

SAFER STRONGER COMMUNITIES SELECT COMMITTEE			
Report Title	Safer Lewisham Plan 2017/18 - 6 Month Update		
Key Decision	No	Item No.	06
Ward	All		
Contributors	Executive Director for Community Services, Head of Crime Reduction and Supporting People		
Class	Part 1	Date	21 September 2017

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 The Annual Plan outlines the main priorities for the Safer Lewisham Partnership, which have been identified through the Strategic Assessment.
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 This report summarises activity carried out by Lewisham Council in partnership with other agencies relevant to ‘Safer’ strand, most of which are part of the Safer Lewisham Partnership (SLP) governance arrangement.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- 2.1 Members of the Committee note the contents of the report.
- 2.2 A further update be provided to the Committee at the end of the year so that they are sighted on 2018/19 Annual Plan.

3. Priorities set for 2017/18

- 3.1 Lewisham Council and the Safer Lewisham Partnership have a statutory obligation to analyse crime and disorder problems in the borough and agree priorities for a given financial year where the Partnership will focus most of its resources and activity.
- 3.2 The March 2017 meeting of the Safer Lewisham Partnership agreed the single priority of Violence:
- Gender based violence
 - Peer on peer abuse
 - All other violence Including organised crime
- 3.3 Appendix A outlines the agreed action plan with a number of areas completed and/or on track.

4. Performance

Violence with Injury

- 4.1 Overall, the main crime indicator for non-age restricted violent assaults – Violence with Injury – has risen by a statistically insignificant 3%.

Previous Quarter			Current Quarter		
01 Feb 17 - 30 Apr 17			01 May 17 - 31 Jul 17		
733			785		
<u>Feb 17</u>	<u>Mar 17</u>	<u>Apr 17</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>Jul 17</u>
219	272	242	250	273	262
			Up 52 (7%)		

Quarter Previous Year			Current Quarter		
01-May-16 - 31-Jul-16			01-May-17 - 31-Jul-17		
799			785		
<u>May 16</u>	<u>Jun 16</u>	<u>Jul 16</u>	<u>May 17</u>	<u>Jun 17</u>	<u>Jul 17</u>
302	264	233	250	273	262
			Down 14 (2%)		

Previous Year to Date		Year to Date	
01 Apr 16 - 31 Jul 16		01 Apr 17 - 31 Jul 17	
999		1,027	
		Up 28 (3%)	

- **Serious youth violence** has increased 33.4% from y 236 to 315 (R12 to July).
- **Knife crime (u25 non DA)** has increased 10% from 76 to 84 (R12 to July).
- **Domestic violence** with injury has increased by 10.5% from 979 to 1082 (R12 to June).

- 4.2 Serious Youth Violence and knife crime with injury has increased significantly across London. Current sub regional figures are included for comparative purpose

Borough	SYV	KCI (u25)	Domestic VWI
Southwark	439	123	1003
Croydon	473	103	1309
Lambeth	373	130	957
Lewisham	315	84	1082
Greenwich	266	78	842

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 The SLP currently monitors the spend in relation to the MOPAC funding resource allocation in relation to tackling emerging issues. All other resources are delivered by individual agencies and monitored as appropriate.

6. Legal & Human Rights Implications

- 6.1 The Council is under a number of statutory obligations to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 requires the Council to formulate and implement a strategy for the reduction of crime and disorder; the Anti Social Behaviour Act 2003 requires the Council as a local housing authority to have policies and procedures for dealing with anti-social behaviour and the Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000 places the Council under a duty to have, when carrying out its functions, due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between persons of different racial groups.
- 6.2 The Local Government Act 1999 places a duty on the local authorities to secure continuous improvement in the way its functions are exercised having regard to the combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness.
- 6.3 Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000 empowers the local authority to do anything which it considers likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well-being of all or any persons within the local authority's area.
- 6.4 These statutory duties amongst others feed into the Council's Safer Lewisham Strategy.

7. Equalities Implications

- 7.1 Developing safe and secure communities is central to the work of the Council as a whole and in particular to the Community Services directorate. Reducing and

preventing crime, reducing fear of crime and supporting vulnerable communities is critical to the well-being of all our citizens.

