

Safer Lewisham Plan 2015/2016

Creating a community of support for people affected by crime

What people in Lewisham want

- ◆ to feel safe in their communities
- ◆ high quality services and the police and council working together to prevent crime
- ◆ to be at the heart of the justice process and victim's needs to be given priority
- ◆ everyone to know the impact of crime on individuals, families and the community
- ◆ to have a say in how services for victims are improved.

Our pledge to you We will:

- ◆ give victims and witnesses the high quality help and support they need
- ◆ protect victims of crime and make it easier to report incidents
- ◆ provide support and advice on staying safe
- ◆ support witnesses in court to feel safe and protected
- ◆ continue to reduce crime in the borough.

This pledge was developed with the local community. We are here to support and empower residents and tackle crime and its root causes.



The following organisations are committed to making this happen

- ◆ Metropolitan Police ◆ Lewisham Council ◆ Crown Prosecution Service
- ◆ Victim Support ◆ London Probation Trust ◆ London Fire Brigade

INTRODUCTION

About This Document

- The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 as amended by section 97 and 98 of the Police Reform Act 2002, places a requirement on Community Safety Partnerships (CSP) (In Lewisham, the Safer Lewisham Partnership) to develop a three year Crime and Disorder Strategy which sets out how crime and Anti Social Behaviour will be tackled – Safer Lewisham Strategy 2014-2017
- An additional responsibility is also placed on Community Safety Partnerships to produce a Strategic Assessment to ensure emerging community safety trends are captured, and priorities are refreshed where necessary. There is also a statutory responsibility on the partnership to reduce reoffending and to be accountable for addressing PREVENT. The Counter-Terrorism and Security Act received Royal Assent on 12 February 2015. Among other provisions, the act places the Prevent programme on a statutory footing. This means that in future all local authorities will have a duty to have due regard to preventing people being drawn into terrorism.
- The Annual Plan outlines the main priorities for the Safer Lewisham Partnership, which have been identified through the Strategic Assessment.
- The accompanying **Strategic Action Plan** sets out how the Partnership will work together over the next year to tackle crime and disorder priorities building on best practice around effective crime reduction and clear objectives and outcomes to be achieved.

THE SAFER LEWISHAM PLAN
Community Safety Partnership Plan 2015-2016

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PART ONE

Our Aim: A Safer Lewisham

Lewisham's Sustainable Communities Strategy 2008-20 set the Local Strategic Partnership a goal of making Lewisham the best place in London to live, work and learn. Delivering on this depends on our success in creating a climate where:

People feel safe and live free from crime, anti-social behavior and abuse

Through effective partnership working and effective engagement with communities the Safer Lewisham partner agencies will work together to ensure we achieve measurable reductions in a range of victim based offences. We aim to deliver services smartly and focus on outcomes with a clear impact on the daily lives of our residents.

The Safer Lewisham Annual Plan outlines the main priorities for the Safer Lewisham Partnership, which have been identified through the Strategic Assessment. The accompanying **Strategic Action Plan** sets out how the Partnership will work together over the next year to tackle crime and disorder priorities building on best practice around effective crime reduction and clear objectives and outcomes to be achieved.

What Was Achieved in 2013-14?

Reductions in the MOPAC 7 key 'neighbourhood' crimes remain as the core objective for the Safer Lewisham Partnership and performance has been strong in most areas apart from **Violence with Injury**, where increases in both domestic violence and non-domestic violence related offences have remained high. Whilst more research needs to be done in this area to ascertain what is behind these increases, this may be partly attributable to changes in recording police practices – e.g increased conversion of CAD data to CRIS data.

JAN-DEC	2013	2014	% change
MOPAC Priority Offences			
Violence with Injury	2259	2531	12.0%
Robbery (Total)	1287	797	-38.1%
Burglary (Total)	3303	2333	-29.4%
Theft From Person Offences	784	599	-23.6%
Theft/Taking Of MV Offences	730	656	-10.1%
Theft From MV Offences	1613	1432	-11.2%
Criminal Damage Offences	2211	2186	-1.1%
MOPAC 7 Total	12,187	10,534	-13.6%

GOOD Practice

Lewisham FGM Faith Leaders Conference

To mark International Day of Zero Tolerance to FGM, Lewisham Council teamed up with Africa Advocacy Foundation (AAF) on 5th February 2015, to bring together faith leaders, community groups and borough professionals for an interactive seminar on FGM.

