

Project Highlight Report

Programme Name:	SafetyNet	Project Name:	Crime, Disorder and Drugs Reduction
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Budget Status

Expenditure is fully on track in relation to Primary Care Trust (PCT) Pooled Treatment Budget and Drug Intervention Programme Budget. An amount of £25K remains to be allocated within the Young People's Substance Misuse Budget; the newly formed Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)/Substance Misuse commissioning group will carry out this task in due course.

Safe and Strong Communities Funding (SSCF) expenditure is broadly on target and all expenditure has been committed according to plan.

Progress during Period

- We have been selected by the Home Office to participate as a Pioneer Area in the delivery of a new area of policy to improve public confidence in cutting crime and delivering justice at neighbourhood level, attracting new resources to the borough as a consequence
- First meeting of newly constituted Anti Social Behaviour (ASB)/Hate Crime Project Board took place on 19th September as planned
- A new target-hardening contract was procured to improve home security against residential burglary as planned.
- The new European Social Fund (ESF) Employment Project "Going the Distance" commenced its delivery phase as planned. Recruitment to substantive posts is underway and in the meantime the project will focus on 2 subgroups of the target audience: those offenders who are subject to a community sentence with a Drug Rehabilitation Requirement, and those drug users who are sufficiently stable in their treatment to be eligible for "shared care"
- The Partnership Strategic Assessment for 0809 was presented to the Executive at a special meeting on 29th September
- Our Drug Intervention Programme was reviewed by the National Treatment Agency (NTA) on 21st October at which areas of performance improvement were acknowledged and an action plan for further performance improvement was agreed
- Our drug treatment services were rated as excellent by the Health Care Commission for the way in which they respond to and meet the needs of diverse communities and give access to residential treatment
- The PCT appointed a temporary alcohol strategy lead and he will work jointly there and within the Community Safety Team
- Our new specialist legal advice service for victims of domestic violence and hate crime (Report It!) was formally launched on 30th September at a well-attended event
- An interim evaluation of our programme for perpetrators of domestic violence suggests positive results including a reduction in the repeat victimisation rate of between 87.5% and 89.3%
- A 6 month contract extension has been negotiated for the Alcohol Brief Intervention from 31st October

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- Partners participated in a major presentation to Overview and Scrutiny about knife crime on 14th October. The event was well attended, highly successful in building further consensus for action, and will result in formal recommendations from the joint committee
- Projects were delivered to coincide with Inside Justice Week from 18th October
- Summer Crime Prevention Week is complete and Winter Crime Prevention Week is being planned
- 2 successful Motor Vehicle crime days held in south and north of borough
- A production of “Ma Kelly’s Doorstep” highlighting dangers of distraction burglary was delivered to an audience of 70 people
- We are continuing to promote blue badge protectors to prevent their theft
- Our residential burglary performance clinic report continues to be updated with partnership responses.
- We obtained Anti Social Behaviour Order (ASBO) on conviction for Street Gambler in High Street Area; this was the first of this kind across England & Wales
- We have established a project board to oversee the delivery of the tender for the CCTV monitoring services, currently undertaken at Enfield CCTV Control room. The new contract will also include the option to undertake parking enforcement
- The Alcohol Restriction Zone applications in the Walthamstow High Street and Leytonstone High Street areas was approved by full council on the 16th October and will be in effect from Monday 10th November 2008
- The Council ASB & CCTV Team is back to full compliment of personnel
- Considerable ASB enforcement activity has taken place during the period resulting in:
 - 1 Post-conviction Anti Social Behaviour Order
 - 1 Interim post-conviction Anti Social Behaviour Order
 - 11 Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABC): 3 for persistent Street Drinkers, 8 with young people
 - 27 Warning Letters: 4 to persistent street drinkers, 12 to owner-occupiers and 11 to a group of young people
 - 2 interviewed for ABC but refused to sign
 - 3 referrals to the Youth Inclusion and Support Panel (YISP)
 - 2 post ABC Warning Letters
 - 2 post ABC interviews with police
- An ASB Consortium Group for Priory Court has been established and 2 meetings held
- Significant efforts were invested in community tension monitoring in the wake of the murder of CJ Hendricks in both the Leyton and Priory Court areas in order to reduce the risk of reprisal attacks. Close working between the Council’s Community Safety Team, Integrated Youth Support Service and Team Leyton has resulted in a number of developments in that area. No reprisals are known to have occurred.

