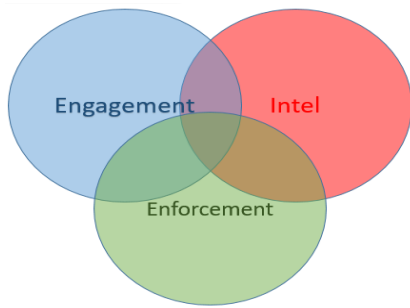


# Operation Boxster



## Aims and Intentions – Op Boxster

### Objective:

- In line with VAWAG vision adopt a problem solving SARA model, diversion and enforcement approach to reducing 'Sex worker' and Kerb Crawlers in NA working in partnership with LBE and LBH VAWAG leads, charities, NHS, Communities, Ward officers and Partners to enhance community living and confidence for communities living and working in NA and safeguarding vulnerable women namely 'Sex workers' and build trust and confidence in Policing.
- Embed processes to work with 'Sex workers' to change the behaviours through diversion of sex workers to reduce community complaints increase public confidence and strive to understand why Fore Street and surrounding areas attractive options for 'Sex workers'.

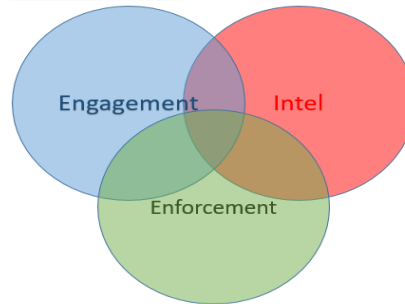
### Aims:

- Improve confidence in Policing with women and girls to encourage reporting crime working with Independent Sexual violence advisers (ISVA) and out reach workers.
- Analysis: work with Met Intel and central Modern Slavery Team to map evidence; existing practises; glean best practice both Met and Nationally to reduce sex-workers and kerb crawlers to create a safer environment for communities that live and work in NA.
- Embed effective delivery and create longevity in our Policing style moving away from revolving door approaches to Policing in terms of arrests and criminalisation of sex workers adopting the IOM model to manage escalating behaviours, community impact and environmental degradation by introducing diversionary practices working with NA service VAWAG service providers evidencing clear trends through tracker and chart methods evidencing patterns to prevent moving the problem elsewhere working closely with neighbouring BCU's.
- Community confidence: introduce joint communication strategy between partners to create attend ward panel to share learning; an awareness and understanding of the limitations of legislation, enforcement operations; effects of adopting national guidance on police activity.

# Operational Direction

## Engagement.

- Utilising partners to support client enforcement by setting up prostitute awareness courses.
- Regular monthly meetings with outreach partners to instigate interventions on community complaints and sex workers coming to police notice for ASB.
- Dates for outreach provided to police so police activities can be limited / moved to ensure police free environment.

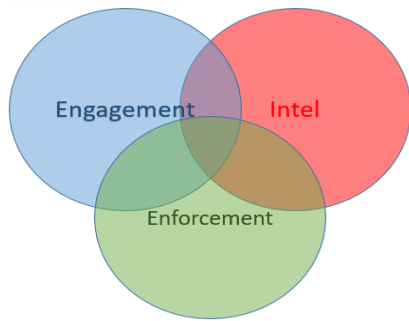


## Enforcement.

- Sex worker arrests limited to No Trace PNC – ascertain name / address / biometrics.
- Targeting of client base – kerb crawlers
- Targeting “community problem” sex workers through CPW’s / CPN’s after intensive outreach efforts
- Use of foot / cycle / uniform and covert vehicles

## Intelligence

- Data collection on numbers, nationality, age and drug use of sex workers
- Data collection on clients, nationality, age, criminal convictions and living on or off borough.
- Phone data collected to ascertain patterns of control or evidence of trafficking.
- IOM style evidence gathering on problem sex workers.



