



south cambs  
**community**  
safety partnership

# GRT Community Inclusion Toolkit

Unauthorised Encampment Workshop

# This workshop **IS** about

- ▶ Education
- ▶ Engagement
- ▶ Managing expectations
- ▶ Supporting one another
- ▶ Difficult discussions
- ▶ Opening the lines of communication



Never judge someone  
By the way he looks  
Or a book by the way  
it's covered;  
For inside those  
tattered pages,  
There's a lot to be  
discovered

*Stephen Covey*

FB/The-road-to-ME



# Community Safety Partnership Priorities

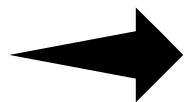
Support vulnerable  
groups

Build resilient  
communities



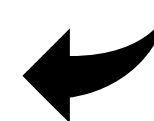
# Toolkit

Cultural Awareness  
Training

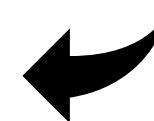


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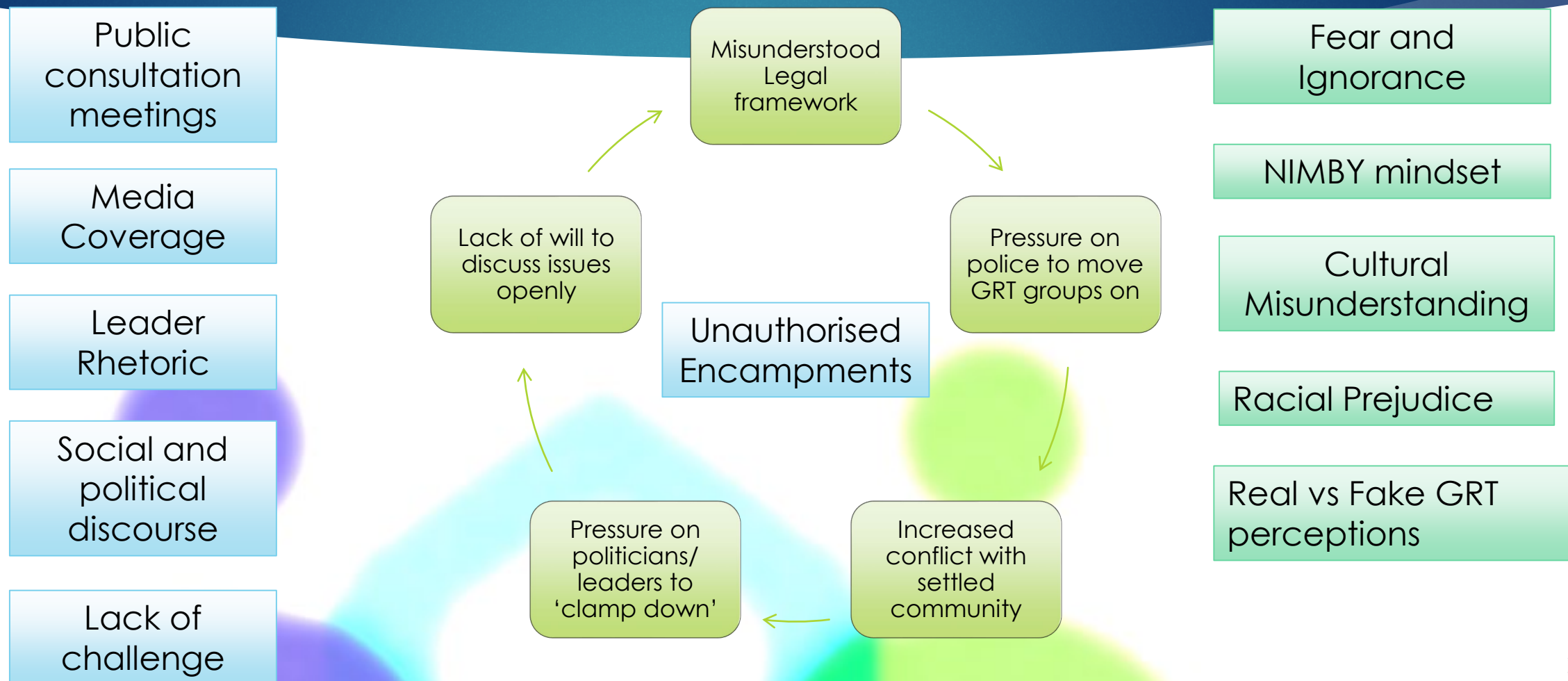
Microgrant



Toolkit templates



# The current climate



# Impact

- ▶ A strict approach through eviction and injunction does not lead to fewer encampments
  - ▶ merry-go-round
  - ▶ fractured social cohesion
  - ▶ poorer health and education outcomes
  - ▶ mounting legal and clear-up costs
  - ▶ dissatisfied residents.
- ▶ **A DIFFERENT APPROACH IS NEEDED**



# Health Needs

- Life expectancy is 10 -12 years less than that of the settled population.
- 42% of English Gypsies are affected by a long term condition, as opposed to 18% of the general population.
- One in five Gypsy Traveller mothers will experience the loss of a child, compared to one in a hundred in the settled community.
- Gypsy or Irish Traveller ethnic group was amongst the highest providers of unpaid care in England and Wales at 11% ..... highest proportion of people providing 50 hours or more of unpaid care at 4% as opposed to 2% for England and Wales as a whole.
- Mental Health Gypsies and Travellers are nearly three times more likely to be anxious than the average for the general population and just over twice as likely to be depressed.

