

**MEETING**

**SAFER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

**DATE AND TIME**

**WEDNESDAY 19TH JULY, 2023**

**AT 10.00 AM**

**VENUE**

**HENDON TOWN HALL, THE BURROUGHS, LONDON NW4 4BQ**

**TO: MEMBERS OF SAFER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP BOARD (Quorum 3)**

Chairman: Councillor Sara Conway  
Vice Chairman: Representative of the Metropolitan Police

**Partners:**

Community Safety Manager London Borough of Barnet (LBB)  
Barnet Homes  
Barnet Reducing Offending Partnership Coordinator  
Chair, Barnet Safeguarding Adults Board  
Assistant Director, Counter Fraud  
Head of Community Safety, Enforcement, CCTV & Intelligence  
Director of Children's Social Care LBB  
Director of Public Health LBB  
Executive Director of Assurance Inclusion Barnet  
Barnet Safer Neighbourhood Board  
London Fire Brigade  
Metropolitan Police  
National Probation Service  
North Central London CCG  
North West London Magistrates Court  
Victim Support

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## Safer Communities Partnership Board

Minutes of the meeting held 10.00 am on 28 April 2023  
Hendon Town Hall, The Burroughs, London NW4 4BQ

AGENDA ITEM 2

Councillor Sara Conway	Chair
Superintendent Tania Martin	Metropolitan Police Barnet
Chief Inspector Tony Toporowski	Metropolitan Police Barnet
Robin Gibb	Metropolitan Police
Clair Green	Executive Director of Assurance
Tamara Djuretic	Director of Public Health
Tina McElligott	Director of Children's Social Care
Declan Khan	Assistant Director, Counter Fraud, Community Safety & Protection, LBB
Maggie Higton Brown	Head of CCTV & Community Safety
Louisa Songer	Public Health Strategist
Lucy Naden	Integrated Care Board
Altaf Patel	Community Safety, CCTV & Intelligence Manager
Perryn Jasper	Prevent Coordinator, Barnet Council
Fiona Bateman	Independent Chair, Barnet Safeguarding Adults Board
Reshma Hirani	Hate Crime reporting Coordinator, Barnet Mencap
Koreen Logie	Head of Service, National Probation Service
Greg Terefenko	Head of Housing, Barnet Homes
Christopher Lewinson	Business Support Officer
Diasmer Bloe	Strategy & Insight Advisor

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and expressed her thanks to both CI Lynch and CI Zitver for their contributions at previous meetings.

### 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2023 be agreed as a correct record.

### 3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from The London Fire Brigade, Matt Leng, Community Safety Manager and Alice Bird, MOPAC.

#### **4. Matters Arising**

None.

#### **5. Performance Dashboard- up to and including February 2023**

Maggie Higton-Brown, Head of Community Safety & CCTV and Superintendent Tania Martin gave an overview on performance up until February 2023 which included highlights:

- In the 3 months of December 2022 to February 2023 (incl.) there were 522 cases of Residential Burglary in Barnet
- In the 3 months of December 2022 to February 2023 there were 169 cases of Non Residential Burglary in Barnet
- In the 3 months of December 2022 to February 2023 there were 191 cases of Robbery of Personal Property in Barnet
- In the 3 months of December 2022 to February 2023 there were 540 cases of Violence with Injury in Barnet
- There were 2325 cases of Violence with Injury in Barnet in the 12 months up to February 2023. In the 12 months prior there were 2269. This is an increase of 2.5%
- In the 3 months of December 2022 to February 2023 there were 22 cases of Knife Crime with Injury in Barnet
- In the 3 months of December 2022 to February 2023 there were 8 cases of Gun Crime Lethal Barrelled Discharged in Barnet
- In the 3 months of December 2022 to February 2023 there were 171 cases of Domestic Abuse VWI in Barnet
- In the 3 months of December 2022 to February 2023 there were 381 incidents captured by CCTV in Barnet
- There were 28 Prevent referrals in Barnet over Q3. In the same quarter in the previous year, there were 18. This is an increase of 56%

The Safer Communities Partnership Board noted the contents of the presentation.

#### **6. North West BCU Police Update to the Safer Communities Partnership Board**

Tania Martin gave a verbal update which included some personnel changes within the police service and that under the Commissioners turnaround plan that have been publicly noted and one strand of this is to have a dedicated superintendent and a local chief inspector to enable links between boroughs and the police to become easier. Other staff have recently joined the BCU and Tania asked for any member of the board to make contact with her to strengthen working relationships between all partners.

Additional changes also mean that every two weeks the Police will meet with each boroughs Safer Neighbourhood Teams to plan more specifically and carefully what is needed as opposed to linking this across Brent & Harrow.

Wider pieces of work Operation Innis which is targeted at Barnet High Street and the increasing numbers of Anti Social Behaviour and theft which has been a long term piece of work. The team have also been focusing on Grahame Park Estate with police patrols and the challenges that area has.

Looking forward over the coming months the Police will be working closely with the Community Safety Team on the Summer nights campaign and the issues that arise from this particular time of year.

The Chair thanked Tania Martin for her updates.

## **7. Family Services Report on Reducing Offending and Tackling Violence**

Tina McElligott, Director for Early Help & Childrens Social Care presented the report which provided an overview on three key areas of Family Services delivery that cross over into the Community Safety Strategy which are:

- Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women & Girls
- Violence, Vulnerability & Exploitation
- Reducing Re-Offending

The report set out key progress, highlighting national initiatives, local innovation, and current/future challenges to delivery and the following highlights were shared with the board:

- In Barnet in the 12 months to February 2023, there were 5044 Domestic Abuse incidents, 3121 Domestic Abuse offences and 722 Domestic Abuse violence with injury cases were reported to Police.
- IRIS Programme - Out of 50 GP surgeries in Barnet, of which 28 are fully trained practices and a further 15 are partially trained, 7 GP Practices have not engaged. In order to improve take up, Solace has been linked as the lead for training the remaining GP surgeries. And referrals into Solace Services from GPs in Barnet have improved with take-up of training.
- Additional funding for this programme has been agreed and is being jointly funded by Barnet Public Health and North Central London Integrated Care Board with a total of £90k having been committed.
- Prevention in schools - Public Health is mapping support, resources and training available to schools in the prevention of domestic and sexual abuse and training for all safeguarding leads in schools has been requested to support this.
- Operation encompass – led by the Metropolitan Police in partnership with the Council and schools enables the Police to share information with schools following reported domestic abuse incidents which leads to school support staff being able to be aware instantly to provide support to the children and young people affected. Tania Martin commented that she would make contact separately with Ms McElligott to ensure this is a success.
- There were 147 homelessness approaches due to domestic abuse in quarter 4. Of these, 29 were provided temporary accommodation. Many victims find their own accommodation as they do not want to stay in temporary accommodation.
- Barnet Homes dedicated DA Team supported 23 victims in quarter 4 who were deemed high risk.

- The CODA programme is also continuing and being modified to make some of the model more culturally appropriate along with a pilot being organised with teenagers.
- In Barnet, the police have issued 26 Domestic Violence Prevention Notices (DVPN) and 22 Domestic Violence Protection Orders (DVPO) in the 12 month period to March 2023.
- 15 requests for Clare's Law disclosures at DA MARAC an increase from 8 requests in Q3.
- The team continue to work with Middlesex University on the 'hear my voice' campaign which is student led and continues to focus on capturing the local context of the borough and narratives of individuals, groups and organisations in the community.
- The Barnet One Stop Shop (OSS) has seen the demand for the services decrease however there has been various issues in relation to space and privacy for victims and this is being discussed with housing as the aim is to ensure victims have the utmost privacy when coming to discuss such sensitive issues
- Barnet Council has signed up to the Mayor's Women's Night Safety Charter. The resources and training through the charter will be linked to the Safer Spaces Network Pilot for business operating in the night-time in the borough.

Cllr Conway thanked the team, the transport Police and highways for all their efforts in ensuring the night safety work is successful. She noted that this is one of the administrations priorities and have pledged to take this forward for the safety of those living in the borough.

- In quarter 4, there were 11 Serious Incidents Response Meetings (SIRM) held, only one was in relation to an out of borough incident which is a shift from quarter 3 where incidents mainly occurred out of the borough. This number is an increase from both quarters 2 & 3.

The Safer Communities Partnership Board to consider the progress being made to reduce offending and tackle exploitation and violence, including violence against women & girls.

## **8. Mental Health Charter verbal update**

Dr Tamara Djuretic gave a presentation on suicide prevention and the extensive work the team are currently working on carrying out which includes suicide rates in Barnet with it being the lowest rates in London.

Fiona Bateman commented on the successful campaign around suicide prevention and the joint working that took place around this.

Cllr Conway made a suggestion for councillors to carry out some mental health awareness training. Ms Djuretic noted this and would take forward as necessary.

The Safer Communities Partnership Board noted the progress on both the work on the Mental Health Charter and suicide prevention.

## **9. Performance and Delivery Progress on drug and alcohol misuse**



## **services**

Tamara Djuretic, Director of Public Health introduced the report and Luke Kwamya, Head of Public Health took the board through the key points of the report which included the progress made on Barnet Combatting Drugs Partnership (BCDP).

Progress on the strands of work the Public Health Team are currently working were highlighted, and notably there has been a good up take on the Drink Coach Service with 24% of users in the possible dependence category therefore they would present these people to treatment services. The needs assessment has demonstrated that the service reaches a cohort of people who wouldn't usually come forward for assistance which is a positive outcome.

Cllr Conway thanked the team for their work to date in the and if this is also linking with the good working relationships between the Community Safety Team and the PSPO's. Louisa Songer commented that the team are currently launching the Drink Coach contract and would welcome discussions with the Community Safety Team how best to join this work up.

1. The Safer Communities Partnership Board considered and noted the progress being made to Deliver a world-class Drug and Alcohol treatment and recovery system, including setting up of the Barnet Combating Drugs Partnership (BCDP).

2. The Safer Communities Partnership Board also agreed oversight of BCDP delivery plan.

## **10. Serious Violence Needs Assessment**

Diasmer Bloe presented the Serious Violence needs assessment and explained that it was put together to analysis on the causes and context of serious violence. The idea of the assessment is to support the Police and specifically looks at the age of 25 or under who have or are experiencing serious violence, with special attention of victims of domestic abuse.

The main Duty holders in the process are:

- Police
- Fire and rescue authorities
- Justice organizations (youth offending teams and probation services)
- Health bodies (Integrated Care Boards)
- Local authorities

Most data has been received to date, however some information is still missing and the completion date is for the end of May. The data will be then looked at and brought to the meetings going forward to be able to understand the wider issues once the full assessment has been collated.

Cllr Conway noted that the Serious Violence Duty Needs Assessment is an important tool going forward and the Board noted the contents of the report presented.

## **11. Forward Work Programme**

Fiona Bateman noted that the Safer Adult Review may be published in time for the next meeting, if not the following one for the Boards information.

**12. Any Other Business**

None.

**13. Date of Next Meeting - 21 July 2023**

The meeting finished at 11.31 am



*Performance Dashboard  
up to and including May 2023*

AGENDA ITEM 5

# Data Collection



The data from this report is collected from the following sources:

## Crime Data:

<https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/mps-monthly-crime-dashboard-data>

## ASB, CCTV and Prevent Data:

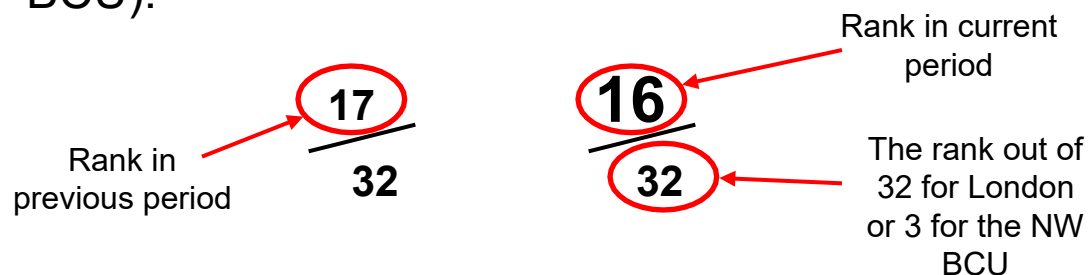
Barnet Community safety Team

Slides 4-11 are formed from the above sources and will be presented by MPS NW BCU

Slides 12-19 are formed from LBB data (ECINS/CCTV, PREVENT) and will be presented by LBB

# Notes Before We Start

- The lower the ranking the better Barnet is doing when compared with other boroughs across London or in the North West Borough Command Unit (NW BCU).



- Knife crime has previously been reported on as under 25s and non-DV only, this report will note all knife crime with injury which will give a higher number than previous.
- In the London comparison 1/32 is the best, 32/32 is the worst. Change is indicated by the Red Amber Green circle.
- In the NW BCS comparison 1/3 is the best, 3/3 is the worst. Change is indicated by the Red Amber Green arrow.

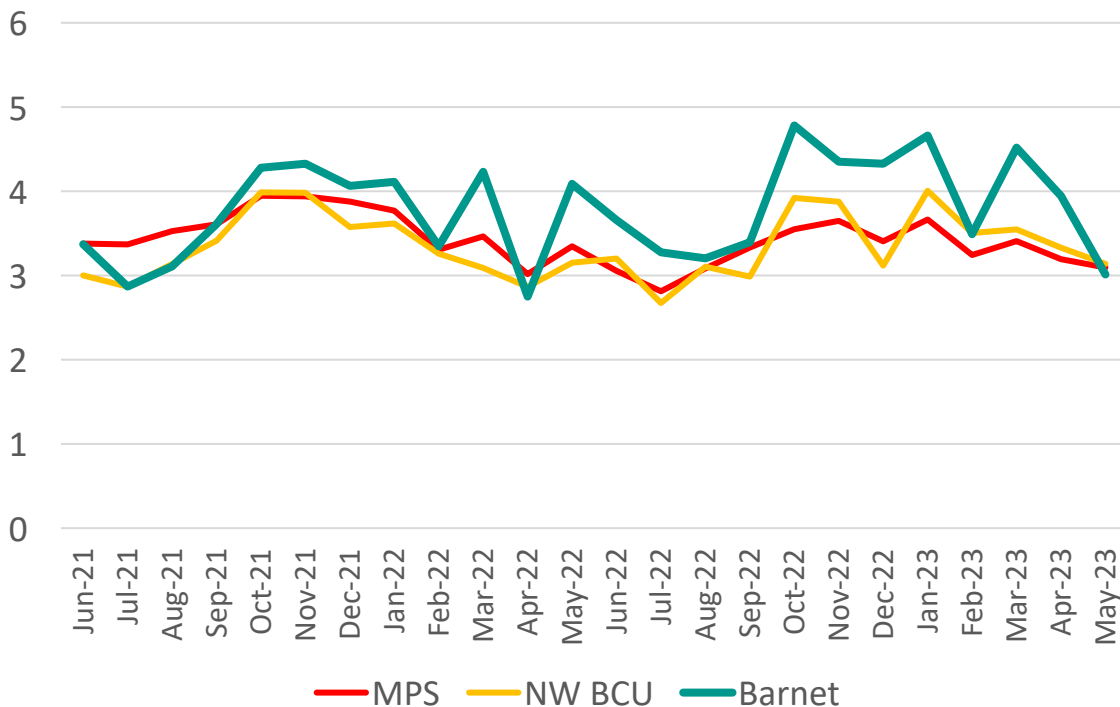
# Domestic Burglary



*In the 3 months of March 2023 to May 2023 there were 480 cases of Residential Burglary in Barnet*

## Trend

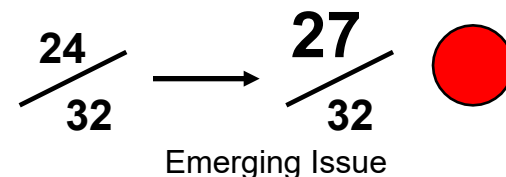
Residential Burglary per 10,000 Population



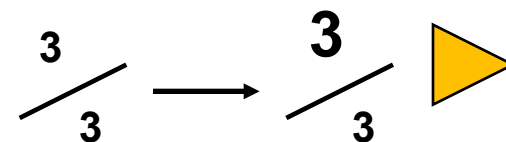
There were 1950 cases of Residential Burglary in Barnet in the 12 months up to May 2023. In the 12 months prior there were 1847. This is an increase of 5.6%

## 3 Month Performance

MPS Comparison (3 Month Period) change from same period last year.



NW BCU Comparison (3 Month Period) change from same period last year.



There were 480 cases of Residential Burglary in the 3 months of March 2023 to May 2023. In the same period 12 months prior there were 463. This is an increase of 3.7%

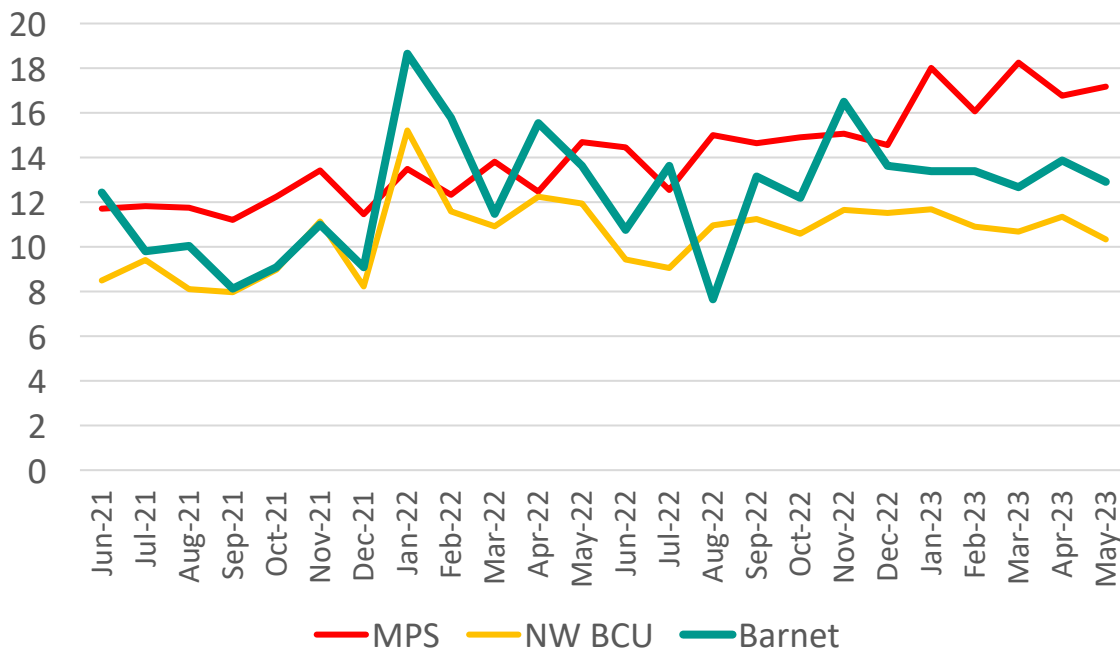
# Burglary Business and Community



*In the 3 months of March 2023 to May 2023 there were 165 cases of Non-Residential Burglary in Barnet*

## Trend

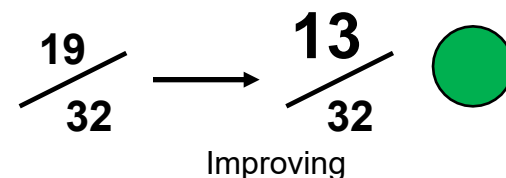
Non-Residential Burglary per 100,000 Population



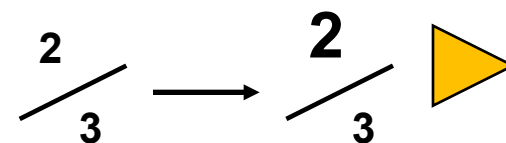
There were 643 cases of Non-Residential Burglary in Barnet in the 12 months up to May 2023. In the 12 months prior there were 605. This is an increase of 6.3%

## 3 Month Performance

MPS Comparison (3 Month Period) change from same period last year.



NW BCU Comparison (3 Month Period) change from same period last year.



