



Meeting: Safer Communities Executive Board
Date: 23 June 2008

Report Title: Haringey Reducing Re-offending Action Plan

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1. Purpose:

To highlight the work carried out across the partnership on reducing re-offending and draw attention to the need to produce a 'Reducing Re-offending Action Plan' across the partnership.

2. Recommendations:

That the SCEB agrees that work on producing a Haringey Reducing Re-offending Action Plan is commissioned as soon as possible.

3. Background:

- 3.1 A number of Haringey partnership agencies have responsibility for working with offenders to reduce re-offending, in particular drug-related and acquisitive crime. These include the Police, Probation, CPS, Court Services and the Council through Safer Communities Unit (DAAT/ DIP, Community Safety, ASBAT and the YOS).
- 3.2 The Offender Management Forum which incorporates the DIP - Drug Interventions Programme and PPO - Prolific and other Priority Offenders Steering Groups is a key forum involving a number of partners which directs work around drug-misusing offenders both in the community and in prisons on behalf of the DAAT board. This work focuses on the link between drug misuse and criminal activity and works to break the links, thus reducing re-offending.
- 3.3 There are national and London-wide Reducing Re-offending Action Plans that lay out important principles and strategies; in order for any action plan to be effective it must be tailored to local circumstances and need. Haringey has no such 'joined up' plan: such a plan would include Housing, Children and Young Persons' Service, Education, Training and Employment agencies etc as well as agencies with a specific 'crime focus'

and would also be highlighted by other elements of the Haringey Strategic Partnership.

- 3.4 Individual agencies work towards their own targets and develop strategies and excellent actions; however these are not effectively coordinated despite the existence of overarching LAA and APAC targets, (Assessments of Policing and Community Safety). Strategic and operational links between these agencies need to be developed further. The national strategy addresses the resettlement needs of prisoners, it is vital that Haringey addresses the resettlement needs of its' residents leaving prisons, as well as Prolific and other Priority Offenders (PPOs) and drug misusing offenders in order to contribute to positive outcomes around reducing re-offending.
- 3.5 Haringey has established both strategic and operational fora in response to the London Resettlement Programme and works closely with HMP Holloway to identify and engage Haringey based women with a substance misuse problem, who volunteer for the scheme, to be re-introduced in to the borough in a planned manner.
- 3.6 The London Resettlement Strategy uses 8 pathways of offender need:
 - Offender Management
 - Accommodation
 - Education, Training and Employment
 - Finance, Debt and Benefit
 - Mental and Physical Health (including alcohol)
 - Drugs
 - Children And Families
 - Programmes for Offenders.
4. Haringey's' Reducing Re-offending Action Plan will:
 - Highlight the key issues that impact on resettlement of offenders
 - Identify the agency/ies responsible
 - Identify the current provision
 - Highlight the gaps
 - Identify the resources required to meet the identified needs, all with a view to focusing borough-wide activity into a strategic and effective reducing re-offending action plan.
5. **Scope of the review:**
 - Adult offenders over 18 – including DIP clients and PPOs
 - Council agencies and theme boards
 - DAAT commissioned adult services – DIP, SHoC, Eban, In-Volve Haringey, etc
 - Probation service

- Prison service
- 6. **Timing:**
Final report by autumn SCEB so that resource implications can be considered in planning the 2009/ 2010 budget.
- 7. **Cost:** 20 days @ £500 per day - £10,000.
- 8. **Action:** the DAAT to identify an external consultant and commission 20 days work as outlined.