable) and Region): Walsall Children's Services - Serco, Walsall, West Midlands
3. What was the issue? [100 words max] Through working closely and having conversations with children and young people in Walsall via the Forum (60+ C&YP attend) and Committee (20 C&YP + 1 Police officer) - they felt that we needed to create a process for schools and settings to develop their anti-bullying working and to encourage consistency across all areas. C&YP wanted something creating that would raise the profile of anti-bullying work in schools and settings. They wanted to create something that was specifically for Walsall that encouraged ongoing working in relation to anti-bullying.
4. What action was taken? [100 words max] Children and young people were asked to help create standards that schools and settings can work towards; this will hopefully create a consistent approach in dealing with anti-bullying. Schools and setting can apply for bronze, silver or gold standards with a portfolio of evidence to support which C&YP from the Committee would then assess and visit. Schools were given lots of support and guidance in completing the standards and they were launched at Walsall's 3 rd Annual Anti-bullying Conference (Nov 2008)
5. What impact has this had (so far)? [100 words max] Through partnership with other areas and service areas the Standards are being widely promoted and schools and settings are applying for bronze, silver or gold. The Charter can be seen in many schools, settings including youth clubs, Walsall College and children's homes. The impact has been a more consistent approach when dealing with any bullying issues; C&YP are more aware of the strategy and know they have a big part to play in its development.
Standards & Charter can be seen on www.wlscb.org.uk