

Report for: Community Safety Partnership (CSP – 6th October 2021)

Title: Offensive Weapon-Homicide Pilot Review.

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Ward(s) affected: All

**Report for Key/
Non Key Decision: Non Key Decision**

1. Describe the issue under consideration

This report should be read in conjunction with the presentation attached as Appendix A. The presentation outlines the Home Office proposals to introduce an Offensive Weapon Homicide Review Process. The report also outlines the details of the proposed pilot boroughs that will be involved in the co-design of the processes once the legislation has passed through Parliament.

2. Recommendations

That the CSP note the contents of this report for information.

That the CSP contributes to the development of the of the new Offensive Weapon Homicide Review Pilot that is scheduled to be launched in early 2022.

3. Background information

The new Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill which is currently making its way through Parliament will include new provisions for local safeguarding partners to conduct a homicide review following the death of an individual aged 18 or over where offensive weapons have, or are believed to have, been involved.

The intention is that new reviews will improve the national and local understanding of causes, patterns, victims, and perpetrators of violence; improve the response to serious violence on a national and local scale; and ultimately reduce victims and save lives.

Once the legislation has Royal Assent in early 2022 the Home Office intends to run an 18-month pilot of the Homicide Review process in local authorities with historically high levels of offensive weapons homicides.

Haringey along with Enfield, Brent, Southwark and Lambeth have been confirmed as participant boroughs who have been requested to take part in the pilot.

Crest Advisory and Gate One, (consultants), will be working with the Home Office to ensure that the Homicide Review Process is one that works for the pilot areas, and will begin a programme of engagement with national and local stakeholders to facilitate the co-design of the Homicide Review process, before wider national stakeholder engagement takes place.

This will involve several key Council service areas and colleagues who have experience and knowledge around homicide review processes including the MPS, Children's, Adults, Public Health etc and there will be a need for colleagues to contribute to ensure we along with the other pilot boroughs are fully involved in the shaping of the new review processes

It is envisaged that through the Pilot engagement stakeholders will be able to influence co-design by sharing experiences with the existing statutory reviews and thoughts on what the new process should look like through one or more of the following activities:

- Structured interviews or focus groups
- Targeted survey's
- Provision of relevant documentation and information on current statutory review processes and related procedures
- Participation in Co-design workshops

Further information will be provided to the board members and key stakeholders once more detail including timelines have been confirmed and I will then be able to update the board on progress around the Pilot future meetings.

4. Contribution to strategic outcomes

The proposed Offensive Weapon Homicide Review Process will contribute to the Mayor of London's Policing and Crime Strategy and the Haringey Community Safety Strategy. It will also help to deliver Haringey's Borough Plan, Young People at Risk strategy, as well as the North Area Violence Reduction Group (NAVRG), and the Mayor's Violent Crime Action Plan.

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 Strategy.

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

Finance

N/A

Procurement

N/A

Legal

N/A

Equality

N/A

6. Use of Appendices

1x Appendix A – Offensive Weapon-Homicide Review Pilot Presentation.

7. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985