



Haringey Council

## Report to Haringey Community Safety Partnership

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**Report title:** End of year performance, gang related funding

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### 1. Purpose:

To report of key outcomes under the gang related funding secured from the Home Office and Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) during 2012/13.

### 2. Ending Gangs and Youth Violence Programme:

The borough received £199,074 during 2012/13 from the Home Office, to develop long-term and sustainable violence reduction strategies that focused on early intervention as well as enforcement and routes out of violent lifestyles.

#### Key programme outcomes:

Nacro were commissioned to deliver the **Gang Exit Project** from September 2013. This project provides intensive casework challenge and support for up to 20 gang involved individuals aged 14-25 years. There have been 19 referrals to the project, 13 are now active cases.

- 64% of the caseload have reduced their offending and have not come to police notice since engaging with the project.
- 4 young people required and received mentoring support via Nacro's volunteer mentor coordinator
- 50% of young people referred into the project have engaged in education, training or employment; however sustainment for these clients have been challenging at times. 30% remain in education, training and employment at present.
- 69% are in settled accommodation

Nacro are currently contracted to continue the project until the end of June 2013. The borough has secured MOPAC funding for the majority of the project costs for 2013/14 on a payment by results basis. Nacro are in the process of submitting bids and exploring the potential for 'in kind' matched funding for the remaining project costs.

The Youth Offending Service (YOS) worked with Leap Confronting Conflict to develop and deliver a **Violence Reduction Programme** for YOS clients. The

programme has been developed, 20 participants have benefited. Feedback from participants has been overwhelmingly positive and their case managers have reported improved compliance and behaviour. YOS staff have been trained to deliver the programme in the future and will be delivering at least three per year.

All Primary Schools in the borough were invited to attend the **Ben Kinsella Knife Crime Exhibition**. This is a powerful, educational exhibition which teaches children and young people about the devastating consequences of knife related crime. Eleven schools attended and 566 young people benefited from the exhibition. Feedback from school staff and students was excellent. The Youth Offending Service Prevention Team has followed up with their Weapons Awareness programme delivered in partnership with the British Red Cross.

Victim Support was commissioned to deliver a **young victims project**. A coordinator was recruited and has been in post since December 2012. 115 referrals have been received, of these referrals, 69 required emotional, practical or advocacy support. Referrals range from 9 years-25 years old. The most common type of offence was assault resulting in Actual Bodily Harm (ABH), and Robbery.

This post is match funded from the Community Safety Fund and will continue until December 2013. The Community Safety Team is working with Youth Community & Participation Service to look at funding opportunities for this post beyond 2013.

The borough has made 3 referrals to the **Safe and Secure scheme**, two of whom are currently in interim accommodation. All 3 referrals are receiving transformational support from the St Giles Trust. This scheme is managed by the Safer London Foundation and provides rehabilitation for gang members who wish to move away from this activity by re-housing them away from their home borough. The process of referring to the scheme is complex and the target number of referrals from Haringey for 2012/13 was 2. Haringey is represented on the London wide steering group for the scheme and will continue to benefit from the scheme into 2013/14.

Our **prison in-reach** work has developed significantly as a direct result of the EGYV funding. Match funding was provided to Pentonville Prison for the recruitment of an Integrated Offender Management Officer responsible for support offenders with a Haringey home address while in custody and immediately on release.

Funding was also used to recruit an additional Serious Youth Violence Worker in the YOS with specific responsibility for **custody based interventions** with young people convicted of violent offences. The key outcome of this work has been to develop a working relationship with Feltham Young Offenders Institute (YOI) and deliver one to one work with 8 young people while in custody. These individuals have demonstrated improved communication, reduced involvement in violent incidents in custody and a motivation to re-engage in education, training and employment on release. The YOS have decided to maintain this post during 2013/14; the work will continue in Feltham and will be expanded to other YOIs where possible. The post holder will also be working with colleagues from neighbouring boroughs to deliver the positive pathways group work programme in Feltham.

### **3. Communities Against Guns Gangs and Knives Fund**

The Borough received £44,730 CAGGK funding from the MOPAC for 2012/13. The purpose of the funding was to reduce the number of young people killed or seriously injured by a gun or knife enabled assault. In Haringey, gun and knife enabled offences committed by 10-19 year olds have reduced by 30% compared with the same period last year.

#### Key project outcomes

**The Empower young women's** project has engaged with 43 young women in 3 schools in the borough. The project is designed to address young women's experiences of and involvement in gangs. The project addresses self esteem, reducing risky behaviour and understanding what constitutes a healthy / unhealthy relationship. The young women participating in the project have reported increased confidence, improved strategies for staying safe, understanding the consequences of actions and behaviour and that they are aware of where to get support.

The **Year 10 Knife Crime Awareness** Project was delivered in 10 Secondary schools in the borough, 1490 young people aged 14 and 15 benefited. The project provides a 60 minute presentation, consisting of video and live personal testimonies from those directly affected by knife crime and serious youth violence. All participating schools were also provided a real time, interactive online discussion forum as part of the follow-up work. Through Unity, the charity delivering the project, are working with local schools to access funding to continue the programme during 2013/14.

The **YOS and Red Cross Weapons Awareness** programme was completed by 463 young people; 42 YOS clients and 413 Primary School pupils. The aim of the programme is to improve participants' understanding of the consequences of carrying weapons, to reduce offending by participants and to provide basic first aid training. Re-offending rates have been examined, up until the end of 2012, for young people completing the course since September 2012, the rate is approximately 30% lower than that recorded for the YOS caseload overall. Young people also completed an evaluation feedback form and nearly 60% strongly agreed with the statement 'I feel confident that I will not carry a weapon'. The YOS and Red Cross will continue to deliver the programme during 2013/14.