

**Meeting:** Safer Communities Executive Board

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### Summary

This report outlines the key issues and developments from the main sub-boards which report to the SCEB in order to keep Board members abreast of this work.

### Recommendations

For information only.

### Financial/Legal Comments:

N/A.

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## 1. Background

1.1 A number of sub-boards sit beneath the Safer Communities Executive Board and contribute to the achievement of key targets and strategic priorities. They tend to meet quarterly and monitor actions that are agreed at the beginning of each financial year. Action plans set out partnership activities designed to add value to the core business of partner agencies. Over the past year, most of the boards have adopted more of a problem-solving and outcome focused approach.

## 2. Other Violent Crime Board (domestic violence is reported below)

2.1. The latest Metropolitan Police Service weekly scorecard, 1<sup>st</sup> April- 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2009 shows an increase of 45% (55 incidents) compared to the same period last year for the category of Most Serious Violence.

Although similar (but less significant) increases in violent crimes have been experienced during this period in previous years, and other London boroughs are also experiencing an increase, this is a concern for the Partnership. Several suggestions have been made as to why this increase has been experienced: Excellent performance last year; a number of violent incidents at the beginning of this financial year and changes in counting rules.

2.2. Some of the key activities are detailed below:

- a) A joint bid with Enfield CDRP for Department for Health funding was successful. The funding will help to develop a minimum data set for information shared between the CDRP and North Middlesex A&E department. This data sharing agreement will help to improve understanding of the outcome of violent incidents and to build a realistic picture of violence in the borough. This protocol will also facilitate a comparative analysis of police and health service data relating to violent incidents.
- b) A gangs and youth violence problem solving group was established in April 2009. The OVCB provides strategic direction for this group. This group was set up in response to a number of violent incidents involving rival groups of young people.

The following responses are being implemented and assessed as part of this problem solving process:

- The Black Independent Advisory Group (BIAG) has co-ordinated two parent mediation sessions with parents of some of the rival gang members.
- An engagement project is being developed by members of the BIAG in response to this problem aimed at ringleaders of gangs across the borough. A project information form will be submitted to the Performance Management Group in August.
- A multi-disciplinary gangs team (made up of the Youth Inclusion Programme and the MPS Community Action Team) has been set up to:
  - identify and engage with relevant young people and young adults involved in the Grey Gang or Wood Green Mob
  - map referral pathways for gang members
  - develop a plan including short, medium and long term actions for each targeted individual
  - implement these plans
  - establish a system for sharing information relating to gang members across all relevant services
- Work is underway to expand this team on the basis of good practice from Hackney and Islington.

### **3. Acquisitive Crime Board**

- 3.1 According to the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) weekly scorecard, in this performance year to date (1<sup>st</sup> April to 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2009) the serious acquisitive crime rate has fallen by 3.4% compared to the same period last year.
- 3.2 In November 2008 the ACPB meeting focused on theft from motor vehicle crime and an intelligence-led targeted project was developed:
- c) Local primary school children in 14 schools in problem areas were invited to design anti-car crime posters. The intention of this project was to ensure that messages about car crime were delivered to residents (via their children) and to produce new publicity material.
  - d) Performance during 2008/9 for theft from a motor vehicle improved significantly. In September 2008 an increase of 11.4% was recorded, by the end of the financial year performance had been turned around to achieve a reduction of 6.1%. This was sustained in the first part of 2009.
  - e) Theft from a motor vehicle fell more significantly in a 100 metre zone around the schools that took part in the poster competition.
- 3.3 A burglary sub-group of the ACPB was set up in June 2009. Analysis was produced for the sub-group identifying 'gold, silver and bronze' areas in the borough; where 'gold' areas are those which have the highest rate of burglary compared to the borough average. The analysis has been used to develop bespoke interventions for each type of area. The following interventions will be delivered:
- f) Met Care and Repair target hardening - this project was piloted in three key burglary hotspot areas in 2008/9. The pilot was independently evaluated and was shown to be effective.
  - g) Programmed patrolling – this includes warrant searches and arrests, targeting of known burglars by Safer Neighbourhood Teams and visits to near repeat properties (five doors either side of a burglary victim).
  - h) Publicity and communications campaign.

Regular analysis of impact and trends will be carried out as part of the 'gold, silver, bronze' action plan to identify any changes in offending behaviour which may have an impact on the success of this work. This will also be used to produce a process and impact evaluation of the interventions.