The conference had over 100 people in attendance, with a local Imam and local pastor delivering presentations on faith perspectives on FGM. The health implications on FGM were also covered by a public health specialist. At the end of the day, a victim's perspective was shared by a community advocate who is campaigning to end FGM in practicing communities.

Feedback from the conference was overwhelmingly positive and welcomed by delegates in attendance, who have called for more local seminars on FGM and tools to equip professionals in tackling FGM.

Serious Youth Violence in Lewisham has presented an encouraging downward trend over the couple of years and this has continued in 2013/14 with a **reduction of 26% in SYV** over the year. This presents a marked contrast to overall figures for Violence with Injury and Most Serious Violence, both of which are showing increases of 12% and 6 % respectively. In view of the negative stereotyping of young people in the past, these figures are showing that the partnership need to remain focused on violence committed by those over the age of 18 (whilst not becoming complacent in our protection of young people as we go forward)

To further highlight Lewisham's progress in relation to Serious Youth Violence, at the end of November 2014 Lewisham Police figures showed:

- **A reduction of 38% in SYV, ranking 1st in the Met Police**
- **A reduction of 41.9% in Gun Crime, ranking 1st in the Met Police**
- **A reduction of 35.1% in Knife crime, ranking 3rd in the Met Police**

Domestic Violence offences have **increased in the past year by 19%** which is clearly a concern for the partnership. This rise in DV over the past year and a half follows a consistent and significant decrease in similar offences over the previous 4 years. The increase in Domestic Violence is admittedly a trend currently being experienced across London but to address this, Lewisham, in it's strategy to focus on all forms of gender based violence, has commissioned a new VAWG Service from 1st April 2015, to support victims of gendered based violence such as domestic violence and abuse, forced marriage, trafficking etc. This service will be able to support women as well as men from ages 16 and upwards. The pivotal part of the service is its unique single access referral pathway for all agencies, residents and services to utilise; one phone number, one email. The service will launch 1st April 2015 and will be delivered by Refuge.

Despite the challenge Lewisham has in reducing this crime type, MOPAC do hold the Safer Lewisham Partnership to account in relation to a specific performance measure in how it support victims of DV.

Violence against Women and Girls				
Indicators	% reduction	Method of Verification	Baseline	Current Performance
<p>National guidelines from CAADA suggest the repeat referral rate for MARACs in England and Wales ideally falls between 28% - 40%.</p> <p>Locally, Lewisham have undertaken to maintain a repeat referral rate of 28% to 35% for the Lewisham MARAC."</p>	<p>Maintenance of a 28-35% Repeat Referral rate per year</p>	<p>DV MARAC Statistics</p>	<p>MARAC numbers 2013/2014 Total cases - 450 Total repeats - 73 (16%)</p> <p>MARAC numbers 2012/2013 Total cases - 412 Total repeats - 115 (28%)</p>	<p>18% - This current rate of repeat referral to the DV MARAC is significantly lower than the target of 28-35% agreed with MOPAC. This is even more positive given the high level of turnover in cases coming to the Lewisham DV MARAC compared with other boroughs</p>

GOOD Practice

Lewisham Domestic Violence Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC)

The DV MARAC aims to safeguard the highest risk victims of domestic violence and abuse as well as their children, whilst making links with other public protection arrangements in relation to perpetrators and vulnerable adults and to safeguard agency staff. This is achieved by an information sharing and action planning process at MARAC with case management and specialist support before, during and after the meeting provided by the Independent Domestic Violence Advocates (IDVA).

Lewisham MARAC is routinely cited by CAADA as an “example MARAC for good practice”, with professionals from across the country attending to observe the Lewisham MARAC in operation. After every visit, the Chair and Coordinator of the Lewisham MARAC meet with the visiting professionals to share best practice procedures.

A recent analysis on Lewisham MARAC conducted by the Home-Office funded organization supporting MARACs nationally, CAADA, showed that the multi-agency intervention of the MARAC helped reduce police call outs by 70% in the 12 months after a MARAC meeting, saving on average £736 per victim to public costs.

