

The Community Safety Partnership Plan priorities will support the Safer Harrow Partnership objective to become the safest borough in London.

Background

The Safer Harrow Partnership (CDRP) is committed to working together to make Harrow a safer place to live, work and visit.

Crime, disorder, drugs and anti-social behaviour can have a significant impact on the lives of our residents. Historically in Harrow there has been a wide gap between residents' perceptions of crime and the police crime statistics. Harrow is a low crime borough and for each of the last three years has contributed less than 2% of London's overall total crime rate. Harrow has had either the lowest or second lowest crime rate in London during this time (based upon crimes per 1000 of the population) and is also below the national average.

Main priority crimes such as Robbery, Burglary, Car Crime and Assaults have either reduced dramatically or remained stable during the 2005-2008 Crime and Drugs Reduction Strategy period. Encouragingly, public perceptions have also improved significantly during this period with the level of crime no longer being the top priority for improvement although it remains the most important issue for residents in terms of importance. Although reducing crime and anti-social behaviour remains a top priority of the public, together with clean streets, the effect of crime on peoples lives has reduced, residents recognise that crime levels are decreasing, although perceptions remain a key issue. According to the responses to the annual MORI survey suite of questions, residents recognise that crime levels are reducing, although perceptions remain a key issue, residents feel safer in their neighbourhood, in their home and after dark. Perceptions of anti social behaviour have reduced significantly with the only increase being rubbish and litter

Safer Neighbourhoods Policing Reassurance Teams and Safer Transport Teams are fully operational, working with the Council and partners to reduce crime, improve the street scene and provide greater reassurance to the public. Moreover, new partnership initiatives such as 'Weeks of Action' are making an immediate impact on crime and the street scene as well as improving resident perceptions of quality of life.

From 1 August the legislative framework for Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRPs) in England changed. From this date, the previous duties of CDRPs to produce audits and strategies every three years is replaced by a strategic assessment and partnership plan complying with regulations known as 'minimum standards' to reflect the minimum requirements for an effective CDRP. This is the first assessment under the new minimum standards by the Safer Harrow Partnership. These require that each CDRP shall have an agreed process for sharing information held by partners; produce a strategic assessment (using that information) of the issues affecting the local area, make decisions about what the priorities ought to be based on this assessment; produce a plan which explains how those priorities will be delivered and have a dialogue with communities to both inform these processes and explain the outcomes. The assessment must be undertaken at least once a year and will serve to refresh the priorities annually over a three year period.

To support the future development of the strategic assessment, a duty to share certain sets of de-personalised information between relevant authorities has also been introduced. The information sharing regulations require that information from police, fire and rescue authorities, Primary Care Trusts and local authorities are shared on at least a quarterly basis. The interval is specified in this way to give these authorities the flexibility to continue any existing arrangements to share more frequently while at the same time ensuring a minimum requirement for quarterly data sharing is met by all partners. This will ensure that all partnerships have at least the minimum information necessary to identify priorities, map trends and patterns in crime and disorder and manage their performance.

The review of s17 Crime and Disorder Act also formally extends the remit of CDRPs to include the tackling of alcohol and other substances as well as drugs and the reduction of anti-social behaviour and other behaviour adversely affecting the environment. Practically speaking we have a duty of care as Harrow employees to ensure that we do all that is reasonable to keep Harrow safe from crime and disorder – very similar duty to Health and Safety and Equalities legislation, and the strategic assessment will serve to provide the evidence base for future decision taking. It must be emphasised that this Strategic Assessment is not intended to be a one off exercise and will require continual updating to support the intelligence led business process of the Safer Harrow Partnership and delivery groups responsible for crime and drugs reduction priorities. Over time the assessment will improve, involving further partners and improved data sharing to support this work.

