

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



In this Chair's Report, I discuss the MOPAC Funding and Sophie Linden's visit, the recent violence in Castle Green and the Local Assessment Process. CPS Board members are welcome to talk about any of these updates at the meeting.

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

MOPAC funding provisionally accepted

December 2016 saw the Mayor published his draft 2017-2021 Police and Crime Plan "A Safer City for All Londoners". The draft is now out for a 12 week consultation period which will end on 2 March 2017 and it is intended that the final plan will then be available at the end of March 2017.

This plan categorises five areas of importance which include, Neighbourhood Policing, Children and Young People, Violence Against Women and Girls, Hate Crime and Extremism and Wider Criminal Justice.

£70 million has been allocated to The London Crime Prevention Fund (LCPF) over a period of 4 years of which Barking and Dagenham has received an uplift of £241k, amounting to a total of £644k for 2017/18.

The projects delivered through the funding must link directly with one of the 5 priorities outlined in the plan and will empower local areas to prevent crime, reduce reoffending, support safer communities and vulnerable people all of which greatly benefiting the Borough as a whole.

I am pleased to report that the funding proposals put forward to MOPAC for consideration have been provisionally accepted and I would like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks to colleagues who have worked diligently to ensure that bids were submitted within the timescales and guidelines set by MOPAC.

Sophie Lindens visit

As part of that consultation, Sophie Linden, London's Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime (DMPC) has arranged to meet with individual council leaders and chief executives across London to discuss what the plan means for their local policing priorities, and the implications of funding challenges. The Deputy Mayor will be inviting senior Metropolitan Police Service officers to join the discussion and so that comments can be fed back into the consultation. A meeting has been arranged for Thursday 2 March 2017.

Future Work

Local Assessment Process

The Home Office have launched a partnership with the Institute of Community Safety (ICS), supporting areas with match-funding for 15 Local Assessment Processes on gangs and youth violence. MOPAC have also provided match-funding for reviews in London areas. This free event will generate an intelligence product on gangs and serious youth violence which will help local areas fully understand the problem which will inform an effective response.

What is the Local Assessment Process?

The Local Assessment Process (LAP) is a rapid assessment of issues around gang activity, CSE, illegal drug markets, safeguarding issues, serious youth violence, radicalisation/extremism and victimisation which draws upon the experiences of practitioners, communities, victims and offenders.

The coordinated LAP will help local areas understand the problem which operates much more in private rather than public space, could be described as 'hidden', is not fully understood and is powered by the illegal drugs market.

What is involved?

Over the course of a day, a team of expert interviewers from Safer London will speak to up to 70 practitioners about their knowledge, insights and perceptions of gangs, violence and vulnerability.

The LAP tests the prevalence of issues identified through cross-referencing opinions from interviewees/groups and relevant quantitative data, and helps partnerships to identify barriers to effectively understanding local priorities (in relation to threat, risk and harm).

What will the output be?

The LAP will provide Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) with an intelligence product that can give them better insights into tackling violence and vulnerability issues in their area, along with a set of recommendations tailored specifically for the partnership. Taking place over a day, the local review is different to peer reviews as it offers insights and potential solutions based on the knowledge of local practitioners, selected quantitative data and the expertise of the team undertaking the work. The team who will deliver this work have carried out over 25 LAPs around the country including one for Redbridge and one for Havering. The LAPs help partnerships understand their local threats. The local area will have a full report complete with recommendations.

Members of Community Safety Partnership are asked to consider who else could be invited to the practitioner focus group event to provide feedback and maximise buy in and attendance.

Recent Violence in Castle Green and the Community Safety Response BCU

On Monday 13th February the Police were called by the London Ambulance Service (LAS) to Krithia Road, Dagenham to attend to a woman who was taken by the London Ambulance Service an east London hospital.

The individual a 29-year-old woman remains in a critical condition in hospital with stab wounds, including injuries to her head and investigating officers remain open minded about the motive and are exploring all lines of enquiry. Early indications show this was a stranger attack.

The police continue to appeal for witnesses and information and an incident room has opened at the Homicide and Major Crime Command. Detectives have begun piecing together the victim's movements that night and know she had been heading home from work in the City. It is thought she was attacked in the area of Castle Green Park and Krithia Road.

The Council, the Police Service and residents are working in partnership to resolve the environmental issues related to public safety in this area.