

**Report for:** Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee

**Item number:**

**Title:** Knife Crime



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**Ward(s) affected:** Key crime wards

**Report for Key/  
Non Key Decision:** Non key-decision

## 1. Describe the issue under consideration

- 1.1 The presentation shows Haringey's performance against the Mayor's (MOPAC) Police and Crime Plan (PCP) key priorities, including knife crime and firearms discharges.
- 1.2 The presentation outlines areas of concern and/or where performance is out of kilter with the London average. Other areas covered are critical locations and emerging problems.
- 1.3 It also sets out Haringey Youth Justice Service information on offences related to violence against individuals including knife crime offences.
- 1.4 Partnership work that has taken place over the past year is continuing to make a positive contribution to some of the key priority crime types, particularly knife crime injuries to young people. There are still a number of key areas, however, that are challenging for the borough and will require us to continue to work together to address, particularly around community confidence and satisfaction for their engagement in contributing and in producing solutions.

## 2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Panel note the content of the crime presentation, which highlights areas of challenge which are: personal robbery, firearm discharges, sexual offences, domestic and non-domestic abuse violence with injury.

## 3 Reasons for decision

n/a

#### **4 Alternative options considered**

n/a

#### **5 Background information**

- 5.1 There has been significant focus on knife crime nationally and in London. The published knife crime strategy takes account of much of the positive work being carried out across London, including in Haringey.
- 5.2 Work is underway locally to co-produce a knife crime action plan, and serious violence strategy. Serious youth violence is a key priority for the borough, and is key theme in the developing Young People at Risk strategy. Much work that has been done to date illustrates a collective understanding of the issues, and identifies and seeks to fill any gaps in services and our community offer.
- 5.3 Significantly the plans will be co-produced using the views of our local communities (and in particular young people who may be at risk of becoming either victims or perpetrators of knife crime) to make sure our plans and actions are as relevant and effective as they can be.

#### **6 Contribution to strategic outcomes**

- 6.1 This work contributes to the Mayor of London's Policing and Crime Strategy; Haringey's Corporate Plan priority 3 and the Haringey Community Safety Strategy. It also contributes to priority 1 – The Best Start in Life objective for reducing First Time Entrants to the Youth Justice System

It will also help to shape Haringey's forthcoming new Borough Plan, as well as the Violent Crime Action Plan and the refreshed Community Safety Strategy.