There were 165 cases of Non-Residential Burglary in the 3 months of March 2023 to May 2023. In the same period 12 months prior there were 170. This is a decrease of 2.9%

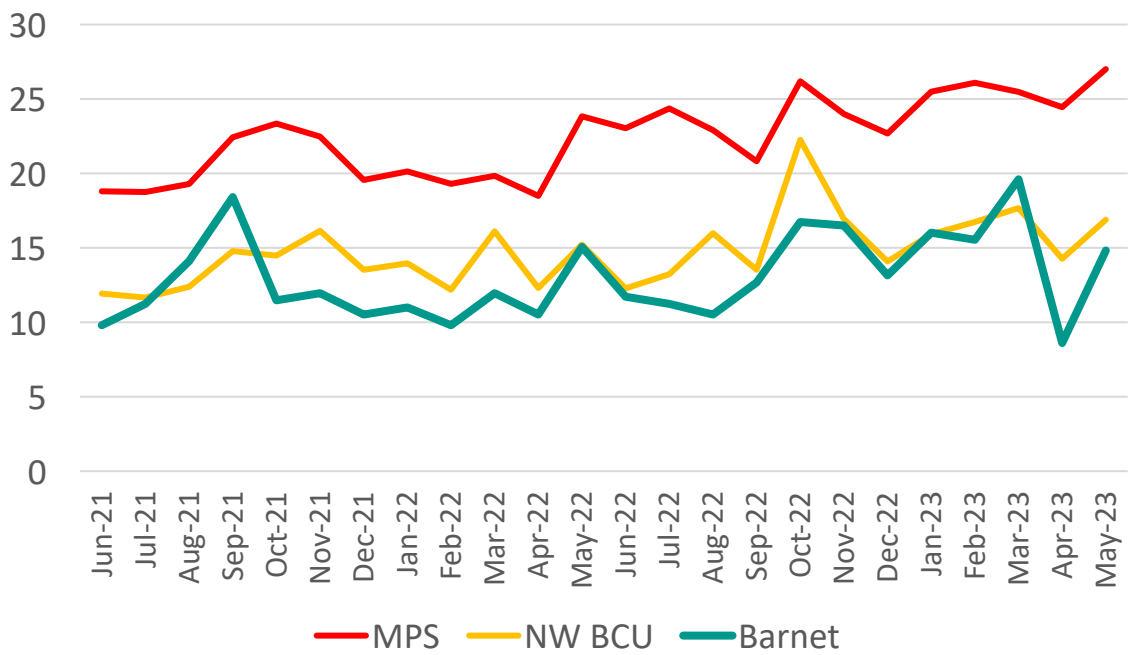
# Robbery of Personal Property



*In the 3 months of March 2023 to May 2023 there were 180 cases of Robbery of Personal Property in Barnet*

## Trend

Robbery of Personal Property per 100,000 Population



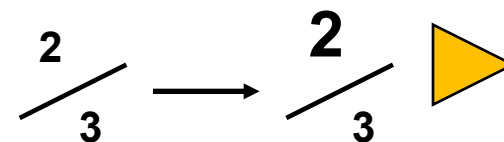
There were 699 cases of Robbery of Personal Property in Barnet in the 12 months up to May 2023. In the 12 months prior there were 610. This is an increase of 14.6%

## 3 Month Performance

MPS Comparison (3 Month Period) change from same period last year.



NW BCU Comparison (3 Month Period) change from same period last year.



There were 180 cases of Robbery of Personal Property in the 3 months of March 2023 to May 2023. In the same period 12 months prior there were 157. This is an increase of 14.6%



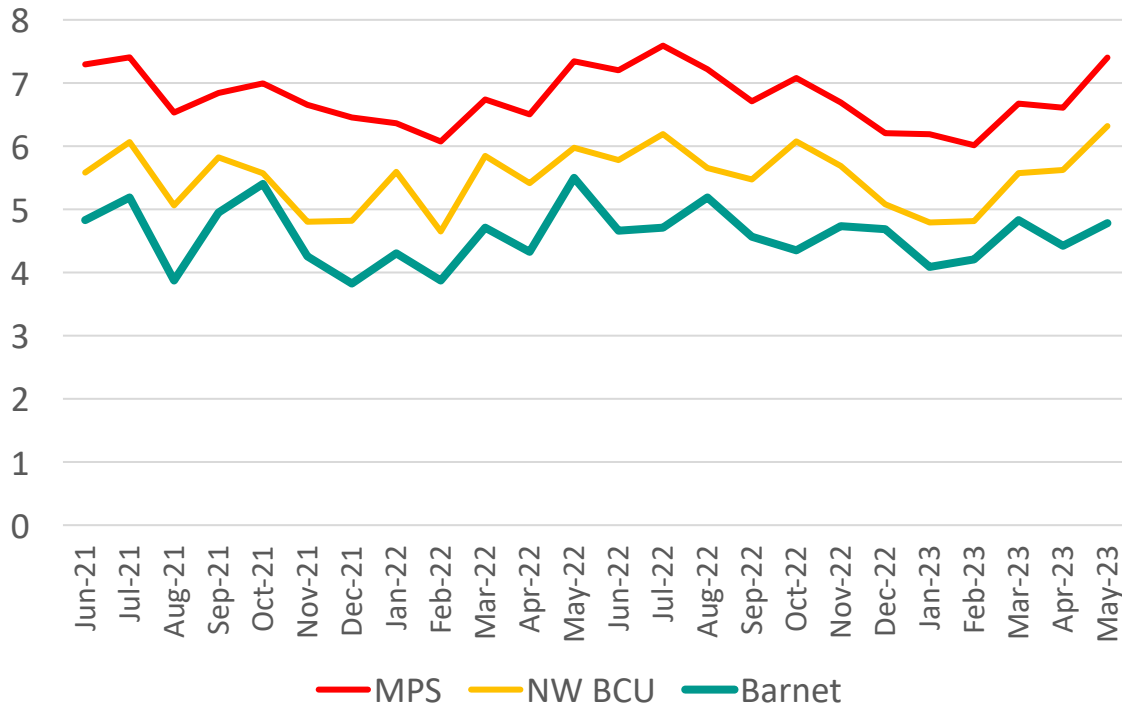
# Violence with Injury



*In the 3 months of March 2023 to May 2023 there were 587 cases of Violence with Injury in Barnet*

## Trend

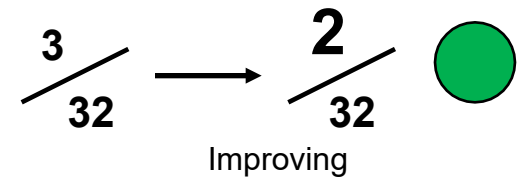
Violence with Injury per 10,000 Population



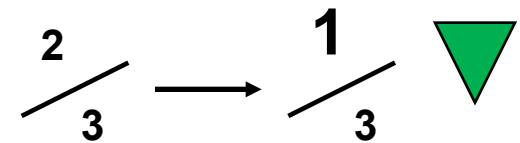
There were 2310 cases of Violence with Injury in Barnet in the 12 months up to May 2023. In the 12 months prior there were 2302. This is an increase of 0.3%

## 3 Month Performance

MPS Comparison (3 Month Period) change from same period last year.



NW BCU Comparison (3 Month Period) change from same period last year.



There were 587 cases of Violence with Injury in the 3 months of March 2023 to May 2023. In the same period 12 months prior there were 608. This is a decrease of 3.5%

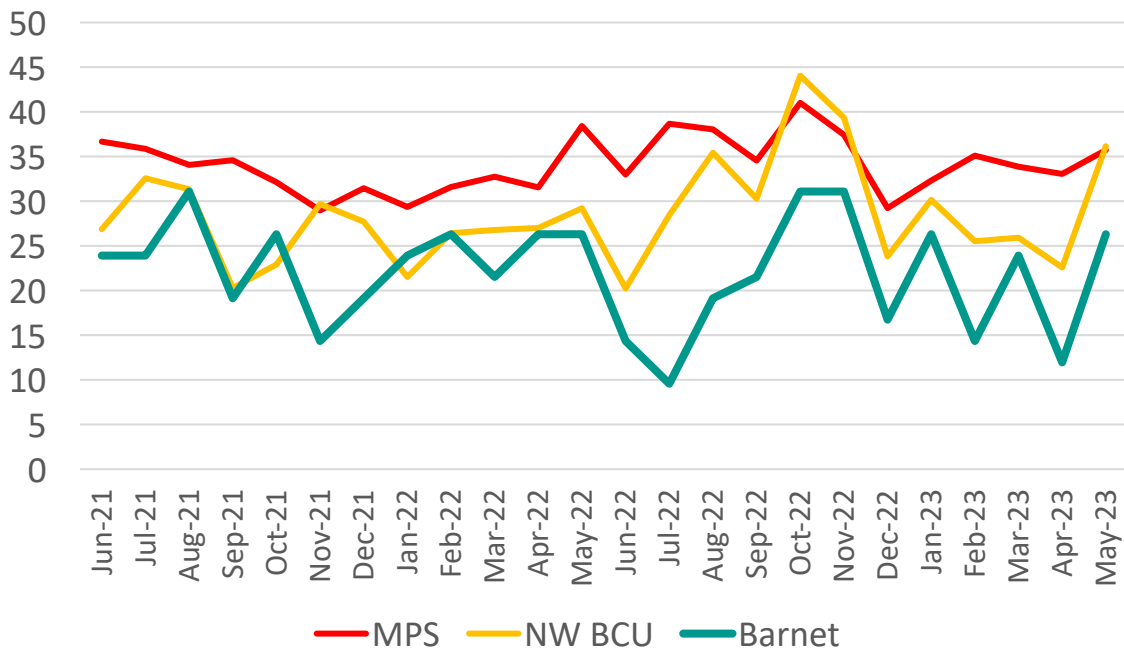
# Knife Crime With Injury



*In the 3 months of March 2023 to May 2023 there were 23 cases of Knife Crime With Injury in Barnet*

## Trend

Knife Crime With Injury per 1,000,000 Population



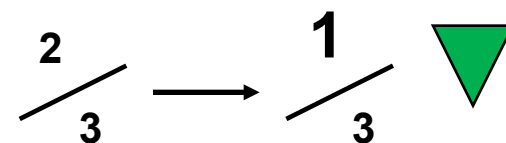
There were 91 cases of Knife Crime With Injury in Barnet in the 12 months up to May 2023. In the 12 months prior there were 93. This is a decrease of 2.2%

## 3 Month Performance

MPS Comparison (3 Month Period) change from same period last year.



NW BCU Comparison (3 Month Period) change from same period last year.



There were 23 cases of Knife Crime With Injury in the 3 months of March 2023 to May 2023. In the same period 12 months prior there were 24. This is a decrease of 4.2%

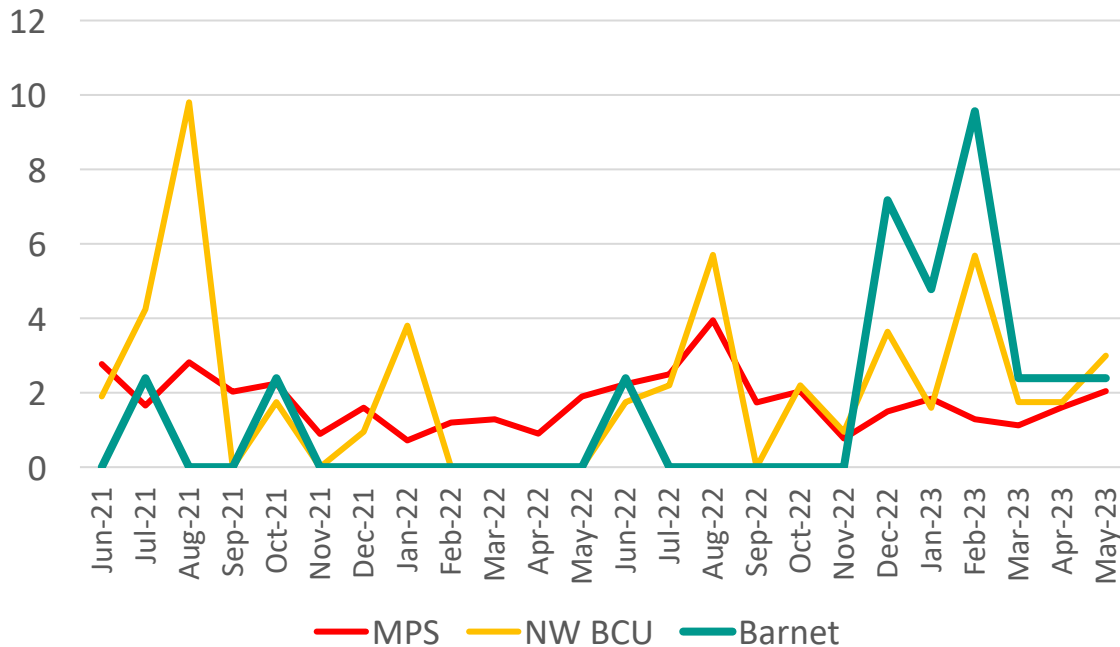
# Gun Crime Lethal Barrelled Discharged



*In the 3 months of March 2023 to May 2023 there were 3 cases of Gun Crime Lethal Barrelled Discharged in Barnet*

## Trend

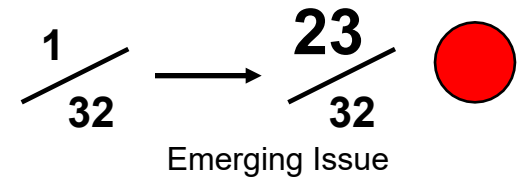
Gun Crime Lethal Barrelled Discharged per 1,000,000 Population



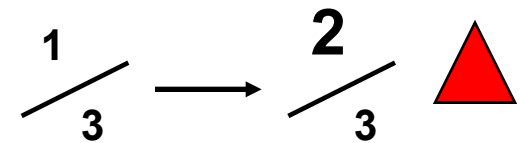
There were 13 cases of Gun Crime Lethal Barrelled Discharged in Barnet in the 12 months up to May 2023. In the 12 months prior there were 2. This is an increase of 550%

## 3 Month Performance

MPS Comparison (3 Month Period) change from same period last year.



NW BCU Comparison (3 Month Period) change from same period last year.



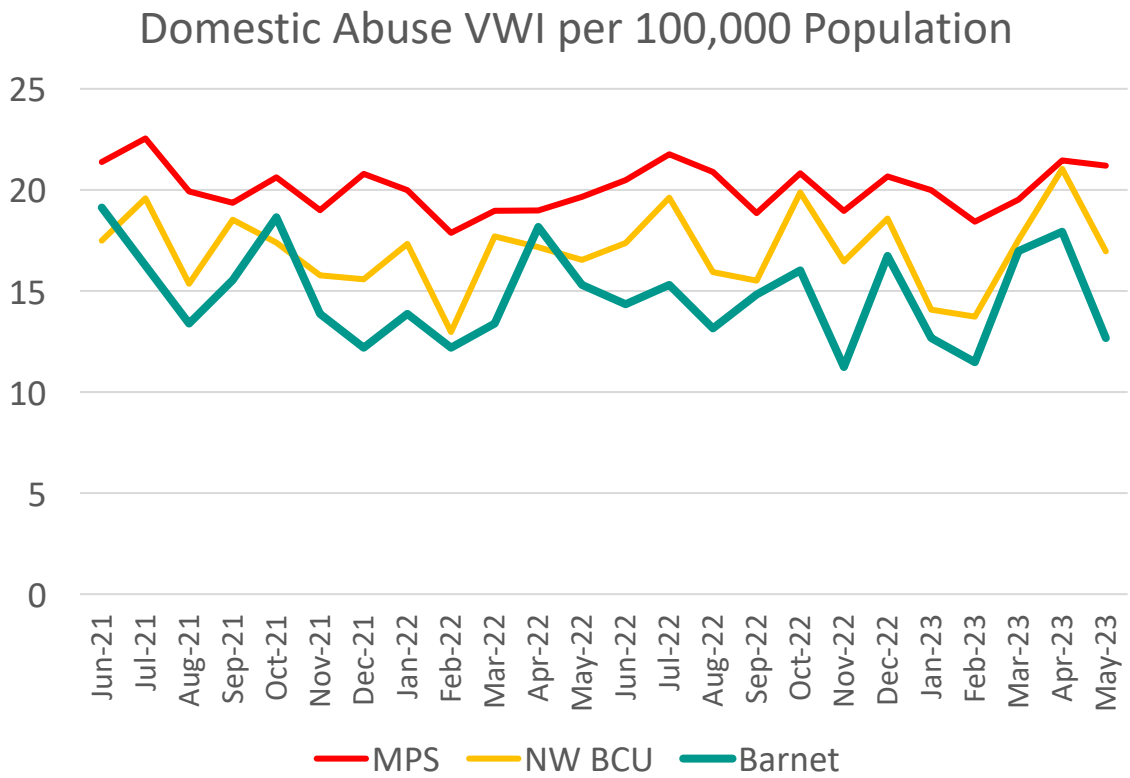
There were 3 cases of Gun Crime Lethal Barrelled Discharged in the 3 months of March 2023 to May 2023. In the same period 12 months prior there were 0. This is a decrease of 0%

# Domestic Abuse Violence With Injury (VWI)



In the 3 months of March 2023 to May 2023 there were 199 cases of Domestic Abuse WI in Barnet

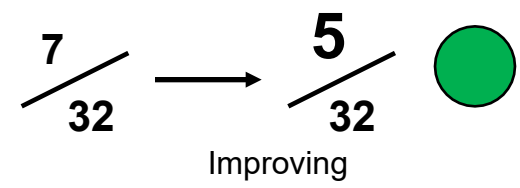
## Trend



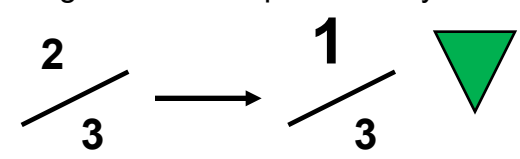
There were 725 cases of Domestic Abuse VWI in Barnet in the 12 months up to May 2023. In the 12 months prior there were 761. This is a decrease of 4.7%

## 3 Month Performance

MPS Comparison (3 Month Period) change from same period last year.



NW BCU Comparison (3 Month Period) change from same period last year.



There were 199 cases of Domestic Abuse VWI in the 3 months of March 2023 to May 2023. In the same period 12 months prior there were 196. This is an increase of 1.5%

# Additional Crime Offences

The table below shows the number of offences recorded between March 2023-May 2023 vs March 2022–May 2022 for an additional selection of crime offences.

## Offences March - May 2023 vs March - May 2022 and percentage change

Offence	Barnet March 2023 to May 2023	Barnet March 2022 to May 2022	Percentage Change (%)
Drugs	275	273	▲ 0.7%
Drugs: Possession	156	194	▼ -19.6%
Drugs: Trafficking	119	79	▲ 50.6%
Knife Crime	93	92	▲ 1.1%
Knife Injury (non DA 1-24yrs)	10	9	▲ 11.1%
Knife Crime with Injury Personal Robbery	3	7	▼ -57.1%
Knife Injury Victims (non DA Gang Flagged)	0	0	▶ 0.0%
Possession of Weapons	29	47	▼ -38.3%
Other Firearm Offences	10	1	▲ 900.0%
Possession of Other Weapons	9	23	▼ -60.9%
Possession of Article with a Blade	7	18	▼ -61.1%
Possession of Firearm Offences	2	4	▼ -50.0%
Possession of Firearms with Intent	1	1	▶ 0.0%
Violence Against the Person	2090	2031	▲ 2.9%
Violence Without Injury	1,500	1422	▲ 5.5%
Homicide	2	2	▶ 0.0%

Key:

▼ Decreased

▶ No Change

▲ Increased

# Anti-Social Behaviour – Cases

Data is the 3 months of March 2023 - May 2023 (incl.)

## ASB Tools and Powers Outcomes: March 2023 – May 2023

## Fixed Penalty Notices: 3 Months to May 2023

Month	Injunction	CBO	CPN Written Warning	CPN	CPN Breached	PSPO	PCO
March 2023	0	0	12	0	0	1	0
April 2023	0	0	21	0	0	3	1
May 2023	0	0	5	1	2	8	0

### Key

CPN Written Warning - Community Protection Notice Written Warning – precursor to CPN

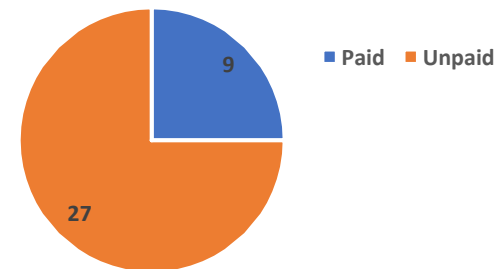
CPN - Community Protection Notice – used to stop a person/bus./org. committing ASB which spoils the community's quality of life

PCO - Premises Closure Order – used to protect victims and communities by closing premises that are causing nuisance or disorder

CBO - Criminal Behaviour Order – available on conviction of a criminal offence, used for the most serious and persistent offenders.

PSPO – Public Space Protection Order - enforced from December 2022

### FPN Data 3 Months to Mar 2023



Total Issued = 36

### Community Trigger\*: 3 Months to May 2023

There was **0** Community Trigger applications received during the 3 months to March 2023.