Performance and Risk Update

Description	Likelihood	Impact	Countermeasures
<p>NI 15 Serious violence rate:</p> <p>There are currently no accurate data to determine our performance against this indicator. Gun crime and knife crime rates are down on last year.</p>	<p>The likelihood of underperformance is provisionally assessed as low</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Enhanced policing, diversion and community reassurance measures have been put in place in response to recent high profile violent crime incidents. Our strategic an operational approach is kept under continual review.</p>

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<p>NI 16 Serious acquisitive crime rate</p> <p>We are off-track against this indicator as a consequence of a significant increase in the residential burglary rate. The robbery rate is also off track</p>	High	High	A performance clinic was held on 5 August and identified actions for the Acquisitive Crime Prevention Board to pursue and the plan is continually updated. We have been offered additional financial support from GOL to tackle burglary and a bid is being worked up.
<p>NI 17 Perceptions of ASB</p> <p>A target will be set against this indicator following the Survey of Place, but see below for risks in relation to perceptions of community safety, which includes perceptions of ASB.</p>	High	High	Our Residents' Panel survey indicates a worsening of perceptions. The level of perceptions indicated in the survey is off target. Please see below: Local Area Agreement (LAA) Reward Target – improving perceptions of community safety for countermeasures
<p>NI 40 The number of drug users in effective treatment</p> <p>We have now received Q1 data and are on target, but provider arrangements changed in June with the award of contracts to Turning Point who, alongside Northeast London Foundation Trust are the two main providers in the borough.</p>	The likelihood is treated as High owing to recent change in providers	Treated as High owing to link between performance and our resource allocation	The DAT has established a monthly performance board to which all providers account for any under-performance and share good practice

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<p>NI 111 First time entrants to the Youth Justice System</p> <p>We are currently awaiting performance data</p>	Low	Medium	Previously agreed measures are still in place in relation to this indicator, and performance was good last year
<p>NI 144 % of offenders in employment at the end of their period of supervision by Probation</p> <p>We outperformed the target the target in Q1 and Q2, although less so in Q2</p>	Low	Medium	We are developing plans to maintain this level of performance in partnership with National Offender Management Service.
<p>LAA Reward Target: Reducing common assault and wounding</p> <p>We are on target against this indicator but there has been a recent increase in reported incidents of domestic violence, which are likely to be categorised as common assault or wounding crimes</p>	Low	High	We are currently on track in relation to this indicator, but analysis is required to identify cause of increase in domestic violence incidents. Failure to reach this target will result in the loss of Reward Grant.
<p>LAA Reward Target: Improving perceptions of community safety</p> <p>The most recent residents' panel survey indicates deterioration in perceptions of ASB and fear of crime, and these are now off target, based upon this proxy measure. Recent high profile violent crime is likely to have had a negative impact on perceptions.</p>	High	High	<p>The <i>Our Area Matters</i> campaign will tackle environmental ASB on a ward basis over the course of the remainder of the financial year. A specialist communications officer for community safety is working specifically to improve residents' perceptions of community safety. Our Tactical Joint Action Group (TJAG) has been re-focused in 2008/09 to concentrate on neighbourhood crime and grime issues and each Better Neighbourhood Initiative neighbourhood will have its own community safety plan.</p> <p>We have been successful in bidding to become part of a new pilot programme to improve public confidence in delivering community safety. This work will commence in November 08 through to March 10.</p>
OTHER RISKS			
<p>DV and Sexual Violence Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences has been delayed until January No revenue funding available for the Sanctuary Scheme New terms of reference have been developed in draft form to ensure that the remit of the group and its links to others e.g. Local Safeguarding Children Board are clearly mapped out. They remain to be approved 	<p>High</p> <p>High</p> <p>Low</p>	<p>High</p> <p>Medium</p> <p>Medium</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are advised that MPS resources have been identified but this remains to be confirmed. Sanctuary will continue but at a reduced volume The DV coordinator will conduct this piece of work.
<p>DAT</p> <p>The new open access service still lacks a service hub. A detailed specification is being drawn up by the Council and will be commissioned out, but the refurbishment project will not be complete until late spring 2009.</p>	Medium	High	Satellite provision is in operation, but will inevitably impact negatively on numbers presenting for treatment. Provider exploring outreach options in WF.

