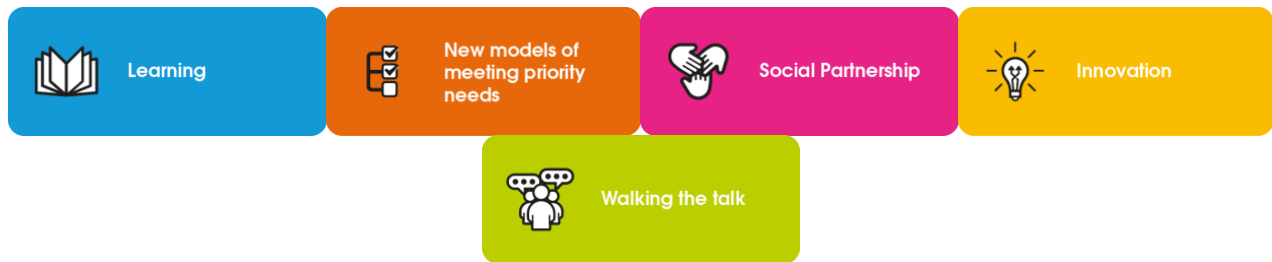


SOCIAL OUTCOMES



Trafford Council

Protecting Victims through Ex Parte Civil Injunctions

Trafford Council has used civil injunctions to safeguard individual women at risk from known perpetrators. In 2024, the Council secured an ex parte (without notice) injunction against a high-risk male perpetrator following multiple assaults and breaches of police bail within hours of release.

Project Overview

The perpetrator had a documented pattern of targeting vulnerable women, particularly those with substance misuse issues, using threats, coercion, and manipulation. Given the urgency and risk of further harm, the Council applied for and secured an injunction under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. Conditions prohibited contact with the victim, entering the borough, or approaching any known associates.

The injunction application also includes positive requirements to be sought at an on-notice hearing designed to reduce risk and enable proactive safeguarding. These proposed that the respondent be required to notify Greater Manchester Police of the address at which he resides within 24 hours of moving, to support timely assessment and agency engagement. In addition, he would be obliged to inform any person with whom he intends to form a sexual relationship that he is subject to the injunction, and to report the name, address, and telephone number of that person to GMP immediately upon forming such a relationship. This allows for a preemptive Claire's Law disclosure to be made.

These requirements were specifically tailored to the respondent's pattern of behaviour and intended to support ongoing risk management, appropriate disclosure, and early safeguarding intervention.

The order extended and strengthened police bail conditions and was issued without the victim needing to attend court, removing barriers often faced by traumatised survivors of male violence. It served as a preventative measure, recognising that immediate protection is sometimes needed in advance of any criminal outcome.

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