GOOD Practice

Deptford High Street Super Strength Responsible Retailer Agreements (RRA's) and Retailers Forum

The Neighbourhood Community Safety Service in addition to New Cross Safer Neighbourhood Team have routinely identified Deptford High Street as an area requiring a substantial effort to ensure that resident satisfaction, local place attachment and business confidence are maintained.

In addition of particular note are concerns with regard to street drinking in traditional hotpots which continue to undermine residential satisfaction and public confidence in terms of reporting anti social behaviour.

The geographical concentration of services directed towards those including street drinkers (999 Club & Deptford Reach) in addition to its built environment have resulted in Deptford High Street being perceived as vulnerable to the associated effects of alcohol related Anti Social Behaviour.

The prominence of ASB related to alcohol has been identified by residents and has culminated in alcohol related ASB becoming one of the three local ward priorities for New Cross.

Whilst the Neighbourhood Community Safety Service in addition to several agencies including New Cross SNT and Evelyn SNT have initiated and refreshed several Street Drinking PSPs throughout 2011-13, efforts have been made to address the issue of supply predominately targeting super strength alcohol.

The Neighbourhood Community Safety Service have attempted to move towards an approach initially established in Rushey Green where retailers signed up to Responsible Retail Agreements to temporarily withhold the sale of beer and cider with an alcohol volume exceeding 6% for an initial period of six months. Subsequently, such efforts culminated in 80% of the stores within the pilot perceiving their stores to be less prone to anti social behaviour and therefore willing to continue to withhold super strength lines after the pilot period.

Consequently, the fifteen stores located solely on Deptford High Street which stocked super strength alcohol were approached to join the scheme in the knowledge that a joint effort by the local SNTs in addition to the Neighbourhood Community Safety Service would adhere to provisions as set out in MOPACs Business Crime Strategy 2012-14 with regard to working alongside independent retailers to address the repeat victimisation of BME retailers.

Although Deptford High Street has been identified as the main area to roll out the Responsible Retailer Agreement with regard to super strength alcohol, nonetheless, a number of retailers within the immediate locality of Deptford High Street (New Cross Road, Deptford Broadway, Evelyn Street and New King Street) have been identified to ensure that no single retailer is put at a disadvantage by joining the scheme only to find neighbouring stores profiting from the agreement.

Furthermore, by incorporating retailers not exclusively to Deptford High Street it is intended that the impact of displacement is mitigated. Therefore, the southern side of Deptford High Street which sits within Evelyn Ward has been identified, as the area has been less prone to attempts to design out street drinking which has tended to be located towards the northern part of the high street where services are located nearby.

The Responsible Retailers Agreement is a borough-wide campaign that puts the responsibility on businesses to act responsibly when selling products such as super-strength alcohol, to the general public. Supported by the Council and Lewisham Police, businesses sign up and work in partnership to ensure that they are compliant with legal regulations and responsibilities, and also think about the social impact that their business can have locally.

The Agreement stresses the influence that businesses can have on the local community, by helping to deter anti-social behaviour and crime through being a responsible retailer.

So far 37 businesses in Deptford, Evelyn & new Cross have signed up to a Responsible Retailer Agreement for the Super Strength Alcohol and officers (working with Lewisham Borough Business Against Crime LBBAC) continue working to encourage more businesses to join them. Other parts of the campaign have been aimed at tackling the restriction of the sale of super-strength alcohol and a clamp down on illicit tobacco sales will follow.

Responsible Retailers that sign up to the Agreement will display a window sticker to let people know that they are a Responsible Retailer.

With regards to Police measures of Anti-Social Behaviour, Lewisham's performance against selected performance indicators presents a positive picture – incidents of criminal damage, a key linked offence, are down by 1.1%, but whereas in 13/14, ASB CAD calls handled by the Metropolitan Police had increased; particularly in relation to Noise Nuisance, Youth disorder and Neighbour disputes, the Police are now recording

that they receive 22 less ASB calls per day than in 2010. This reduction in ASB related calls could however in part be attributed to the work of the Police and Crime Reduction Service in undertaking exercises such as 'Street a Week', Increased surgeries in key locations and the introduction last year of 'Grip & Pace', the Police's enhanced call handling and case allocation system.

