

Powers to Tackle Anti-Social Behaviour

Prostitution

Action is taken to tackle prostitution as well as kerb crawling, which provides the demand.

- ☉ Cautions are issued in the first instance.
- ☉ Police then have powers to issue fines, which increase depending on whether it is a first offence or not.
- ☉ Those who are cautioned or arrested are signposted to drug treatment services, where relevant. They may be engaging in prostitution to fund a drug habit.
- ☉ Kerb crawlers can be prosecuted and have their license taken away as part of their sentence.
- ☉ Civil injunctions can also be used against kerb crawlers to ban them from entering a specific area.
- ☉ Anti-social behaviour orders (ASBOs) can also be used where prostitution/kerb crawling is persistent and is proven to cause alarm, harassment and distress to the community.