Further information concerning the Strategic Assessment, Minimum Standards and s17 Crime and Disorder Act can be obtained by contacting:

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The Community Safety Partnership Plan focuses on 7 key areas that were prioritised by the strategic assessment. The areas will:

- support the delivery of the Safer Harrow key objectives
- support the delivery of the Council's Corporate Priorities
- help deliver Improved Performance
- Support national objectives within Crime and Disorder Act Review

Fear of Crime , Reassurance & Communications (Andrew Hadfield/Will Goddard)

Communication with the community and partners will provide active involvement, celebrate diversity, achievement and success. The campaign will focus on activities that:

- Improve perceptions and reduce fear of crime.
- Builds public confidence in law enforcement
- Improvement in perception that the council is tackling anti-social behaviour
- Create a proactive communication framework that develops community engagement and consultation, provides celebration and interaction with the public.

ASB, Environmental and Criminal Damage (Director of Environment - John Edwards)

To reduce ASB, Environmental and Criminal Damage

- Accountability leadership and commitment
- Empowering and reassuring residents
- Prevention and early intervention
- Tailored services to protect the victims and witnesses of ASB
- Support to tackle the causes of ASB
- Protecting communities through swift enforcement

Drugs and Alcohol (Drugs Action Team Manager – Lizzie Reid)

To increase the number of problem drug users (PDU's) in effective treatment

- Commissioning and systems management
- Access to Treatment
- Treatment System Delivery
- Leaving Specialist Treatment

CORPORATE PRIORITIES 2008 - 2011

- Deliver cleaner streets, better environmental services and keep crime low
- Redevelop the Town Centre
- Improve the well being of adults and children and the care of those who most need our help
- Extend community use of schools while making education in Harrow even better
- Improve the way we work for our residents.
- Develop communities where people from different backgrounds get on well together

Serious Acquisitive Crime / Violent Crime (Borough Commander – Richard Walton)

To reduce victimisation and increase detections in these crime types

- Detecting violent crime (08/09 is the baseline year so no reduction can be set)
- Reducing and detecting residential burglary
- Reducing and detecting robbery
- Reducing and detecting motor vehicle crime

Young People and Crime (Manager - Richard Segalov)

To prevent offending, reduce re-offending by young people and to protect the community from harm

- Early Intervention
- Preventing Offending
- Reducing Recidivism
- Reducing Disproportionality
- Reducing Victimisation

Domestic Violence and Abuse (Head of Service, Safeguarding, Family Placement & Support - Gail Hancock)

To raise awareness of domestic violence and abuse, encourage reporting with the overall aim of reducing the level of such offences and providing support to victims/survivors

- Service Development and Improvement
- Education and Training
- Communications
- Community Development, Engagement and Participation

Race Hate Crime / Community Tension Monitoring (Director of Community & Cultural Services - Javed Khan and Chair of Race Hate Crime - Arpita Dutt)

Race Hate Crime and Preventing Violent Extremism i.e. improve Community Cohesion through enhanced reporting of race hate crime, preventing victimisation, community tension and prevention of violent extremism

- Building resilience to violent extremism.
- Work to end race, hate, religious hate crime and community tension in the borough of Harrow
- Encourage the reporting of race, religious and community tension incidents and issues
- Work with young people and the community to raise awareness and the prevention of repeat victimization in the community.