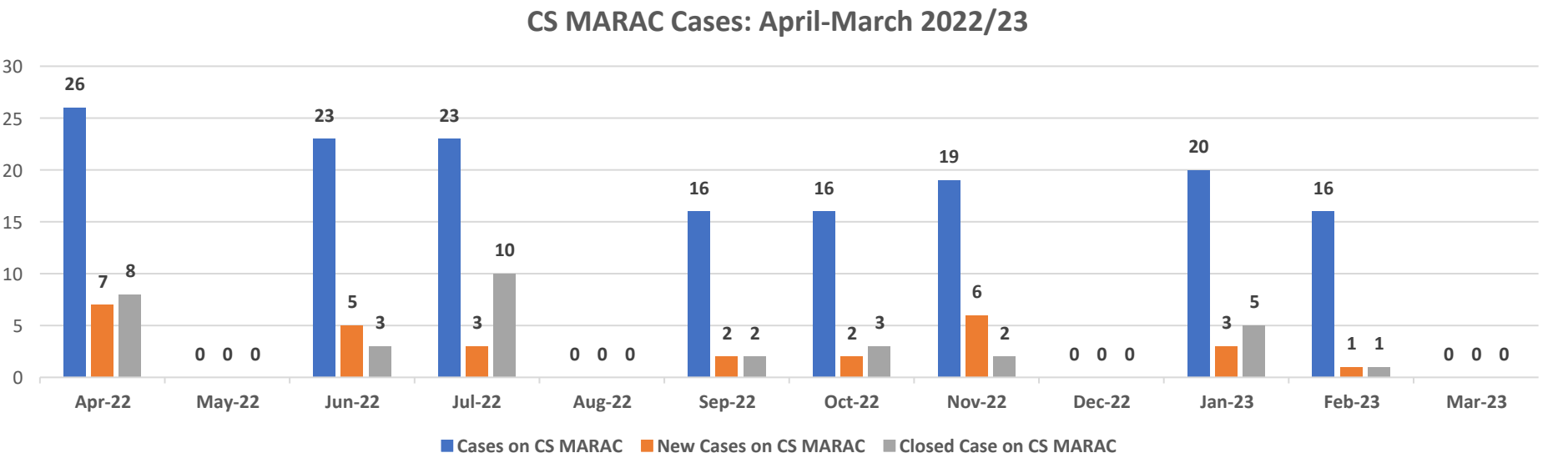
\*Community Triggers give victims and communities the right to request a review of their case (where the local threshold is met), to bring agencies together to take a joined up, problem solving approach for the victim.

# Anti-Social Behaviour - Community Safety MARAC (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference) Cases



Data is from April 2022-March 2023 incl.

## Community Safety MARAC Cases (April 2022 - May 2023)



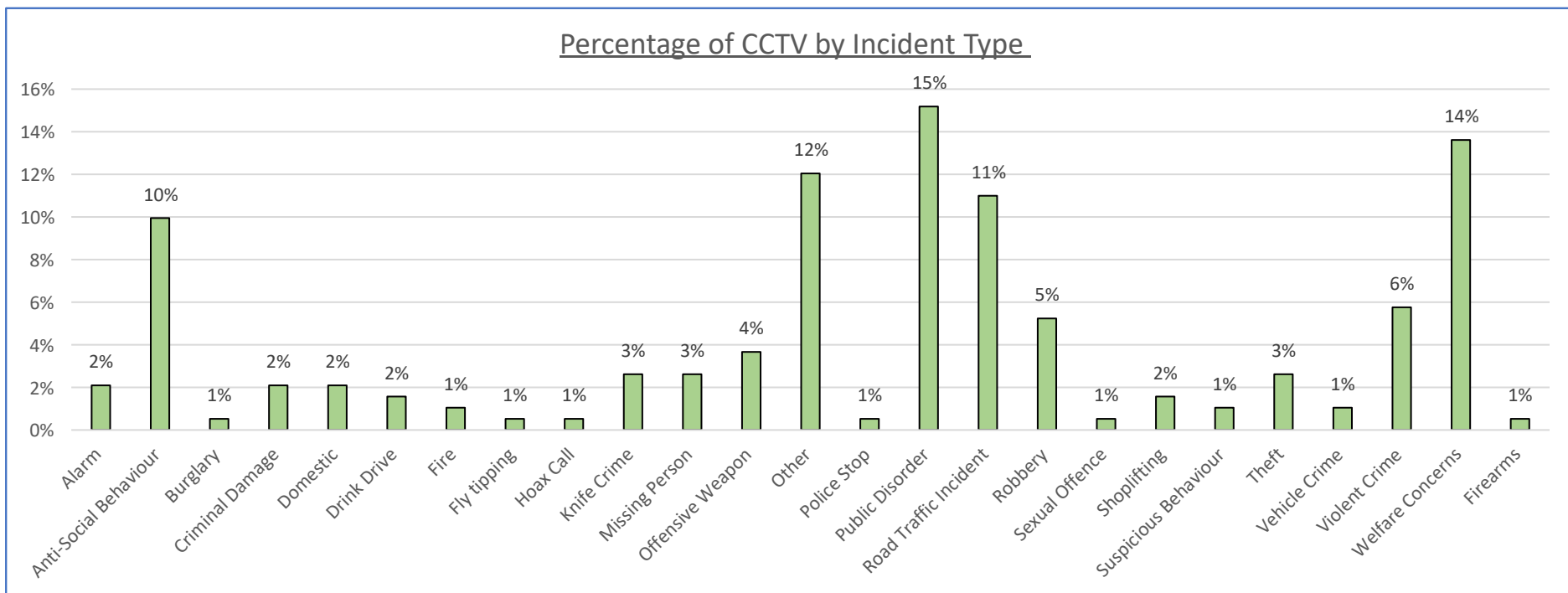
Between April 2022 - March 2023:

- Total CS MARAC cases average approx. 20 per month (ongoing cases, subject to actions from CS MARAC panel/partners)
- New CS MARAC cases average approx. 4 per month
- Closed CS MARAC cases average approx. 4 per month
- The CS MARAC is held every 6 weeks therefore there was no CS MARAC in May 2022, Aug 2022, Dec 2022 and Mar 2023

# CCTV Recorded Incidents

For the 3 months of From March 2023 - May 2023 (incl.) there were 191 incidents captured by CCTV in Barnet

## CCTV by Incident Type: 3 months of March 2023 to May 2023



\* Other refers to incidents of vandalism and fraud

In the 3 months to May 2023:

- 15% of CCTV incidents involved Public Disorder
- 14% of CCTV incidents involved Welfare Concerns
- 12% of CCTV incidents involved Other
- 11% of CCTV incidents involved Road Traffic Incident
- 10% of CCTV incidents involved Anti-Social Behaviour
- 6% of CCTV incidents involved Violent Crime



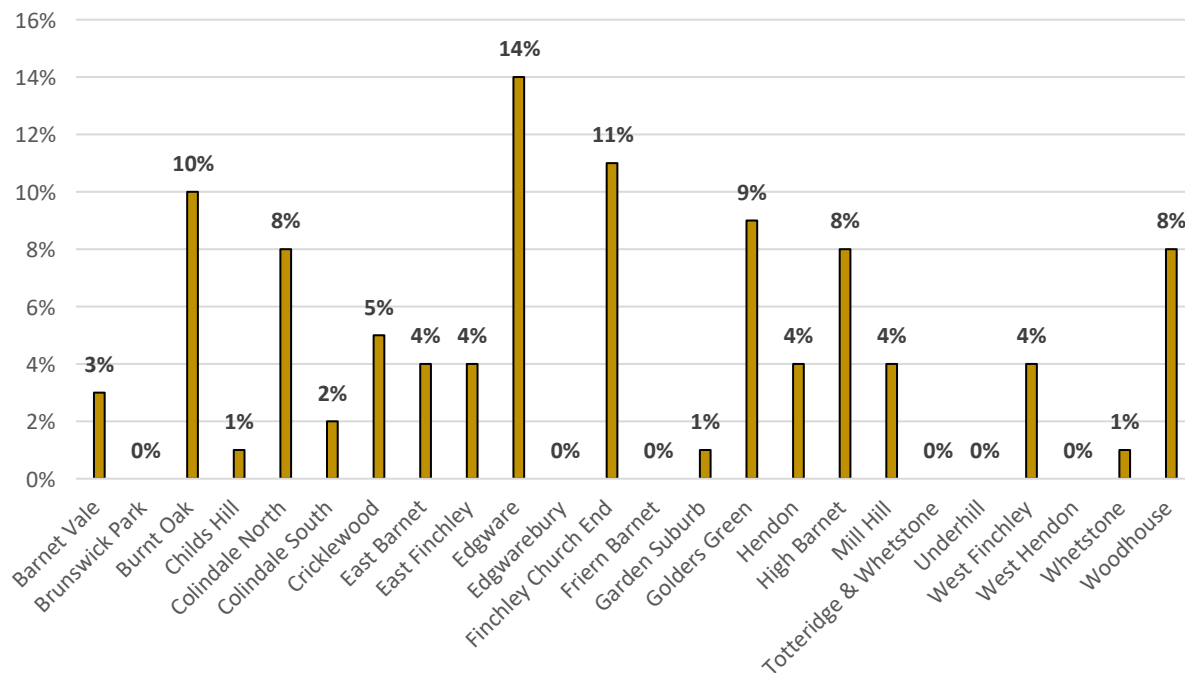
# CCTV Recorded Incidents: By Ward

For the 3 months of March 2023 to May 2023 (incl.) there were 191 incidents captured by CCTV in Barnet

## CCTV Incidents by Ward: 3 months of March 2023 to May 2023

Ward	Number of Incidents	% of incidents
Barnet Vale	6	3%
Brunswick Park	0	0%
Burnt Oak	20	10%
Childs Hill	2	1%
Colindale North	15	8%
Colindale South	3	2%
Cricklewood	10	5%
East Barnet	7	4%
East Finchley	8	4%
Edgware	26	14%
Edgwarebury	0	0%
Finchley Church End	21	11%
Friern Barnet	0	0%
Garden Suburb	1	1%
Golders Green	18	9%
Hendon	7	4%
High Barnet	16	8%
Mill Hill	7	4%
Totteridge & Whetstone	0	0%
Underhill	0	0%
West Finchley	8	4%
West Hendon	0	0%
Whetstone	1	1%
Woodhouse	15	8%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Percentage of CCTV Incidents Captured by Ward



The largest percentage of CCTV incidents were captured in Edgware (14%), Followed by Finchley Church End (11%), then Burnt Oak (10%).

# CCTV Recorded Incidents by Ward

For the 3 months to May 2023 there were 191 incidents captured by CCTV in Barnet



## Number of CCTV Incidents by Ward: 3 months to May 2023

LBB Ward	Alarm	Anti-Social Behaviour	Burglary	Criminal Damage	Domestic	Drink Drive	Fire	Firearms	Fly tipping	Hoax Call	Knife Crime	Missing Person	Offensive Weapon	Other	Police Stop	Public Disorder	Road Traffic Incident	Robbery	Sexual Offence	Shoplifting	Suspicious Behaviour	Theft	Vehicle Crime	Violent Crime	Welfare Concerns	Total
Barnet Vale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	6
Brunswick Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burnt Oak	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	3	20
Childs Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Colindale North	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	15
Colindale South	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Cricklewood	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10
East Barnet	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	7
East Finchley	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	8
Edgware	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	6	4	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	26
Edgwarebury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Finchley Church End	0	2	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	3	0	0	1	0	0	2	4	21
Giarn Barnet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Garden Suburb	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
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Mill Hill	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	7
Totteridge & Whetstone	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>191</b>

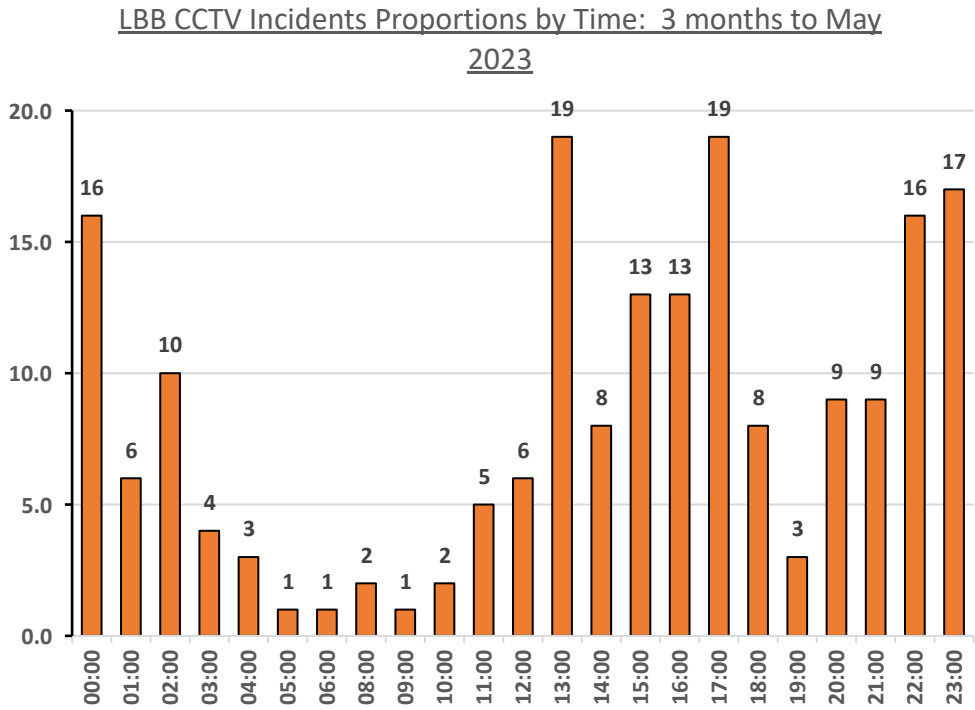
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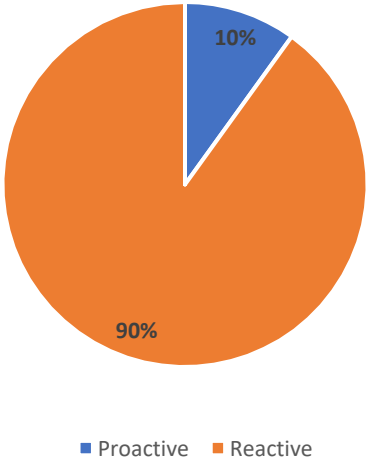
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## Time of Incidents: 3 months to May 2023

## Proactive or Reactive Incidents: 3 months to May 2023



Proportion of Proactive vs Reactive Incidents Captured on CCTV



- The above chart shows the quietest periods are between 03:00am and 11:00am.

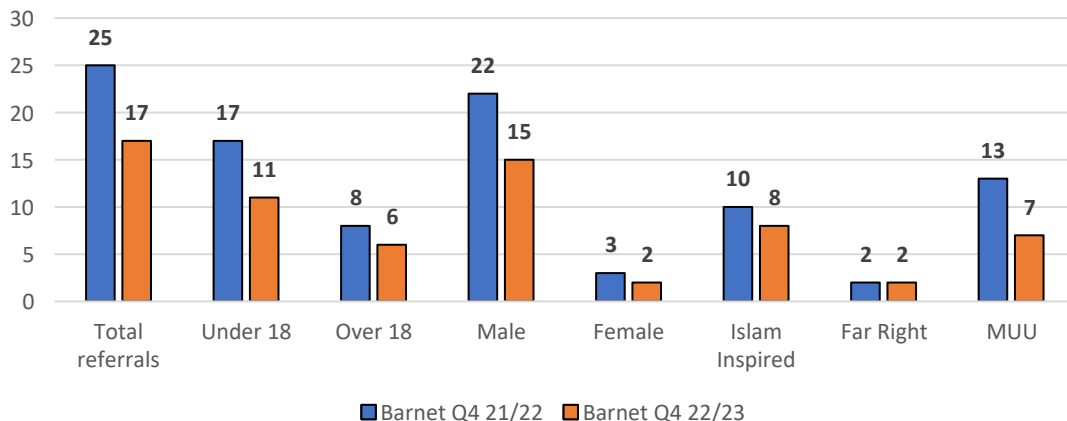
- The above pie chart shows the majority of CCTV incidents captured are reactive. (The police or the council have asked the control room for assistance).

# PREVENT: Number of Referrals Barnet Qtrly Comparison

Quarter 4 (January-March) 2021/22 and 2022/23

## Trend

PREVENT in Barnet: (Number of referrals) Quarter 4: January-March



There were 15 PREVENT referrals in Barnet over Qtr4. In the same quarter in the previous year, there were 25.

This is a decrease of 32%

In Barnet over the two comparable quarters of 2021/22 and 2022/23, the data shows the majority of referrals involve:

- Male (88%)
- Under 18 (65%)
- MUU inspired (41%)

## Quarter 4 2022/23 compared to 2021/22 (January-March)

Prevent In Barnet	Barnet Q4 21/22	Barnet Q4 22/23	% change
Total referrals	25	17	-32.0%
Under 18	17	11	-35.3%
Over 18	8	6	-25.0%
Male	22	15	-31.8%
Female	3	2	-33.3%
Islam Inspired	10	8	-20.0%
Far Right	2	2	0.0%
MUU	13	7	-46.2%

In quarter 4 compared to same period the previous year:

- Total referrals decreased by 32.0%
- There was a 33.3% decline in female referrals (down from 3 in 2021/22 to 2 in 2022/23)
- Referrals of under 18's have decreased by 35.3%
- Islam Inspired referrals decreased by 20%
- Mixed, Unstable and Unclear (MUU) referrals decreased by 46.2%

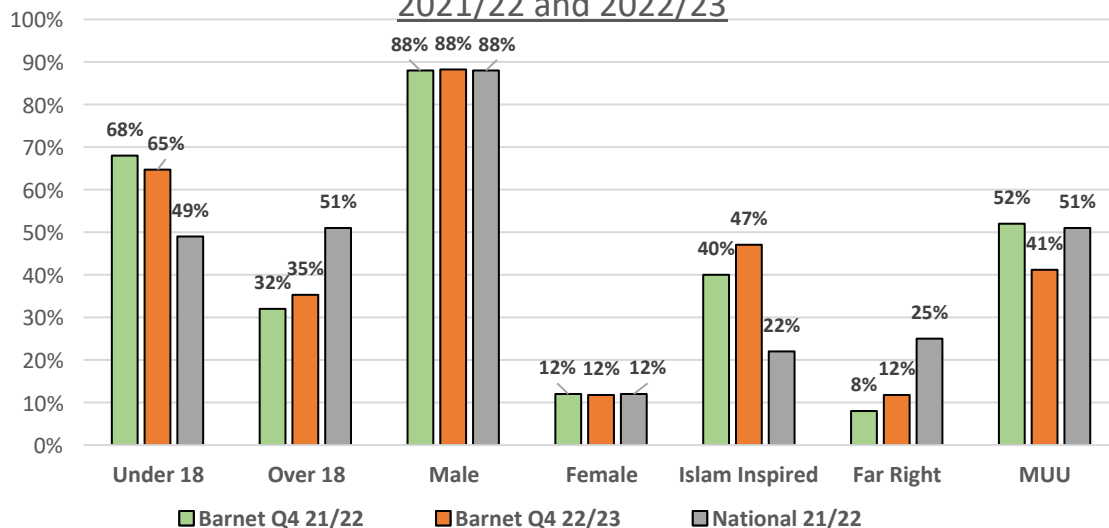
# PREVENT: Percentage of Referrals - National Comparison



Quarter 4 January-March 2021/22 and 2022/23

## Trend

PREVENT in Barnet: (Percentage of referrals) Quarter 4  
2021/22 and 2022/23



## Barnet vs National

Total Referrals Percentage Point Difference: Barnet Quarter 4 2022/23 vs National 2021/22.

Percentage point difference	Qtr4 2022/23 vs National 2021/22
Under 18	16%
Over 18	-16%
Male	0%
Female	0%
Islam Inspired	25%
Far Right	-13%
MUU	-10%

During quarter 4 in Barnet, compared to the National 2021/22 average there was:

- +16% point difference in under 18 referrals
- 0% difference in Female referrals
- +25% point difference in Islam inspired referrals
- -10% point difference in Mixed, Unstable and Unclear referrals (MUU)

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**Duties under Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2022**

Legislation came into force on 23 January 2023 that places new duties on the Responsible Person (RP) for the fire safety of any multi-occupied residential building. These duties include sharing information about any buildings of seven or more storeys or over 18 metres height with the fire and rescue service, **which we ask you share with us via our High Rise Building Portal (<https://hrbdp.london-fire.gov.uk/>)**.

This portal enables you to send us up-to-date building floor plans, a summary of the external wall arrangements, and report any faults that cannot be fixed within 24 hours - as required by the regulations. Sharing this information using the portal ensures it can be acted on quickly and relevant details provided to our fire crews should there be an incident at the premises. All RPs must both register on the High-Rise Building Portal and use it to provide all the information required to meet the regulations.

RPs who do not carry out these new responsibilities are not meeting their obligations under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005 and can be subject to enforcement action by the fire and rescue service.

The Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2022 were introduced to meet recommendations within Phase 1 of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry. Some provisions apply to buildings regardless of height, and others at 11 metre and 18 metre height thresholds. A summary is enclosed.

For further information on the Fire Safety (England) Regulations 2022, visit our website.

London is expecting above average temperatures over the coming weeks and the Brigade has been receiving regular updates from the Met Office and through our London partnership meetings to support our planning.

**Wildfire Preparedness**

**Weekly strategic forecasting meeting**

The Brigade continues to hold the weekly strategic forecasting meeting each Wednesday morning. This meeting considers a range of areas for the next 8 days including, Intelligence status, planned events, weather information, staffing levels and operational requirements. The outcome of this meeting provides our position to resource against the predicted risk to ensure (where possible) that the appropriate resources are available. This arrangement has worked well up to this point.

**Working in our boroughs**

Officers and crews have taken a proactive approach and have been familiarising themselves with the access and egress to areas of risk identified on their station grounds. We encourage this approach and fully support local engagement with the Chief Executives, council leaders, local authority and other partners to minimise risk and work in partnership to protect your local communities.

### **Wildfire training**

The new wildfire training package is live and completion rates are improving. With the Amber wildfire alert still in place, this training is being prioritised to ensure fire station staff are aware of the risks and prepared for incidents of this type.

### **Holy Hose and new Hats**



The changes we're making following 2022's heatwave-related fires include providing 'bucket hats', new wildfire training for firefighters and the roll out of 'holy hoses' to tackle wildfires during very hot weather.

It became clear during debriefing following the unprecedented temperatures in 2022 that our welfare equipment and procedures are not sufficient to mitigate the impact of working in 40C heat. This includes our personal protective equipment (PPE), respiratory protective equipment (RPE) and our welfare arrangements, such as portable shelters and cooling fans. As a result, our equipment and welfare are all under review to ensure that we put in place suitable measures to protect staff working in extreme temperatures.



When the holey hose is charged with water it creates a 'water curtain' over a considerable distance and provides a fire break. The early use of holey hose will wet unburnt fuels and soak into the ground, making their ignition more difficult. Holey hose will be carried on the OSU with a 5,000-litre water dam for areas that are difficult to access. This hose is stored at Finchley Fire Station and can be deployed across London.

### **Crew Welfare**

Staff welfare is paramount and with the increase in temperature, it's important to ensure our staff have the appropriate measures in place such as personal issue water bottles to maintain hydration levels, sun cream and appropriate levels of Personal Protective Equipment available at all times.

### **Flood response equipment**

The Met Office has also heavy rain over the summer, that could lead to floods over a wide area of London.

The Brigade's previous flood response equipment was limited to the mass delivery of sand bags. These have manual handling issues, and once deployed they are difficult to re-deploy. After a flooding incident they also present a contamination issue, rendering them unsuitable for re-use.

Incident commanders can now request up to 500m of flood protection barriers stored at two strategic locations, **Finchley** and Sutton.

The barriers can be taken by Operational Support Units to any flooding incident across London.

### **New approach to automatic fire alarm calls**

We are preparing to launch a public consultation over the Brigade's proposals to change the way we respond to automatic fire alarm calls from non-residential premises.

We will always attend an emergency when a member of the public calls us, but we want to stop wasting so much time, effort and money responding to automatic fire alarm calls that turn out to be false when firefighters arrive at the location. Any changes would mean more appliances are available for genuine emergencies. Firefighters could also spend more time on vital fire prevention work and other activities that keep our communities safe.

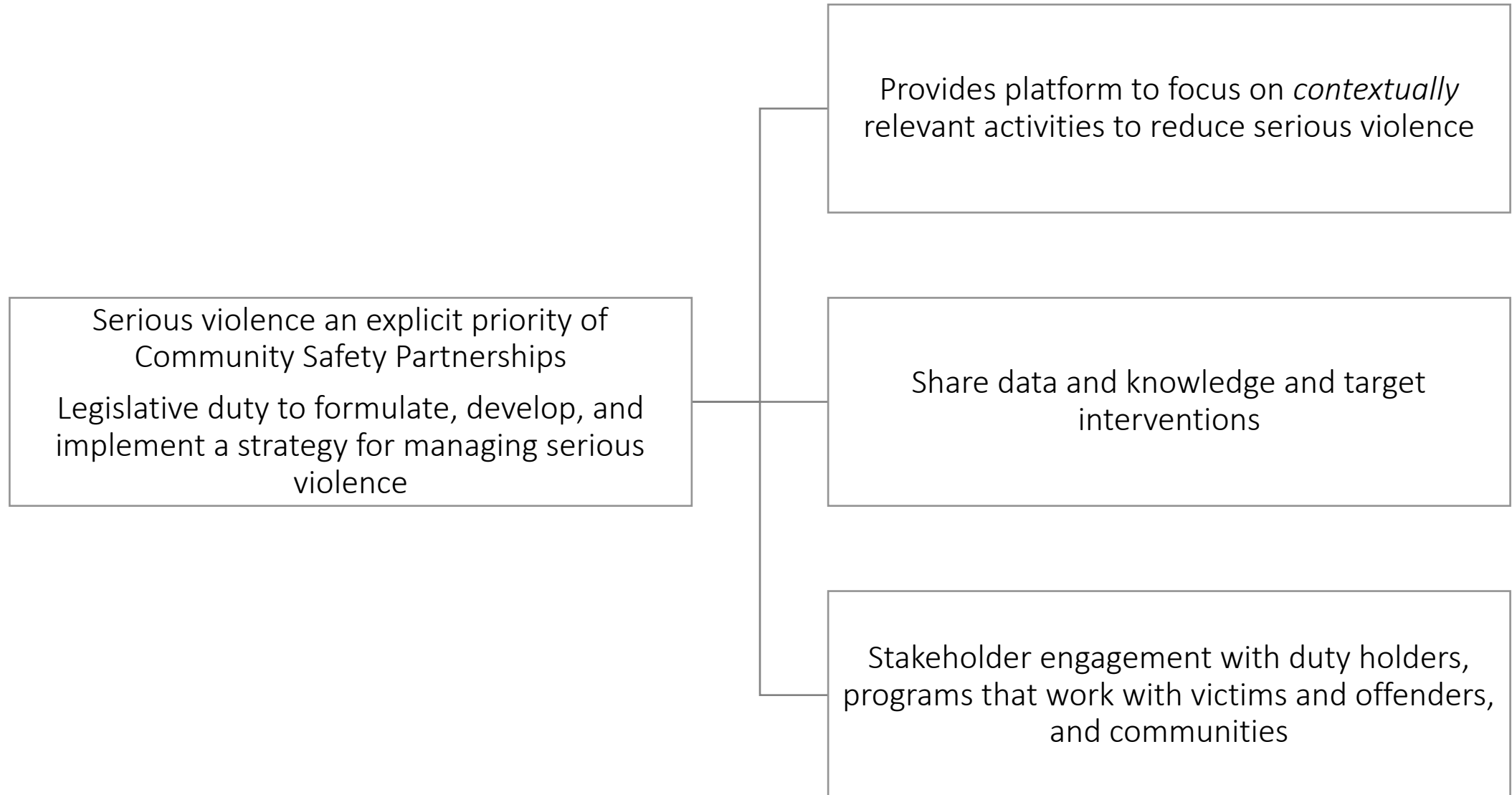
Further information will be shared when the consultation has been finalised.

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# Safer Communities Partnership Board July 2023

## Serious Violence Duty Needs Assessment

# Serious violence and exploitation affecting young people <25, including domestic abuse and sexual violence

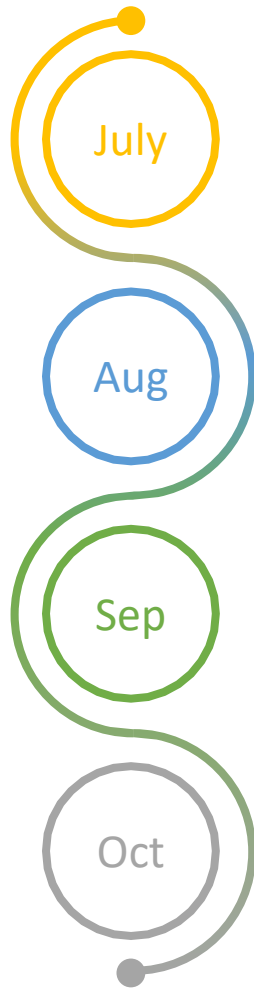


Item	Risk Factor	Statistics
Serious Violence	Violent Crime and Sexual Offences	20.67 per 1,000; 28.54 per 1,000 in most deprived areas Census; July 2022 – May 2023, 2,121 violence with injuries, 18.3 per 1,000, average 188 from Jan 2018; July 2022- May 2023, 2,959 reported domestic abuse offences, of which 665 with injury, average 257, 64 with injury from Jan 2018; 2010-2021: increase in violence with injury, increase in violence without injury, increase in rape, increase in drug trafficking
Age	Violent offences above 1 incident from 13 – 19 High-rate offenders primarily between 14 – 24 Have previously committed violence (2+)	Population +9.2%; 0-19, +6.8%; 20-24, +26.2% but overall percentage of population decreased Forecasted decrease in 0-17 population
Sex	Male	48% male, 52% female; Forecasted increase in female to male ratio
Children	Vulnerable populations Adverse childhood experiences	Looked after children (LAC): 329; Children in need (CIN): 309; Safeguarding / Care Plan (CP): 248; 14% of Children (0-15) live in poverty
Education	Learning difficulty / Truancy	More educated, apprenticeship: +154.9%, Level 3: +34.1%, Level 4+: +33.2%; Advantage gap between 6.7 pp; Persistent absence: 18.4%; LAC: attainment, attendance; CIN: attainment, attendance, suspension; CP: attainment
Mother	Child of young mothers	TBD
Employment	Unemployed mothers	Retirements led to increase in economically inactive residents; Similar economic activity across deprivation levels, most deprived have less job density and local VAT units, earn only 88% of above average deprivation; 4.8% working age adults on out of work benefits, 9% of population on universal credit
Neighbourhood	High Crime	28.54 per 1,000 in most deprived areas
Households	Experiencing Poverty Experiencing Deprivation	22.94% live in poverty, 28.19% in most deprived areas 3.35% households deprived in 3+ dimensions; 12.2% deprived in 2 dimensions; 32.19% deprived in 1 dimension; 2.4% experience overcrowding; Food banks have 41K users per week in 2023
Health	Substance Abuse STI (risk)	+3.4% Good health; STI in 15 - 24 years of age: 515 / 100,000 residents (394 per 100,000 for England) new STI diagnoses w/out Chlamydia; Chlamydia 1,090/100,000 (1,334 per 100,000 for England)
Perception of Violence	Positive perception of violence	TBD

# Focus: At-Risk Population for Violence Predictors

- Understand and address factors for high-risk individuals, both offenders *and* victims of crime
- Based on data and intelligence; identify population burden and inequalities, evidence of interventions' effectiveness
- Stakeholder consultations with organizations and peoples relevant to risk factors to understand how we view risk factors and how we are and plan to address them
- Adverse childhood experiences
- Experience educational difficulty / truancy
- Children of young mothers
- Children of unemployed mothers
- Come from disadvantaged households (experienced poverty, have family struggles (low supervision, substance abuse, etc.))
- Live in high crime areas
- Live in disadvantaged neighbourhoods
- Have positive perception of violence
- Have previously committed violent crime (2+))

# Stakeholder Engagement Roadmap



## Strategic Engagement

Duty holders, programs and projects addressing risk factors, community representatives, youth representatives, especially areas experiencing higher than average deprivation and crime rates

## Operational Engagement

Working with Duty holders on how best to manage and ameliorate predictors of serious violence, performance metrics and measures, evaluation and feedback

## Community Feedback

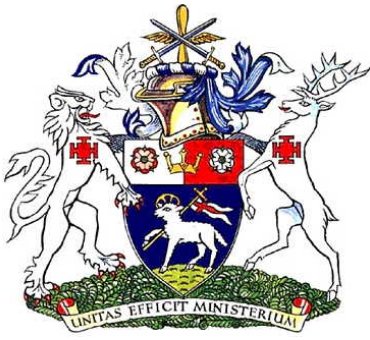
Community engagement, especially in communities at the frontline of most serious violence offences

## Delivery Draft of Serious Violence Needs Assessment

Safer Communities Partnership Board for feedback and revision

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AGENDA ITEM 9

## Safer Communities Partnership Board

<b>Title</b>	Safer Communities Partnership Board Annual Report 2022-2023
<b>Date of meeting</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
<b>Report of</b>	Chair of the Safer Communities Partnership Board
<b>Wards</b>	N/A
<b>Status</b>	Public
<b>Urgent</b>	No
<b>Appendices</b>	Appendix A - Safer Communities Partnership Board Annual Report 2022-2023 Appendix B - Family Services Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women & Girls (VAWG) Annual Report
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### Summary

Barnet Borough Council has a statutory duty under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, and the subsequent amendments by the Police and Justice Act 2006, to work in partnership with other statutory and non-statutory partners and agencies to address community safety issues within the borough, collectively known as the Safer Communities Partnership Board.

The attached Annual Report details the work of the Safer Communities Partnership Board and the outcomes it has achieved for 2022-2023.

### Recommendations

1. That the Safer Communities Partnership Board agree to the progress being made against the five priorities set out in the Community Safety Strategy 2022-2023.
2. That the Safer Communities Partnership Board agree that the Annual Report for 2022-2023 is an accurate record of the outcomes and work programme for that year.

## 1. Reasons for the Recommendations

- 1.1 The Annual Report describes the work of the Safer Communities Partnership Board for 2022-2023 and the outcomes and work undertaken for that year towards the priorities set out in the Community Safety Strategy 2022 - 2027
- 1.2 It is a constitutional requirement for the Safer Communities Partnership Board to produce an annual report of its programme of work each year.

## 2. Alternative Options Considered and Not Recommended

- 2.1 Not relevant in relation to this report.

## 3. Post Decision Implementation

- 3.1 Once agreed by the board, the report will be presented at the next Overview and Scrutiny Committee as a record of the work carried out towards the priorities within the Community Safety Strategy 2022-2027.

## 4. Corporate Priorities, Performance and Other Considerations

### Corporate Plan

- 4.1 The annual report demonstrates how the Safer Communities Partnership Board have contributed to the delivery of the council's priorities.
- 4.2 The Barnet corporate plan puts Caring for People, our Places and the Planet at the heart of everything we do, with a commitment to create places that are clean, safe and welcoming. The annual report demonstrates how the work of the Safer communities Partnership Board contributes to the corporate plan.

### Corporate Performance / Outcome Measures

- 4.3 None in the context of this report.

### Sustainability

- 4.4 There are no direct environmental implications from noting the recommendations. Implementing the recommendations in the report will lead to a positive impact on the Council's carbon and ecology impact, or at least it is neutral.

### Corporate Parenting

4.5	In line with Children and Social Work Act 2017, the council has a duty to consider Corporate Parenting Principles in decision-making across the council. There are no implications for Corporate Parenting in relation to this report.
<b>Risk Management</b>	
4.6	None in the context of this report.
<b>Insight</b>	
4.7	None in the context of this report.
<b>Social Value</b>	
4.8	None in the context of this report.
<b>5. Resource Implications (Finance and Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT and Property)</b>	
5.1	None in the context of this report.
<b>6. Legal Implications and Constitution References</b>	
6.1	Under s.17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, it is also a duty of the council (and other partner agencies, including police, fire and rescue, GLA, TfL) when exercising its functions to have due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder (including anti-social behaviour), misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances and re-offending.
6.2	The Council's Constitution sets out the Terms of Reference of the Safer Communities Partnership Board; The Safer Communities Partnership Board (SCPB) is the inter-agency mechanism in Barnet to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour and reoffending and promote social cohesion. It acts as the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership as defined (and required) by the 1998 Crime and Disorder Act and subsequent amendments including the 2006 Police and Justice Act and the 2009 Policing and Crime Act.
<b>7. Consultation</b>	
7.1	None in the context of this report.
<b>8. Equalities and Diversity</b>	
8.1	Pursuant to section 149 of the Equality Act, 2010, the Council has a public-sector duty to have due regard to eliminating unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Act; advancing equality of opportunity between those with a protected characteristic and those without; promoting good relations between those with a protected characteristic and those without. The, relevant, 'protected characteristics' are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex,

sexual orientation. It also covers marriage and civil partnership with regard to elimination discrimination.

8.2 Having due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to:

- a) Remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- b) Take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- c) Encourage persons who share a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

## **9. Background Papers**

9.1 Barnet Safer Communities Partnership Community Safety Strategy 2022 – 2027 [Barnet Community Safety Strategy A4 Report \[FINAL\]](#)

Appendix A



# Safer Communities Partnership Board Annual Report 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023



## 1. Executive Summary

The Barnet Safer Communities Partnership Board (SCPB) brings together agencies and organisations involved in crime prevention and community safety within the borough of Barnet. It includes Barnet Council, the Metropolitan Police, Fire Service, the Probation Service and Public Health; as well as other statutory and non-statutory organisations that play an essential role in tackling and reducing crime and anti-social behaviour in Barnet.

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a requirement on Safer Community Partnerships to develop a Community Safety Strategy that sets out how they will tackle crime and anti-social behaviour in their area. This report demonstrates how the priorities within that report have been worked towards during 2022-2023.

## 2. Purpose of this report:

The purpose of this document is to provide an end of year summary report on the workstreams of the members of the Safer Communities Partnership Board, against the 2022-27 strategy and its outcomes for the following five priorities:

- Tackling and reducing anti-social behaviour.
- Early intervention and prevention of domestic abuse and violence against women and girls.
- Reducing offending including violence, vulnerability and exploitation, with a focus on acquisitive crime.
- Safeguard and support those vulnerable to radicalisation.
- Access to justice for those affected by hate crime.

The report also provides the opportunity to thank all partners and council teams for their hard work and commitment with delivering the priorities within the Safer Communities Partnership Community Safety Strategy.

## 3. Barnet Community Safety Strategy 2022-27:

Barnet's Community Safety Strategy was refreshed in 2022. The new Community Safety Strategy outlines the priorities and outcomes that the Safer Communities Partnership Board will focus on over the next five years.

The priorities have been identified through considering the findings of a detailed assessment of crime and anti-social behaviour trends and a consultation with the residents of Barnet conducted from January to March 2022. The consultation included an online survey that

focused on the perceptions and experiences of Barnet residents around crime and anti-social behaviour, and what their key concerns are.

Our strategy focuses on supporting victims of crime and directing partnership resources to the areas of high crime and anti-social behaviour in the borough; whilst our overarching priority is to safeguard victims and protect the public.

This report will go through each of the 5 priorities focusing on the outcomes laid out in the 2022-27 strategy to give an update of progress so far from the relevant teams responsible for delivering on those priorities. The progress is focused on the commitment Barnet has made to its residents and this report will outline key partnership outcomes during the financial year 2022-23 towards our overall strategic aim.

## 4. Priorities

### 4.1 Priority 1 – Tackling and reducing anti-social behaviour

#### Outcomes:

- Ensure victims understand how to report the different types of ASB to the right service to get the best possible response to their complaint.
- Ensure victims are aware of the Community Trigger and how to initiate it.
- Provide a more visible Police and council officer 'on street' presence.
- Maintain the multi-agency response to ASB using the Community Safety Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (CS MARAC) process.
- Increase the use of the ASB tools and powers related to the partnership activity to tackle ASB.
- Tackle environmental crime in all its forms

#### ***4.1.1 Ensure victims understand how to report the different types of anti-social behaviour to the right service to get the best possible response to their complaint.***

#### **Community Safety Hubs**

A Community Safety Hub is a drop-in centre which allows residents to report issues around community safety and anti-social behaviour.

The hubs were introduced in Qtr3 of 2022/2023, as part of a range of pilot projects to further increase the feeling of safety and to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour in the borough of Barnet. The hubs are accessible for all who live in, work in, and visit Barnet, to anonymously report or raise concerns about crime and anti-social behaviour.

The Community Safety Hubs occur four times per week at four different venues across Barnet; Chipping Barnet, Edgware, North Finchley and West Hendon. The Community Safety Hubs are managed and staffed by the Community Safety Team, with 2 Investigation and Enforcement Officers attending for 3 hours per hub.

Pop up hubs have also been introduced to enable the model to be used at community events and where reassurance and engagement maybe needed within communities.

### **Communications**

The Community Safety Team developed ‘How to report’ leaflets (Fig.1) in Qtr3 of 2022/23 to promote the community safety hubs and encourage an increase in reporting levels to the council and the police.

The strategy priorities were also included on the leaflet to highlight to residents the council’s commitment to working together to making Barnet a safer place for all.

Fig.1 Report ASB leaflet





The Community Safety Team worked very closely with the Communications Team during 2022/2023 to promote the work of the team. We have utilised social media, the Council website, and resident newsletters to show key results, including before and after pictures of areas where the team’s intervention has resulted in significant improvements to an area.

