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# How to access support from a SAFE taskforce

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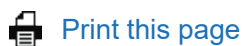
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## Overview

Serious violence has a devastating impact on children, their families and communities. The SAFE taskforces programme aims to reduce children's vulnerability to the harms of serious violence by supporting them to engage in education.

SAFE taskforces are led by local groups of secondary schools, working with partners. They provide access to the right evidence-based support and services for children in their area. This support focuses on:

- supporting children with their wellbeing and behaviour
- improving children's attendance at school
- keeping children engaged with their education

This is a 3 year programme which will run until March 2025, backed by [£30 million of government funding](#). Schools can help identify children who might benefit from support and can offer a safe and trusted way of accessing it.

## Types of support

Each SAFE taskforce decides what types of support is available in their area. They use the [evidence informed interventions](#) guidance to help decide what support would work in their area.

Examples of support include:

- mentoring
- social skills programmes
- cognitive behavioural therapy
- speech and language therapy

## Who can access this support

SAFE taskforces are in local authority areas where serious youth violence is most problematic.

You may be able to access support from a SAFE taskforce if your school is in:

- Birmingham
- Bradford
- Haringey

- Lambeth
- Leeds
- Liverpool
- Manchester
- Newham
- Sheffield
- Southwark

Schools in these areas do not have to be members or actively involved in the SAFE taskforce for their pupils to benefit. Each taskforce will have their own referral process and eligibility criteria based on local needs.

## How to access support

If you're based in one of the 10 SAFE areas, contact your local SAFE taskforce to:

- get involved in the programme
- find out more about what support is available

<b>SAFE taskforce</b>	<b>Contact details</b>
<b>Birmingham</b>	<a href="mailto:enquiries@coreandco.foundation">enquiries@coreandco.foundation</a>
<b>Bradford</b>	<a href="mailto:bstfinfo@bradfordsafetaskforce.co.uk">bstfinfo@bradfordsafetaskforce.co.uk</a>
<b>Haringey</b>	<a href="mailto:Karen.Oellermann@haringey.gov.uk">Karen.Oellermann@haringey.gov.uk</a>
<b>Lambeth</b>	<a href="mailto:safe@lambeth.gov.uk">safe@lambeth.gov.uk</a>
<b>Leeds</b>	<a href="mailto:LeedsSAFETaskforce@Leeds.gov.uk">LeedsSAFETaskforce@Leeds.gov.uk</a>
<b>Liverpool</b>	<a href="mailto:aldridgeh@allsaintsmat.org">aldridgeh@allsaintsmat.org</a>
<b>Manchester</b>	<a href="mailto:safe.taskforce@manchester.gov.uk">safe.taskforce@manchester.gov.uk</a>
<b>Newham</b>	<a href="mailto:SAFE@newham.gov.uk">SAFE@newham.gov.uk</a>
<b>Sheffield</b>	<a href="mailto:enquiries@learnsheffield.co.uk">enquiries@learnsheffield.co.uk</a>
<b>Southwark</b>	<a href="mailto:info@walworthacademy.org">info@walworthacademy.org</a>

## Other support available

If you're located outside the SAFE areas, you may find the guidance on [evidence informed interventions](#) useful. It explains how to select and put in place interventions.

The [youth endowment fund toolkit](#) is a free online resource. It provides an overview on what interventions work in preventing serious violence.

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