

Updates from the sub-boards

Other Violent Crime Partnership Board

In September 2009 Enfield and Haringey set up Operation Swift in response to cross borough violence. A joint action plan is in place and is being closely monitored. The plan is structured around reassurance, prevention, intelligence and enforcement.

The gang problem solving group has expanded its remit to include Operation Swift related issues. In October 2009 a multi-agency group (the Gangs Action Group) met to discuss the profiles of 10 priority individuals known to be involved in violence and gang activity and to:

- examine what interventions are in place (enforcement and prevention)
- what has worked
- what has not worked
- what needs to be done
- identify a lead agency for each individual

The profiles of these individuals were put together using information from; the Police Borough Intelligence Unit, Probation, Homes for Haringey, the Youth Offending Service, Youth Services, Children and Families, the ASBAT, the Police ASBO team, Benefits and Local Taxation and Enfield Community Safety Team. Combining information from these agencies provided the Gangs Action Group with a wide range of intervention options. The Gangs Action Group is due to meet again at the end of November.

Acquisitive Crime Partnership Board (ACPB)

A targeted communications campaign has been delivered to respond to changes in theft from motor vehicles. In 2008/9 a competition was run asking primary school children (in car crime hotspots) to design an anti-car crime poster. Theft from motor vehicles fell by 6.1% by the end of the financial year and more significantly in a 100 metre zone around the schools involved in the competition. During August and September 2009, new hotspots areas emerged. In October 2009 a postcard size version of the poster was produced including top tips for preventing car crime. This postcard was delivered to 8 primary schools in new hotspot areas. These schools also provided with an assembly plan about car crime.

The burglary sub-group of the ACPB continues to deliver the partnership burglary plan. This approach has been recognised as good practice by the MPS Problem solving advisors and members of the sub-group have been invited to deliver a workshop at the Home Office Operation Vigilance conference in November.

Domestic (and Gender Based) Violence Partnership Board

Domestic violence partner agencies and women's groups in the borough are hard at work implementing the far-reaching action plan. This includes actions to combat Trafficking, Rape, Forced Marriage and Female Genital Mutilation.

The Domestic Violence Partnership Board last met on 15th October 2009 and received updates on: A perpetrator programme being run by Haringey's Probation service specifically for Turkish speakers; services Victim Support can offer to DV survivors; the successful scheme offering ongoing support to DV survivors who need

to move out of Haringey for safety reasons, and monitoring progress of the 2nd Haringey Domestic and Gender Based Violence Strategy action plan.

Developments:-

- ❖ **Specialist DV court (SDVC)** - Haringey's SDVC started this autumn and will be formally launched once a few minor operational issues have been ironed out
- ❖ **Drive Out DV Bus/Peace Week** - We had another hugely successful Drive Out DV bus in peace week. This initiative has now been copied by the Home Office who have organised a nation wide Drive Out DV bus tour.
- ❖ **Hearthstone re-launch** - The expanded services at Hearthstone, Haringey's DV advice and support centre, are working well with 11 partners now offering additional services from this centre.
- ❖ **Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC)** - The MARAC is working well and we have submitted evidence to gain accreditation.
- ❖ **Independent Domestic Violence Advocates IDVAs** - We have successfully bid for funding from the Ministry of Justice to continue to fund some of the IDVA service in Haringey. MPS and Haringey Council are also funding the IDVA service using additional funding we receive for having DV stretch performance targets. We are bidding for more funding for IDVAs in future years.

Anti Social Behaviour Partnership Board

Developments:-

- Through the parenting programme the ASBAT has engaged 140 families with no further enforcement action required
- There is a much greater exchange and collaboration between youth services, including very close co-operation and information exchange on gang-related problems (including 2 workers recruited under the Challenge and Support project)
- A review commissioned into links between ASB and alcohol – commenced last month – to examine the demographic profile in the borough; including interviews with key stakeholders
- Victim Support outreach to young people and engagement with schools is progressing steadily
- Under the Home Office Justice Seen, Justice Done programme, Haringey has been awarded additional money for victim support services. A Witness Support Officer for ASB cases in the civil courts – Haringey is ahead of the game according to the Home Office
- YOS Triage prevention has begun in policy custody suites to provide expert assessment and diversion by trained professionals
- ASB is being picked up in a more joined up way through the roll out of Area Based Working Group and zonal working. Problem-solving process is active and strongly weighted towards ASB-type issues. Neighbourhood Managers are now linked in to the process, alongside enforcement officers
- The annual data assessment now includes more ASB-related data sets with more reliable and overlaid information
- The first Community Safety newsletter is due to go to all households at the end of November/early December. This will alternate every other quarter with MET Police Safer Neighbourhoods publications and stories will be reinforced

and co-ordinated. 2009/10 target is 32% satisfaction over a baseline of 28%. 20/11 up to 34%.

- The National ASB Action Plan was published end of October 2009 – incorporating the priorities outlined at the Labour Conference

Hate Crime Steering Group

On 26th February 2009, we launched a new hate crime reporting process at the Bernie Grants Art Centre, following significant consultation and unanimous support. At the launch, attendees representing a diverse range of statutory agencies and voluntary organisations signed a pledge to work together more effectively to address hate crime and encourage reporting.

This new approach is a response to the demand for a clear reporting process and greater awareness-raising of the services in place to respond to these serious and high impact crimes. Since the launch there has been a rise in reports to the Police which may in part be a result of the poster and leaflet campaign.

Developments

- Directory of local organisations that provide support to victims and witnesses of hate crime and harassment including enforcement action against perpetrators now online
- Reporting process evaluated with qualitative feedback incorporated into the hate crime section of the strategic assessment recommendations
- MPS Community Engagement Team's work to date surrounding mental health /disability linked crime is to be considered a model of best practice by the MPA
- Hate Crime Steering group has met during November 2009 with progress noted, gaps identified and actions agreed

Drug and Alcohol Action Board

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.

- **Alcohol:** Haringey did not meet the target of 1579 in 2008-9 for NI39. This is partly due to minimal investment during that period, coupled with any new investment requiring a period of time to have an impact. It is also worth noting that this target is about a decrease in the upward trend/trajectory which inevitably implies that this needs to be looked at over a number of years in order to gauge success.
- Since April 2009, new investment of 100k from the Area Based Grant to support the alcohol strategy was awarded. This has primarily been used to continue to commission, COSMIC - a service supporting children and families affected by substance misuse, a peripatetic detox nurse and targeting repeat admissions through providing continuity of care from hospital to the community/counselling. This is essentially targeting those people who are repeat admissions.

- A further £72k from the Primary Care Trust continues to support brief interventions in hospitals. The Drug and Alcohol Action Team was also successful in the application for the Home Office for 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. The DAAT was unsuccessful in securing any new investment from the PCT in 2009/10 - which means that we are compromised in our ability to meet this target.
- **Adult Drug Treatment:** Haringey has a new target for NI40 of 1064 PDUs in effective treatment for 2009/10. After the first quarter we have reduced in numbers to 989 in June from a high 1024 in April. Treatment agencies are reporting a drop in users coming into the treatment system. A robust action plan is in place to increase the numbers.
- Haringey Adult Drug Misusers Needs Assessment has commenced and is due to report to the DAAT Board at December 2009.
- Young People's Needs Assessment is also underway and is due to report to the Young People's Substance Misuse Commissioning Group in December 2009.

Youth Offending Partnership Board

This board has not met since September and is due to meet in early December 2009. Progress and key information will be relayed to the board at the next meeting.