

EXTERNAL SERVICES SELECT COMMITTEE - SAFER HILLINGDON PARTNERSHIP PERFORMANCE MONITORING

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HEADLINES

Members are to scrutinise performance of the Safer Hillingdon Partnership Plan 2019/20 from April to September (quarters one and two). They have also specifically requested more detailed information in relation to action taken by the SHP to address the issues of knife crime, Safer Neighbourhoods and drugs and partners' perspective on Serenity Integrated Mentoring.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the External Services Select Committee notes the content of the report and seeks clarification about matters of concern in the Borough.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Within the London Borough of Hillingdon, headline themes are as follows:

Knife Crime - The crime rates, as evidenced from the MOPAC Weapon Enabled Crime Dashboard, for the period July 2016-July 2019, show 367 knife crime offences within the London Borough of Hillingdon. The highest number of offences are noted within the wards of Townfield (51 offences), Botwell (34 offences) and Barnhill (29 offences). These knife crime offence totals are slightly higher than the London Borough of Hounslow (354 offences) but considerably lower than the London Borough of Ealing (520 recorded knife crime offences).

Safer Neighbourhoods – With the commencement of the West Area Basic Command Unit (BCU) structure (comprising Ealing, Hounslow and Hillingdon), launched on 6 June 2018, some minor operational obstacles were experienced. However, these have been managed and resolved and evidence indicates that the majority of criminality in the West Area is taking place within Ealing and Hounslow.

In Quarter 1, April-June 2019, Safer Neighbourhood Partnership (SNP) issues are listed as Residential Burglaries, Theft, Drugs and Violence. Within the London Borough of Hillingdon, statistics show:

- 460 residential burglaries - June 2019: Police database - Iquanta
- 1664 violence without injury incidents - June 2019: Police database - Iquanta
- 181 personal property offences - June 2019: Police database - Iquanta
- 636 thefts from inside the motor vehicle - June 2019: Safer Neighbourhoods Board (SNB) MOPAC <http://data.london.gov.uk/resources/snb-dashboard/>

- 202 stolen vehicles - SNB MOPAC <http://data.london.gov.uk/resources/snb-dashboard/>
- 2,353 ASBs reported to Police - June 2019: SNB MOPAC <http://data.london.gov.uk/resources/snb-dashboard/>
- 740 DV incidents reported - June 2019: SNB MOPAC <http://data.london.gov.uk/resources/snb-dashboard/>

Drugs – Supply and misuse within the London Borough of Hillingdon remain a constant challenge. Moreover, with the broader rise in County Lines criminality, child sexual exploitation and coercive control, it is critical that pro-activity is demonstrated in meeting these challenges. Between July 2017 and July 2019, the number of Stop & Search incidents for drugs across London totalled 25,193¹.

The Metropolitan Police Stop & Search Dashboard provides the following statistics for stop and search in the West Area BCU:

- Hillingdon - 9,707 incidences (2.6%);
- Hounslow - 11,487 incidences (3.12%); and
- Ealing - 12,318 incidences (3.7%).

SHP Plan

There is a requirement to provide information specific to one of the key priorities of the Safer Hillingdon Partnership Plan 2019/20, namely Theme 2 - Reduce Violence. The London Borough of Hillingdon remains committed to meeting priorities through the Safer Hillingdon Partnership Plan 2019/20 via a single agency approach, stakeholder collaboration and with residents to achieve a reduction in violent crime within the Borough.

This includes specific programmed activities currently being undertaken in the following areas:

- Mapping Controlled Drugs & Psychoactive Substance Use in the London Borough of Hillingdon;
- Targeted Problem Solving; and
- Engaging Ears, Eyes and Excellence in collaboration with the Hillingdon Safer Neighbourhood Board.

As a partnership, the focus has been around collaboration. As a consequence, effective links have been built with critical partners such as Community PayBack (Community Rehabilitation Company established 18 May 2019) who are able to now deliver community sentencing Borough-wide and meet a community need to see punishment and consequence for criminality.

Further demonstrable examples of excellence around principle concerns of knife crime, Safer Neighbourhoods and drugs include leading the following projects:

Mapping Controlled Drugs & Psychoactive Substance Use in the London Borough of Hillingdon

In support of knife crime and Safer Neighbourhoods, the mapping of controlled drugs and psychoactive substance use is a business critical piece of work that has been prioritised in the Borough and led on by the Council's Community Safety Team. This work underpins the approach to overlaying Borough-wide interventions and responses to an emergence of knife crime and

¹ Source: Metropolitan Police Stop & Search Dashboard

associated disorder across the Borough; not unique to Hillingdon, but consistent across London.

In London, there is a collaborative commitment to address violent crime such as knife crime. This is demonstrable with an introduction from the Mayor's Office for Policing & Crime (MOPAC) of the Policing Violent Crime Task Force of nearly 300 officers resulting in almost 10,000 weapons sweeps. Over 1,000 knives were recovered, around 750 offensive weapons were seized and over 600 suspects were arrested².