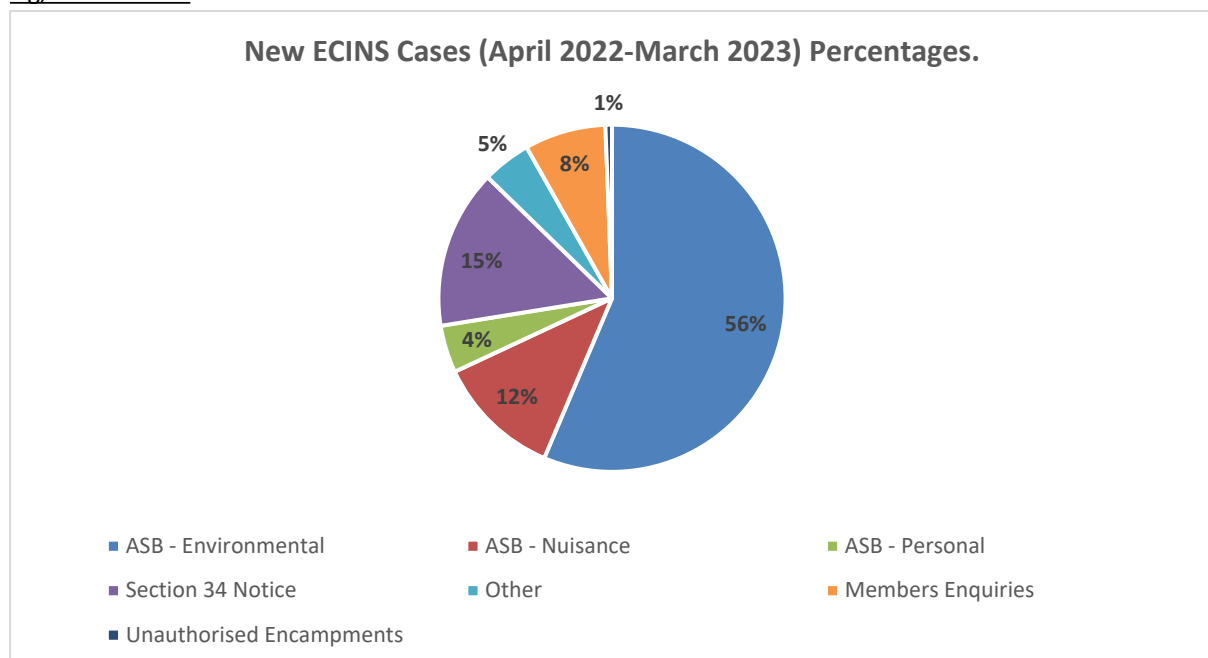
Key community safety projects, such as Ward Walks (see 4.1.3), and Community Safety Hubs have also been promoted using the same platforms, with a dedicated email address (saferstreets@barnet.gov.uk) being created for community safety issues to be raised as part of the Ward Walks programme to hear the voice of the residents ahead of their areas Ward Walk and what they are concerned about.

### **Community Safety Team Case Volumes**

The Community Safety Team received and logged 3602 cases between Apr 2022 – Mar 2023. This compares to the previous reporting year of 2495 cases and represents a 44% increase in cases<sup>1</sup>. It could be assumed that the significant increase in cases is due to an increase in reporting levels, however this may also be due to higher levels of cases in general.

The cases shown in Fig 2. cover the team’s multi agency workstreams such as the Community Safety Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (CS MARAC); Unauthorised Encampments; Members Enquiries for the Community Safety Team; Environmental Crime Investigations (Fly tipping, ASB – Personal, ASB – Nuisance and ASB – Environmental).

Fig,2 ECINS cases



\*'Other' Includes 36 different categories that were not included in the main subheadings above.

\*\* Section 34 Notice – Duty of care waste offences

<sup>1</sup> 2022/23 Data verified by ECINS (Empowering Communities with Integrated Network Systems) secure web-based case management system.

## **Location Problem Solving Groups**

Location problem solving groups look at a specific area/estate where multiple complaints of anti-social behaviour and crime have been received by the council from residents, with a commitment to make a positive change for the residents living there. The complaints are then cross referenced with intelligence from the council database and the appropriate agencies/council departments and policing teams are invited to identify the main areas for improvement and the action they can take individually and as a group to improve the lives of those living on the estate and experiencing issues.

The first location PSG in Barnet was held in August 2022 and has continued each month to date. A resident from the estate was present at the first meeting to describe first-hand how the issues on the estate were affecting her, her family, neighbours and community. The first-hand account was extremely powerful and helped to remind all attendees of the focus of the meeting.

The meetings are held in person, with no online meeting option provided, this has helped to ensure that everyone is engaged and accountable in the meeting and contribute on behalf of their service area/agency.

The location PSG has proved to be very successful so far with members of the meeting expressing their gratitude and that of their residents and contacts within the community. Partners and internal teams have expressed their passion and commitment for the PSG and expressed their willingness for the PSGs to continue and be rolled out throughout the borough for relevant areas.

### ***4.1.2 Ensure victims are aware of the Community Trigger and how to initiate it.***

#### **Community Trigger**

The Community Trigger aims to support victims and communities and reduce the number of repeat victims of anti-social behaviour. If a victim/complainant has reported instances of anti-social behaviour to the police, council, a housing association or other agency but the problem is still continuing, they can apply for the Community Trigger. It gives the victim/complainant the right to call for the Barnet Community Safety Partnership to work together to review the problem and devise an action plan to resolve it.

During April 2022 to March 2023 there was a total of 11 Community Triggers submitted to the Community Safety Team. Five of the triggers were accepted and responded to and 6 of the triggers were rejected, however they were still responded to and subject to a case review.

#### **Community Trigger promotion**

In order to raise awareness of the Community Trigger and encourage it's use by victims of anti-social behaviour, a section regarding the process and how to apply has been added to the council website. The Community Safety Team also actively promote the use of the Community Trigger within their email signatures (see Fig.3).

The Community Trigger has also been promoted online via the Barnet First magazine with a commitment to further promote it a minimum amount of four times per year.

Fig.3



In February 2023, the Community Safety Team shared a briefing note and the signature block with all relevant frontline officers that have direct contact with victims/complainants of anti-social behaviour, such as Environmental Health Teams and Barnet Homes Housing Teams, to promote its use.

#### **Community Trigger Case study**

The case was brought to the Community Safety Team ('the Team') after the victims felt they had exhausted all other avenues with reporting and applied for a community trigger case review.

The case was accepted and several multi-agency meetings with relevant partners were held. The partnership agreed the pathways towards enforcement to address the reported anti-social behaviour and the support plan for the victims of the anti-social behaviour that wanted to remain anonymous.

The reported anti-social behaviour included drug dealing, drug smoking, shouting in the street, vehicles turning up and 'exchanges' taking place, threats and foul or offensive language in the street.

The Team began with a letter of engagement to the residents in the road coupled with door-to-door enquiries with the objective of securing statements regarding the behaviour.

The Community Safety Team secured several witness statements and issued a Community Protection Notice Written Warning with conditions outlining the anti-social Behaviour / Nuisance at the address and the recommended actions to avoid the continued unreasonable and detrimental behaviour impacting the community.

Further complaints were received, and witness statements were obtained to support a breach of the issued warning. A full Community Protection Notice was then served, which received no appeals.

Unfortunately, the affected residents were unwilling to disclose their name or address in court proceedings due to a fear of reprisals. This meant that exhibits taken such as photographs and videos and named statements had to be redacted and anonymous evidence offered to the court by the officers acting as professional witnesses to the events. Whilst this slowed criminal proceedings for a partial closure order prosecution breach, it was agreed to pursue a full closure order on the address to give residents respite from the ongoing anti-social behaviour.

### **Conclusion**

The Court granted a full Closure Order against the privately owned property, and it was boarded up for the duration of the order.

This case study demonstrates the effective teamwork within Barnet Council and with our local Police Service to help to combat anti-social behaviour in the community to achieve beneficial outcomes for local residents.

### ***4.1.3 Provide a more visible Police and council officer 'on street' presence***

#### **Barnet Community Safety restructure**

The new Community Safety Team structure was implemented from 1st April 2022 with the following changes contributing to the increased visibility of the team:

- A uniformed and highly visible, patrolling presence in the community by seeking to reduce environmental crimes including fly tipping, littering and anti-social behaviour, as well as combat the fear of general crime by providing reassurance and assistance.
- A new 7-day shift based working pattern to ensure the streets of Barnet are patrolled by uniformed council officers between the hours of 8am-8pm Monday to Friday, 10am – 5pm Saturdays and 10am – 4pm on Sundays.
- A named Investigation & Enforcement officer for each ward from May 2022.
- Increased resource to create a ward-based approach to deal with community safety issues.

#### **Police partnership**

The Community safety Team works very closely with the Metropolitan Police Northwest Basic Command Unit, attending weekly partnership meetings to discuss concerns and emerging issues/crimes within the borough. This ensures a joined-up approach within the partnership to understand local problems relevant to residents and visitors of Barnet, and to identify areas where the partnership can work together on dedicated neighbourhood priorities.

## **Ward Walks**

Ward Walks are a programme of walks throughout the borough that enable residents to raise concerns about their area with Investigation and Enforcement officers from the Community Safety Team and police partners. Concerns include community safety issues and several other council services e.g., Street Scene, Green Spaces, and Public Health, with lead officers from those teams also joining the walks to address the issues where possible. Officers from the Highways team have also recently joined the walks following resident and councillor feedback and to increase efficiency and tracking of issues in that area.

Residents are able to report issues they wish to see addressed on the walks in advance; they can raise these via the 'safer streets' inbox [saferstreets@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:saferstreets@barnet.gov.uk), their local Councillors or ward panel chair, their resident association or local community groups.

The ward walks are managed by the Community Safety Team with two Investigation & Enforcement officers attending and contributing to each ward walk. Each ward is scheduled to receive two ward walks per year, with 22 wards visited since November 2022.

The main issues raised during these walks are listed below:

- Absence of CCTV
- Blind spots/hidden areas
- Drugs / Alcohol abuse
- Empty/derelict/isolated buildings
- Feeling like you are being followed
- Graffiti
- Overgrown bushes/trees
- Poor or no streetlighting
- Street Cleansing issues
- Highways issues
- Public Health concerns
- Anti-Social Behaviour
- External Partner Association responsibilities
- Fly-Tipping
- Parking issues

## **CCTV investment**

A report submitted to the Communities Leadership and Libraries Committee (CLLC) on the 6th of October 2021 set out the commencement of a strategic review of Barnet's Community Safety CCTV requirements, including the procurement requirements for new CCTV contracts for the Community Safety Team and the Libraries Service. A further report: CCTV Programme – Revised Outline Business Case & Update on the Strategic Review was presented to the June 2022 CLLC which detailed the work to date and update to the overall

project, covering details of the decommissioning of the Enfield site for CCTV monitoring, a new monitoring contract for public space surveillance (PSS) cameras and libraries, and the installation and maintenance of the control room at Colindale (Barnet council offices).

On 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 Barnet council entered into a contract with Enigma for the monitoring of the PSS and library cameras within the borough from the Enfield council site. Due to this there has been a change in control room operating hours from 1200 – 0400hrs to 24hours a day/7 days a week. The control room process police generated CCTV enquires (reactive) and control room operator identified incidents (proactive); which are then relayed to the police control room for assistance and in some cases the apprehension of offenders.

As part of this review and in line with the Community Safety Team's restructure implemented from April 2022, the Investigation and Enforcement officers are issued with Body Worn Cameras (BWC) which are worn whenever the officers deploy into their wards on duty. This is to assist with evidence gathering, crime prevention, officer and public safety, and to support prosecutions.

The Community Safety Team has also procured a dedicated CCTV car which can be deployed to areas of interest to capture activity where required, which supports a further visible presence within the borough.

#### ***4.1.4 Maintain the multi-agency response to anti-social behaviour using the Community Safety Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (CS MARAC) process.***

##### **CS MARAC (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference)**

The Community Safety MARAC is a 6 weekly multi-agency meeting where information is shared, and action plans developed to manage and resolve complex, high-risk cases of anti-social behaviour. The primary focus of the Community MARAC is to safeguard victims and witnesses and prevent further victimisation.

Relevant information is shared about victims, witnesses and those causing risk or harm. Representatives discuss options for increasing the safety of the victims and addressing the behaviour of perpetrators causing risk or harm through co-ordinated action plans to offer immediate support.

Table 1. MARAC data

Month	Apr-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Jan-23	Feb-23
Cases on CS MARAC	26	23	23	16	16	19	20	16
New Cases on CS MARAC	7	5	3	2	2	6	3	1
Closed Case on CS MARAC	8	3	10	2	3	2	5	1

Table 1. above shows that for the period of April 2022 to March 2023 there were 8 Community Safety MARAC meetings held. Out of those 8 meetings there was an average of between 19 to 20 cases heard per meeting, with an average of between 3 to 4 new referrals of cases to Community Safety MARAC, and an average of between 4 and 5 cases being successfully closed each Community Safety MARAC meeting.

### **CS MARAC Case Study 1**

The case was referred to Barnet Community Safety Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (CS MARAC) due to the seriousness of the behaviours being reported.

The persistent anti-social behaviour caused by a neighbouring couple had been causing issues within the immediate local community for over two years including issues of domestic abuse and child welfare concerns. This conduct had been affecting many of the neighbours and had prompted a local petition to have the couple removed.

This case was deemed complex in that the main victim did not wish to give evidence because of the fear of repercussions from the neighbouring family. The anti-social behaviour had been reported on multiple occasions to the landlord, the police and then finally to the council's Community Safety Team. The landlord had been trying to recoup the property back for over 6 months and was currently in court with the matter, however there was no official timescale as to when this would be concluded.

After conducting an initial investigation review it was established that issues reported included verbal (racial) and physical abuse to the victim; multiple criminal damage incidents, vandalism, and fly tipping incidents at the victims' property, forcing entry to the property, persistent trespassing and allowing dog fouling on the victim's property. Consistent anti-social behaviour noise disturbances caused by internal domestic arguments and general anti-social behaviour.

Alternative lower-level interventions were considered but rejected due to the serious and persistent nature of the anti-social behaviour, therefore a closure order by the Council was

implemented. The victim was referred and utilised victim support services by the Community Safety Team.

## **Conclusion**

A closure notice was served on the perpetrators address within less than a month of the team being aware of ongoings at the property. The perpetrators did not attend the court hearing. As a result of further direct intervention by the Community Safety Team with Barnet Homes Housing Options team, they were relocated to another address outside of the borough as a final chance to maintain their accommodation rather than face eviction.

The victim had been considering having to move however, since the action was taken, they have now chosen to remain in their family home. The Community Safety Team liaised with the landlord of the perpetrators and arranged to have the victim's garden cleared from the damage and waste caused by the perpetrators.

The follow up victim support welfare visit was made by the lead officers from the Community Safety Team and the victim confirmed they were very grateful for Barnet Council's assistance and professionalism throughout the case and confirmed that their faith has been restored in the Council.

During the process the perpetrators were referred to Family Services for appropriate support and safeguarding of the children and partner regarding the allegations of domestic abuse and child welfare concerns, with details transferred accordingly to the appropriate local authority ahead of their move.

### ***4.1.5 Increase the use of the Anti-Social Behaviour tools and powers related to the partnership activity to tackle ASB***

#### **Tools and Powers**

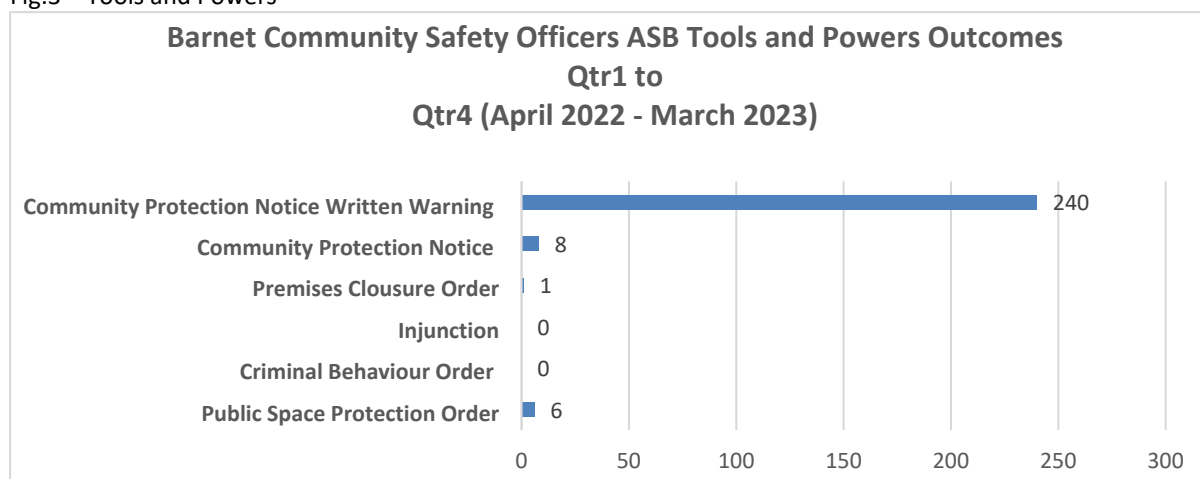
The data below shows the use of the anti-social behaviour tools and powers used by the community safety officers during the period April 2022 – March 2023.

The table in Fig.3. below shows that during the reporting period there was a high use of the early intervention power Community Protection Notice Written Warnings (240). The use of this power in this period was linked to various behaviours including a fly tipping prevention project in partnership with Barnet Homes, unauthorised music events, neighbour disputes and the associated ASB, the clearing of waste from private land and managing the behaviours of the occupants of unauthorised encampments in the borough.

Breach rates for the Community Protection Notice Warnings during the period was low leading to only eight full Community Protection Notices being served. In some cases, this also contributed to the case management progression in applications for Criminal Behaviour Orders or Closure Orders.



Fig.3 – Tools and Powers<sup>23</sup>



#### 4.1.6 Tackle environmental crime in all its forms

##### **Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO)**

A borough wide PSPO with eleven conditions was implemented in Barnet in December 2022 and is in place for 3 years. A (PSPO) is a power under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. It is intended to allow a council (and police) to deal with a particular nuisance or problem behaviour that is detrimental to the local community’s quality of life in a particular area. It allows councils to impose restrictions or requirements in that particular area, or across a wider area such as the whole borough. They are designed to ensure that people can use and enjoy public spaces safe from nuisance, anti-social behaviour and environmental crimes.

Breach of a PSPO is a criminal offence with a maximum penalty of £1000 in court or a £100 fixed penalty notice (30% reduction if paid within 14 days). The PSPO is enforced by authorised council officers, police officers and police community support officers. The eleven conditions of the PSPO which apply across Barnet are:

1. Not to commit alcohol related nuisance /anti-social behaviour.
2. Not to cause harassment, alarm, or distress to any individual(s) by committing anti-social behaviour.
3. You must pick up all dog fouling belonging to a dog under your control.
4. Not to drive any vehicles on/in green spaces without prior written permission of the council.
5. Not to be in possession of, or misuse fireworks in any public space in Barnet unless individually licensed by the council.
6. You must not have any more than 6 dogs under your control at any time.

<sup>2</sup> Significant increase due to fly-tip prevention work with Barnet Homes during the Garrowsfield and Millbridge Estate move

<sup>3</sup> Premises closure order obtained in partnership with Barnet Police.

7. Not to urinate/defecate, spit or litter in a public place.
8. Not to beg in an aggressive or intimidating manner.
9. Not to promote or deliver any music events unless individually licensed by the council.
10. Not to misuse, nor share with others, or be in possession of any intoxicating substances.
11. Not to start or attempt to build any open fires or BBQs in Barnet's green spaces.

### **Fixed penalty Notices**

A fixed penalty notice (FPN) can be issued by Barnet's Community Safety Enforcement Officers when they have reason to believe an offence has been committed. Officers were issued with Fixed Penalty Notice pads at the end of January 2023 which enabled them to issue 'on the spot' FPN's. There was a total of 32 FPN's issued between January 2023 and March 2023. Fig 5. shows the type of offences that occurred by code type and the total percentage of those offences.