# Case Study.

- Large intergenerational family with no safe permanent base in the area.
- Many family members of all ages including young children and elderly family members have complex health needs.
- These health needs necessitate frequent appts with multiple professionals at Addenbrookes.
- Family travel in order to attend these appointments.
- When not in this area for appts they travel around the UK and across Europe for work.

# An Encampment Arrives – A review

## ▶ **Good Practice**

- ▶ Negotiation and on site discussion with everyone involved
- ▶ Agreeing tasks and acting promptly on them,
- ▶ Taking a forward thinking inclusive approach
- ▶ Contingency planning.

## ▶ **Development areas**

- ▶ Wider thinking
- ▶ The language, terminology, messaging and inference disseminated to our communities by key community leaders, about the GRT community has on significant effect community perceptions of safety.
- ▶ Better awareness of Inferences drawn from our action, inaction and the effect on the bigger picture
- ▶ Proactive but inclusive approach – ACT NOW to take control of your messaging.
- ▶ Contingency planning within communities particularly in light of the current Covid 19 pandemic.



# WHAT CAN COMMUNITIES DO NOW?

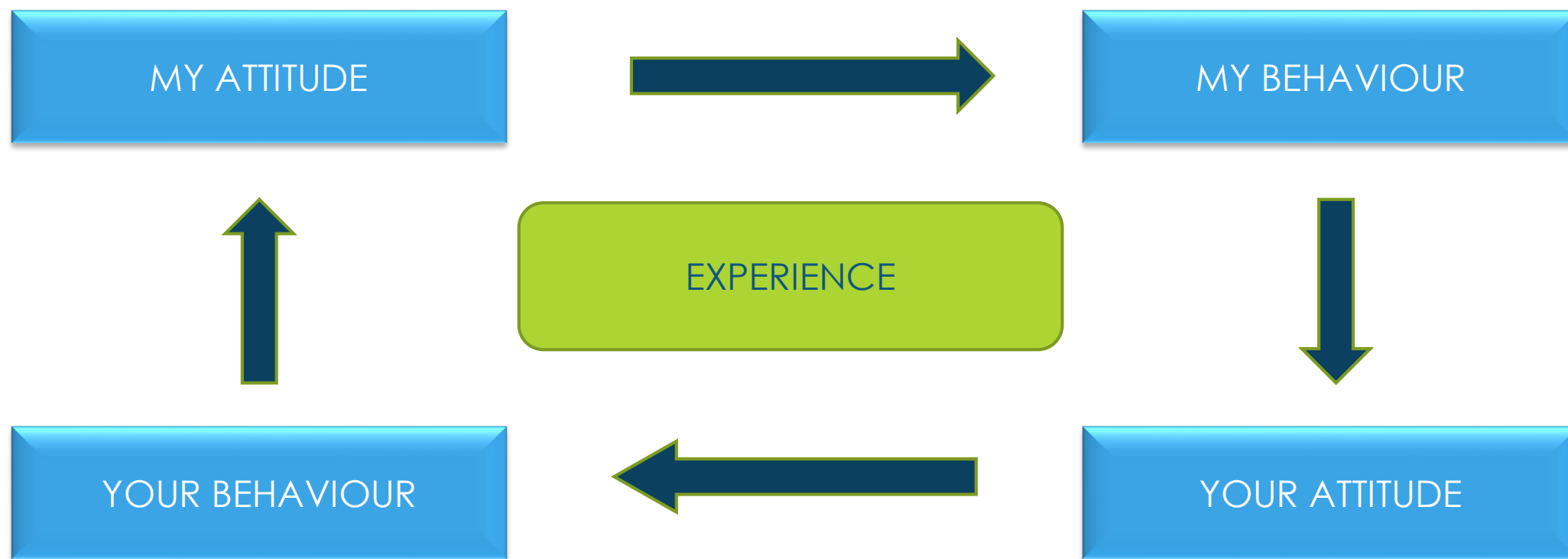
- ▶ **Help others to understand**
- ▶ **Be prepared**
  - ▶ **Map your community**
    - ▶ Geographically
    - ▶ Skills
  - ▶ **Take control of your messaging**
- ▶ **Work together**
- ▶ **Have those difficult discussions**
- ▶ **Consider the provision**



# Microgrant

- ▶ South Cambs Community Safety Partnership
- ▶ Focus on building community cohesion and effective engagement surrounding Gypsy Roma Traveller community-related matters.
- ▶ Criteria is available here on the SCDC website  
<https://www.scambs.gov.uk/community-development/crime-anti-social-behaviour-and-community-safety/community-safety/>.
- ▶ Microgrants are intentionally not prescriptive to allow communities to tackle the issue according to their local needs.

# Betari's Box



# Feedback

“Very useful and informative.”

“Training was excellent. Beat my expectations”

“Thank you for this training and addressing this issue.”

“Having moved Travellers on in the past, I now feel that having completed this training, I would handle an encampment in a completely different and compassionate way”

“I thought I knew a little about Travelling families as I have worked in local schools for many years. However, I found that there was information I did not know and aspects I hadn’t considered e.g. how does a Travelling family access cancer care”

“This has sown the seed. We have covered a lot and it needed to be done. This will be a long process”

“It’s tragic. We need to break the cycle”

“Let’s work with Travellers to find humane outcomes. Find another spot or share the village green. Remove racism from the situation”