

Meeting: Safer Communities Executive Board

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Report Title: Key Issues from Acquisitive Crime Partnership Board

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Summary:

The Acquisitive Crime Partnership Board is responsible for taking forward partnership activity to contribute to the achievement of NI16 (serious acquisitive crime rate). Good progress is being made on the completion of the board's action plan. The board has also developed and is taking forward a burglary action plan.

Recommendations:

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Financial/Legal Comments:

N/A

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1. Background

- 1.1. The Acquisitive Crime Partnership Board meets on a quarterly basis and is responsible for taking forward multi agency activity to contribute to the achievement of NI16 (serious acquisitive crime rate).
- 1.2. Performance is currently set to meet the target of reducing serious acquisitive crime by 5% this financial year. However, theft from a vehicle continues to increase and although residential burglary is

currently showing small decrease, this crime type is subject to seasonal increases between November and January.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1. The acquisitive crime partnership board action plan is progressing well. The action plan includes activity relating to intelligence-led crime prevention advice, sharing information between different partners and implementing the problem solving model to address specific crime issues.
- 2.2. The board has prioritised both motor vehicle crime and burglary as these crime types contribute most significantly to the overall serious acquisitive crime rate.
- 2.3. During the first quarter of 2008/9 burglary continued to show an increase. In response to this information the September Acquisitive Crime Partnership Board (ACPB) focused on burglary. A partnership burglary action plan has been developed and is being delivered by members of the board.
- 2.4. The partnership burglary action plan is divided into four key objectives: prevention, intelligence and data analysis, enforcement and reassurance.
- 2.5. There are two major projects which have been approved as part of this action plan:
 - 2.5.1. The delivery of a proactive target hardening project for properties in three burglary hotspot areas. This approach is based on good practice from other boroughs and on a model used in Haringey for victims of burglary aged 55 and over.

The Police Borough Intelligence Unit has identified three priority wards for burglary. Within each of these wards, up to four streets have been identified. The Crime Prevention Design Advisors (CPDAs) are surveying these streets to develop a suitable menu of target hardening options.

The information collected by the CPDAs will be provided to Met Care and Repair who will visit every property in the micro hotspots and offer crime prevention advice and appropriate target hardening. The impact of the project will be reviewed with a view to rolling this out across the borough.

The design and delivery of a schools burglary awareness campaign. This will involve the delivery of a burglary focused assembly in all of the borough's primary schools, providing every year 4, 5 and 6 school child in the borough with a burglary prevention pack, encouraging children to deliver crime

prevention information to their families and friends. The use of such a campaign as a technique for preventing crime is based on Home Office research¹ about the key role that publicity has to play in the reduction of burglary.

This campaign model was devised last year and used to raise awareness about motor vehicle crime. Feedback from schools was very positive and staff requested further assemblies of this kind.

- 2.6. The next ACPB meeting will include a presentation about the Haringey re-offending action plan and focused discussions about motor vehicle crime.

¹ Home Office Research Study 272: The role of publicity in crime prevention: findings from the reducing burglary initiative.