- Current year police figures for calls for Anti Social Behaviour have seen a 23.7% reduction since the year 2011/12.
- Using the same year 2011/12 baseline figures, in this current year Lewisham has seen a 19.9% reduction in repeat ASB calls to police.

New ASB Legislation & Tools

The Crime Reduction Service has provided training to staff and partner agencies on how to implement the new powers and revised its protocols in line with the new legislation. A new protocol was drafted on how the Community Trigger will be responded to by agencies should a member of the public seek to activate it. Details of how to activate the Community Trigger can be found on the Council's website alongside an application form. Council Officers have also begun to utilise the new powers to address issue of anti social behaviour and crime. A **Criminal Behaviour Order** was successfully sought against a repeat offender in conjunction with Transport for London, which included specific prohibitions that the offender had to abide by to address their behaviour. Additionally a **closure notice** and **closure order** has been successfully sought at court in conjunction with Police to address a nuisance premises causing significant ASB for the local community.

GOOD Practice

Deptford High Street – Bookmaker Forum

With regard to individuals congregating on Deptford High Street particular hotspots of great concern (Reginald Road) are located within close proximity to a number of bookmaker's, therefore the Neighbourhood Community Safety Service in addition to New Cross SNT and Lewisham Safer Business Partnership (LBBAC) approached local bookmakers to assess ways of assessing those congregating outside stores which are simultaneously having a detrimental effect on the reputation of bookmakers.

The Neighbourhood Community Safety Service facilitates a bookmaker's forum every six weeks as a means of attempting to mitigate the increase in recorded crime within bookmaker's which is most pronounced in Deptford High Street in comparison to Lewisham as a whole.

The Council's Neighbourhood Community Safety Service has recorded work on **388** cases of private dwelling, commercial premises or public space Anti Social Behaviour over the past year, which is a slight increase on **374** cases the previous year.

GOOD Practice

Truecall System

The Neighbourhood Community Safety Service has been working with Trading Standards colleagues, Victim Support and the Police to reduce the number of nuisance or scam calls received by vulnerable residents. This links to the broader work carried out at part of the Older People and Crime Working Group.

The Truecall statistics are as follows:

- 6,115 nuisance calls received, of which 6,039 were blocked
- Overall, 38% of calls received were nuisance calls, though for one resident is 90%
- Average number of nuisance calls received per person per month is 35, but two residents are receiving 100 nuisance calls per month.

Alongside the calls identified as telemarketing, PPI, accident claim, etc, calls were also blocked from numbers that have previously been identified as pension release scams, BT scams, courier scams, and boiler room scams (investment diamonds, land, shares, etc).

GOOD Practice

Rogue Landlord Team and NCSS work in Partnership to deal with Problem Landlord

An inspection of a problem address by Environmental Health found conditions at the property had deteriorated dramatically since it was last inspected as a result of unauthorised building work by the agent; 6 types of major hazards to his residents were found, including unsafe electrics, severe overcrowding and a lack of any fire protection or safe means of escape. Police had also received no less than 36 reports of crime and anti-social behaviour in the local area over the last 6 months. Fire safety concerns were confirmed by an independent inspection by the London Fire Brigade last Friday

The property remained a death trap and as a result of the landlords non-co-operation, a complex multi-agency operation was organised to protect the health and safety of residents by emergency evacuation, enabling the urgent remedial work to commence. This was led by Lewisham council's Rogue Landlord taskforce and Neighbourhood Community Safety Service, and involved housing options service, police, Home Office Immigration, and voluntary sector partners Mungos Broadway and the Deptford 999 Club, an emergency evacuation was successfully completed and Some 23 people who had been crammed into an increasingly dangerous 5 bed roomed house. Were safely and securely rehoused and the local community who had to suffer persistent anti-social behaviour associated with this address and its occupants and managing agent were able to enjoy where they lived again.