Community Safety Partnership Plan 2008-2011



Work Stream	ASPECT	Fear of Crime, Reassurance & Communications	Anti Social Behaviour	Drugs and Alcohol	Hate Race Crime Community Tension Monitoring	Domestic Violence and Abuse	Young People and Crime	Serious Acquisitive Crime / Violent Crime
	OBJECTIVES	To build public confidence in law enforcement summed up as the proposition that "Together, we can keep crime low in Harrow" and to show people how crime and anti-social behaviour issues are being addressed.	To reduce anti-social behaviour problems in Harrow. This includes a wide range of behaviours such as environmental and criminal damage, disregard for personal or community well being or threats and intimidation	Increase the number of problem drug users in effective treatment Commissioning effective systems for treatment services Improve outcomes of treatment services	Race Hate Crime and Preventing Violent Extremism (i.e. improve Community Cohesion through enhanced reporting of race hate crime, preventing victimisation, community tension and prevention of violent extremism)	To raise awareness of domestic violence and abuse, encourage reporting with the overall aim of reducing the level of such offences and providing support to victims/survivors, to safeguard vulnerable adults, children and young people.	Prevent offending and reoffending by young people Reduce the number of young victims Promote positive image of young people	To reduce victimisation and increase detections in violent crime, Reducing and detecting residential burglary, Reducing and detecting robbery, Reducing and detecting motor vehicle crime.
	FOCUS	Improvement in the perception that the council is tackling anti-social behaviour Engaging - Recruitment of additional volunteers to crime-fighting roles Protecting - Improvement in perceptions of fear of crime.	Empowering and reassuring residents and protecting communities through swift enforcement. Sharing information to resolve ASB problems. Prevention and early intervention through tailored services to protect victims and witnesses. Using the multi-agency ASB Panel meetings to take action against ASB offenders. Robust partnership working within the council and with partners such as the Community Payback Team and the Safer Neighbourhood teams. Improve the way we work for our residents.	To review service level agreements (SLA's) which have clear targets, referral policies and procedures and increase referrals into structured treatment Establish whether current provision is best meeting the needs of young people Improve aftercare services linking into education, housing, training and employment Increase No's of drug intervention programme (DIP) clients into treatment and provide a pathway of care and support for substance misusing offenders Building treatment capacity to reduce harm caused by alcohol misuse	Building resilience to violent extremism To work to end race, religious hate crime and community tension in the borough of Harrow and encourage the reporting of race, religious and community tension incidents and issues. HCF also works with young people and the community to raise awareness and work towards the prevention of repeat victimization in the community.	Service Development and Improvement Education and Training Communications Community Development, Engagement and Participation	Develop an integrated approach to targeted work with young people at risk To invest in training and support of volunteers including mentors in the local communities To increase the effectiveness of the partnership with education providers, particularly those working with excluded young people To develop a young peoples participation strategy across the borough To promote partnership initiatives to tackle recidivism among BME young people, linked to Local Safeguarding Board and education providers	Consideration to be given to setting a 3 year target/objective based on Harrow's performance against the IQuanta CDRP family group: To reach the first quartile of the CDRP family group for Most Serious Violence. To reach the first quartile of the CDRP family group for Serious Acquisitive Crime Tactical delivery through the Joint Agency Tasking and Co-ordinating Group Dedicated team to investigate residential burglary Dedicated Harrow Town Team, Op Centre Forward

CORPORATE PRIORITIES	'Deliver cleaner streets, better environmental services and keep crime low' 'Redevelop the Town Centre'	'Improve the well being of adults and children and the care of those who most need our help' 'Extend community use of schools while making education in Harrow even better'	'Improve the way we work for our residents' 'Develop communities where people from different backgrounds get on well together'
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Priority actions and accountability