Pan-London, when comparing the 12 months to July 2019 against the previous 12 month period, knife crime levels have decreased. Similarly, there is supportive data to demonstrate that:

- when comparing the 12 months to July 2019 against the previous 12 months, crime has decreased by 0.94%;
- in the London Borough of Hillingdon, crime has increased by 3.78%; and
- there have been increases in knife crime in Ealing of 5.71% and Hounslow of 3.21%.

MOPAC has asked that councils 'consider mapping the use and supply/dealing of controlled drugs and psychoactive substances across the Borough'. The Council has acknowledged and acted upon this request. Although there is data readily available specific to individual agencies around substance use/misuse and violence, this data will now be brought together to enable the wider picture to be understood. The mapping area of work will allow all agencies within the Borough to better understand links, trends and interventions relating to a reduction of substance use/misuse and linked criminality in its many forms.

A summarised report will be available in late September 2019. Thereafter, a better picture will be available of the Boroughs drug market and the links with violent crime and disorder. This will support ongoing departmental interventions, such as:

- Youth Services, which had produced 'O.T.' - a film about County Lines/drugs that is now being rolled out to all senior schools in the Borough.
- 'Targeted Problem Solving Events' - these are established multi-agency monthly Ward events that specifically work with practitioners within Addiction, Recovery, Community, Hillingdon Service (ARCH), Sorted and Public Health England to deter anti-social behaviours, environmental crime and drug use, and encourage healthy life choices and wellbeing. There have been positive reports from practitioners in terms of youth engagement and the listed services continue to be core partners.
- Community Weapon Sweeps - a continuous programme taking place each month in a park or open space and within an estate or in close proximity to a school, educational or other facility known to be frequented by young people. These are operated by the local Safer Neighbourhood Police teams and supported by local residents (Residents Associations), as well as the Council's Community Safety officers and Waste Services, including Caretaking, Special Collections team if required.

Targeted Problem Solving (TPS)

TPS supports work in relation to knife crime, Safer Neighbourhoods and drugs and their impact on communities. This remains a high profile programme, which has consistently delivered for stakeholders within the Safer Hillingdon Partnership, the Council and residents in transition throughout the Borough. The last six months saw the roll out of the 2019/20 programme and, to date, there has been direct engagements with more than 958 individuals. These contacts have

² Source: MOPAC

been necessary; allowing residents to understand access routes into the services / teams that are best placed to support victim minimisation, fire safety, homelessness, food safety and licensing compliance and offer residential reassurance.

In terms of partnership, great results have been evidenced and captured and include:

- achieving a collective 90.5% stakeholder respondent satisfaction rate;
- evidenced innovation in terms of engagement;
- delivery of community sentencing via Community Payback - between 18 May 2019 and 24 August 2019, 15 projects were carried out across the Borough;
- support and commitment from Hillingdon Hospital; and
- alignment with a national programme #StampItOut2019 Campaign.

There is more that can be done to add resilience to the TPS programme which has the support and buy in of local Ward Councillors. Numerous examples of value added via direct and secondary support to victim of doorstep crime, distraction burglary and rogue landlords can be evidenced. The aim over the remaining months is to incorporate more national and international campaigns into TPS, such as Sexual Health Week, National Adoption Week, White Ribbon and International Day of the Disappeared.

Engaging Ears, Eyes and Excellence

Engaging Ears, Eyes and Excellence continues to support the mandate given by MOPAC to the Hillingdon Safer Neighbourhood Board. This is to 'deliver targeted messages to young people within school settings at Yr 5, Yr 6, Yr 7 and Yr 8 where the key aim is to raise awareness of criminality including gang involvements, coercive control, child sexual exploitation and effective conflict management'.

This bespoke programme has supported vulnerable young children within the Borough to become empowered and thereafter able to challenge inappropriate behaviours. Linked to this, there has been a requirement on the two providers to include a mandatory session on knife crime in all workshops. This supports the #LondonNeedsYouAlive campaign and the drive to get more Police Safer Schools Officers into educational environments.

In conjunction with other activities being carried out by partners, these listed initiatives are positively contributing to the reduction of knife crime and violence in Hillingdon. Additionally, the support of High Street multi nationals such as Tesco, Waitrose and LIDL supermarkets has been elicited as well as the Hayes Town Business Partnership who have all fully committed to partnership interventions within the Borough, ensuring the safety and security of residents is championed.

Serenity Integrated Mentoring

At its meeting on 9 July 2019, the Committee was advised that Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust had recently commenced a 'SIM' (Serenity Integrated Mentoring) project, jointly working with the police to give intensive interventions from both a health and criminal justice perspective for a caseload of service users.

The number of Section 136 (s136) assessments undertaken hit an all-time high (59) in April 2019. The SIM project enabled a full time police officer working in mental health to look at alternative (and more appropriate) interventions to a s136 when needed - about one third of people brought

in by the police did not need a s136 as they were in distress rather than suffering with mental health issues. Members are interested to learn how this is working from partners' perspective.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Targeted Problem Solving Report
- Engaging Ears, Eyes and Excellence Reports:
 - Just Enough Group UK
 - Together As One
- Mapping Controlled Drugs & Psychoactive Substance Use In The London Borough of Hillingdon Report