GOOD Practice

Trading Standards Operations

Illegal Tobacco Seizure

A specially trained labrador called 'Jack' helped Trading Standards discover a stash of 600kg of illegal tobacco hidden on the premises of a Lee Green retailer who claimed not to sell or stock tobacco products. The find, estimated to be worth around £100,000 and the biggest single trading standards tobacco seizure to date was located in a store room. Some of it was in foil bags labelled as containing tea. In the same week in March, officers also seized 10,000 Chinese cigarettes and counterfeit hand rolling tobacco in Deptford, and 15,000 Russian cigarettes in Lee Green. Trading Standards enquiries into these matters are also ongoing

Good Practice:

Property Marking and Registration initiative.

As part of preventative measures to reduce acquisitive crime, the Neighbourhood Community Safety Service(NCSS) conducts property marking events across the borough.

The initiative is in partnership with the Police to tackle acquisitive Crime. The NCSS mark and register mobile phones, valuables and household goods on the spot for residents, students, and visitors to the borough.

The project is also delivered at Police Street-A-Week events aimed at burglary hotspot areas. During these events, residents are given the opportunity to have their property marked and registered with Immobilise.com. Residents who could not attend the property marking events due to their work schedule or disability, are given the opportunity to call the NCSS to arrange for a convenient time for the service to be delivered in their home.

Immobilise.com helps Police identify the owners of recovered property thousands of times everyday. Property updates made by owners are immediately available to the Police nationally. It combat the sale of stolen gadgets & valuables; alert the second-hand trade and publicly checkable stolen goods database CheckMEND if an item goes missing.

The property marking and registration initiative has been welcomed and accepted by many people across the borough. Words soon spread to local schools, colleges and social clubs.

The NCSS has visited 23 schools and many cubs including those aimed at elderly or vulnerable people. Community events within shopping hubs has proven to be very successful.

PART TWO

Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) Priorities

There have been significant changes in governance and funding flow for crime reduction related activity over the past two years. The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2012 abolished Police Authorities and introduced directly elected Police and Crime Commissioners.

The arrangements for London and Metropolitan Police area differ from the rest of the country – the Mayor of London is the Police and Crime Commissioner and he delegates this portfolio to Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime - MOPAC.

MOPAC not only holds the Met Police to account for delivering its priorities, but it also has overarching responsibilities for crime reduction in the capital and has significant powers to commission services.

Whereas previous funding arrangements were seen as disparate, complex and inefficient, MOPAC now provides resources for community safety and crime prevention programmes to boroughs across London.

MOPAC co-commissions activity with boroughs, drawing in local expertise and matched funding for programmes that can demonstrate their impact, meet local crime demands, and help generate a strong evidence base for what works in preventing and reducing crime. It aims to deliver value for money by piloting Payment by Results (PbR) schemes, and will provide boroughs the time and assurance needed to tackle complex and entrenched crime problems by giving them the opportunity to bid for longer term funding.

MOPAC Challenge

The challenge set by MOPAC for the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) up to 2016:
"A Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) that becomes the UK's most effective, most efficient, most respected, even most loved police force"

The 20/20/20 Challenge promises to:

- Cut crime by 20%
- Boost public confidence by 20%
- Cut costs by 20%

MOPAC 7

MOPAC'S target for the MPS is to cut 7 key "neighbourhood" crimes by 20% by 2016

Crime Types:

- Violence with injury
- Robbery
- Burglary
- Theft of a motor vehicle
- Theft from a motor vehicle
- Theft from the person
- Vandalism (criminal damage)

The aim is to achieve an aggregate Metropolitan Police-wide reduction in these offences of 20% down on average levels seen in 2008-12, or even 20% down on 2011/12 (stretch target)

In summary, MOPAC both sets broad crime-reduction priorities and funds a significant portion of service activity at borough level. However, there is still a statutory requirement for Community Safety Partnerships to produce the annual strategic assessment – this document – the aim of which is to analyse problems in the borough and nominate strategic priorities.

The challenge for Safer Lewisham Partnership is to align the existing statutory requirements with the new governance and funding reality, while reflecting local needs and feedback from residents.

In order to achieve this, the Safer Lewisham Partnership will be guided by the following overarching principles:

Maximum Victim Impact

The Safer Lewisham Partnership has listened to the views of residents and placed the needs of victims at the forefront of this plan while also ensuring that the priorities chosen are those that demonstrate the greatest impact on victims concerns. The priorities need to be able to impact on a high volume of offending whilst supporting the needs of the majority of residents. Throughout its work the SLP will continue to prioritise the needs of victims and ensure it is accountable to local citizens.

