

Title: CSP Theme Reducing Reoffending

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Ward(s) affected: Key crime wards

Report for Key/Non-Key Decision: Non key decision

1. Describe the issue under consideration

- 1.1 Community Safety Partnership Boards they are now themed around the key priorities of the Community Safety Strategy 2024-2027 and are linked to the drivers of crime and anti-social behaviour.
- 1.2 Previously these themes have been focused on anti-social behaviour, violence against women and girls, serious youth violence and exploitation, victims.
- 1.3 The theme for this Board will be on Reducing Reoffending and will be in the form of a workshop where facilitators will be leading table discussions about the work your service does around supporting offenders' rehabilitation and resettlement in the community.
- 1.4 Reducing re-offending and supporting offender resettlement is a key priority of the Community Safety Strategy 2024-2027 and this can often present significant challenges to services working with ex-offenders or those subject to statutory supervision whilst on licence or community supervision. In order to support offenders and target interventions effectively psychological research has identified several factors which either enhance and or decrease the risk and likelihood of offender recidivism. These are commonly known as criminogenic risk factors and include a range of individual offender needs or deficits in the following areas.
- Alcohol misuse
 - Drug misuse
 - accommodation
 - mental health
 - education/employment history
 - Pro-criminal attitudes
 - Pro-criminal thinking and behaviour
 - Lifestyle and associates'

- familial/interpersonal relationships
- 1.5 The workshop will involve colleagues from the various services working with offenders and or victims, facilitating on the following themed areas,
- Supporting offenders on release
 - Mental Health/Continuity of care/drug treatment
 - Employment/Training
 - Housing
 - Supporting victims of Domestic Abuse
- 1.6 The focus of the workshop will be on generating discussion around the knowledge and understanding of the issues faced by ex-offenders and those subject to statutory supervision, and the discussion will be focused on questions relating to
- What services are doing in this space
 - What are the challenges, gaps and opportunities
 - What would your service need from the Board to facilitate this work

2. Recommendations

That the Board:

- 2.1 Note the opportunities and challenges in working with ex-offenders.
- 2.2 Consider actioning any recommendations or suggestions that may arise from the broader discussions to support offenders to reduce reoffending.

3. Reasons for decision n/a

4. Alternative options considered n/a

5. Background information

- 5.1 Haringey has a signed agreement with the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime to contribute to tackling the mayor's priority crimes. The agreement is accompanied by a grant of £553K per year for 2022-2025. This is allocated across seven areas: Drug treatment intervention to reduce reoffending; an integrated Gang Exit Programme; Hate crime prevention; Advocacy and support to victims of domestic violence; Cross-borough support to ASB victims and witnesses (Haringey and Enfield); A dedicated Pentonville Prison worker; Gangs outreach.

- 5.2 Quarterly returns are required which give considerable detail about our expenditure and performance to date. Haringey has an excellent reputation for compliance on both fronts.
- 5.3 Performance monitoring occurs in between Community Safety Partnership board meetings and attendance includes the holders of KPIs, the budget holders and statutory partners such as the police.

6. Contribution to strategic outcomes

- 6.1 This work contributes to the Mayor of London's Policing and Crime Plan 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), Violent Crime Action Plan and the Community Safety Strategy.
- 6.2 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.

7. Statutory Officers comments (Chief Finance Officer (including procurement), Assistant Director of Corporate Governance, Equalities) n/a

Finance and Procurement

The LCPF funding supports existing Community Safety workstreams. Quarterly returns are required which give considerable detail about our expenditure and performance to date. Haringey has an excellent reputation for compliance on both fronts.

Legal

n/a

Equality

There is an inherent impact on equalities of much of our community safety work and this is presented and discussed at the Community Safety Partnership meetings. This includes the peak age of offending being between 16 and 24; a very high percentage of young black males (mostly of African-Caribbean origin) involved in street-based violence (approx. 80%); the impact of domestic and sexual violence on women and girls; high concentrations of crime occurring in areas of deprivation; and vulnerable individuals and communities becoming victims of hate crime.

This report considers the areas of challenge in direct correlation with the impact on victims, especially vulnerable victims. In this respect, significant attention is being given to the disproportionate impact.

8. Use of Appendices n/a

9. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
n/a