



Are your ASB cases ready for Court?

Tackling Antisocial Behaviour is a tough job. Quick and efficient processes need to be in place when a decision is made to start formal proceedings. RPs are right to look at cost efficiency and many skilled ASB officers now run ASB cases from start to finish, through the legal system where necessary. We understand the amount of work that goes into building a case, obtaining evidence, working with witnesses and partner agencies and trying to resolve the problems.

Taking a case to court

We often also hear about the frustration caused by taking formal proceedings. For example, there can be delays or unsuccessful results due to issues with the Court process or the presentation of the case in Court. The Court service is under increasing pressure to manage the volume of Court applications. This is against a backdrop of public funding cuts resulting in fewer judges being asked to hear a larger volume of cases, less Court staff and less Court time to process claims. Many courts are closing and the pressures seem likely to intensify.

Legal and consultancy advice

Many RPs have excellent in-house skills for managing Antisocial Behaviour including bringing cases for injunctions and possession through Court. Capsticks team of ASB and housing experts provide legal and consultancy services to help you avoid problems at Court, for example where paperwork may be incorrect or there may be a misunderstanding of how Courts can, and will, deal with cases. We create bespoke, user friendly packages containing precedent forms, details on the Court process and best practice/practical points to assist with the management and in-house provision of Antisocial Behaviour, including packs which specifically focus on Civil Injunctions under the ASB Crime and Policing Act 2014, Committal Applications and the new Absolute Ground for Possession.

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