## **COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

# **REPORT**

**Subject: Alcohol Abstinence Monitoring Requirement (AAMR).** 

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### 1. Alcohol Abstinence Monitoring Requirement (AAMR)

- 1.1 During the last CSP meeting the members were presented with information on the implementation of Alcohol Abstinence Monitoring Requirement. The AAMR is a new Community Sentence for those offenders whose crimes are linked to the consumption of alcohol.
- 1.2 Members of the CSP asked to review the performance data around the successful implementation of the requirements. Further details can also be found in appendix 1 of this report.

## 2. Performance Highlights

2.1 Since the launch of the London implementation of the AAMR (April 2016) the current numbers stand as follows:

Orders with AAMRs	Number of Days	South London Pilot (comparator)
Minimum number AAMR days imposed on an Order	30	21
Maximum number of AAMR days imposed on an Order	120	120
Average number of AAMR days imposed	71	75

Number of AAMR days imposed in the month of December 2016	1927	N/A
Total number of AAMR days	14,738	6,584

#### 2.2 Compliance & Completions (Since 1st April 2016)

Compliance	Number
Number of offenders convicted of failing to comply	8
Compliance rate (%)	96%
Number of offenders issued with a formal warning letter	36
Number of cases pending conclusion of breach proceedings at Court or an enforcement decision by the Responsible Officer.	6
Number of cases where discretion has been applied Probation	17

#### **Implementation Update**

- 2.3 The AAMR became a live sentencing requirement in the East and North East London LJAs on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017.
- 2.4 Training sessions for the NPS Court Teams were completed in December 2016.
- 2.5 Training sessions for the Magistrates are taking place throughout December 2016 and January 2017.
- 2.6 The AAMR is now a sentencing option (in accordance with Community Orders and Suspended Sentence Orders) across London.

#### **AAMRs and Domestic Violence**

2.7 Since implementation of the AAMR, the use of the requirement has been excluded from domestic violence/abuse cases (policy decision, not legislation). However, since the launch of the Pilot, stakeholders have continually expressed an interest in utilising the AAMR with domestic violence cases. Therefore, MOPAC have commissioned a feasibility study and testing that is intended to begin within the coming weeks.

- 2.8 Standing Together Against Domestic Violence (STADV) will lead on the completion of a feasibility study into the use of the AAMR on domestic abuse offenders. Part of the study includes the use of the AAMR on approximately 20-40 domestic abuse offenders.
- 2.9 Additional criteria will be added to the current AAMR eligibility assessment and further information in the form of written briefings will be distributed to stakeholders by the end of January.

#### 3. List of Attachments

3.1 Appendix 1 – Performance Details