

Chair's Report

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

This Chair's report has been written to update you on positive events, good news stories and information from around the Partnership.

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This will be my last report as in January 2018 the responsibility for the Community Safety Partnership will pass to my colleague Fiona Taylor, the Council's Director of Law and Governance.

This reflects wider changes within the Council's organisational structure. It has been a pleasure to work with you all over the last ten or so years and I will watch with interest as the partnership continues to develop and move forward.

Best wishes,
Anne Bristow, Chair of the LBBB CSP Board



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The MOPAC changes on public access to Police across London was published in draft form on the 14 July. It set out several questions around the proposed changes to policing across London. The document offered a 12-week consultation period for the residents of London Boroughs to respond. Over 4,000 responses were received, indicating the relatively good level of public awareness of the consultation. Those who submitted responses to the consultation outlined their apprehension around some of the plans, particularly the proposal to close police stations and front counters across London Boroughs.

The Public Access Strategy was published in November 2017 outlines the MOPAC/MPS strategy for public access. It lists which police stations have been confirmed to close and which buildings will be disposed of. The plans laid out in the strategy support the saving of £400 million over the next four years.

Implications for Barking and Dagenham

The original proposal was that the existing 24/7 front counter is at Dagenham Police Station would be moved to the Barking Learning Centre which is currently a daytime facility. Dagenham Police Station would then have been sold.

In response to the consultation and the strong views expressed which would impact on public confidence and a drop already in victim satisfaction due to implementation issues from the borough merger pathfinder.

Following discussions between the Council's leadership and MPS, an alternative option was identified. This means that the plan is now to retain a 24/7 police counter and presence in Dagenham. In order to achieve this it is proposed that the site is redeveloped with mixed use (e.g. ground floor police facilities/residential above) which will reduce MPS costs and improve the area. Feasibility work is now getting underway to develop the options for the site and business case.

To access the published strategy please click here:

https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/public_access_strategy_november_2017.pdf

This year all local partners led by the Council continued to work-closely to tackle domestic violence and abuse by supporting the White Ribbon Campaign.

Staff worked hard to pull together a remarkable programme to raise awareness and to offer support to those who need it. Over the course of two weeks we held a variety of different events, workshops, training, fund raising and online campaigns. We showed our ongoing support by wearing white ribbons and raising the white ribbon flag outside the Town Hall. The events were well attended including groups of young people who were willing to engage with the conversation and who took details of services (via safe methods) back for friends and family. Over 80 people attended training from a range of agencies. The Leader of the Council ran a sponsored silence on the morning of the 24th November and then did the 'walk in her shoes.' Over £500 was raised across the campaigns, all proceeds will go to local specialist Domestic Abuse Services



The '**blooming strong**' campaign took place at the Heathway on Friday 24 November to celebrate the strength and resilience as women as survivors of domestic violence. Councillors, senior officers and people from the community and voluntary sectors presented survivors with a flower and a small card explaining why they as individuals were being celebrated and how "**blooming strong**" they are. We had an excellent response with an estimated 500-600 contacts with members of the public. We also had several disclosures and much support from survivors who identified themselves. One quote in particular: "This is the sort of thing that is needed – to tell people it is happening and let them know how to get help."



Dagenham's Fire Station Open Day



I was extremely pleased to hear that Dagenham's Fire Station Open Day event on Wednesday 22 October 2017 was a positive and well attended event. The Fire Brigade put on a wide range of activities throughout the day to keep everyone busy including face painting, demonstrations, open mic, fire cadets and much more. There were several specialist appliances in attendance including the Command Unit (CU), Aerial Ladder Platform (ALP), Fire Rescue Unit (FRU), London Ambulance HART team and the Metropolitan Safer Neighborhood Team. The ALP gave an exciting and educational demonstration, where they scaled the training mast to the top of the drill tower, lowered themselves half way down and rescuing a casualty. This demonstration was well received by the public and promoted high level skills.

Team members from different agencies worked together to support the events and managed to raise over £600! The Station were extremely happy with the turnout and the success of the open day offered families a great day full of fun.



Christmas Lunch

For the second year running the fire service are providing a very welcome Christmas lunch to 40 older people who might otherwise be spending the day alone. This is a really great initiative that merits wider recognition.



World Mental Health Day

This year the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham successfully supported the national campaign for World Mental Health Day on 10 October 2017. It is important for us as a Borough to support and encourage open discussion for members of the public, service users, professionals and carers who are interested in finding out more about mental ill health, prevention, promotion and treatment in Barking and Dagenham.

The main event in Barking and Dagenham was held in the afternoon in the Gallery at Barking Learning Centre led by Lifeline who were commissioned to organise as part of the local Healthwatch Service.

The event was very positive and well received by residents and offered around 15 stalls full of useful information and advice from a range of providers attracting over 200 residents.

