



**Meeting:** Safer Communities Executive Board

**Date:** 17 February 2011

**Report Title:** Performance Highlights (April 2010 - January 2011)

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**1. Purpose of the report (That is, the decision required)**

To inform the board of the latest year-to-date performance against the current community safety targets

**2. State link(s) with Other Plan Priorities and actions and /or other Strategies:**

- 2.1. Addressing the prevention and reduction of crime, the fear of crime, the harm caused by drugs and alcohol and anti-social behaviour are all key parts of the cleaner, greener and safer priority. Collectively, these remain top priorities for residents

**3. Recommendations**

That SCEB note the successes and contributing factors along with the mitigating actions to address areas of concern

**4. Background**

- 4.1 The Safer Communities Partnership is responsible for the key priorities covered below: These are:

- Overall recorded crime (total notifiable offences)
- Serious violent crime, domestic and gender-based crime
- Reducing serious acquisitive crime
- Increasing numbers of people in effective drug treatment
- Reducing the number of young people (aged 10-17) entering the youth justice system
- Reducing re-offending and the impact of re-offending
- Increasing support to young victims of crime
- Improving perceptions of how crime and ASB are handled
- Preventing violent extremism

#### **4.2 Overall recorded crime (Total Notifiable Offences)**

Haringey police recorded 5% fewer total notifiable offences or TNOs (19,329 against 20,346) during 1st April 2010 – 9th January 2011 compared with the same period last year. This compares favourably with the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) area which saw a 0.6% reduction during the same period. We believe that this is due to a combination of effective prevention, better problem-solving, smart use of a range of data and intelligence, robust case work, neighbourhood policing and a focus on the most vulnerable locations and people.

#### **4.3 Serious violence, gangs, domestic and gender-based crime**

Most Serious Violence (MSV) in Haringey has seen a turnaround compared with last year when it was the main area of concern (14.7% increase). This year MSV has seen a sustained, clearly improving trend, currently showing a significant 31.9% year-on-year drop which is also well above the MPS reduction of 21%. This equates to a drop of 118 offences from 370 the same time last year to the current 252.

Contributing factors include the Gang Action Group work and the Tackling Knives Action Plan (TKAP). The former is delivering a multi-agency response to gang related violence and some early successes have been achieved. New referrals continue to be received from a range of partners, demonstrating that they see the benefits of referring individuals to the group. 10 individuals referred to as 'nominals' have been removed from the main monitoring list due to reduced risk.

Police recorded repeat victims of domestic violence continue to fall from their peak of 105 in April 2010 to 82 (21.9%) in January 2011. The majority of victims (approximately 85%) relate to a second offence. However, this does not account for the actual number of unreported incidents which may have occurred prior to police contact. It should be noted that this is a rolling annual target i.e. each monthly return is a count of the number of repeats for the preceding 11 months.

Issues: Future resourcing and management of the domestic violence work remains uncertain. Tackling Knives Action Plan (TKAP) funding ceases in its current form at the end of March 2011.

#### **4.4 Acquisitive crime**

Acquisitive crime is down 4.8% (a fall of 281 from 5,856 to 5,575 offences). However this represents a deteriorating performance compared to the half year performance of 13%. The recent spate of burglaries in the months leading up to Christmas (seasonal trend) coupled with the 4.4% increase in Taking/Theft of a MV offences have contributed to the rising trend.

Issues/exceptions: Until now, improved intelligence analysis and joint tasking has managed to stave off the anticipated increase in acquisitive crime due to the economic crisis. The most recent trends are showing that acquisitive crime, specifically domestic burglary, is performing worse in Haringey than among its peers and may be an early indication of future escalation.

#### **4.5 Drug-using offenders into effective treatment**

After a short increase in the number of new clients in Q1, by November 2011, the number of new clients gradually decreased to 2009-10 levels despite the continuous engagement and outreach work with partners, including Probation and GP surgeries. This trend is responsible for Haringey missing the target for drug users in effective treatment last year. Efforts to understand the reasons for drop out have intensified as has activity towards full recovery rather than stabilisation and maintenance. Haringey has consistently ranked above the London average for the proportion of clients completing treatment drug free (43% against 32%).

