

# Operation Sora

## South Birmingham Emerging Urban Street Gangs

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### Definition of an Urban Street Gang

A relatively durable, predominantly street-based group of young people who:

See themselves (and are seen by others) as a discernible group, **AND** engage in a range of criminal activity and violence.

They also have at least one of the following features:

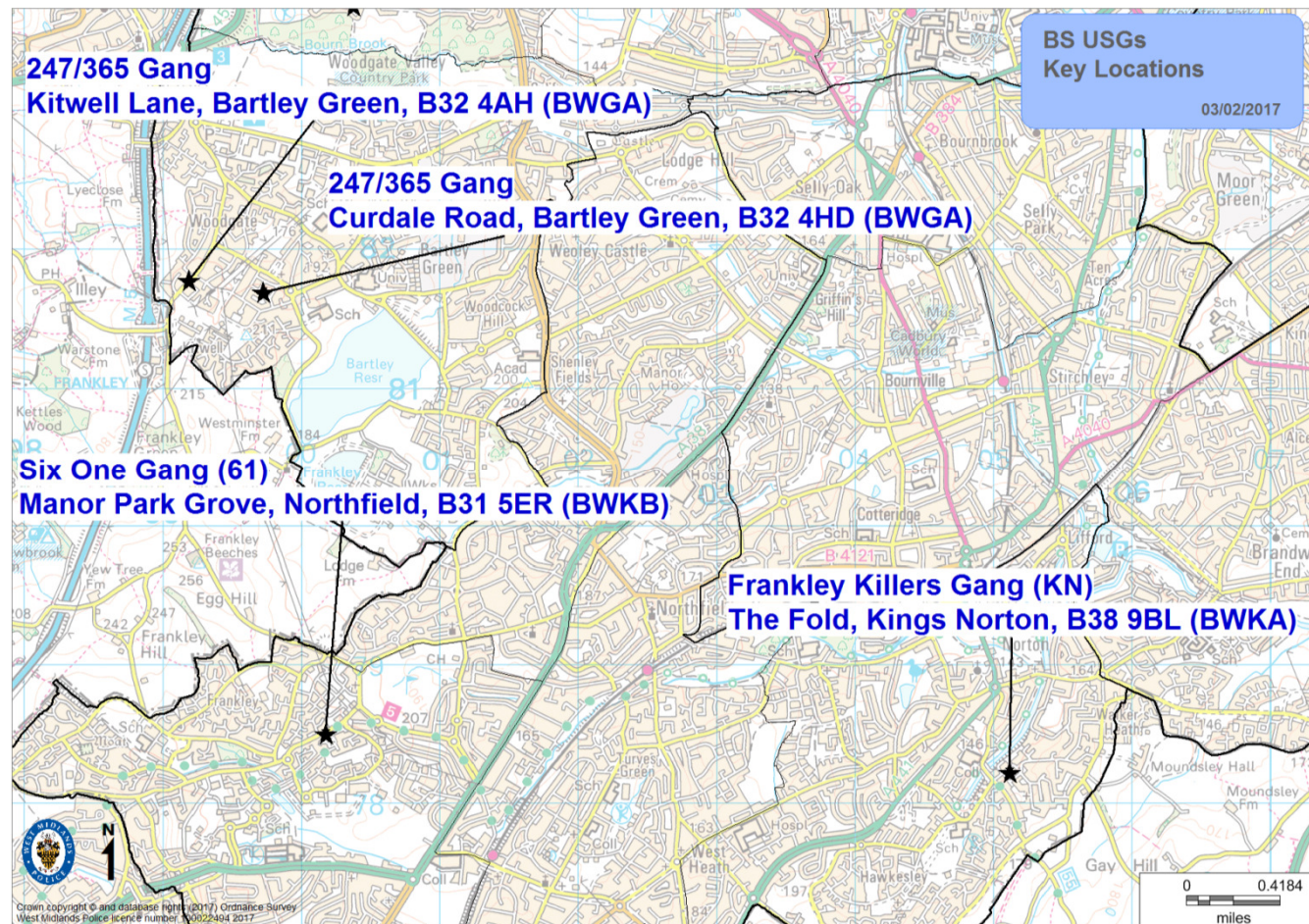
- Identify with or lay claim over territory
- Have some form of identifying structural feature
- Are in conflict with other, similar, gangs.



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- History of Urban Street Gangs in Birmingham
- Emergence of Urban Street Gangs in South Birmingham

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### Social Media

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zoVdAcvNStE>

61 Gang - Nz, Jmiz, Big Mak & MB – 'Trapline Jump'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eIJyZDAk-lo>

Frankley Killers – 'Don't Lack'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ugFhz8fgns4>

247 x 365 – 'No Face 2'





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### Local Issues Related to Urban Street Gangs

- Drug dealing
- Violence, sometimes involving serious injury
- Weapons, including guns and knives
- Active recruitment – Male and female
- ASB
- Glorification and the use of social media



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What have West Midlands Police done so far and  
what do they intend to do?



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### 1. Understanding (on going)

- Identifying and 'Mapping' those involved.
- Looking for those gang members not obvious to Police systems.
- Looking for those at risk of becoming future members siblings, relatives, friends etc.
- Subject Profiles
- Multi Agency Approach
- Intelligence development – Source referrals, speaking with members of public and families of gang members, flow of intel from other agencies, prisoner debriefs, covert enquiries,





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### 2. Early Positive Action - Disruption

- Warrant resulting in the recovery of a firearm, ammunition, cash, class A and B drugs and stolen motorbike – Prominent member of '61' Gang arrested and charged.
- Multiple warrants and arrests of five prominent members of the Frankley Killers for Conspiracy to Commit GBH – Content of 'No Lack' Youtube Video.
- Execution of Sec 8 PACE warrant – Recovery of mobile phone containing video footage of a firearms discharge and a wealth of gang related intelligence.
- NPT plans, including 'spring clean' operation.

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### 3. Engagement with External Partners



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- Any Questions?



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