Fig.5. Offence percentages

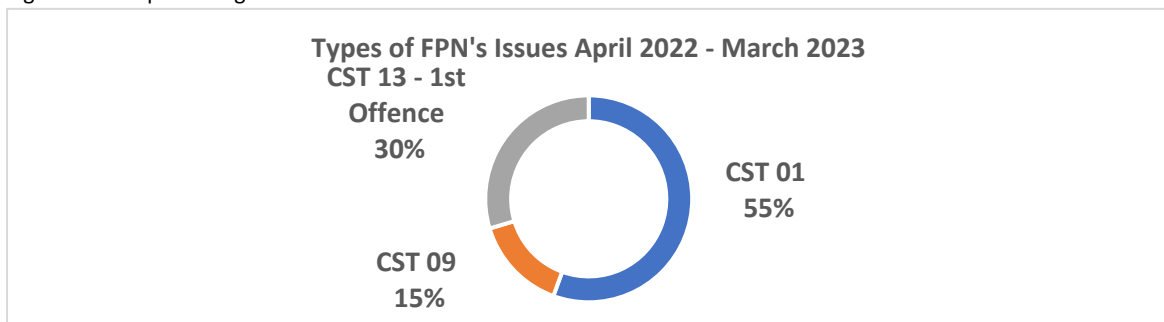


Table 2. below details the types of Environmental crime and PSPO (Public Space Protection Order) offences that can be dealt with by the Investigation and Enforcement officers using Fixed Penalty Notices.

**Table 2. Offence codes**

Offence Code	Offence
CST01	Environmental Protection Act 1990, Section 87/88 Littering
CST02	Environmental Protection Act 1990, Section 46 Domestic Waste Presentation Notices
CST03	Environmental Protection Act 1990, Section 47 Business and Commercial Waste Presentation Notices
CST04	Environmental Protection Act 1990, Schedule 3A, Paragraph 7 Distributing Free Literature Without Consent
CST05	Control Of Pollution (Amendment) Act 1989, Section 5B Failing to Produce Authority
CST06	Environmental Protection Act 1990, Section 34 Failing to Produce Waste Transfer Notes

CST07a - 1st Offence	Environmental Protection Act 1990, Section 34 (2A) Household Duty Of care Breach - Unauthorised Deposit Of Waste
CST07b - 2nd Offence	
CST08	Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime And Policing Act 2014, Section 48 Breach of A Community Protection Notice
CST09	Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime And Policing Act 2014, Section 63 And 67 Breach of a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO)
CST10	Refuse Disposal (Amenity) Act 1978, Section 2A Abandoned Vehicles
CST11	Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003, Section 43 Graffiti And Fly Posting
CST12	Cleaner Neighbourhoods And Environments Act 2005, Section 3 And 4 (S:3) Exposing Vehicles For Sale Upon A Road (S:4) Repairing Vehicles Upon This Road
CST13 - 1st Offence	Environmental Protection Act 1990, Section 33 (1)(a) Unauthorised Deposit Waste (Fly Tipping)
CST14 - 2nd Offence	
CST 15	Highways Act 1980 Section 137 (1) Wilful Obstruction of the Highway
CST 16	Highways Act 1980 Section 148 (c) Interruption of the user
CST 17	Health Act 2006 Section 7 Smoking In Smoke Free Premises or Business Vehicle

## **4.2 Priority 2 - Early intervention and prevention of domestic abuse and violence against women and girls (VAWG) – (Family Services Lead and update)**

### **Outcomes:**

- Early intervention and prevention of domestic abuse and VAWG
- Support all victims and survivors to report, access help and recover.
- Pursue perpetrators and improve their engagement with behaviour change interventions to reduce harm to victims and their families.
- Strengthen the partnership response to improve multi-agency working and information sharing to deliver improved outcomes.
- Work together for safer streets, community and public spaces.

The Annual Report Domestic Abuse & Violence Against Women and Girls 2022/23 can be found at Appendix B; it provides a comprehensive overview of activities to meet the priorities for Year 1 of the Domestic Abuse & VAWG Strategy 2022-25. A summary of key activity and outcomes is below:

#### ***4.2.1 Early intervention and prevention of domestic abuse and VAWG***

- There are 50 GP surgeries in Barnet, of which 28 are fully trained IRIS practices. A further 15 are partially trained and only 7 have yet to engage in IRIS training. Solace have linked with the Barnet Primary & Community Care Training Hub to support the remaining GP's to engage as they have responsibility for training for GP surgeries.
- Public Health are leading on a piece of work to map all support, resources and training for schools, and their pupils and families in relation to prevention of domestic and sexual abuse.
- Operation Encompass is led by the Metropolitan Police (MPS) in partnership with the local authority and schools and allows the Police to share information with schools following a reported domestic abuse incident. The approach ensures school staff have immediate awareness so they can practice silent observation, assess needs and/or provide appropriate support to children and young people who have experienced domestic abuse.
- 139 practitioners attended 4 multi-agency DA training sessions organized by Barnet Council during 2022/23. Attendees totaled 37 for Domestic abuse awareness level 1, 27 attended level 2, 'Responding and Recognising DA', 38 attended DA MARAC and 37 attended 'Understanding the coercive control and economic abuse' training.

#### ***4.2.2 Support all victims and survivors to report, access help and recover.***

- Barnet Solace Advice Support Service (SASS) supported 512 service users – 80 of which were assessed as high risk, 285 were medium risk, and 97 were standard risk and provided 116 consultations with professionals regarding domestic abuse support over 2022/23.
- Barnet Homes has a dedicated Domestic Abuse Team that manages the most complex and high-risk housing cases for survivors through dedicated floating support that is available to hand-hold individuals through their recovery and resettlement pathway. From October 2022-31st March 2023, the DA Team supported 43 victims with multiple needs and assessed as high and medium risk.
- SASS Arise Group Programme was delivered 8 times to 68 women with a reported increase in understanding of what a healthy relationship looks like. Picking Up the Pieces (PUTP) was delivered 3 times to 20 women with a reported improvement in understanding of the impact of domestic abuse on children.

- Barnet Council commissions 2 refuges offering 18 adult bed spaces with 20 children's bed spaces. Minerva House provides 6 adult bed spaces and 10 children's bed spaces for homeless women fleeing domestic abuse and approaching Barnet Homes for housing assistance.
- For the period 2022/23 Barnet Refuges supported 38 women and 26 children with 19 departures. Minerva House accommodated 14 women and 16 children with 8 departures. Survivors living at the refuges provide peer support by accompanying new arrivals to the GP, hospital and local shops enabling them to settle into the refuge which alleviates feelings of isolation.
- The Barnet Homes Sanctuary Scheme is a housing option available for survivors of domestic abuse who want to remain living in their properties with extra security measures; the scheme received 130 referrals and secured 88 properties between during 2022/23.
- Barnet Enfield & Haringey (BEH) Mental Health Team appointed a Domestic Abuse and Sexual Safety Co-ordinator (DASSC) in August 2022 to improve the Trust's response to domestic abuse and sexual abuse and to have an expert point of reference within the safeguarding team.
- A sexual health Independent Sexual Violence Advocate (IDSVVA) is now based in Edgware Community Hospital providing emotional and practical support for survivors.
- AVA CODA - Against Violence & Abuse | Children Overcoming Domestic Abuse Community group programmes are delivered by Child and Family Early Help Services for children and mothers that are not living with a perpetrator of violence with the aim of helping children share experiences, express feeling and identify coping strategies. In 2022/23 more than 20 women have attended AVA Women's Group.

### ***4.2.3 Pursue perpetrators and improve their engagement with behaviour change interventions to reduce harm to victims and their families.***

- Led by Barnet with 9 other boroughs (Brent, Harrow, Newham, Tower Hamlets, Haringey, Enfield, Hammersmith & Fulham, Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster) we were successful to a Culturally Integrated Family Approach (CIFA) to Domestic Abuse perpetrator programmes for an amount of £1.46 m starting April 2023 for 2 years.
- Police in Barnet have issued 26 DV Protection Notices (DVPN) and 22 DV Protection Orders (DVPO) in rolling 12 months to March 2023.
- Probation have fully utilized the capabilities of the MOPAC 'Tagging pilot' for individuals presenting a high risk of serious harm in a domestic abuse context and has been impactful in ensuring that the increased monitoring and control measures have

served to protect survivors and victims; 9 cases completed successfully and only 2 perpetrators have been recalled.

- RISE worked with a total of 79 perpetrators in 2022/23. 64 of these were newly referred in the reporting year.
  - 93% were successfully contacted and booked for an Initial assessment and of these;
  - 85% were assessed suitable.91% started a DV programme. The retention rate on the programme up to the midway point was 83%.
  - 100% of those who reached the midway point of the programme went on to complete.
  - 19 completed the full intervention, either the groupwork programme, Safe Relationships or the 1:1 programme, Preparing Men for Change.

#### ***4.2.4 Strengthen the partnership response to improve multi-agency working and information sharing to deliver improved outcomes.***

- Partnership webinar delivered on the new offence of non-fatal strangulation and suffocation.
- Barnet's One Stop Shop (OSS) resumed face to face drop-in services in February 2023 with an official re-launch in March 2023; the service has seen 391 individuals during 2022/23.
- #HearMyVoice partnership event with Middlesex University successfully delivered student's work in collaboration with specialist DA/VAWG services.

#### ***4.2.5 Work together for safer streets, community and public spaces.***

- A transformation project lead has been appointed to develop a Safer Spaces Network Pilot and will reach out to engage local businesses, town planners, housing providers, open spaces and a range of council services and launch in Autumn/Winter 2023
- Barnet Council has signed up to the Mayor's Women's Night Safety Charter. The resources and training through the charter will be linked to the Safer Spaces Network Pilot for business operating in the night-time in the borough.
- The setting up of a survivor forum is in progress.
- Barnet Safer Transport Team run a twice a month Violence Against Women and Girls events, providing advice and support on Female safety, travel safety and personal safety.
- At present 57 of Barnet's 73 licensed venues are participating in "Ask for Angela".

### **4.3 Priority 3 - Reducing offending including violence, vulnerability and exploitation (VVE), with a focus on acquisitive crime (Family Services lead and update)**

#### **Outcomes:**

- Implementation of the MOPAC approved Violence, Vulnerability & Exploitation Action Plan
- Implementation of The Youth Justice Plan
- Sustained reductions in offending and early intervention for those identified at risk of VVE
- A reduction in the Ministry of Justice 'Proven adult reoffending rate' offenders in the Integrated Offender Management (IOM) cohort
- An increase in the number of offenders supported by the IOM programme.
- A reduction in the numbers of offenders that are classed as high risk/vulnerable, that due to their complex needs also need support from other services e.g., NHS/Public Health, Mental Health Service
- Training the children's workforce to recognise vulnerabilities to exploitation in order to be able to intervene early and coordinate multi-agency interventions
- Providing VVE guidance to Barnet schools
- Recognising and responding to the dynamic affiliations and group/gang offending in Barnet, including adopting a public health approach to reducing violence
- Maintaining a continued emphasis on transition cases and supporting statutory services to coordinate the continuation of services into adulthood
- Working in partnership with the Combatting Drugs Partnership to reduce drug supply

#### ***4.3.1 Implementation of the MOPAC approved Violence, Vulnerability & Exploitation Action Plan***

##### **Victims Hub Coordinator Project**

- Barnet Victims Care Hub (BVCH) was established in November 2022 and has triaged 88 referrals between December 2022 to March 2023.
- Of the 88 referrals, 95% have been informed about their rights around Victims Code of Practice and 89% have been supported with safety items for themselves and their homes.

- 65% of the victims that were referred into the hub were assisting with investigations, ensuring Victims have support through the Criminal Justice Service (CJS).
- Barnet Victims Care Hub (BVCH) has provided victims with food vouchers, trauma support as well as further signposting.
- BVCH has established communication with 26 front facing services, increasing referral routes and allowing tailored victim care pathways.
- Calm Mediation has been commissioned for 1-year to support 10 incidences of community/neighbour mediation as well as interfamilial issues, where threshold is met.
- Presentations and briefings for both the Victims Code of Practice and awareness of the BCVH continue.
- A victim service network will be set up by the newly appointed coordinator who replaces the previous post-holder; this will be held quarterly to ensure the potential of resources is maximized for victims.

#### **Restorative Justice Project - Restorative Barnet**

- The Restorative Justice (RJ) Project has been established to build restorative conferencing approaches across the borough and to increase the number of victims being offered restorative justice interventions from 10% (December 2022) to 25%
- 8 of the referrals into BVCH since January 2023 have had a Restorative follow up informing victims of their right to access RJ, representing a 100% increase on the previous year.
- 100% of victims of crime contacted by the BVCH are now informed of their rights under the Code of Practice for Victims of Crime.
- 100% of victims of crime referred directly to RJ Coordinator are informed of Rights 1, 3 and 4.
- All electronic correspondence from RJ Coordinator contains a link to the Code of Practice for Victims of Crime.

#### **Raising awareness through training and networking**

- Restorative Approaches Training for Schools offered at BELS Heads Forum in February 2023 has led to 11 schools being actively engaged; 4 are currently participating in training (this is full capacity for RJ Coordinator).
- All resources and programme content has been developed by the RJ Coordinator who is an experienced practitioner with a teaching background.
- The RJ Coordinator has presented at 20+ meetings since February 2023 and made explicit reference to the rights of victims to access RJ via Victim Code of Practice



(VCOP) and provided resources containing a link to the document. Training opportunities, referral pathway and RJ support offered in these forums.

### **Planned for 2023**

- 1 Restorative Justice Network Meeting and Training Event hosted in April 2023 for more than 30 professionals from education, police, social care, public health, Early Help, BELS and Youth Justice Services
- Seven non-school training events to be scheduled in 2023 to Early Help Hubs; MOPAC; Children's and Young People's Care Provision; Unitas and Centre of Excellence. The training events will include Restorative Justice Conference Facilitation, conflict de-escalation and community building for up to 150+ participants.
- 1:1 training to be delivered to the children's workforce over three sessions with bespoke restorative practice resources.
- Restorative Justice refresher course to commence delivery on 7<sup>th</sup> July for 50 Metropolitan Police officers, including those based in Barnet.
- Organisational Membership of the Restorative Justice Council is being worked towards for Barnet to become an Accredited Restorative Organisation.

### **Serious Incident Response Meetings | Community Impact**

- The Serious Incident Response Meeting (SIRM) Protocol has been updated to strengthen the Community Impact aspect. This has broadened attendance to Councillors and wider community partners using restorative approaches to listening to residents and developing whole system responses following incidents in the borough.

### **NW BCU intelligence sharing with partners**

- Daily NW Partners Meetings continue to be held with representation across all three boroughs and Police to share information and concerns arising in relation to offending or tensions emerging in the borough.

### **Knife Crime Prevention Order**

- On 5 July 2021, the Metropolitan Police commenced a 14-month pilot of Knife Crime Prevention Orders.<sup>4</sup> which ended in March 2023

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<sup>4</sup> Source: [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill \(Fifteenth s - Hansard - UK Parliament\)](#)

### 4.3.2 Implementation of The Youth Justice Plan.

The Youth Justice Plan 2021 to 2023 sets out how the multi-agency partnership of Barnet's Youth Justice Matters Board will meet its 8 key priorities

- Strategic & Operational Multi-Agency Leadership
  - Education
  - Over-representation of Black and Global Majority children
  - Prevention & Diversion
  - Serious violence and exploitation
  - Resettlement & Transitional Safeguarding
  - Restorative Justice (RJ) and Victims
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- Barnet re-offending and custody rates remain lower than the National and London Average.
  - In May 2023, Barnet opened the first London Accommodation Pathfinder alternative to custody in Barnet for Black and Global Majority boys aged 16–17 years.
  - Barnet YJS is delivering the 'Turnaround' and 'Engage' programmes, providing early support to children on the cusp of the Youth Justice System, with the aim of preventing offending.
  - The Youth Justice Service (YJS) in partnership with Early Help Services, organised and delivered the Women and Girls Group Programme for 13 girls, three of which were known to YJS. The programme will also be delivered at the Pavilion Pupil Referral Unit.
  - Continued delivery of the 'No Knives Better Lives' and Weapon Awareness Programme with Street Doctors.
  - Development of a Restorative Justice Practice Group Programme which aims to support children and young people in their statutory restorative/victim work.
  - Launch of a new Barnet Out of Court Disposal assessment tool in December 2022.
  - Trained all YJS staff in Youth Justice Effective Practice, AIM3 and AMBIT training.
  - Tottenham Hotspur Football Club in partnership with Metropolitan Police Youth Engagement Team, Early Help Services, REACH Team and Children's Social Care Services delivering football sessions for children every Monday.
  - Barnet YJS in partnership with the Volunteer-It-Yourself (VIY) Project, Early Help Service, REACH, Pavilion and Southgate College delivered a 4-week trade and employability skills to children aged 14-18 years, with 13 YJS children completing the programme and receiving a Level 3 City and Guilds qualification.
  - Out of Court Disposal joint decision making has been consistently positively scrutinised by NW BCU Metropolitan Police Scrutiny Panel with good evidence of agency attendance, recording of decisions and plans for young people.
  - Implementation of the Barnet YJS and Multi-agency Partnership Disproportionality Action Plan in December 2022. A Race Disparity audit has been undertaken and used with partners to tackle disproportionality. Educational exclusions for Black boys have reduced

with targeted support and alternatives to exclusion being considered for those young people at risk.

- Barnet YJS has provided training with the Crown Prosecution Service and local Courts to promote ‘child first, offender second’ principles and anti-racist approaches. Magistrates and District Judges have undertaken Unconscious Bias Training as part of their induction.
- The Wipers Project has completed a 12-week programme of mentoring and desistance work for young people open to YJS from minoritized backgrounds, supported by groupwork delivery from St John’s Ambulance
- Liaison and Diversion post has ensured all children detained in Police Custody have a mental health screening and are signposted promptly for services.
- Reparation activities have been delivered in partnership with the council’s Town Centre Planning Team
- Co-production activities have continued with young people involved in Whiteboard Projects and development of user leaflets which are now available in Court and on-line for young people to access and understand different sentencing outcomes.
- Custody rates remain lower than the London average with stringent Bail Intensive Supervision and Surveillance packages being offered as alternatives to custody.
- Continued success of the annual YJS Residential Programme, with peer mentors being developed to support future programmes. The programme in 2022 was supported by peer mentors from the 2019 and 2021 groups.
- Barnet Mencap presented the report ‘Autism and the Criminal Justice System’<sup>5</sup> to the Safer Communities Partnership Board in January 2023. Barnet’s Autism Action Plan has a key priority to improve the outcomes of autistic people in the criminal justice system (CJS) through improved understanding of autism by CJS professionals and for them to better support autistic people, for the police to make reasonable adjustments to standard police practice for autistic people, to increase the alternatives to prosecution and custody, and out of court disposals. The Youth Justice System is working closely with young people with additional needs, including autism to improve their experience of arrest, police custody, victim experience and journey through the criminal justice system.
- Barnet Mencap have provided Autism and Learning disability awareness training to 27 Probation staff and 10 Victim support staff
- The Youth Justice Plan for 2023 – 25 has been submitted to the Youth Justice Board.

### ***4.3.3 Sustained reductions in offending and early intervention for those identified at risk of Violence Vulnerability and Exploitation (VVE)***

- The VVE team continues to collate analysis adhering to the VOLT Mnemonic (Victims,

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<sup>5</sup> [Criminal Justice - a guide for police officers and professionals \(autism.org.uk\)](https://www.autism.org.uk)

Offender Locations and Themes) and support both operational planning and strategic partnership responses to both children and adults.

- The Barnet Vulnerable Adolescent at Risk Panel is a multi-agency forum established in 2018 to manage Child Sexual exploitation (CSE), Harmful Sexual Behaviour (HSB) and Child Criminal Exploitation risk management to coordinate agency activities in disruption, planning, prevention and intervention activities.
- The Panel builds an understanding of the links between victims and perpetrators, identifying themes and trends, and using these to inform diversionary measures and interventions.
- The VARP focuses on young people under the age of 18 years; however, will consider care experienced and other vulnerable adults to the age of 25 years.
- Early Help Child Exploitation & Missing (CEAM) Tool has been developed with children for use in Early Help to identify risks and vulnerabilities early.

#### ***4.3.4 A reduction in the Ministry of Justice ‘Proven adult reoffending rate’ offenders in the Integrated Offender Management (IOM) cohort.***

- Barnet re-offending and custody rates remain lower than the National and London Average.
- Barnet’s IOM continues to deliver bespoke interventions to reduce re-offending – On average working with 100 persistent/violent offenders, **reducing proven reoffending by 24-26%**.
- A hugely significant factor to recognize of the handful of the 100+ IOM Offenders that have been convicted for reoffending, **is the seriousness and frequency of reoffending has been drastically reduced**. This is particularly pertinent to the reduction of Violent Crime, Safeguarding not only the IOM individual but Barnet Community.

#### ***4.3.5 An increase in the number of offenders supported by the IOM programme***

- **Barnet IOM has an Adult cohort of 105** (An increase of 4, from 101 in Q3) of the highest risk, most prolific, persistent and violent offenders.

#### ***4.3.6 A reduction in the numbers of offenders that are classed as high risk/vulnerable, that due to their complex needs also need support from other services e.g. NHS/Public Health, Mental Health Service***

- Adults at risk of violence and exploitation have been notified to MASH through

coordinated internal/external services and consultations. The Tackling Violence and Exploitation Team support professionals to identify flags for sharing information with Police.

