

HARROW STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Summary of Strategic Assessment and recent crime / ASB trends Dal Babu, Harrow Borough Commander

Introduction

The Strategic Assessment provides a summary analysis of crime and disorder problems in Harrow.

Proposed Action

Maintain and improve partnership working as there is a good evidence base that partnership working is effective in reducing crime and disorder problems.

Greater emphasis on communications to combat perceptions that crime and disorder are problems and that agencies are not effective at tackling them.

Maintain emphasis on reducing ASB. Perceived ASB problems are almost invariable associated with poor quality of life.

What are you asking the Partnership Board to do

There are several specific areas where partnership working could be improved:

- North West London Hospital Trust to work more closely with Harrow Police and the Council around A&E
- To endorse the approach of improving the co-ordination of communication between the Police and Council with a particular focus on Wealdstone and Edgware wards.
- To maintain momentum behind proposals for more integrated joint analysis including the Joint Analytical Group (JAG) and co-location of analysts from partner organisations.
- For the Voluntary and Community Sector representatives to advise how to best increase involvement of key voluntary and community organisations with Safer Harrow.

Summary of the Issue

Safer Harrow has been successful in reducing crime in recent years, but crime still remains top of Harrow residents' priorities. Crime is ranked by Harrow residents as the most important issue in making an area a good place to live. Key to maintaining good performance is continuously driving forward effective partnership working and ensuring that crime and disorder issues are prioritised.