# Team performance

Performance snapshot from the team covering period

|                          |   |           |   |
|--------------------------|---|-----------|---|
| Arrests                  | = | 63        | (August 1 <sup>st</sup> – November 26 <sup>th</sup> 2021) |
| Stop and Search          | = | 141       | (August 1 <sup>st</sup> – November 26 <sup>th</sup> 2021) |
| Pro Cautions             | = | 43        |   |
| Identified sex workers   | = | 60        |   |
| Identified kerb crawlers | = | <b>42</b> |   |

**Intelligence is recorded in full to allow a full overview, this includes sightings, days/dates/times  
Along with ages, nationalities, phone data and identified drug use.**

# Intelligence recording examples – Kerb crawlers

Chart 1 – signifies the breakdown of where those identified as kerb crawlers reside

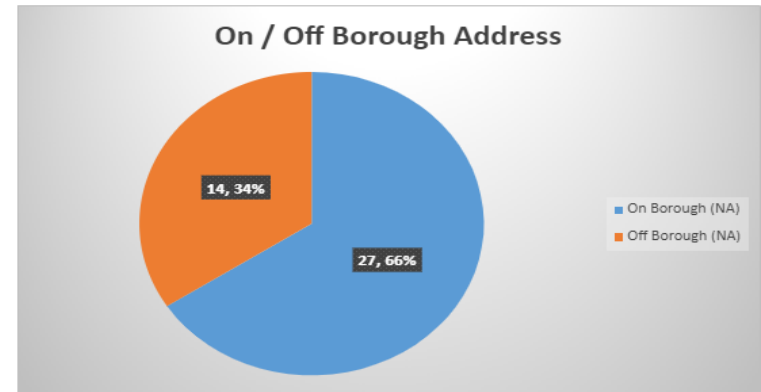
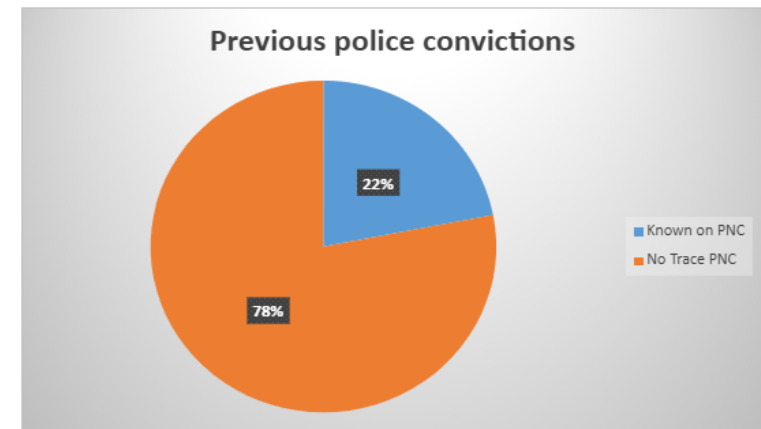
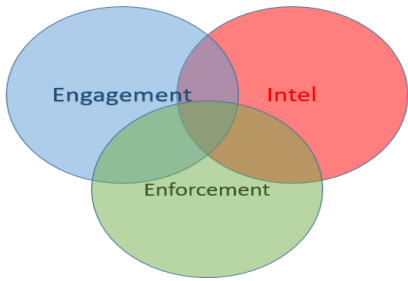


Chart 2 – Percentage of those identified who are previously known to police systems





## Kerb Crawlers Method - Diversion and Partnership approach including You Choose scheme

**Limitations:** Historic methods of dealing with the problem through UC deployment is no longer a viable due to CPS restrictions.

**New tactics:** The team have developed tactics to involve 'follow offs' on sex workers and clients and utilising evidence via BWV.

**Method:** Street arrests on the subject

- Confirm Name and Address.
- Arrange a caution plus three interview outside core patrol times to minimise visibility and policing resilience
- Interview conducted and if deemed suitable offered a diversion course via Conditional Caution.
- Individuals have been arrested, interviewed and offered course dates as part of the You Choose scheme. The scheme staff is funded by safer streets but there is a cost for those attending.