

Title: Haringey Community Safety Strategic Assessment 2026 (March 2026)

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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 This report summarises the key findings from the Haringey Community Safety Strategic Assessment 2026.
- 1.2 The Strategic Assessment is a statutory requirement of all Community Safety Partnerships in England and Wales. The purpose of the strategic assessment of crime and disorder is to help decision makers set the strategic priorities for the future, including the Haringey Community Safety strategy, Borough Plan and other related strategies. It should also be used to support future commissioning processes, including the commissioning of intelligence products and more detailed problem profiles (e.g. for agreed priorities and where there are key information gaps), to gain a better understanding of crime, fear of crime, anti-social behaviour and offenders.
- 1.3 It should be noted that overall crime in Haringey increased by 2% in 2025. Haringey has noted an increase of 4% as compared to the 3-year baseline. London as a whole experienced a 3% reduction in total crime during 2025.
- 1.4 Several high-harm crime types showed continued pressure. Drug offences increased sharply (+43%), driven by significant rises in trafficking and possession across nearly all wards. Sexual offences also rose (+9%) and remain above long-term averages.
- 1.5 Conversely, a number of acquisitive crime categories recorded sustained reductions. Residential burglary fell by 11%, theft from the person by 10%, theft from motor vehicles by 11%, and theft of motor vehicles by 6%, with most wards contributing to these declines.
- 1.6 Robbery of personal property decreased by 6%, remaining below the 4-year average; however, hotspots persist and ward-level variability remains high.
- 1.7 Violence Against the Person increased overall (+5%), though key sub-categories saw positive reductions: non-domestic violence with injury reduced by 11% and youth violence fell significantly by 24%.

- 1.8 Knife crime reduced by 18%, with decreases across 15 wards and levels now below the 4-year average. Gun crime also fell by 9%, in line with wider London trends.
- 1.9 Recorded levels of domestic abuse rose notably (+10%), including increases in domestic abuse with injury (+3%), with most wards experiencing year-on-year growth.
- 1.10 Hate crime increased by 4%, with the largest rises observed in disability hate crime (+40%) and racist & religious hate crime (+5%), although overall levels remain below the 4-year average.
- 1.11 Partnership activity remains intensive across priority areas, with continued focus on violence reduction, vulnerability, exploitation, drugs supply, ASB, and community reassurance. Analysis supports maintaining emphasis on high-harm crime types, violence reduction, and place-based hotspot approaches.
- 1.12 Performance in most areas has been similar to the crime trends noted across London as a whole and better than the performance of a number of other boroughs. Haringey has experienced one of the largest reductions in personal robbery in recent years, of all London boroughs

2. Recommendations

That the Board:

- 2.1 Note the content of the Community Safety Strategic Assessment, which highlights the changes to crime performance, as well as key hotspots and areas of further consideration.
- 2.2 Consider any trends from the assessment that partners may wish to focus and engage on.

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 and the London Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) to contribute to tackling the priority crimes. The agreement is accompanied by grant funding, which is allocated across priority areas, to tackle serious violence, vulnerability and exploitation in Haringey.

- 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 Violence and Vulnerability Reduction Action Plan (VVRAP).
- 6.2 Officers and partners work strategically across related work areas and boards such as the Community Safety Partnership, Youth Offending, Safeguarding Children and Adults, Health and Wellbeing, Regeneration, Early Help.

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

n/a

8. Finance and Procurement

- 8.1 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.

9. Legal

n/a

10. Equality

- 10.1 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.

- 10.2 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.

11. Use of Appendices

Presentation at Community Safety Partnership

