

Report for: Environment and Community Safety Scrutiny Panel

Item number:

Title: Prevent Strategy Update

Report authorised by : **Charlotte Pomery, Assistant Director, Commissioning**

Lead Officer: **Christina Andrew, Prevent Policy Officer**

Ward(s) affected: N/A

Report for Key/

Non Key Decision: Non key-decision

1. Describe the issue under consideration

1.1 The report provides an update to the Environment and Community Safety Scrutiny Panel on the delivery of the Prevent Strategy in Haringey.

2. Cabinet Member Introduction

2.1 Not applicable

3. Recommendations

3.1 That the Panel note the commencement of the Dovetail Pilot which will run in Haringey from October 2016 – October 2017. The Panel should also consider requesting an update at the end of this period on the success of the pilot in Haringey and whether or not this will be taken forward as national policy.

4. Reasons for decision

n/a

5. Alternative options considered

n/a

6. Background information

6.1 Haringey is a Prevent priority authority, meaning we attract funding for the post of Prevent Coordinator. The Coordinator's role is to:

- act as local expert for strategy and delivery
- develop and manage the local Prevent strategy
- devise and implement projects

- work in partnership with other sectors and the community, with outreach where these groups are less engaged.

Delivery of Prevent is funded in Haringey by the Office of Security and Counter Terrorism (OSCT) which has an oversight of annual delivery plans, funding, monitoring and evaluation of projects delivered by Local Authorities. At a local level all Prevent work is led strategically by the Haringey Prevent Delivery Group (HPDG) which is a partnership group and reports on a cyclical basis to the Community Safety Partnership (CSP).

- 6.2 Quarterly returns to the OSCT are required and these give considerable detail about our performance to date.
- 6.3 Haringey is one of several Local Authorities across the country selected to take part in the Dovetail Pilot which sees the Local Authority taking more responsibility for the function of the Channel Panel from police, who remain key partners along with health and schools. Participation in the Channel process is voluntary and aligns well with the local authority's wider safeguarding duties. The Local Authority is now leading on assessing cases and holding initial meetings with those referred to Channel, where appropriate. The Local Authority will also take responsibility for commissioning Intervention Providers and other appropriate professionals to provide support to individuals where this is recognised as useful.
- 6.4 Work is ongoing with council services and partner agencies to ensure staff are sufficiently trained to recognise individuals who may be vulnerable to extremism. The Channel Panel membership reflects the range of needs of people referred for support from Channel. For example, in response to the high proportion of referrals that need mental health input, the council has secured clinical representation on the Channel Panel to provide specialised advice on how best to support these individuals. We are working with NHS England via the Safeguarding Adults Lead locally to ensure that mental health services are referring proportionately to the Panel.
- 6.5 The number of hate crime incidents in Haringey has increased over the last quarter, which reflects the picture across London. There may be a number of factors which have affected this rise and we are exploring the extent to which the June referendum may have had an impact on the incidence of hate crimes in the borough.
- 6.6 Third party reporting training has been delivered to several faith institutions, RSLs and voluntary and community sector organisations in Haringey. More sessions are being planned for February 2017 to ensure that there are a range of organisations able support people in reporting hate crime, providing additional options for people who may not feel comfortable reporting directly to police or using the internet to do so.

- 6.7 Haringey is receiving funding from the Home Office to deliver two community based projects in 2016/17. Web Guardians is delivered by the Jan Trust, providing workshops for mothers to build knowledge on internet usage and online safety for their children. The Young Leaders Project is being delivered in CONEL and Haringey Sixth Form College, building young people's leadership skills whilst educating them on the Prevent strategy and related issues such as community cohesion and engagement.
- 6.8 Prevent training has been delivered in all schools across the borough. Governors also receive Prevent training to ensure they can monitor the implementation of the strategy in their schools. Refresher sessions are being delivered to school's Senior Leadership Teams and/or Designated Safeguarding Officers as part of the Continued Professional Development programme. In meeting the requirements of Haringey's Prevent Delivery Plan, all schools and council services have a Prevent specific section in their policies, and most council services now have a SPoC trained in recognising the signs of vulnerability to extremism, and how to report concerns.
- 6.9 The Haringey Prevent Delivery Group meets quarterly to scrutinise the Delivery Plan and take contributions from community partners to support the council's work on Prevent. Emerging issues are also covered at this strategic meeting which provides an update to partners on the local and national Prevent picture.

7. Contribution to strategic outcomes

- 7.1 This work contributes to the Home Office's Prevent Strategy; Haringey's Corporate Plan priority 3 and the Haringey Community Safety Strategy 2013 – 2017.
- 7.2 Officers and partners work strategically across related work areas and boards such as, Safeguarding Children and Adults, Community Safety and Early Help.

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

Finance

n/a

Legal services

n/a

Equalities

9. Use of Appendices

10. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985