Intelligence Led Prioritisation of Local Issues

Our selection of priority areas is based on a detailed analysis of current crime and disorder trends in the borough and has utilised a wide range of data sources. The assessment is not solely reliant on police recorded crime data and wherever possible the latter has been cross-referenced with data from a range of sources.

Strategic Relevance

The Safer Lewisham Plan is also designed to take into account new government legislation and also key changes in how we commission services.

In 2015/16 the work of the Safer Lewisham Partnership will take into account changes in tackling ASB through the new ASB, Policing and Crime Bill 2014, recent changes in the Licensing Act and new statutory obligations on how Community Safety Partnerships address the Prevent Agenda. The new MOPAC and Met Police developed Business Crime Strategy will place a renewed emphasis on how Licensing and Trading Standards powers are exercised in the reduction of Crime and ASB.

Safer Lewisham Partnership Priorities for 15-16:

Working closely with MOPAC, informed by local data and in response to community concerns, the Safer Lewisham Partnership has identified the following priorities:

- The **First** priority will be to continue to focus on reducing volume crime in Lewisham. Those 'neighbourhood' crimes that account for the majority of the crime experienced in the borough each year. Targeting those known offenders in key locations across the borough will have a demonstrable effect on satisfaction and confidence of victims of these crimes. This also aligns with the MOPAC challenge, through intelligence-led efforts to reduce the 'MOPAC 7' crimes of:
 - Violence with injury
 - Robbery
 - Burglary
 - Theft of a motor vehicle
 - Theft from a motor vehicle
 - Theft from the person
 - Vandalism (criminal damage)

In working to achieve a 20% reduction across these crime types, the SLP will ensure all public services work collaboratively and with voluntary groups and communities to prevent crime, support victims and reduce re-offending while improving confidence across all criminal justice agencies.

- The **Second** priority will be to reduce key violent crime. This priority will focus on both reducing 'Serious Violence' (SV) and also reducing violence under the various strands under the 'Violence Against Women and Girls' (VAWG) agenda
- The **Third** priority will be to focus on a renewed multi-agency drive to tackle the issues that residents are most concerned about to improve public confidence. This will include issues of ASB, Licensing related matters, Trading standards concerns and Public Health and noise nuisance. Under the new ASB, Police and Crime Bill, residential, commercial and public space ASB will be dealt with swiftly, proportionately and with the victim at the heart of finding a resolution.

PART THREE

How will this be delivered?

The objectives set out above will be met with consideration of the following:

1. Performance
2. Crime Prevention and Victim Satisfaction
3. Reducing Reoffending

Priority 1

Reducing Volume Crime in Lewisham in line with the MOPAC 7 key Crimes Areas

1 Performance

The success of the partnership's efforts will be judged by reductions in the following linked offences:

- Violence with injury
- Robbery
- Burglary
- Theft of a motor vehicle
- Theft from a motor vehicle
- Theft from the person
- Vandalism (criminal damage)

2. Crime Prevention

Work to support specific vulnerable groups and communities by police and Council officers will be reduced. All public services agencies will continue to work together in delivering these key messages.

Programmes such as Neighbourhood Watch Schemes, City Safe Havens, Licensing Community Impact Zones, Lewisham Borough Business against Crime (LBBAC) also support this support this work.

Changes in the Local Policing Model have enabled continued and greater focus on geographical hotspots and partnership approaches to tackling issues in localities.

3. Reducing Reoffending

Most offending is repeat offending with a relatively small number of prolific offenders being responsible for the bulk of acquisitive crime.

Cutting reoffending rates is clearly a critical factor in driving down volume crime the Partnership prioritised the development of an Integrated Offender Management model

with the overarching objective of reducing reoffending rates amongst the borough's most prolific offenders. A London wide Integrated Offender Management protocol is now adopted, and working with the newly formed Probation and CRC will help to reduce reoffending for adult offenders.

The Transforming Rehabilitation agenda has seen a dramatic reorganisation of the Probation Service, with most local offender management activity commissioned out to a private sector Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC) (MTcNOVO). The SLP will work in partnership with the Ministry Of Justice, National Offender Management Service and the CRC in order to ensure the best possible outcomes for Lewisham offenders and residents.