#### **4.6 Youth crime prevention**

Haringey has already achieved its challenging target this year for prevention of first time entrants to the Youth Justice System aged 10-17 (NI 111). There were 136 first time entrants for Q1-Q3 this year – between April and December 2010. Therefore, an outturn of 181 for the year is predicted to year end. This constitutes a reduction of 38% on the previous year and compares extremely well with the annual target of 422.

A key success factor has been the multi-agency approach and the prevention work of trained youth offending staff working in custody suites as part of the 'triage' programme. Further intensive intervention programmes are running as part of the Challenge and Support scheme and the Intensive Intervention Project

The November 2010 NEET level was 6.5% which compares with 6.3% last month and 7.0% last November; it is comfortably below the NEET target (8.9%). The actual number of NEETs this month was 288.

Issues: Previous funding pots for prevention (including triage funding) have

now been consolidated into an Early Intervention Grant and placed within Children's Services. The YOS is not due to receive this funding in 2011-12 and future resources for their work have yet to be confirmed which is a cause for concern.

#### **4.7 Victim Support to young people**

The Young Victim's Champion (YVC) has built constructive relationships with the Youth Council, libraries, voluntary sector providers, youth centres, BME organisations and with the Children's Service in the Council. She has provided specialist support to 137 young victims (aged 7 to 20) since August 2010. 11 volunteers are currently undertaking core training.

The YVC has also been active in setting up 'drop ins' across the borough as well as delivering workshops to primary school pupils on issues such as 'personal safety' and 'unacceptable behaviour'. The YVC has also been involved in the Knife Awareness Programme as well as establishing links with all relevant agencies that provide services for children in the borough.

From research undertaken by the YVC there are no services available that specifically support young victims of crime in the borough after March 2011. A full project report will be submitted in March.

Issues: The strategic assessment highlights an increase in female victims. Young victims continue to be a significant concern. Money is being made available nationally for victim and witness support but accessing this will be subject to successful bids. We are working in partnership to try and maximise all opportunities.

#### **4.8 Perceptions of crime and ASB**

A new question in the 2009/10 residents' survey was 'How much would you agree or disagree that the police and other local services are successfully dealing with anti-social behaviour and crime in your area?' 53% agreed, 16% disagreed (of all 1,276 respondents). The previous Place Survey 2008/9 respondents answered as follows - 28% agreed and 25% disagreed (of all 1,926 respondents). This indicates improved perceptions despite the latter comprising a smaller sample group.

Issue: Haringey Council will continue to measure and compare this data in future. However, the Coalition Government has removed all official perception targets. Police performance is likely to be measured primarily by a reduction in total notifiable offences

#### **4.9 Anti-social behaviour (ASB)**

The ASB Action Team is using all available tools and powers and their enforcement rates remain well above the national average. They have a 94% success rate for enforcement action following surveillance. The weighting in Haringey is towards the use of injunctions and Acceptable Behaviour Contracts as early intervention measures. However, ASBOs continue to be used sparingly and to good effect. The ASBAT has a 100% success record for all ASBO applications and have prosecuted 3 breaches of these orders, all of which led to custodial sentences being awarded by the Courts.

Prevention work and training continue and the parenting programme has been successful with no further enforcement action required for 160 families engaged. Haringey is due to be one of the first or *the* first to apply the new Gang related injunctions which came into effect recently. Following successful lobbying by Community Safety Team and the ASBAT, introductory tenancies will now take effect in Haringey from the 4<sup>th</sup> April 2011, which will enable the tenancies of anti-social residents to be ended swiftly

Issues: The parenting prevention work is subject to short-term external funding and is due to end on the 31.3.2011. The ASBAT victim Support worker is also subject to external funding and this too is to end on the 31.3.2011. The ASBAT will be moving into the new Council Frontline Services Directorate and there will be some disruption. They will also lose 1 case worker.

#### **4.10 Preventing Violent Extremism (PVE)**

Preventing violent extremism work has reached its target of level 3 based on the Home Office self-assessment framework. However, projects are already running at reduced capacity as funding has been cut in year. A review of PREVENT is being carried out by central government and a revised national strategy is expected to be published sometime during quarter 4 of this year.