

# Joint Cuckooing & Closure Order Process

WMP & BDHT



Intel received on Premises regarding "cuckooing" or any element of drug related vulnerability. Intel informs local SNT team.

Complaints/information received about properties regarding "cuckooing" or any element of drug related vulnerability.

SNT identify a Lead Officer to work with local partners - housing, neighbours, schools, social care etc. to gather further information / Intel.

BDHT identify a Lead Officer to work with local partners - SNT, neighbours, school, social care etc. to gather further information / Intel.

SNT & Housing Leads visit the address. Professional observations made and discussion held with the tenant regarding vulnerability

Tenant assessed jointly as Vulnerable

Tenant assessed jointly as Not Vulnerable

Vulnerabilities established and risk assessment completed. Joint action plan established. Actions agreed and allocated e.g. leaflet drops, increased security measures, consider property move or relocation out of area. Tenant offered cuckooing agreement.

Enforcement plan established and risk assessment completed. Joint interview to outline behaviour changes required and actions that will be taken if issues continue e.g. CPN, Injunction, NoSP, Eviction, Arrest, Prosecution. Tenant offered Acceptable Behaviour Contract (ABC). SNT lead to set up Cuckooing RMP.

Tenant accepts cuckooing agreement (similar to an ABC) and poster added to windows / visible places.

**Tenant Refuses Process**

SNT and Housing Leads secure ASB evidence / hearsay statements from neighbours, details of all previous actions and complete community impact statement.

Police Cuckooing RMP set up. Signed agreement added to RMP and regular joint visits made by SNT and Housing Leads

**Tenant Disengages**

SNT or Housing lead consults Legal to open case for a Closure Notice  
Approval from Insp for 24hrs/ Supt for 48hrs or the Council Head of Service

Cuckooing process is effective. ASB / County line dealing ceases and with agreement from all partners, plan is closed

Police / Housing decide lead authority and apply to court within 48 hours  
SNT or Housing applies for Closure Order as agreed by Supt and Head of Service.

Housing lead continues with any enforcement action against tenant, co-ordinating with SNT to ensure criminal justice actions are not compromised.

Police take action, e.g. obtain and execute warrant, covert deployment etc.