- 3.4 There will be renewed interest in monitoring and responding to changes in personal robbery in the second half of the year to ensure delivery of the stretch target

#### **4. Youth Offending Partnership Board**

- 4.1 The last Board meeting was held on 2/7/09. The performance for the YOS during 2008/09 was discussed and congratulations sent to the Team for very good performance during last year, with almost all targets being achieved.

Concern was expressed that the Area Based Grant (ABG) funding, which comes via the Children's Trust, has only been agreed for 6 months in 2009/10. Although it is expected that this will continue due to the statutory nature of the YOS services provided, this decision is still being awaited.

#### 4.2 Developments

- The Knife Possession Prevention Project has been evaluated by an independent organisation; the report is not yet available. Meanwhile, the group continues to run and comprises the Offending Behaviour, Weapons awareness and Victim Awareness groups.
- The Triage project (to prevent young people entering the criminal justice system), funded under Youth Crime Action Programme started on 1st June and a good start was reported with 20 referrals in the first month and a 50% success rate.
- The Somali Youth Engagement work (funded via Preventing Violent Extremism) is being progressed and the project has been extended to September 2010.
- A Turkish speaking worker (due to the rise in the number of Turkish youths coming to our attention over the past years) is being recruited via the Migrant Impact Fund.
- The scaled approach and Youth Rehabilitation Order will be introduced in November this year and briefings and training are being provided to a range of staff and partner agencies.
- The YOS is working closely with Children and Young People's Service (CYPS) to set up the Think Family Project which comprises the crime prevention Family Intervention Project (YOS) and the Parenting Early Intervention Project (CYPS). The project is funded by DCSF until March 2011.

### 5. Drug and Alcohol Action Board

- 5.1 The Drug & Alcohol Partnership Board is responsible for co-ordinating activity to tackle drug and alcohol related harms and is specifically responsible for delivering targets NI39, NI40 and NI38 in partnership with the CST and Probation. Good progress is being made against the Alcohol Strategy Action Plan, The Adult Drug Treatment Plan and the Young Person Substance Misuse Plan.
- 5.2 **Alcohol:** The latest provisional figures for the NI39, reducing the increasing trend of alcohol related hospital admissions, are available for the first three quarters of 08-09. There were 1219 admissions in Q1-3. Combined with the local estimate of 407 for the quarter 4, this brings the full 2008-9 figure to an estimated 1626. This means we are unlikely to meet the target of 1579 for 2008-9. It should be noted however that outcomes from the new investment and the local actions are likely to be seen long term as a large number of admissions are a result of long term drinking.

- 5.3 There is £100k new investment from the Area Based Grant for 2009/10 and further £60k from the Primary Care Trust. The Drug and Alcohol Action Team was also successful in the application for the migrant impact funds (MIF) and have set up a steering group to both research and set in place a strategy to deal with street drinking with a particular focus on migrants.
- 5.4 Local analysis has shown that the main causes for alcohol related hospital admissions are mental and behavioural disorders and cardiovascular disease. Accordingly we have put the following in place:
- Extension of alcohol brief interventions at A&E and on the wards of North Middlesex Hospital
  - Commissioning of new detoxification places for people with alcohol related complex needs
  - Commissioning of new peripatetic detox nurse
  - Enhancement of an existing service (COSMIC) meeting the needs of children and families affected by substance misuse
  - Following a detailed hospital admissions analysis a targeted social marketing campaign will be implemented
  - NHS Haringey are looking at the possibilities for introducing a directed enhanced service (DES) to screen for alcohol use by GPs
  - NHS Haringey is completing an Alcohol Needs Assessment which will inform any further commissioning
  - Local campaign during the Alcohol Awareness Week (19-25<sup>th</sup> October) will focus on children & young people and binge drinking
  - The revised Business Case for further investment into the Alcohol Strategy will be going to the Investment Panel of the PCT for a second time at the end of August. If successful these monies will facilitate the setting up of a Local Enhanced Service (LES) for alcohol in Primary Care.
- 5.5 **Adult Drug Treatment:** From April 2009 a new inpatient detoxification facility will be operational, covering Haringey, Enfield, Hertfordshire and Barnet. The Provider is Equinox an organisation with a track record in delivering Tier 4 services to people with substance use problems. The location is still to be established.