A whole system drug and alcohol treatment redesign is taking place, which will improve services and help tackle the issues of alcohol related violence and the harm caused to communities by drug abuse and levels of crime linked to this.

Work is currently underway to establish what improvements and further provisions need to be developed to ensure better health outcomes for offenders and those in vulnerable positions on the cusp of offending.

Prioritising reducing reoffending for both young people and adults will allow the partnership to target a range of relevant crime types for the Borough.

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Priority 2

Reduce key violent crime. This priority will focus on both reducing 'Serious Violence' (SV) and also reducing violence under the various strands under the 'Violence Against Women and Girls' (VAWG) agenda

1 Performance

The success of the partnership's efforts will be judged by reductions in the following linked offences:

- Serious Violence
- Serious Youth Violence
- Violence with injury
- Domestic Violence and abuse.
- Gun & Knife Crime
- Rape and Sexual Violence.
- Sexual Exploitation with specific focus on children.
- Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

2. Crime Prevention

Activity to address Serious Violence is a priority for the partnership, focusing on the ongoing reductions in relation to Serious Youth Violence, but also ensuring emerging trends are understood and tackled. These include aspects of Violence with injury including assaults both in the home and in the public realm.

Lewisham Council has a long history of commitment to tackling domestic and sexual violence. The VAWG Plan 2014-17 is Lewisham's first Violence Against Women and Girls Plan and aims to build on the existing work incorporated in the Council's Domestic and Sexual Violence Action Plan and supports the Mayor of London's Mayoral Strategy on Violence Against Women and Girls 2013-2017, which was launched November 2013 and informs this Plan. This pan-London strategy forms part of the London's Police and Crime Plan which demonstrates the Mayor and Deputy Mayor's commitment to reducing the prevalence of VAWG and improving confidence of victims in London.

The Plan sets out three important objectives for our borough;

- To develop a better understanding of VAWG and its impact in our borough;
- To ensure an improved access to the support and protection services offered to women and girls in our borough;
- To hold perpetrators to account.

Lewisham are developing innovative approaches to understanding and raising awareness of "grooming" of young, vulnerable and coerced. This will form part of an

dialogue with young people and parents about the use, issues and risks of on line grooming as well as wider safety support for residents.

Through our already excellent established links with a number of European countries, it is anticipated that a International conversation with young people to discuss these issues will enable wide scale influence and potential changes to the way in which we tackle this agenda.

3. Reducing Reoffending

The borough continues to commit to the multi agency teams that tackle serious youth violence, supports victims of Serious violence and continued multi agency delivery in relation to violence with injury.

This excellent approach has been highlighted through the Home Office Ending Gang and Youth Violence (EGYV) report as an area of strength to be developed further.

Further developmental work is being undertaken to work with young offenders who have experienced and are suffering health implications in respect of trauma. This work is being developed across 6 SE London Boroughs, with Lewisham leading the consortia.

Challenging the attitudes, behaviours and practices that allow VAWG to prevail is also key to this Plan, and this will be done in the context of a local, national and international commitment to eradicating violence against women and girls.

Lewisham Council has commissioned a new VAWG Service from 1st April 2015, to support victims of gendered based violence such as domestic violence and abuse, forced marriage, trafficking etc. This service will be able to support women as well as men from ages 16 and up. The pivotal part of the service is its unique single access referral pathway for all agencies, residents and services to utilise; one phone number, one email. The service will launch 1st April 2015 and will be delivered by Refuge.

The service will be able to deliver a variety of support levels such as;

- Independent Gendered Violence Advocates (IGVA) supporting high risk victims
- Outreach workers who will operate the single point of access and work with lower risk clients
- Hospital-based IGVA working with health patients affected by VAWG.
- Familial abuse service working with family members affected by domestic violence
- IRIS Project working with GP surgeries to identify vulnerable victims of domestic violence
- Perpetrator support service training professionals in the borough working with perpetrators.

- Vietnamese outreach team providing specialist support to Vietnamese clients of trafficking
- Housing Workers dedicated to supporting clients on resettlement
- Learning and development child support – linking children to activities in the community, literacy support, play sessions and outings.
- Early Intervention Worker – working with young women aged 13-19 with VAWG awareness in schools and youth centres.

