



Meeting: Safer Communities Executive Board

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Report Title: Action Plans for 2008/09

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report presents the strategic actions for 2008-09 under the co-ordination of the Safer Communities Service for information. Copies of the action plans are attached.
- 1.2 The key areas of work and some of the anticipated challenges have been summarised below.

2. Background

- 2.1 These plans cover the work of the Drug and Alcohol Action Team, the Youth Offending Service, the Community Safety Team and Emergency Planning. A Domestic Violence Strategic Plan exists separately but with strong links to the Service.
- 2.2 The recommended actions for the coming year have been driven by needs' assessments, evidence of delivery and the commitments in Haringey's Local Area Agreement (LAA).
- 2.3 The various areas of responsibility take a steer from different national departments such as the Home Office, the Dept. for Children and Families, the Youth Justice Board and the National Treatment Agency and actions this year have been aligned with a range of new national strategies that took effect from April 08.

3. Key actions - Community safety

- 3.1 The main actions for 08-09 will be:
- Delivering all agreed partnership plans for crime prevention and reduction to meet key targets
 - Implementing the new performance management framework
 - Delivering co-ordinated communications across the partnership
 - Improving data quality and use

- Rolling out area-based working, intelligence-led priority setting and problem-solving

3.2 The main delivery issues and challenges are likely to be:

- Integrating support and provision to young people at risk
- Maintaining crime reduction performance in key categories (eg personal robbery and wounding) compared with successes of the past two years
- Raising confidence in an integrated CCTV system

Drug and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT)

3.3 The Adult Drug Treatment Plan for 08/09 consists of 9 planning areas as follows:

- Commissioning a local drug treatment system
- Providing access and engagement with the drug treatment system
- Retention in and effectiveness of drug treatment
- Outcomes, discharge and exit from drug treatment
- Diversity
- Harm reduction
- Criminal justice outcomes
- Workforce
- Work with service users
- Carers

3.4 The principal challenge for the DAAT will be delivering against demanding targets across all areas of responsibility against a backdrop of reduced funding. Adapting the London Resettlement Model locally and achieving effective, co-ordinated wrap around services will also be a challenge.

Youth Offending Service (YOS)

3.5 The main priority for the YOS will be to prepare for the introduction of the Youth Rehabilitation Order – now part of the Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2009, along with the scaled approach whereby risk will determine the intensity of supervision for young people. Improving the quality of the current assessment tool (Asset) will be a key part of this preparation.

3.6 The over-reliance by the YOS on short-term grant funding and its implications for staffing and delivery remain the greatest risk.

Emergency Planning and Business Continuity

3.7 Key projects and challenges in this area include:

- Moving and upgrading the emergency control centre for the Council
- Responding to the recommendations of the Pitt Review of the Summer 2007 Floods, including developing a multi-agency flood plan for the borough

- Developing how the Council engages with residents and businesses to develop community resilience

4. Monitoring and evaluation

4.1 The Service has a tried and tested evaluation framework in place with named project leads and robust quarterly monitoring.