

Incremental Approach

What is the Incremental Approach?

The Incremental Approach is a joint initiative between community safety partners across Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland (LLR). Its aim is to ensure that anti-social behaviour (ASB) enforcement measures are used consistently and proportionately in relation to an individual's involvement in anti-social behaviour.

The approach uses a range of interventions in an escalating tiered process to provide a consistent, measured, and justifiable approach to ASB management, relevant to the number and severity of incidents. This ranges from "out of court stages" which includes giving words of advice and warnings to "court stages" which includes injunctions, closure orders and Community Protection Notices and more. A person can enter the Incremental Approach at any stage dependent on the severity of the behaviour reported.

Why do we have an Incremental Approach?

To ensure agencies across LLR consistently, justifiably, and proportionately use a multi-agency approach to:

- identify, protect, and support victims of ASB, particularly vulnerable or repeat victims, or those at high risk of becoming victims of ASB
- manage perpetrators of ASB, ensuring that adequate measures are put in place to enable them to desist from their behaviour
- offer appropriate support to perpetrators in order to encourage a change in their behaviour, and to
- utilise the tools available to gather evidence and escalate responses in a consistent and proportionate manner

Who can use the Incremental Approach?

Partner agencies responsible for the implementation of the Incremental Approach include:

- Local Authorities
 - Community Safety Teams
 - Housing Departments
- Leicestershire Police
- Leicester City Children and Young Peoples Justice Service (CYPJS) & Leicestershire County Children and Family Wellbeing Service (CFWS)
- Crown Prosecution Service (CPS)

- Probation
- Registered providers of social housing
- Clinical Commissioning Groups
- NHS Protect
- Environment Agency
- The lead agency/individual should co-ordinate the involvement of other agencies so they can contribute their specialist knowledge and expertise. All partners are responsible for communicating decisions through local Joint Action Groups (JAGs).