

Please can I request the following information:

- across how many schools do the 'Young Persons Officers' and 'School Intervention and Prevention Officers' work?
- are any of these arrangements covered by 'Safer Schools Partnerships'?

Wolverhampton

At Wolverhampton – our staff cover all Primary, Secondary and other educational establishments for young people.

This totals approx. 110 schools.

They are covered specifically by dedicated staff either called SIPO (Secondary) or Early Help (Primary)

The other establishments refer to Pupil Referral Units, Alternative Provisions and Special needs schools

Walsall

Walsall LPA have 2 x School Intervention & Prevention Officers (SIPO) - The SIPO's are allocated to work with 23 Secondary and Alternative Provision schools across Walsall. They are not based within any specific school but their main role is to have regular interaction with schools.

1 x Young Person's Officer (YPO), not a schools-based officer but will have interactions with local schools and Walsall College.

Regarding the 'Safer School Programme' - if this is a term to describe a formalised relationship between police and secondary schools then potentially they do this. They have information sharing agreements with most schools and they also have established police and secondary schools' panel who meet in person.

Coventry

The team cover 94 Primary – 3 X ELC – 2 X Universities, 1 FE College and 34 Secondary Schools.

This is not under any Safer Schools initiative etc, just a Sergeant, 5 PC and 7 PCSOS

Birmingham

SIPOs cover predominately secondary schools within a school panel setting but they do go into other schools on top of this.

In terms of the Safer Schools Partnerships, they don't refer to it as this, it is driven by a Schools Partnership Manager within the council hence schools that sit on a panel (they have their own ISA).

This is the official number as confirmed by School Partnership Manager:

As it stands we have 96 schools/colleges signed up to the project, but some of those have multiple campus' (3 for BMET / 8 for SCCB / 7 for COBS), so 111 settings.

Dudley

Regarding the questions above, the young persons and SIPOS – The YPO has contacts within 13 Alternative provisions

The SIPOs cover all 19 Dudley secondary schools

In Dudley we are not covered by 'Safer schools' partnerships'

35 establishments are covered – 19 Secondary, 13 Aps and x3 colleges

We have also had some form of contact with 52 primary schools.

Sandwell

Schools intervention and prevention officers – 7 officers

Early Help Officers – 4 officers

Solihull

For Solihull LPA we have x 4 Police officers covering the roles of School Intervention & Prevention Officers (SIPO).

The primary alignment is to Secondary, colleges, alternative provisions, SEN schools:

- 16 Secondary schools
- 4 Colleges
- 14 SEN/alternative provisions
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We act as a point of contact for 47 primary schools, although there isn't regular work with them, but will attend if there are specific issues where they need support.

There are no formalised arrangements under 'safer schools' partnership', or at least they do not recognise it as being so, but local partnership agreements between Police, education, and the local authority with established governance, information sharing, and school panels (between police, headteachers, and designated safeguarding leads).