### ***4.3.7 Training our frontline staff to recognise vulnerability and exploitation in order to be able to refer to appropriate risk panels and intervention pathways***

#### **Best practice forums**

- Best Practice Forums have been delivered to practitioners across children's and adult services to ensure reflexive practice and shared learning in relation to issues and themes arising from practice:
- Prevent awareness/referral routes
- Considering learning disabilities in both children and adults
- Ending violence against women, changing culture
- CALM: What is mediation/ benefits/referral routes
- Gallop: LGBT+ support

The creation of several resources for staff to use with their cohorts where appropriate.

- 6 session programme for affirming identity in group work
- Victim awareness sessions
- Impact statement sessions on how to support individuals to create impact statements

### ***4.3.8 Providing VVE guidance to Barnet schools.***

- A Community Capacity Coordinator has been appointed to commence a programme of work in 2023 aimed at building capacity for the development of co-produced plans aimed at reducing community tensions, providing diversionary support and promoting healing.
- Restorative Approaches Training being rolled out across schools.
- Development of a refreshed Tackling Violence & Exploitation Strategy and the Serious Violence Duty Strategic Needs Assessment to inform programme of work for 2024 – 2027

### ***4.3.9 Recognising and responding to the dynamic affiliations between violence, drugs and group/gang offending in Barnet, including adopting a public health approach to reducing violence***

- The Combatting Drugs Partnership Strategic Needs Assessment will inform the development of a Tackling Violence and Exploitation Strategy and Serious Violence Action Plan to work alongside a local 'From Harm to Hope' Drugs Strategy.
- CALM mediation has been commissioned to deliver interfamilial, community and anti-social behaviour mediation to support conflict resolution.

#### ***4.3.10 Maintaining a continued emphasis on transition cases and supporting statutory services to coordinate the continuation of services into adulthood.***

- The Adults at Risk Panel provides a space for consideration of older adolescents at risk including care experienced adults, resettlement from custody, IOM and probation to work in close partnership with housing, health and community providers to disrupt and tackle emerging risks.
- Resettlement & Aftercare Panel is coordinating support arrangements for young adults leaving custody.
- MOPAC funding has enabled the development of mentor/detached youth worker roles for older adolescents
- London Crime Prevention Funding is providing mentoring support to older adolescents/young adults being supported via Integrated Offender Management approaches

#### ***4.3.11 Working in partnership with the Combatting Drugs Partnership to reduce drug supply***

- The Tackling Violence & Exploitation Team are working with Public Health to align strategic needs assessments that will inform strategic plans for 2023 and beyond.

### **4.4 Priority 4 – Safeguard and support those vulnerable to radicalisation**

#### **Outcomes:**

- Prevent vulnerable individuals being radicalised by individuals and/or groups promoting extremist ideologies online or in the community
- Work with the community to raise awareness of Prevent, the risks of radicalisation and extreme right-wing groups.
- Reduce the threat from lone actors with mental health considerations or no obvious

fixed ideology becoming a risk to themselves and others.

- Monitor returnees and travellers to high risk countries who could present a risk to the communities within Barnet.
- Mitigate the risk of vulnerable people being radicalised in unregulated spaces, out of school education and during home schooling
- Safeguard vulnerable people being released from prison into the Barnet communities to ensure they receive the correct support once back in the community

#### ***4.4.1 Prevent vulnerable individuals being radicalised by individuals and/or groups promoting extremist ideologies online or in the community***

- Barnet's Prevent Coordinator and Prevent Education Officer deliver a continuous programme of training for frontline staff to enable them to recognise, refer and respond to risks of radicalisation that emerge. In 2022/23 **1733** education professionals, LA frontline staff and commissioned partners received updates and awareness workshops of the Prevent Duty. In addition, **267** parents attended online safety risk and threat awareness sessions. A programme is also delivered which focusses on strengthening the critical thinking of young minds. **2830** pupils received online safety advice that covers areas such as conspiracies, fake news, and disinformation.
- A training plan is delivered that ensures all individuals who are working with potentially vulnerable people possess the skills required to safeguard those who may be susceptible to exploitation. This includes those working in a social care role, housing, and foster carers. **43** foster carers attended workshops in 2022/23.
- **74%** of all enquiries to the LA of a Prevent nature were under the age or 18, **81%** male. **35%** were for Islamist ideology and **44%** for Mixed, Unclear and Unstable mindsets (including Misogyny and obsessions of mass school shootings) an increase of **41%** on last year.
- **10** Channel Panels, a multi-agency panel that discusses and considers the safeguarding of susceptible individuals, was held throughout 2022/23. **9** individuals were safeguarded in Channel.
- A high proportion of accepted Channel cases across all forms of extremism appeared to suggest a subject's risk levels were driven by their engagement with extremist ideologies and influencers online. This is especially so with young people.

#### ***4.4.2 Work with the community to raise awareness of Prevent, the risks of radicalisation and extreme right-wing groups***

Voluntary sector and staff are empowered to identify and refer service users potentially vulnerable to radicalisation through a series of workshops and information days.

- **38** groups were given targeted support for Prevent related issues, tailored advice about a specific issue, which would include concerning behaviour of an individual.
- Funded by the Home Officer and in partnership with The Young Barnet Foundation, [Exposure](#) (a young person centered media literacy charity) and Shout Out UK (a social enterprise that aims to strengthen democracy through media and political literacy) Prevent in the Community was developed. **10** social media posts were shared in a campaign known as "[Extreme Caution](#)". Each looked at areas such as Misogyny, Online Grooming, White Supremacy and Radicalisation.
- Shout Out UK delivered **8** workshops for young people and parents with information that countered extremism and disinformation. **389** individuals attended these sessions. A Social Impact report of these workshops showed 68% of pupils were aware of misinformation techniques used by far-right wing groups, pre-survey, rising to 93% after. After the workshop 75% of participants agreed or strongly agreed they should fully read online articles before sharing, compared to 36% before. 18%, prior to the workshop strongly agreed with checking the credibility of information sources compared to 62.5% after. In the same survey, 35% were aware of the online problem of hate speech on social media prior to the workshop and 64% after.

#### ***4.4.3 Reduce the threat from lone actors with mental health considerations or no obvious fixed ideology becoming a risk to themselves and others***

One third of terror suspects considered by a study, carried out by The Ministry of Justice, suffered from mental health problems or personality disorders.

- Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Mental Health Team clinical practitioners are core members of Channel and are available for information sharing and case management on cases referred or considered. This ensures that individuals with identified mental health vulnerabilities are appropriately understood and safeguarded.
- During 2022/23 core members of the Channel panel received awareness training focusing on Autism Spectrum Disorders and Learning Difficulties to aide with a greater understanding of how these conditions can increase vulnerabilities.
- Workshop raising awareness of Prevent (WRAP) have been delivered to Inclusion Barnet, Mencap and Mental Health Practitioners.



#### ***4.4.4 Monitor returnees and travellers to high-risk countries who could present a risk to the communities within Barnet***

- Trigger plans are in place to manage the range of circumstances in which any returnees from a conflict zone may arrive in the borough, to ensure that children and vulnerable adults can be safeguarded.

#### ***4.4.5 Mitigate the risk of vulnerable people being radicalised in unregulated spaces, out of school education and during home schooling***

- The Prevent Education Officer developed strong links with the Young Barnet Foundation, the National Resource Centre for Supplementary Education and other voluntary organisations that deliver support and capacity building of school education providers.
- A register has been in place since 2018. Working with supplementary school's support organisations, such as Paiwand and NRCSE have proven to be effective with engagement.
- Prevent awareness training was delivered to **3** out of school settings.
- Prevent training for schools and the Elective Home Education Coordinator.
- An out of school register is held and work continues to understand and work with this sector.

#### ***4.4.6 Safeguard vulnerable people being released from prison into the Barnet communities to ensure they receive the correct support once back in the community***

- The Prevent Coordinator attends multi-agency public protection arrangement (MAPPA) where concerns of a Prevent nature have been identified since imprisonment or upon release of an individual who was imprisoned for a Terrorist Act offence.
- Representatives of the National Probation Service have attended all Prevent Delivery Group.
- Five individuals were referred to Barnet Prevent in 2022/23 by the National Probation Office.

## **4.5 Priority 5 - Access to justice for those affected by hate crime**

### **Outcomes:**

- To increase the engagement with community-based groups at a neighbourhood level, building a resilient network of voluntary and community organisations that have increased awareness of crime and ASB affecting their communities, and are enabled to work with us to protect the most vulnerable in their communities.
- To support victims of hate crime, who may not have the confidence or know how to report incidents to the police or statutory services, so that they can report to a trusted organisation and receive the appropriate advice and support aimed at increasing their confidence in reporting and accessing support services.
- To contribute towards addressing the issue of under-reporting of hate crime by increasing the confidence of victims.
- To improve access to justice for disabled people by addressing the links between adult safeguarding and hate crime; contributing towards the prevention of repeat hate crime against vulnerable adults by improving identification and intervening early.
- Increase awareness of hate crime and increase reporting to the Police by delivering staff training on identifying and reporting hate crime and organising community events and specialist workshops.

### ***4.5.1 To increase the engagement with community-based groups at a neighbourhood level, building a resilient network of voluntary and community organisations that have increased awareness of crime and ASB affecting their communities, and are enabled to work with us to protect the most vulnerable in their communities.***

The Barnet Zero Tolerance to Hate Crime Project is delivered by Barnet Mencap and has the overarching aim of *“To keep the people of Barnet safe by reducing hate crime in the borough. This continues to be achieved by increasing people’s confidence to report hate crimes in Barnet; improve the support for victims of Hate Crime; and raise awareness of how to report Hate Crime in Barnet while safeguarding the most vulnerable in the community who are impacted”*.

- We have partnered with over 15 community-based groups to share information and awareness of racist and religious hate crime, anti-LGBT hate crime, disability hate crime and transgender hate crime.
- We have supported initiatives to maintain safe, strong and cohesive communities where people get along well and have confidence in reporting crime and anti-social behaviour against the most vulnerable in their communities.
- Barnet's Hate Crime Reporting Centre Network operates closely with Barnet's Community Safety Hubs and Victim Support Hub to create and maintain a community that keeps the people of Barnet safe by reducing crime, increasing people's confidence in reporting crime to the Police and providing safe places where people can access support to report crime.
- The Safe Places Scheme was relaunched in 2022. A Safe Place helps people (particularly those with learning disabilities, autism, or other care needs) if they feel scared, anxious or at risk when they are out in the community. The Safe place could be, for example, a café, a shop or supermarket, a library or a community centre. Trained staff can help vulnerable adults to phone a family member or carer and/or offer them somewhere safe to wait. Safe Place sites are identified via an official window sticker.
- Over 40 businesses/venues in Finchley, Edgware, Burnt Oak, Hendon, West Hendon and High Barnet have joined the scheme. The Scheme will be extended to cover all parts of Barnet in 2023. Details of each of the registered Safe Places will be available via the Barnet Council and Barnet Mencap websites. Registered sites are working in partnership to protect the most vulnerable in our communities.

***4.5.2 To support victims of hate crime, who may not have the confidence or know how to report incidents to the police or statutory services, so that they can report to a trusted organisation and receive the appropriate advice and support aimed at increasing their confidence in reporting and accessing support services.***

- Co-ordinated and monitored 12 Hate Crime Reporting Centres
- Barnet continues to operate a network of third-party Hate Crime Reporting Centres where victims and witnesses of hate crime, in particular our more vulnerable members, can access support to report offences to the Police and be

referred or signposted to local community organisations for ongoing support. Barnet's Hate Crime Reporting Centres are selected to represent a diverse cross-section of the community and are in accessible locations across the borough.

- Reporting Centres operate a physical and virtual system of reporting hate crimes and incidents. Reporting Centres include: Barnet Homes, Barnet Mencap; Barnet Multifaith Forum; Community Barnet; Community Security Trust; GALOP; Hft; Homeless Action Barnet; Inclusion Barnet; Middlesex University; and Your Choice Barnet. A full Directory of Barnet's Hate Crime Reporting Centres is available via the Barnet Council and Barnet Mencap Websites.
- We continue to monitor and provide support to all Hate Crime Reporting Centres to ensure partnership in identifying and responding to all forms of hate crime that emerge in Barnet.
- Information about the Community Hate Crime Reporting Centres is communicated to Barnet residents via awareness raising events including community Hate Crime Information Stands and free workshops for residents. Information is also communicated online via social media platforms and on Reporting Centres' websites. Resources such as leaflets and newsletters include information about reporting hate crime via these trained and trusted community organisations.

### ***4.5.3 To contribute towards addressing the issue of under-reporting of hate crime by increasing the confidence of victims.***

- Engaged with over 300 residents at Hate Crime Awareness Week Information Stands and signed up 32 Hate Crime Reporting Champions.
- In October 2022, the Project delivered its fifth annual **Hate Crime Awareness Week** for Barnet residents. Hate Crime Awareness and Information Stands were set-up in Finchley Central (Albert Place), Barnet Hospital, Islamic Centre Edgware, Golders Green Bus Station, Edgware Bus Station and Hendon Central Underground Station.
- Staff and volunteers from Barnet Mencap, Barnet Council and the Metropolitan Police engaged with over **300** residents and signed up **32** Hate Crime Reporting Champions. The events were supported by Barnet's Councillors and Community Leaders.

- The focus of awareness raising events such as those delivered during Hate Crime Awareness Week is to encourage reporting of hate crime by offering a multi-agency response to tackling hate and by sharing positive outcomes of reported hate incidents.
- In 2022, all 32 of the residents who registered to be Hate Crime Reporting Champions said that they felt more confident in the reporting systems and procedures following the training and information shared at Hate Crime Awareness Stands.

#### ***4.5.4 To improve access to justice for disabled people by addressing the links between adult safeguarding and hate crime; contributing towards the prevention of repeat hate crime against vulnerable adults by improving identification and intervening early.***

- Barnet Mencap recorded 12 disability hate crime incidents and supported victims to report these incidents to the Police. Clients have been offered ongoing support. Residents have been signposted to appropriate community support organisations.
- Barnet Mencap is working in partnership with the Barnet Council Community Safety Team to support residents who identify as being or autistic or having learning disabilities and who have been victims, witnesses or involved in hate crime incidents and/or anti-social behaviour, particularly those relating to neighbour/community disputes.
- There will be a review of Disability Hate Crime cases in Barnet as recorded by the Metropolitan Police in 2021 as compared to 2022. The progress and Outcomes of this review will be reported to the Access to Justice Group (Sub-group of the Adults Safeguarding Board) and to the Safer Communities Partnership Board.
- Regular awareness raising workshops are delivered for people with learning disabilities in the borough of Barnet. These workshops contribute towards the prevention of repeat crime against vulnerable adults. The following workshops were delivered for people with learning disabilities, autistic adults and clients of the Barnet Learning Disability Service and other learning disability service providers in Barnet.
  - 6 Anti-Racism and Cultural Awareness Workshops; and
  - 3 Financial Abuse, Fraud and Scams Workshops.

#### ***4.5.5 Increase awareness of hate crime and increase reporting to the Police by delivering staff training on identifying and reporting hate crime and organising community events and specialist workshops.***

- Delivered Staff Training Workshops for 87 staff at 7 organisations / service providers.
- Delivered 9 Hate Crime Awareness Raising Workshops/Webinars for 85 residents, clients and carers.
- A key outcome is to train our frontline staff to identify hate crime and know how and where to report it so that they can effectively support clients and patients. In 2022/23 Staff Training Workshops have been delivered to teams at the following Barnet organisations including: Victim Support; Jewish Care; Stonegrove Community Centre; and Solace Women’s Aid.
- A Webinar was delivered as part of Hate Crime Awareness Week in October 2022. This focused on Hate Crime and Gender and panel guests discussed whether *“Women are targets of hate crime more than men?”*. Speakers included Councillor Sara Conway (Chair of the Safer Communities Partnership) and Fiona Bateman (Chair of the Adult Safeguarding Board).
- A Hate Crime Information Stand was held at the Barnet Together Alliance Conference at the RAF Museum on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022. The Hate Crime Lead (Barnet Council Community Safety Team) and the Hate Crime Reporting Co-Ordinator (Barnet Mencap) engaged with representatives from 15 organisations. This has led to opportunities for training workshops for staff and awareness raising workshops for residents.

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## Safer Communities Partnership Board

19 July 2023

<b>Title</b>	Family Services Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women & Girls (VAWG) Annual Report
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### Summary

This report provides the Safer Communities Partnership Board with an update on the delivery and implementation of the Barnet Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy 2022-25

### Officers Recommendations

1. The Safer Communities Partnership Board note and comment on the progress made by the Safer Communities Partnership on delivering the five priority objectives of the Barnet Domestic Abuse (DA) and Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy (2022-2025).
2. The Safer Communities Partnership Board note and comment on Safer Communities Partnership priorities as set out within Barnet’s Domestic Abuse & Violence Against Women & Girls Strategy (2022 – 2025)

# 1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

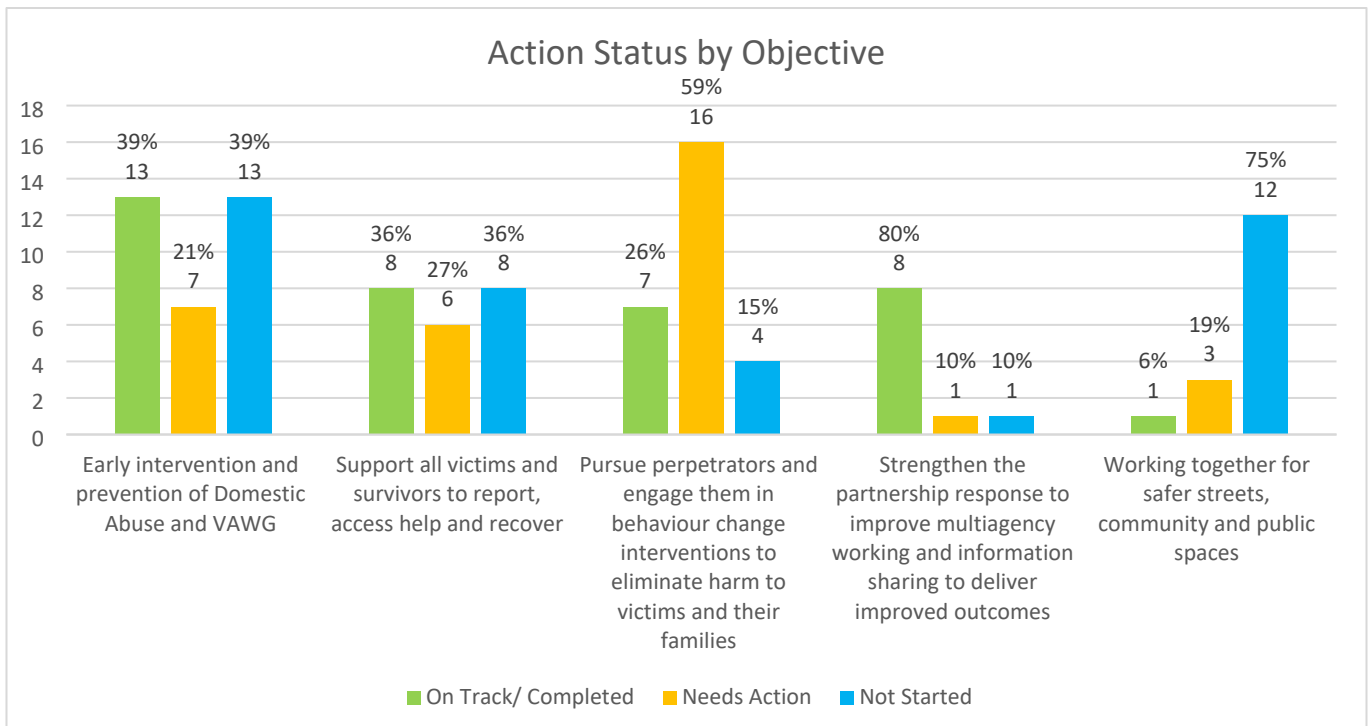
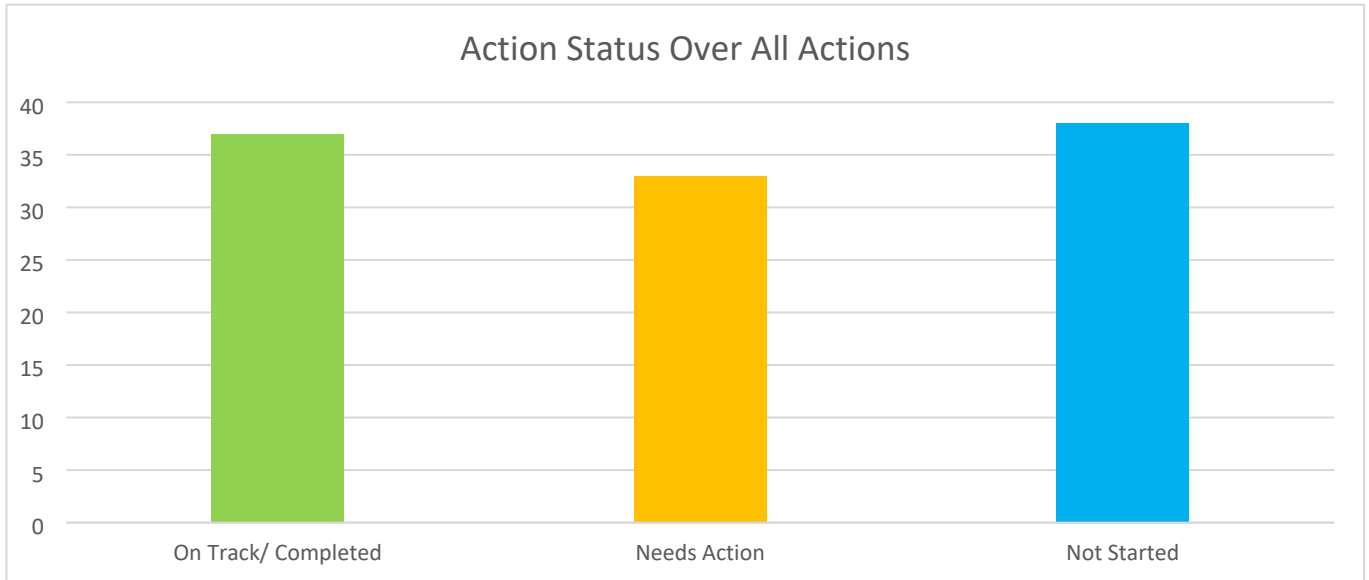
- 1.1 To provide an annual report of 2022 to the Safer Communities Partnership Board on the work of the Safer Communities Partnership in meeting the aims of the Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women & Girls Strategy 2022-25.
- 1.2 The Barnet Safer Communities Partnership ('BSCP' or 'the Partnership') are responsible for overseeing the development and implementation of an overall strategy for reducing crime and anti-social behaviour; this includes Domestic Abuse (DA) and Violence Against Women & Girls (VAWG). This report sets out the priorities and aims of BSCP's Domestic Abuse & VAWG Strategy for 2022-2025 and the partnership's commitment to working together to prevent all forms of VAWG.
- 1.3 The Barnet Corporate Plan 2023-26, has two priorities that are linked to the DA & VAWG Strategy Caring for People and Caring for Place; these priorities focus on working with residents, communities and our partners to support residents to stay well and free from abuse and creating a network of safe spaces for women and girls.
- 1.4 The Violence Against Women and Girls Partnership Delivery Group (a subgroup to the Barnet Safer Communities Partnership Board) brings together partner organisations in the borough to work together to respond to DA & VAWG with the aim of preventing it and reducing the harm it causes to victims, their families and the wider community. The Delivery Group agrees the annual VAWG Delivery Plan setting out the key partnership activities required, in order to deliver against the five new partnership priorities within Barnet's DA & VAWG Strategy.
- 1.5 The five partnership priorities within the draft Barnet DA & VAWG Strategy 2022-25 are:
  1. Early intervention and prevention of Domestic Abuse and VAWG
  2. Support all victims and survivors to report, access help and recover
  3. Pursue perpetrators and engage them in behaviour change interventions to eliminate harm to victims and their families
  4. Strengthen the partnership response to improve multiagency working and information sharing to deliver improved outcomes
  5. Working together for safer streets, community and public spaces