Haringey has continued its strong performance with 12% growth in the number of problematic drug misusers (PDUs) in effective treatment (NI40), exceeding the 8% target for the LAA and Vital Signs.

Haringey DAAT is on track with the objectives and actions outlined in the treatment plan for 2009-11, for example:

- The tender for the offender management scheme which incorporates DIP and PPO closed for tender on the 19<sup>th</sup> August. Evaluation will take place in September and the subsequent report will go to the Procurement Committee on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November.
- Extension to the contract of Eban is going through agenda clearing on the 27<sup>th</sup> August 2009
- Developing support services for carers (family and friends of clients in drug and alcohol treatment) and facilitating carer involvement in the planning, commissioning and review of treatment services, is well under way.
- DAAT has established good links with the Job Centre Plus and Supporting People, facilitating joint working with treatment agencies. This will help towards improving outcomes from treatment.

## **5.6 Young Peoples' Substance Misuse Plan**

- A Young People's Substance Misuse Commissioner (YPSMC) was appointed April 2009, the strategic lead is now in place.
- Links with Children's Trust have improved and been strengthened by senior representation on Commissioning and Task Groups and the move of YPSMCG to Children and Families in Sept 2009.
- Young People's Substance Misuse Commissioning Group strengthened by appointment of Eleanor Brazil, Deputy Director Children and Families as Chair.
- Young People's Substance Misuse Task Group set up to monitor performance, ensure good practice and give expert advice on needs' assessment.
- Better links being established between commissioned services and targeted and universal services for young people and improved joint working with the Youth Service.
- Full needs' assessment of treatment for young substance misusers is being undertaken to identify effectiveness of commissioned services and gaps in treatment services. The needs' assessment will be completed by the end of October 2009.

## **6. Domestic Violence Partnership Board**

- 6.1 The Board is responsible for monitoring the progress of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Haringey Domestic and Gender Based Violence Strategy action plan. This includes actions to combat Trafficking, Rape, Forced Marriage and Female Genital Mutilation. Local crime statistical reports are showing that that the majority of violent crimes, where alcohol was a factor, were attributable to DV.

### Developments:

- **Independent Domestic Violence Advocates (IDVAs)** We have successfully bid to the MoJ to continue some of the IDVA services in Haringey. MPS and Haringey Council are also funding the IDVA service using additional funding we receive for having DV stretch performance targets. We will be bidding for more funding for IDVAs in future years.
- **Drive Out DV Bus/Peace Week** We will again run our Drive Out DV bus in peace week Tuesday Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>. This initiative has now been copied by the Home Office who have had a nation wide Drive Out DV bus tour.
- **Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC)** The MARAC is working well and is managing an increasing caseload.
- **Perpetrator programme** Haringey Children and Young People's service is again funding and over-seeing a perpetrators' programme in Haringey. All referrals will be processed through the Haringey Children in Need and Safeguarding Service Manager.
- **Hearthstone re-launch** - The expanded services at Hearthstone - Haringey's DV advice and support centre - was successfully re-launched by a Government Minister Alan Campbell MP in July. The numbers of people accessing DV services at Hearthstone is still showing a steadily upward trend.
- **Specialist DV court SDVC** We are hoping to launch a SDVC in Haringey this Autumn.

## **7. Anti-social Behaviour Partnership Board**

- The anti-social behaviour (ASB) partnership board action plan is progressing well. The action plan includes activity relating to, coordinated prevention and early intervention, intelligence-led problem solving, improving confidence in how well the Police and Council deal with ASB and crime (NI21) and continuing the use of partnership enforcement tools.
- Problem solving group in place to tackle the emerging issue of dangerous/intimidating dogs in the borough.
- The ASBAT Parenting programme has been acknowledged by the DCSF as an example of best practice with 140 families engaged in the programme, with no further enforcement action required.
- Further support is required to assist victims and witnesses of ASB through the civil court process. A bid is in place with Victim Support for a dedicated worker to support ASB victims.
- A street drinking research study has been commissioned to examine the correlation between alcohol and ASB in the borough (as part of both the ASB and Alcohol Action plans)
- The Hate Crime reporting process is in place (publicised since February 2009) and currently undergoing evaluation.

- Seasonal activity partnership planning – around the Halloween and Fireworks period is currently ongoing, following on from last years successful work recognised by Government Office for London.
- Continued development of the nationally recognised programme for primary schools around restorative approaches (e.g. mediation and reparation schemes).