

**Report for:** Climate, Community Safety and Environment Scrutiny  
Committee – March 2025

**Item number:** To be added by the Committee Section

**Title:** **Metropolitan Police Update Report.**

**Report  
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**Ward(s) affected:** N/A

**1. Describe the issue under consideration**

1.1 This report covers the operations of the Metropolitan Police within the Haringey area.

1.2 The report provides a summary of the work over the last year, as well as overall and top-level crime figures across the borough and a snapshot of initiatives and solutions currently employed to help with these figures.

**2. Recommendations**

2.1 The report is for information.

**3. Reasons for decision**

N/A

**4. Background information**

## **MPS operations and update for the year 2024.**

The year has seen a series of demanding incidents alongside local matters, which led to abstractions of officers from their usual roles. These were notably the disorder through the summer, and continued protest in relation to international events. Despite these abstractions, I am pleased that relentless focus on performance and ensuring Officers are doing 'the right thing, in the right place, at the right time' has led to performance improvements on the previous year.

While there are fluctuations across wards for particular crime types, as indicated on the slide presentation, the headline figures for Haringey for the 12 months from January to December 2024:

- 21% reduction in robbery
- 3.5% reduction in burglary
- 9% reduction in theft of motor vehicle
- 16% reduction in theft from motor vehicle
- 50% reduction in homicides from 6 to 3
- 19% reduction in violence with injury
- 1.4% reduction in knife crime

Together, it is positive that these reductions have meant that there has been Less Crime, and for each of these less victims – in fact over 1000 fewer victims of crimes in Haringey last year.

In relation to increases in crime on a year to date bases, there is notably a 24% rise in 'theft from person' offences throughout 2024. This is a significant area we are focusing on. We are not alone as a borough in this rise, and across London the rise in theft is 40%. Continued problem solving is ongoing with retail premises to understand crime recording and deterrents, Partners including BTP, TfL, and the local authority.

We are pleased to see the recognition from HMICFRS that the Metropolitan Police as a force has been taken out of the 'Engage' phase of assessment. This was an enhanced level of monitoring put in place in June 2022 following HMICFRS' assessment of issues with call handling, professional standards, and systematic failures across the force, and a year later there were findings in relation to sexual and criminal exploitation of children added. After significant pieces of work to make changes to these areas, and a detailed revisit from the HMICFRS, it has closed all the causes of concern and the force has completed the associated recommendations.

As we move into 2025, there are a number of areas we have in focus.

- Ensuring we are focused on Policing Principles, to maximise effectiveness of our community crime fighting and delivery of service.
- We continue to make significant progress in relation to our Offender Management (currently with the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest volume of outstanding named suspects in the MPS).

- We have achieved more efficient investigations with the introduction of a local Crime Management Unit to review and allocate investigations more effectively. This has reduced officer workloads by 10 cases per officer and improved the supervision timings on cases.
- We are achieving staffing uplifts into Public Protection to ensure a focus on sexual offences.
- We are in the process of creating a Local Missing-persons Hub to ensure oversight in risk-assessments and timeliness on reports of missing persons.