

## Project Highlight Report

<b>Programme Name:</b>	<b>SafetyNet</b>	<b>Project Name:</b>	<b>Crime, Drugs and Disorder Reduction</b>
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<b>Period Covered:</b>	<b>01/01/08- 29/02/08</b>	<b>Date Completed:</b>	<b>20/03/2008</b>

### Budget Status

The PCT has revised its projected under-spend of the Adult Pooled Substance Misuse Treatment Budget to £230k from a budget of £2.4 million. The under-spend arose from delays in acquiring premises to host new provision. A commitment has been given that any under-spend will be carried forward to 2008/09.

TJAG expenditure is now on target and it is anticipated that full SSCF expenditure will take place.

The DIP budget (£925k) expenditure continues to conform to the budget profile. The Young People's Substance Misuse Joint Commissioning Group projects that the Partnership Grant (£497k) from government will be utilised fully.

### Progress during Period

Board members will know that crime reduction performance is measured against a group of crime types drawn from the British Crime Survey to enable comparison between different areas. Comparator crimes in Waltham Forest are reducing at a rate (12%) that is greater than both the regional (8.4%) and sub-regional (8.2%) averages. Waiting times for drug treatment places have continued to improve, with 99% of users waiting no more than 3 weeks. The proportion of drug users retained in treatment continues to increase (up from 59% in April 07 to 79% in January 08) as has the number of drug users in drug treatment (992 between April 07 and January 08), including the number of drug using offenders arrested for acquisitive crime offences.

Following the completion of the annual strategic assessment SafetyNet's priorities for the coming year will be:

- Drug and alcohol related harm
- Robbery
- Youth violence
- Anti-social behaviour
- Domestic Violence
- Burglary
- Car crime.

The consumption of drugs and alcohol is understood to be a key driver of crime, ill-health and family breakdown and will be tackled through joined up action between the Drug Action Team (led by the PCT), ASB Project Board (led by the Council) and Acquisitive Crime Project Board (led by the Police). A new focus on reducing young people's involvement in robbery, knife, gun and gang-related incidents will be led through the Youth Crime Prevention Board, with high-level representation from the Council (Community Safety and Children Services), Police, Probation and NHS.

SafetyNet will increase its neighbourhood focus to delivery, starting with the borough's 5 priority neighbourhoods. You should see a more joined up approach, particularly between the Council and the Police, in those areas as a result.

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In the last two months progress in delivering against the agreed action plans includes:

- The partnership strategic assessment has been delivered
- A multi-agency planning day involving all key partners was held to facilitate completion of the partnership plan
- Submission of Adult Drug Treatment Strategic Overview (rated good by regional panel)
- Submission of draft Young People's Substance Misuse Plan (awaiting feedback)
- A pilot peer drug education project targeting Muslim parents of Pakistani origin was successfully completed and plans are taking shape to roll out the methodology to other groups
- Actions taken to reduce disparity in treatment outcomes for white male opiate users and black male crack users have been successful according to the most recently available data
- The tendering process for the new hate crime and domestic violence provision commenced
- Street Wardens have participated in two enforcement operations in High Street / Markhouse Wards and this resulted in the issuing of 15 Fixed Penalty Notices
- Street Wardens delivered three anti-bullying presentations in primary schools
- A Safer Schools Plan continues at Tom Hood School focussing on safe travel, reducing access to cigarettes, alcohol and solvents, increased youth involvement and awareness of dangers of knives and guns
- CCTV independent visitors scheme is now ready to be implemented
- An ASB database has been purchased and training in its use has been undertaken.

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### To be Completed in the Next Period

The following key outputs should be completed in the next period:

- Completion and publication of the Partnership Plan 2008/11
- Completion of the Partnership Handbook 2008/09
- Commencement of the new Hate Crime and Domestic Violence provision
- Awarding the contracts for community based drug treatment provision
- Tendering and award of contract for Criminal Justice Intervention Team
- Evaluation of equalities data in relation to ASB.