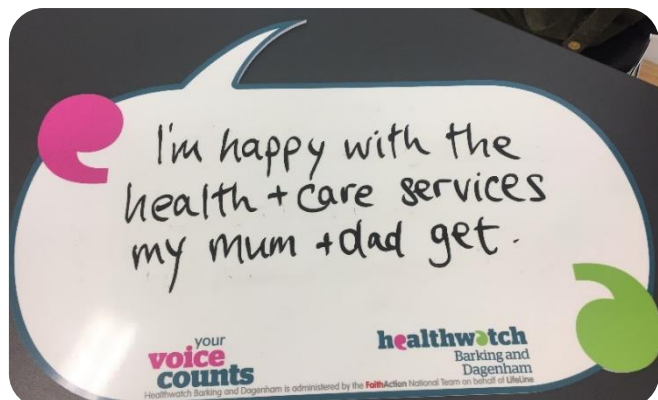
A breakfast event was held in Relish Café between 8am and 9am which was aimed at employers to help address some of the common misconceptions around mental health and to promote the steps to creating a mentally healthy workplace. The Workplace Wellbeing Toolkit was promoted which aims to achieve whole organisational change towards a mentally healthy workplace, giving guidance on talking about mental health, as well as advice on skills development and ensuring sustainability around training and awareness.

We are very pleased with the success of World Mental Health Day in Barking and Dagenham and wish to thank staff and partner organisation for their support in making this day a success for residents of Barking and Dagenham.



Thrive London #OKLDN

The Borough will be one of the first pilots for Thrive London projects. All organisations are encouraged to get involved. For more information see <http://thrivedn.co.uk/>



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Alcohol Awareness Week

A number of events took place throughout the Borough during National Alcohol Awareness Week (13-19 November) to raise the awareness of the dangers of excessive alcohol consumption. Schools, education engagement centres, The YMCA and B&D College completed the young people's engagement programme across the borough. The total amount of young people targeted would be in the region of 2200 and 45 professionals who work with children receiving age appropriate workshops and awareness video screenings and advice.

Across the borough, 31 Pharmacies and GP surgeries, as well as the sexual health clinic, were visited by alcohol advisors during the week and a total of 54 quality engagements with residents were recorded. Queen's Hospital hosted an awareness stall throughout the week to offer advice and information to visitors, patients and staff. Literature highlighting alcohol units, current guidelines, effects of alcohol on the body, Fertility, Stress, Foetal Alcohol Syndrome, Drunkorexia and Your Kids and Alcohol and other health related issues were distributed.

A successful mocktail event at Roycraft House demonstrated that sophisticated non-alcoholic drinks are easily made for the enjoyment of adults.



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LBBD backs Fire Brigade Campaign

In September 2017 Barking and Dagenham Council supported the London Fire Brigade's call for urgent action on faulty white goods after it was revealed there have been 61 fires in the borough involving appliances such as tumble dryers and fridge freezers since 2010. The Brigade reported that it attends on average one fire a day involving white goods and that between 2010 and 2016 there have been nine fire deaths and 298 injuries as a result of these fires in London.

Councillor Darren Rodwell, Leader of Barking and Dagenham Council, said: "While most white goods work safely without incident the figures released by London Fire Brigade clearly show more could be done to keep people safer if there is a problem. The safety of our residents is a priority and that's why we are joining the Brigade's Total Recalls campaign to make it easier for them to protect themselves from the fire risk faulty white goods can pose."

You can find more information on this matter on the Council's website by using the following link: <https://www.lbbd.gov.uk/news/council-backs-brigade-campaign-new-figures-reveal-61-white-goods-fires-borough-since-2010/>

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Key Events

- **Ongoing – Home Fire Safety Visits**
London Fire Brigade offer free home fire safety visits for people and places where there is a heightened risk of fire, such as older people or those living with mental or physical impairments.
- **01-31 December 2017 – National Christmas Drink Drive Campaign.**
- **23 December 2017 - Dagenham Fire Station Christmas**
Event held at Dagenham Fire Station for vulnerable and socially isolated people in Barking and Dagenham.
- **01-31 January 2018 – Dry January.**
LBBD will be supporting Dry January for more information click here: <https://www.alcoholconcern.org.uk/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=59ec9605-1d74-41fe-9dba-7451ecc6ad37>
- **01-28 February - LGBT History Month**
LGBT History Month aims to promote equality and diversity by raising awareness
- **5-11 February 2018 - Sexual abuse & Sexual violence awareness week 2018**
This National Day is to raise awareness and work in partnership to tackle Sexual abuse & Sexual violence.
- **01-31 March 2017 – Women's Empowerment Month**

Please forward upcoming events to Jade.hodgson@lbbd.gov.uk