Community Safety
Strategic Assessment 2011 – 2012
Executive Summary

LONDON BOROUGH OF HOUNSLOW

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP TO MAKE HOUNSLOW A SAFER PLACE TO WORK, LIVE IN AND VISIT
Introduction

The Crime and Disorder Act (1998) places a legal responsibility on the Council, Fire Brigade, Police, National Health Service, Probation and other partners to work together to reduce crime, disorder, substance misuse and reoffending in Hounslow. To do this, every year we undertake a review of crime and anti-social behaviour known as a Strategic Assessment. This Strategic Assessment includes results from consultation with residents and community members asking about their safety concerns.

The Strategic Assessment assessed and evaluated the priorities set out the Community Safety Strategy 2011-2014 and will refresh these priorities, if applicable, for 2012-2013. Below is a summary of the findings of the Strategic Assessment.

Executive Summary

The Hounslow Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is made up of a number of local agencies who work together, by law, to reduce crime, disorder, substance misuse and reoffending.

Every year, the CSP undertakes an assessment of all activities by all agencies during the last year.

This Strategic Assessment assesses and evaluates the work towards priorities set out the Community Safety Strategy plan for 2011-2012 and aims to refresh these priorities, if applicable, for 2012-2013.

This Strategic Assessment has used data which has been shared and exchanged between local partners within the Community Safety Partnership.

The analysis done for this assessment is based on data sets from April 2010 to September 2011, unless where explicitly stated.

The Community Safety Strategy 2011-2012 set out six strategic themes with the following outcomes for the CSP to focus on over the last twelve months. These are:

Safer Neighbourhoods and Town Centre
- Victim Based Crime
- Anti-Social Behaviour

Safer Cohesive Communities
- Reducing Violence against Women and Girls
- Hate Crime
- Reducing Road Traffic Fatalities

Protecting Young People
- Youth Offending
Safeguarding Vulnerable People

- Safeguarding Vulnerable People and Adults at Risk

Reducing the Criminal Harm of Drugs and Alcohol

- Examining the Impact of Alcohol Related Crime

Reducing Reoffending

- Reducing Reoffending

The analysis of data, and those areas which are seen as priorities, have been summarised below.

- Thefts from Motor Vehicles continue to increase year on year. In comparison to the previous year, the number of incidents during April 2011 – September 2011 increased by 20%. Incidents are most frequent in Chiswick and in Hounslow town centres.

- Residential Burglaries are again being highlighted as an area of major concern. In comparison to the previous year, the number of incidents during April 2011 – September 2011 increased by 13%. Areas within Heston and Hounslow are where the incidents have been most frequent. These areas were also flagged up during the last assessment completed in April 2010. The most frequent times of these incidents are between 12:00 and 15:00.

- Reports of Domestic Violence incidents are highlighted as having year on year increases (5% increase against the same period in the previous year). Areas around Hounslow Central and areas near Feltham are the main hotspots for these incidents.

- Violence against the Person (VAP) and Most Serious Violence (MSV) incidents are still frequent within Hounslow town centre, as are Hate Crimes. Nonetheless, all these incidents have seen year on year decreases in the number of incidents reported.

- 40% of Accidental Fires, which have seen increases, occur in peoples homes. However Arson incidents are steadily decreasing.

- Road traffic casualties have decreased by 36% in 2010 when compared to the amount of casualties in 2001.

- The amount of criminal damage and anti-social behaviour occurring has been increasing steadily over the last 18 months.

- Work building cohesion between communities continues and has been successful. However more work is, as ever, needed to improve tensions between communities.

- The average number of offences for first time entrants on youth offenders was 1.4 over an 18 month period.

- Although still under the target of 1.07, the rate of reoffending by a young person during 2010/2011 was 1.03. This is an increase when compared to the rate in the previous year 2009/2010 which was 0.85.
Following a cohort of 137 young offenders, 45 reoffending within the next 12 months, with a total of 142 offences by that cohort after 12 months.

The number of referrals received about adults at risk has increased by over 300 across a nine year period; this is solely down to the improved reporting rate following an increase in knowledge and concern of the welfare of vulnerable adults.

The need to continue to develop the multi-agency approach with the Safeguarding Adults Board to manage risk associated with self neglect is still prevalent.

There is a clear issue within the borough of Alcohol abuse. There is a need to improve the collection of data regarding alcohol related injuries and crime across many agencies.

There were 47 Drug Rehabilitation Requirement assessments carried out between April and October 2011. For the same period, there were 52 Alcohol Treatment Requirement assessments carried out. Both these assessments exceeded their targets.

58.7% of offenders at the end of their license are currently in employment. This is an improvement when compared to the previous year when the amount was 48.5%. It is important that the maximum number of offenders are assisted to obtain paid, full time employment as a method to reduce reoffending.

39% of residents who we asked felt unsafe in their local area during the dark.

Residents identified areas around town centres at night as the places where they felt most unsafe.

The crimes residents are most worried about assault, burglary and anti social behaviour.

The Community Safety Partnership will assess the needs identified within the Strategic Assessment, using knowledge from the agencies as well as responses from residents, to form a Community Safety Strategy for 2012-2013.

This Plan will set out priorities for the Community Safety Partnership to focus resources on priorities that are important to local agencies as well as the residents of the London Borough of Hounslow.

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