8. Crime and Disorder Implications

- 8.1 Section 17 places a duty on partners to do all they can to reasonably prevent crime and disorder in their area. The level of crime and its impact is influenced by the decisions and activities taken in the day-to-day of local bodies and organisations. The responsible authorities are required to provide a range of services in their community from policing, fire protection, planning, consumer and environmental protection, transport and highways. They each have a key statutory role in providing these services and, in carrying out their core activities, can significantly contribute to reducing crime and improving the quality of life in their area.

9. Environmental Implications

- 9.1 Key decisions made which may have environmental implications. Environmental services are consulted about all agreed activity before proceeding.

10. Conclusion

- 10.1 The SLP will continue to review its practice and that of the sub groups to ensure that all activity in relation to crime and disorder and drugs and alcohol is in line with the sustainable communities' strategy, and the Safer Lewisham Strategy as well as having links to children's and young person's board and the health and wellbeing board and safeguarding Boards.

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Safer Lewisham Plan 2017-18 – Action Plan

Across all aspects the following will be the core of delivery:

- Inequalities/ disproportionality and how crime impacts disproportionately in geographical areas.
- Victims centred approach
- Consideration of trust and confidence in the partnership

VIOLENCE:

Peer on peer abuse

All strands of violence against women and girls within the defined strands of human trafficking, sexual violence, prostitution, domestic violence, stalking, forced marriage, 'honour'-based violence and female genital mutilation (FGM). A specific and stated focus will be placed on raising awareness of VAWG, taking a zero-tolerance approach to VAWG, and using the coordinated community response (CCR) model to tackling VAWG.

What will be done?

	Actions	Time frame
Awareness raising	Borough wide campaign – “The Violence STOPS here” - communications strategy for professionals and residents	Begin July 17
	Open Day / Evening with the community – promoting safety measures such as Clare's Law, local VAWG services etc.	Sept 17
	Conversation with leaders of all faiths and religious institutions.	July 17 / monthly
	VAWG & Arts – Drama productions about VAWG, and hosted in the community.	March 18
	Creation of a comprehensive VAWG Services directory	Sept 17

	<p>Establishing third party reporting sites at places like pubs and bars, where appropriate, to report incidents of VAWG.</p> <p>Launch of the VAWG Plan 2017-2021</p>	<p>March 18</p> <p>July 17</p>
Prevention	<p>Universal schools safety programme commissioned to include a focus on healthy relationships</p> <p>Work with Lewisham's Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) and the Adult Safeguarding Board to ensure that messages delivered through training are consistent. It will support practitioners to make the links between violence against women and girls, safeguarding children, child sexual exploitation, harmful behaviours, peer to peer abuse and vulnerable adults.</p>	<p>Sept 17</p> <p>Ongoing throughout the life of the Plan</p>
Action / intervention / enforcement	<p>Everyone taking an active stance of zero tolerance to gender based violence within organisations.</p> <p>Increased referrals to all agencies against the strands of gender based violence.</p> <p>Review of perpetrator programmes available and suitability for Lewisham</p> <p>Targeted practice in respect of the distinctions between intimate partner violence, familial violence and male victims.</p> <p>We will coordinate, monitor, review and aim to increase the use of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Domestic Violence Protection Orders b) Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (Clare's Law) c) FGM Protection Orders d) Forced Marriage Protection Orders. e) Stalking Protection Orders f) Modern Slavery Orders 	<p>March 18</p> <p>March 18</p> <p>Quarterly</p>

Analytical review	Deep dive of top DV victims and Deep dive of sexual violence linked to the Local Assessment profile on peer on peer domestic abuse	Sept 17
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Peer on Peer abuse / Serious Violence

Focus on young people under Peer on Peer Abuse. This will include work in relation to identified serious youth violence, drugs markets, knives, firearms, trafficking, Child Sexual Exploitation, and cyber-crime. Particular focus on contextual violence and risk, harm and vulnerability will be essential.

What will be done?