Actions	Partnership Communications campaign to address key fear of crime and reassurance issues and promote the council's anti-social behaviour activity Public Reassurance and support for young people Demonstrating the success of council initiatives such as CCTV, weeks of action, support the work of the licensing team, boroughbeat, enforcement activities and operations to tackle litter, graffiti and fly tipping. A borough-wide drive to improve reporting of race hate crimes. Promoting and demonstrating the success of the Council and partners in dealing with domestic violence through best practice. Utilising the youth forum, parliament and schools to offer young people the opportunity to meet, understand and become involved with law enforcement agencies.	Development of envirocrime enforcement approach across partner agencies and response to fly tipping, graffiti and litter Improve gathering of intelligence and sharing of information. Purchase of additional CCTV equipment and mobile technology. To actively enforce ASBO's, ABC's, Dispersal Orders, Crack House Closures, Anti-Social Behaviour Injunctions, Notices of Seeking Possession, Evictions, Parenting Contracts and Parenting Orders. To review the ASB Strategy and Action Plan and prioritise key projects. Adopt the Harrow Gating Policy and procedures	Updated needs assessment for BME groups Review service provision for young offenders Establish partnership working for educational and prevention programmes for young people Promote partnership working and make strategic links to LAA, JSNA and SHMG Audit and implement the clinical guidelines Empower the service user to participate in treatment planning and commissioning Increase the capacity of aftercare service, referrals to education, training and employment	Preventing Violent Extremism Extension of the Third Party Reporting system and sites Development and Monitoring of Community Tension Indicators including BV174/5 Development of a LGBT forum and support mechanisms Scrutiny of partner agency response to race hate crime Establish baseline for Third Party reporting PR and council reporting victim satisfaction reports Embedding counter-terrorism CONTEST strategy into the work of Safer Harrow and the LSP Establish Hate Crime Forum community tension monitoring group	Development of the IDVA service to support victims in making safe choices & increasing confidence in the criminal justice system Development of a sustainable Outreach Service capable of meeting the additional demand of a further 400 users & implement a Survey to measure victim satisfaction Further development of the MARAC with full engagement and support from partner agencies leading to a reduction in instances of repeat victimisation Establish a baseline of children with a child protection plan where DV has been an identified feature Promote school based implementation of "keep safe" work with children like MissDorothy.com in primary schools and drama workshop programmes Maintain strong detection and arrest rates Achieve additional objectives set out in the 2nd Mayor's Strategy Deliver the Local Safeguarding Action Plan	To ensure that 100% of young people on YISP aged 11 to 13 do not receive a reprimand, final warning or court disposal To reduce the number of first time entrants into the Criminal Justice System and reduce the rate of reoffending for young people. Reduce the number of BME first time entrants and address any significant difference between the ethnic composition of all pre court and post court disposals In partnership with Harrow Police and the Harrow Strategic Partnership, a co-ordinated response to the National Youth Crime Action Plan	Promote the use of Alarm systems, security lights and other anti burglary 'Crime Prevention Advice' across the borough HBAC and other such partnership initiatives to continue expanding Motor vehicle crime initiatives, eg in-secure/property on display and Forecourt watch Victim target hardening work with schools, and with the unemployed (Robbery focus) Continue to link in with National Mobile Phone Crime Unit re best/good practice around mobile phone theft and pick pocketing. Engage the boroughs retired community re crime prevention advice for pick pocketing. General Priority crime focus. Operation Blunt II to deter and prevent the carrying of knives eg Knife arches
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Accountability / Lead	Communications Strategy Group SHMG Council and Police Comm's Teams	ASB Strategic Group ASB Panel SHMG JATCG	DAT PCT CDRP HMP	CCMG HCF VCS TPR	CTI	Domestic Violence Forum Local Children's Safeguarding Board Domestic Violence Steering Group & relevant sub groups	Young People in a Safer Harrow Group CYPSP, SHMG, Schools, Magistrates, Voluntary Sector, Harrow Youth Council Youth Crime Prevention Group	JATCG WOA SHMG Probation
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Glossary	SHMG Safer Harrow Management Group LAA Local Area Agreement LGBT Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual and Transgender BME Black, Minority and Ethnic MARAC Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference WLA West London Alliance	HBAC GOL ASBO ASB CDRP JATCG	Harrow Business Against Crime Government Office for London Anti Social Behaviour Order Anti Social Behaviour Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership Joint Agency Tasking and Co-ordination Group	PCT DAT CYPSP HMP HCF VCS	Primary Care Trust Drug Action Team Children and Young Persons Strategic Partnership Harrow Metropolitan Police Hate Crime Forum Voluntary and Community Services	TPR CTI JSNA YISP IDVA ABC	Third Party Reporting Working Group Community Tension Indicators Working Group Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Youth Inclusion Support Panel Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy Service Acceptable Behaviour Contract
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