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Crack House Closure

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A house being used for drug abuse and prostitution has been closed by Police in partnership with Northampton Borough Council and the community.

The premises at 19, Naseby Street, Semilong, Northampton, were boarded up at 3pm this afternoon (Mon) using a Closure Order under Section 1 of the Antisocial Behaviour Act 2003.

A court hearing was due to take place before Northampton Magistrates on Wednesday (November 3) in relation to this matter, but this has now been cancelled after the tenant of the premises, a 32 year old woman, voluntarily gave up her tenancy with Northampton Borough Council.

Today's action follows a number of meetings between the tenant, local Housing Officer, Community Beat Officer PC Ron Frater, the Northampton Antisocial Behaviour Unit and other support agencies.

Mark McDonnell, Manager of the Semilong and Spring Boroughs CASPAR Project, said: "A number of local residents provided the Community Beat Officer with written statements of complaint about this house, which was being used for prostitution and drug use.

"A great deal of joint agency work was carried out to try to support the tenant and stop the problem. However, to prevent the continual antisocial behaviour suffered by other residents in the street, we felt it necessary to use police powers to close this crack house. While this procedure was underway the occupier voluntarily gave up her tenancy."

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