	Actions	Timeframe
Awareness raising	<p>A whole borough active stance on a zero tolerance approach to drug dealing in the community.</p> <p>Borough wide campaign – “The Violence STOPS here” - communications strategy for professionals and the wider Lewisham Community.</p>	July 17
Prevention	<p>Universal schools safety programme commissioned to include on line/bullying/ knife crime/ drug use/ healthy relationships.</p> <p>Imbed contextual risk understanding across all agencies and ensure assessments include this aspect</p>	<p>Sept 17</p> <p>Review quarterly</p>
Action / intervention / enforcement	<p>Focused deterrence approach which ensures swift action by all in respect of peer on peer abuse.</p> <p>Implementation of a trauma informed model across services recognising the strong associations between victims, perpetrators, trauma, childhood conduct</p>	<p>Immediate – review quarterly</p> <p>March 18</p>

	<p>disorders, and violent behaviour – increasing the level of people within the children’s workforce economy trained.</p> <p>Delivery against the Youth Justice Inspection Improvement Plan HMIP</p> <p>Continued use of the Serious Youth Violence Prevention Panel and Missing, exploited and trafficked panel to have a multi-agency management of identified cases</p>	<p>Quarterly review YJMB/ SLP</p> <p>Review 6 monthly for effectiveness</p>
Analytical review	<p>Improved understanding of the drivers and interdependencies across peer on peer abuse</p> <p>Develop the local assessment profile on on-line dangers and associated crime</p> <p>Develop understanding on the drug dealing / drug users / serious violence profile affecting Lewisham</p>	<p>6 month review</p> <p>Sept 17</p> <p>March 18</p>

All other forms of Violence

- Examples include:
- Aggravated burglary
 - Common assaults
 - Violence with injury
 - Hate crime where violence is a feature

What will be done?

	Actions	Timeframe
Awareness raising	Use of social media and bespoke communication to raise awareness of the risks and target at risk groups	July 17 – ongoing

	Advertising and advocate the use of the Hate crime reporting app	June 17
	Promoting the development of the MOPAC hub to tackle online Hate Crime	June 17 – ongoing
Prevention	Continued use of smart water in targeted areas	Review 6 monthly
	Broadening the remit of the Local Authority funded, Victim Support burglary target hardening initiative, to focus more on target hardening those deemed most vulnerable.	March 18
	Deliver on the community cohesion (Counter extremism) programme	Begin June 17
Action / intervention / enforcement	Targeted action on prolific offenders in these categories (Integrated Offender Management)	Review IOM – set up Board – weekly operational tasking
Analytical review	Through regular assessment, where other crime is identified requiring a different response this will be directed through a Partnership problem solving approach and agreed action	As required
	Drivers of violence will be identified and appropriated action taken I.e. alcohol	As required
	Development of a Profile of Organised crime as it affects Lewisham	March 18
	Assessing the scale of online/cyber-crime affecting Lewisham communities.	March 18

Appendix B

Priority Area	Performance Indicator	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16	Jul-16	Aug-16	Sep-16	Oct-16	Nov-16	Dec-16	Jan-17	Feb-17	Mar-17	Apr-17	May-17	Jun-17	Jul-17	Aug-17	Sep-17
Serious youth Violence	Rates of serious youth violence	222	229	216	236	237	235	244	244	257	260	264	272	284	292	318	315	N/A	N/A
Reduce the number of knife crimes by volume and of repeat victims	Rates of knife crime	70	81	76	77	71	71	67	74	75	74	78	87	87	79	82	84	N/A	N/A
Reduce the number of gun crimes	Rates of gun crime	10	10	10	10	13	13	11	11	12	11	13	12	12	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Violence with injury	Rates of violence with injury	149	206	174	160	185	168	167	159	158	136	129	176	153	158	168	178	N/A	N/A
Reduction in Common assault	Rates of common assault	185	208	206	210	171	195	206	200	217	205	196	207	217	242	233	232	N/A	N/A
Reduction in aggravated burglary	Rates of burglary	151	184	184	170	185	153	166	170	167	177	206	191	196	176	145	159	N/A	N/A
Reduction in violent injuries identified via the LAS and Hospital A and E data	Attendances by London Ambulance Service (LAS) to knife assaults (ages 1 - 24)	29	32	31	35	31	33	33	34	33	32	33	31	52	53	54	N/A	N/A	N/A
Reduction in repeat victimisation of VAWG offences	Repeat Victimization - Domestic Violence	109	147	116	151	119	151	116	107	140	N/A	141	176	176	140	158	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Note: The average London percentage of women affected by domestic violence is currently 86%	94	126	100	130	102	130	100	92	120	N/A	121	151	151	120	136	N/A	N/A	N/A
Non Domestic Violence	Rates of Violence Against the Person overall	684	797	806	776	719	725	742	762	759	678	690	821	742	833	844	850	N/A	N/A