

**Title:** North Area Violence Reduction Group Update – October 2019

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**Ward(s) affected:** Key crime wards across North Area BCU (Haringey and Enfield)

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

## **1. Describe the issue under consideration**

- 1.1 This briefing note details information about the joint police North Area (Haringey and Enfield) Violence Reduction Group (NAVRG) and provides an update on the project and performance trends. The attached slide deck details the latest analysis/trends for violence across Haringey and highlights potential action to be taken by the partnership to prevent criminality and support subsequent ongoing investigations.
- 1.2 The NAVRG has been operational since December 2018, meeting on a six-weekly basis to update on the agreed violence reduction plan and to highlight any blockages or opportunities. These meetings have been well attended by key partners from both Haringey and Enfield boroughs, and have been focussed on evidence-based decision making and analysis of the issues taking place across North Area.
- 1.3 In the past 12 months, Haringey has experienced a reduction in overall violence with injury (non-domestic), which has fallen by 11% in Haringey. This is significantly better performance than the London-wide trend, which has recorded a 1% increase during this same period. Additionally, Haringey has recorded a reduction in total gun crime (-6%) and lethal-barrelled firearm discharges (-31%).
- 1.4 A number of challenges do remain, however. Total knife crime has increased by 14% in Haringey, with knife injuries to young people also having increased by 5%. Serious youth violence has also increased during this period by 6%. Robbery is a particular challenge at present across most of North London, and Haringey has experienced an 18% increase in this category. Over 2,000 personal robbery offences now occur annually in Haringey.

## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the Board notes the contents of this report;

### 3. Background information

- 3.1 Following support for a joint approach to violence from Haringey and Enfield Chief Executives the delivery group met in August 2018. During this joint meeting, which was attended by relevant directors and Senior Officers from Community Safety, it is agreed that we will build, maintain and deliver against a single Haringey and Enfield serious youth violence and knife crime action plan.

Whilst acknowledging that there will be challenges in some aspects of working this structure across two boroughs, there are also clear benefits in terms of identifying and delivering against overlapping issues, generating consistency in approach, potential for realising some economies of scale and the powerful message of a united approach to tackling violence.

There was broad agreement that dedicated and focussed analytical support and delivery group management/co-ordination role would be necessary to support delivery of the plan and provide the evidence base to steer the activity for the most effective results.

These meetings are held every six weeks, with the first having taken place in December 2018. The meetings are chaired by a Police Superintendent and attended by senior officers from Haringey and Enfield Councils, as well as key partners from across the partnership.

### 4. Contribution to strategic outcomes

- 4.1 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 will also contribute to Haringey's new Borough Plan, as well as the Violent Crime Action Plan, Youth at Risk Action Plan and the refreshed Community Safety Strategy.
- 4.2 Officers and partners work strategically across related work areas and boards such as Youth Offending, Safeguarding Children and Adults, Health and Wellbeing, Tottenham Regeneration, Early Help and the Community Safety Strategy.

5. **Statutory Officers comments (Chief Finance Officer (including procurement), Assistant Director of Corporate Governance, Equalities)**  
n/a

#### **Finance and Procurement**

The potential additional funding from NAVRG may provide additional opportunities to enhance existing workstreams, as well as pursuing new opportunities. Any funding will be administered directly from central MPS budgets to local North-Area budgets, so there are likely to be minimal finance/procurement administration requirements for Haringey Council.

#### **Legal**

n/a

#### **Equality**

There is an inherent impact on equalities of much of our community safety work and this is presented and discussed at the Community Safety Partnership meetings. This includes the peak age of offending being between 16 and 24; a very high percentage of young black males (mostly of African-Caribbean origin) involved in gangs (approx. 80%); the impact of domestic and sexual violence on women and girls; high concentrations of crime occurring in areas of deprivation; and vulnerable individuals and communities becoming victims of hate crime.

This report considers the areas of challenge in direct correlation with the impact on victims, especially vulnerable victims. In this respect, significant attention is being given to the disproportionate impact.

**6. Use of Appendices**

Appendix 1 – North Area Violence Reduction Group CSP Update – October 2019

**7. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

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