The Youth Offending Service also delivers one to one interventions with 16 and 17 year old perpetrators of domestic violence in line with the government's amended definition of domestic violence.

We will ensure that Lewisham continues to demonstrate strong leadership in tackling violence against women and girls.

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Priority 3

To focus on a renewed multi-agency drive to tackle the issues that residents are most concerned about to improve public confidence.

This will include issues of ASB, Licensing related matters, Trading standards concerns and Public Health and noise nuisance.

1 Performance

The success of the partnership's efforts will be judged by reductions in the following linked offences:

- Police ASB CADs (Computerised Aided Dispatch)
- Incidents of Criminal Damage
- MOPAC 7 Component: Vandalism (criminal damage)
- Successful outcomes where enforcement has been used.

2. Crime Prevention

ASB casework and key hotspots have been identified and a number of multi-agency initiatives has been put in place to tackle these issues.

Working more efficiently through multi skilled teams to tackle issues of greatest concern to residents will aim to bring about long term improvements of safety.

London's boroughs recognise the detrimental effect ASB can have on communities, and through legislative changes, that include the Community Trigger and Community Remedy, which aim to bring a more victim-centred and restorative approach to tackling ASB, these are now operational in Lewisham.

Lewisham is also focused on addressing the complex underlying causes of ASB. Where there is a mental health dimension we are continually striving to get the balance right in terms of prevention, support and enforcement.

3. Reducing Reoffending

The Government committed to reform the powers available to deal with anti-social behaviour. In October 2014 the Anti Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing ACT came in to effect, introducing 6 new powers for professionals to use to tackle anti social behavior, down from 19 previous powers. This streamlined tool kit was designed to provide flexible powers that could be used to deal with a range of issues and problems.

The 6 new powers include:

- The Criminal Behaviour Order
- The Injunction
- The Community Protection Notice

- The Public Space Protection Order
- The Dispersal Power
- The Closure Notice & Closure Order

Treating victims with dignity and respect should be at the heart of all criminal justice agencies. Surveys consistently show that victims in LONDON are less satisfied with the service they receive.

Victim Satisfaction has a significant impact on confidence in the police and the criminal justice agencies as a whole.

Delivering a reduction in Crime & ASB will require continued joint response by police, Local Authorities, Housing providers, London Fire Service and other key agencies with a combined robust enforcement against perpetrators with support for victims.

Home Office research estimates that as much as 75 % of ASB goes unreported owing partly to a lack of confidence in effective remedies and fear of reprisals. In such circumstances a lower number of complaints might reflect a worsening of the problem.

Repeat victimisation and dedicated support to victims of specific forms of crime continues to be of importance. The work of the DV and Youth MARACs, public sector services and voluntary sector organisations working in this area are of key value.

PART FOUR

Finance and Resources

There have been a number of significant changes in the funding and resourcing for all aspects of the Criminal Justice system both locally and Regionally. Mayor of London is the Police and Crime Commissioner, and he delegates this portfolio to Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime - MOPAC. MOPAC not only holds the Met Police to account for delivering its priorities, but it also has overarching responsibilities for crime reduction in the capital and has significant powers to commission services. All partners are committed to working collaboratively and to support funding applications where appropriate to continue the support required to deliver on the areas identified as priorities for 2015-16.

Further copies of the Plan can be obtained on request to the Crime Reduction and Supporting People Services within the Council.

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In developing this plan, there has been a series of consultation processes as well as collation of data from a range of sources. These have included a Public Consultation Event through the Lewisham Police and Community Consultative Group, an on-line Crime Survey and a stakeholder engagement programme. However, the Partnership is committed to ongoing improvements in the services we deliver. We would welcome any feedback, suggestions or proposals from individuals or organisations. For practical advice in relation to community safety and crime prevention, please visit the website:

www.crimereduction.gov.uk

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For advice and support in relation to drugs and alcohol problems, visit Frank at :

www.talktofrank.com

or call 0800 776600

For information on your local Safer Neighbourhood Teams please visit:

<http://www.met.police.uk/teams/lewisham/index.php>