

Welcome to the Community Safety Partnership Board (CSP) Chair's Report



In this Chair's Report I discuss current crime performance, welcome new CSP Board members, and thank Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation for their recent inspection of the Youth Offending Service. Board members are welcome to talk about any of these updates at the meeting.

*Best wishes,
Anne Bristow, Chair of the LBD CSP Board*

Performance

The great work being done across the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) continues to contribute to tackling and reducing crime and disorder in Barking and Dagenham. For the MOPAC 7 priority crimes, the Borough has seen a 20% reduction on the 2011/12 baseline year, placing us 8th out of the 32 London boroughs in terms of performance for these crimes. We look forward to building on this success following the announcement of new Mayoral priorities later this year.

We have also seen a recent reduction of 16% in the rate of juvenile re-offending, when compared with the 2013/14 baseline year. This decrease does not follow the trend either regionally or nationally, which have both seen a continued increase in reoffending in this period. This is reflective of the good work taking place within the Youth Offending Service and wider partners and we look forward to building on this progress.

New CSP Members

I would like to welcome Ayse Hassan, the new Victim Support East London Area Manager. Ayse oversees the core victim services and specialist projects and services for the region, and has replaced Margaret Pordage, who I would like to thank for ensuring that the voice of victims was represented on the CSP Board.

Secondly I would like to welcome Douglas Charlton to the CSP Board as Head of Stakeholders and Partnerships for the Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC). Douglas is one of a number of Heads of Stakeholders and Partnerships with strategic responsibility for Integrated Offender Management, and is taking over from Lucy Satchell-Day who has moved on to her role as Head of the Women's Cohort. I would like to take this opportunity to give my thanks to Lucy who has made a valuable contribution to the CSP and wish her every success in her new role.

I also would like to welcome Greg Tillett as the new Assistant Chief Officer, Barking, Dagenham, Havering and Newham National Probation Service. Greg is taking over from Carina Heckroodt, who I would also like to offer my thanks to for her valuable contributions.

Lastly I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Kanta Craigen-Straughn to the role of Interim Support Officer within the Community Safety and Offender Management Team.

HMIP Short Quality Screening Inspection

We would like to thank HMIP Inspectors Vivienne Clark and Nicola McCloskey for undertaking the recent Short Quality Screening Inspection of the Youth Offending Service on 25-27 April. We were pleased to note from their feedback that some areas of strong performance have been raised.

The inspection has highlighted areas where we need to accelerate improvement, and I look forward to seeing these reflected in our Youth Justice Plan 2016/17.

Queen's Speech Legislation

On 18 May 2016, the State Opening of Parliament was held and the Queen's Speech was delivered. This set out proposed legislation for the upcoming Parliament, including a number of bills which relate to crime, public protection and other issues which are overseen by the Community Safety Partnership. This section briefly outlines some of these bills.

Prison and Courts Reform Bill

This Bill will establish the first six semi-autonomous prisons at HMP Holdingley, HMP High Down, HMP Holme House, HMP Kirklevington Grange, HMP Ranby and HMP Wandsworth. In these prisons, governors will receive new financial and legal powers over all key areas of management, including budgets, contracts, education and family visits and partnerships to provide prison work and rehabilitation services. These "reform" prisons will also have an increased emphasis on training, rehabilitation and education, with increased statistics on post-release offending and employment rates to be published. It is expected that more than 5,000 offenders will be housed in reform prisons by the end of this year. Under the Bill, Courts and tribunals will also be modernised, with greater use of technology to reduce delays.

Counter-Extremism and Safeguarding Bill

This Bill proposes to create new powers to ban "extremist" organisations, gag individuals and empower councils to shut premises used to "promote hatred". The Bill also contains new powers of intervention to tackle radicalisation of children in "unregulated education settings". The Bill further proposes to allow the government to step in where councils fail to tackle extremism. Under the Bill, Ofcom will also be granted the power to regulate internet-streamed material from outside the European Union.

Investigatory Powers Bill (Carried Over from Last Session of Parliament)

This Bill proposes to grant intelligence agencies new tools to monitor communications data, with the aim of identifying threats to public safety. This legislation would include tools to monitor new and emerging methods of communications.