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<p>ASB/Hate Crime Project Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess the extension of enforcement powers to Registered Social Landlords and instigate joint patrols with tenancy enforcement officer and highways enforcement team - project plan not yet completed Tender a research specification to explore Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Trans experience of crime and victimisation 	<p>Medium</p> <p>High</p>	<p>Medium</p> <p>Medium</p>	<p>Every effort is being made to resolve both risks within the next reporting period.</p>
<p>Youth Crime Prevention Board</p> <p>A delay in developing effective links between the Persistent Absence Project and Youth Offending Team has occurred and this will hamper efforts to ensure that young offenders have their needs met through education provision</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>Children and Young People's Directorate SMT are considering countermeasures.</p>
<p>Acquisitive Crime Prevention Board</p> <p>A project plan to deliver a crime prevention initiative targeting people with a learning disability has slipped</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>Every effort is being made to resolve the slippage.</p>
<p>Borough Criminal Justice Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enforcement action against drug using offenders who don't comply with Drug Intervention Programme (DIP) is weak. Furthermore, issues with data management software system are hampering DIP performance management. Completion rate for those subject to Drug Rehabilitation Requirement is running at 34% of target 	<p>Medium</p> <p>High</p> <p>High</p>	<p>High</p> <p>High</p> <p>High</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing Chair to convene a detailed handover meeting for stakeholders prior to handing over to clarify roles and consider performance improvement action plan Difficulties with software system are being experienced by a number of boroughs using the same software. WF is leading a consortium of commissioning boroughs in order to resolve with the software provider. Probation to investigate and develop an improvement plan; these offenders are likely to engage in serious acquisitive crime

To be Completed in the Next Period

- A high level delegation will visit the Home Office re Youth Crime Action Plan funding on 6th November
- A bid will be made to Government Office London for additional monies to tackle residential burglary by 7th November
- A bid will be made to MPS for funds to tackle alcohol misuse by 7th November
- Report to Performance Improvement Scrutiny Committee on 12th November on poor performance against NI 16 (serious acquisitive crime)

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- The new Neighbourhood Crime and Justice Co-ordinator post will be created
- Public consultation on community safety priorities will commence
- Action planning in relation to community safety priorities will commence
- The NTA will carry out a review of drug treatment performance with Chief Officers of the Council, PCT, Police and Probation Service on 27th November
- Our Winter Crime Prevention Campaign will commence on 29th November with an event in Leyton and run through to 17th December with an event in the Town Square to coincide with Our Area Matters in High Street Ward
- Our substance misuse needs assessments for adults and young people will be completed in December
- Our Area Matters [multi service operation] being delivered in Valley and Higham Hill Wards week commencing 24.11.08 and High Street ward week commencing 15.12.08
- CCTV van being deployed to Safer Neighbourhood Team wards on rotational basis 3pm – 10pm
- Halloween and Firework Night partnership action plan delivered with reduction in anti social behaviour compared with same period 2007.
- Themed enforcement activity for November is Dog Fouling and for December is Nuisance Vehicles (Sale/Repair of Vehicles on the Highway)