## 2. Background context

- 2.1 Barnet's Domestic Abuse (DA) and Violence Against Women & Girls (VAWG) Strategy 2022-25 was launched on 8 March 2022 on the occasion of International Women's Day 2022. This is the first annual report of the Safer Communities Partnership delivery against the strategy.
- 2.2 The government's 'Tackling Violence Against Women & Girls Strategy' 2021, has been shaped by a call for evidence from 180,000 respondents. It sets out four strategic aims which are reflected within our local strategic plan; these include prioritising prevention, supporting victims, pursuing perpetrators, and strengthening the system.
- 2.3 The Government published a Tackling Domestic Abuse plan in March 2022 to complement the Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy. It sets out how various aspects of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 will be delivered,
- 2.4 A key amendment, which came into effect from 5 April 2023, to the Coercive Control Behaviour (CCB) offence under the Serious Crime Act 2015 amended the definition of "personally connected" in section 76 of the 2015 Act. This removed the "living together" requirement, which means that the offence of controlling or coercive behaviour now applies to partners, ex-partners or family members, regardless of whether the victim and perpetrator live together. The amendment was made to extend the offence recognising that controlling or coercive behaviour can persist and often increase when a relationship ends, or in cases where the victim no longer lives with the perpetrator. It is also important to be aware that controlling or coercive behaviour can evolve when the perpetrator no longer lives with the victim, with new tactics being deployed to exercise control over a victim. A new Statutory Guidance Framework on Controlling or Coercive Behaviour was also published on 5 April 2023.
- 2.5 Domestic abuse data from the Crime Survey for England and Wales estimates that 2.4 million adults (1.7 million women and 699,000 men) aged 16 years and over experienced domestic abuse in the year ending March 2022. Domestic abuse disproportionately affects women and girls, accounting for 74.1% of the total victims of domestic abuse-related crimes in 2021/22.
- 2.6 According to the same Crime Survey, there were 41,626 offences of coercive control recorded by the police in England and Wales in the year ending March 2022. This is compared with 33,954 in the year ending March 2021 and 24,856 in the year ending March 2020. The rise in coercive control offences over recent years may be attributed to improvements made by the police in recognising incidents of coercive control and using the new law accordingly.

### 3. Annual report 2022/23

3.1 The DA & VAWG Strategy 2022-25 Action Plan is monitored and reported to the VAWG Delivery Group. Progress against the 108 partnership commitments within the Action Plan is RAG rated. The charts below show the overall progress against meeting the aims of the DA & VAWG Strategy and demonstrate purposeful progress for year one of delivery.



### 3.1.1 Key highlights of the DA and VAWG Delivery Action Plan 2022/23:

#### 3.1.1.1 IRIS funding for 2023/24

Family Services secured £40k from North Central London (NCL) Integrated Care Board (ICB) and £50k from Public Health to run the IRIS programme and train all 50 GP surgeries in Barnet by March 2024

#### 3.1.1.2 New CIFA programme for 2023/25

Barnet successfully bid for Home Office/Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) for two-year funding 2021-23 amounting to £305,832 per year. RISE delivered a Culturally Integrated Family Approach (CIFA) to Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Programmes to minoritised and/or marginalised communities in Barnet, Brent and Enfield. Barnet was the lead. The MOPAC Deputy Mayor, Sophie Linden visited the CIFA programme in Barnet on 23rd June 2022 and had the opportunity to hear from one service user of the CIFA programme.

Led by Barnet with 9 other London boroughs (Brent, Harrow, Newham, Tower Hamlets, Haringey, Enfield, Hammersmith & Fulham, Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster) continued funding to the amount of £1.46m, has successfully been secured for a further two years of a Culturally Integrated Family Approach (CIFA) to Domestic Abuse perpetrator programmes ending in March 2025.

#### 3.1.1.3 Against Violence and Abuse (AVA) funding to Barnet Homes

Barnet Homes successfully obtained AVA funding for a three-year project, a two-year partnership to Barnet Homes which started in January 2023, with the remainder of the project focussed on creating and publishing guidance and sharing learning. Through the project Barnet Homes will recruit and train a new expert panel of local survivors. Working with Barnet Homes, survivors, and local expert organisations, AVA will create a co-produced programme of work to tackle identified challenges in Barnet.

#### 3.1.1.4 Barnet Homes Domestic Abuse (DA) One Stop Shop

Barnet Homes DA One Stop Shop face to face drop in has resumed from February 2023 and an official relaunch was held on 9 March 2023

#### 3.1.1.5 Minerva House funding for 2023/24.

The council was successful in securing £100,000 of funding from the Department of Levelling Up, Housing & Communities to support the continuation the Minerva House provision by Barnet Homes in 2023/24.

### **3.1.1.6 Ask for Angela initiative.**

At present 57 of Barnet's 73 licenced venues are participating in "Ask for Angela". initiative to address women's safety. The Community Safety Team are exploring if training in Ask for Angela can be included in licensing conditions.

### **3.1.1.7 #HearMyVoice – a Barnet community initiative with Middlesex University students addressing DA and VAWG**

In partnership with the VAWG team of London Borough of Barnet, Middlesex University's Changing the Culture Initiative (CCI) worked on a project since April 2022 to deliver #HearMyVoice –to address VAWG and DA. #HearMyVoice is specifically focused on capturing the local context of Barnet and in particular the narratives of individuals, groups and organisations in the community. It is planned that those narratives would be amplified through the delivery of a hub of resources on the CCI webpage, a showcasing/community networking event at the end of the academic year, and further dissemination through various online and social media channels. #HearMyVoice event planning is going well and will be held on 24 May 2023, 5-7pm at Middlesex University

### **3.1.1.8 New Co-locations**

A new Independent Domestic Violence Advocate (IDVA) has commenced alongside social workers in Children's Social Care and part-time IDVA is now located within the Children and Family Early Help Service.

### **3.1.1.9 Accredited IDVA Training and DA Champion Network**

A 4-month accredited IDVA training, funded by LB Barnet, was completed by Safelives in June 2022. The 23 learners were from voluntary sector youth support services, early help, children's social care, Adult MASH, Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust, Barnet Homes, drug and alcohol services, and specialist DA services. The trainees have completed their assessments to gain their Level 3 IDVA Certificate in Domestic Abuse. A DA Champion Network was set up with the newly trained IDVAs and the first meeting was held in September 2022. The aim is to maintain the inter-agency relationships built during the training and support the group as they implement the training into their roles. The terms of reference of this network will include sharing the multi-agency knowledge and expertise between Champions within the network and onwards into their respective agencies. It will also include support on a rota basis to the DA One Stop Shop.

### **3.1.1.10 New dedicated Team within the Housing Options Service**

Barnet Homes had secured funding from MOPAC to create a dedicated DA Team within the Housing Options Service. The Team started in October 2022. The DA Team manages the most complex and high-risk housing cases for DA survivors, from the initial

assessment of survivors' and their children's needs to their placement in safe-accommodation, to their move-on and resettlement in long-term accommodation. At each point, floating support will be available to hand-hold individuals through their recovery and resettlement pathway. The team support survivors to access DA services, and will be a consistent, supportive presence to aid the recovery of those who face complex issues and additional barriers. Any movement between accommodation types will be overseen and supported to minimise trauma.

#### **3.1.1.11 LB Barnet Staff and Managers DA Guidance**

The VAWG team identified and reviewed council policies to ensure domestic abuse support was set out for council staff. A staff guidance document to link to those policies which demonstrates a zero-tolerance approach to sexist, harassing or abusive behaviours within the workforce with clear systems for reporting, assessing, dealing with, and reporting incidents of sexism, harassment, abuse, sexual assault or violence. The aim is to build confidence in reporting and raising awareness on what is acceptable behaviour at work. The guidance will also provide clear information about the response people can expect when they tell someone at work about domestic abuse, and the steps that are available to ensure they stay safe and supported in the workplace.

#### **3.1.1.12 New funding from Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities**

The funding for the Part 4 statutory duty of the Domestic Act 2021 for 2023/24 and 2024/25 has been confirmed from Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities in December 2022. This provides continued funding for a DA consultant role which has been invaluable in both developing and implementing the DA & VAWG Strategy.

#### **3.1.1.13 DA Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) Quality Assurance Panel**

Barnet's DA MARAC is subject to a 6-monthly Quality Assurance Panel (QAP) to evaluate effectiveness. The Panel is chaired by the Head of Safeguarding, Access and Occupational Therapy, Adult Social Care and is attended by agencies who have been involved with the selected cases. QAP was held on 31 October with some good practice identified and with a recommendation to explore practice improvements against 8 of the Safe Lives effective practice principles. The audit provides evidence of multi-agency efforts to provide support to the victim as part safety planning before and after the MARAC; this is particularly evident in support provided by IDVA's. In addition, any emerging issues are always discussed at the MARAC Steering Group and if appropriate escalated to the Violence Against Women and Girls Forum. The questions within the 8

Safe Lives principles have been circulated to partners via a survey monkey for a report in July 2023.

#### **3.1.1.14 Ending male violence against women.**

Barnet Council has committed towards working to end men's violence against women. A steering group comprising champions and male ambassadors continues to meet monthly to implement a 3-year action plan.

#### **3.1.1.15 Events**

- A successful International Women's Day event was held on 8 March 2023 organised by the council and supported by the lead member for Community Safety and many DA/VAWG partners. The event was held at StoneX Stadium and attended by over 150 people from the voluntary, community and faith sector, and key partners including the Met Police. Guest speakers included Dr Doirean Wilson, Senior Lecturer & Diversity Lead at Middlesex University, and Barnet resident Propa Rezwana Anwar, Vice Chair of The Barnet Multi Faith Forum, and Youth Council Events Manager for The Faith & Belief Forum. There were also special performances from pupils at Copthall School and the Barnet Education Arts Trust.
  
- The Women's Network at Barnet Council have led an 'InspirationAll' awards campaign internally and externally to support attitude changes by identifying, empowering and celebrating women and girls in Barnet and those who make a strong contribution to gender equality within their everyday roles
  
- The award categories include: Business and Construction, Sport and Wellbeing, Environment and Sustainability, Inspiring Young Woman and Community and Culture
  
- As part of a month-long celebration, the council offered funding of between £500 - £1,000 for community groups, local charities, and organisations to host an event in March. Successful applications included a mother and daughter programme for the Somalian community in Grahame Park, a community quilt blanket by a church in Barnet, and a synagogues and refugee communities' event in Finchley.
  
  
- A successful World Social Work Day event jointly organised by Family and Adult Services and held on Tuesday 21 March 2023 with the theme 'Respecting diversity through joint social action', was attended by Rise, Solace and Barnet Homes stalls.
  
- During 16 days of activism between 25 November-10 December 2022, a series of events with expert speakers including Rachel Williams, a survivor, was organised.



- A partnership webinar around the new offence of non-fatal strangulation or non-fatal suffocation (Domestic Abuse Act 2021) was held on 6 December 2022. 80 participants from the multiagency partnership attended. The webinar was very well received.

**Participant Feedback:**

*"I thought it was an excellent webinar, thanks so much. It was a good mix I thought and the case studies very powerful."*

*"Thank you, Rachel. I love how spirited and determined you are in your mission to change the law and get the message out there! Powerful!"*

- The VAWG Team and the Lead Member for Community Safety visited the 3 women refuges commissioned by the Council and Barnet Homes on 7 December 2022. The survivors' messages were very powerful in how their journey was supported by the refuge and the positive impact it made on their road to safety.

**Survivor Feedback:**

*"I want to thank all who helped with my difficult time now I live in a women's refuge house. I suffer from domestic abuse by my husband and his family. I decided to talk to my doctor about my husband and she helped me, and she contacted solace women's aid. before I came to this refuge, I have been in hospital for 2 months. I have tuberculosis in my brain and spine. I still take medicine and go to the hospital for a monthly check-up. I came to refuge house last year and they helped with my visa which I got last October. Then they helped my English course which starts this month. It was a very difficult time to stay in one room by myself, but my support worker and my manager always help to do something and busy myself. They provided in the summer many different activities; I really enjoyed it with another resident. I did 'Arise' course in the refuge. I attended last year in December 16 days activism which was a big day for me because I shared my experience with others for the first time. I enjoyed their lovely food and drinks. I received a gift from them. I meet during a time with Barnet councillors. I was so happy to talk with them. I really appreciate my manager and support workers."*

### 3.1.1.16 Communication

– A Leaflet on where to get help and support for domestic or sexual abuse in Barnet was launched on 25 November 2022 and widely circulated to all networks and residents.

– The Barnet Council Domestic abuse website: [www.barnet.gov.uk/domesticabuse](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/domesticabuse) has been updated with the new leaflet and videos produced by students from Middlesex University who have worked with the council to create short films to promote awareness about local support services for people at risk of Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women and Girls. Included are videos from Jewish Women’s Aid, Youth Realities, Art Against Knives, Rise Mutual, Barnet Homes One Stop Shop and Middlesex University students.

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/children-and-families/domestic-abuse/helpful-videos-barnet-residents>

– The Comms team produced a comms toolkit for the 16 days activism. The key messages were promoted across the 16 days of activism (with one social media post per day) to support residents and signpost residents to information about where to get help and support through provision of key contact information of voluntary sector organisations and partners working in Barnet and also to share video content to promote awareness of how local voluntary organisations and partners are supporting and promoting events for professionals. The assets for the campaign were:

- Barnet first magazine article page Barnet First magazine - Winter 2022.pdf
- 4-page leaflet to given out locally and at community safety hubs
- Press release.
- Video with Cllr Sara Conway
- Films from local support groups and voluntary organisations
- Mayor of London #haveawordwithyourself campaign
- Home office ‘enough’ campaign

## 3.2 Delivering the DA and VAWG Strategy Annual report 2022/2023

### 3.2.1 Objective 1: Early Intervention and Prevention of Domestic Abuse and VAWG

Early intervention and prevention are key to reducing the amount of domestic abuse, domestic homicide, and suicides linked to domestic abuse and by stopping people from becoming perpetrators and victims to begin with. Domestic abuse devastates the lives of millions. In Barnet in the 12 months to March 2023, there were 5048 DA incidents, 3149 DA offences and 737 DA violence with injury cases reported to Police. The interventions set out below aims to address this by driving down domestic abuse and domestic homicide and preventing them from ever happening in the first place.

### 3.2.1.1 IRIS programme in Barnet

In 2023, IRIS have delivered training to 9 new surgeries that previously never had any IRIS training and completed those partially trained. To qualify as “fully trained” a GP practice must complete numerous trainings: Reception & Admin, Clinical 1 and Clinical 2 teams. This is both a time and resource pressure which has made it difficult to achieve full coverage. We have 50 GP surgeries in Barnet-there are currently 28 fully trained practices and a further 15 partially trained and 7 have not engaged. We have recently linked Solace with Barnet Primary & Community Care Training Hub who will support engagement with surgeries.

This means that 43 out of 50 GP surgeries in Barnet have engaged with IRIS training. During trainings, GP’s have commented that they previously didn’t think of domestic abuse as a health issue and felt it was not their place to ask patients about it. They felt that doing the IRIS training gave them permission to engage in discussions with their patients, indicating towards a shift in the General Practitioner perspective and approach to DA in Barnet.

#### Service user feedback:

*“My GP has been supportive. For the first time in my life, I had somebody I felt safe enough to open up to” and “My GP made me feel like she cared. My GP was the first professional to tell me that I was amazing and could do this. That made all the difference.”*

- In 2022/23, IRIS received 118 referrals from GP’s. IRIS also provided a further 17 individual DA consultations to GPs for their patients. Service users greatest support needs were in relation to housing, family law, criminal justice, mental health, their children and finances.
- 80 service users completed support with IRIS, of these, 26 service users were supported with housing: 13 moved into a safe accommodation, 7 added safety measures to the property so they could continue living there, and in 5 cases the perpetrator was removed from the property. 26 service users were supported with family law and 19 were supported with police and criminal justice. 16 were linked with support for their mental health.
- From all the referrals, 27% service users had a disability, 58% had mental health issues and 19% had a physical health support need. Several service users had multiple disadvantages with the above as well as suicidal ideation and drug and alcohol support needs. IRIS provided them with more intensive, longer-term support.

- IRIS can provide 4 emotional support sessions to service users on identifying and understanding DA dynamics, rebuilding their self-esteem, confidence, agency and identity.

Service user feedback:

*"Thank you very much for giving me the confidence" (06/04/2023)*

*"I am in a much better space mentally." (23/2/23).*

*"Through [IRIS] support I have decided I do not want a relationship with that man anymore. I have also learnt that I will not be co-dependent with any future relationships." (23/01/2023).*

- In March 2023, IRIS funding came to an end. The IRIS steering committee requested an investment of £202,000 (£101,000 reoccurring for two years) to fund two advocate educators (AE) to work in primary care for two years. £90k was agreed and funded by Barnet Public Health and North Central London (NCL) Integrated Care Board (ICB for one year with a review with); this leaves a shortfall of £10k which will reduce capacity for a IRIS Advocate Educators

Referrals into Solace Services from Local GPs in Barnet have been constant.

Year	Date Range	Referrals to Solace Services from local GPs
<b>Baseline</b>	Feb 17 – Jan 18	4
<b>1</b>	April 18 – March 19	53
<b>2</b>	April 19 – March 20	92
<b>3</b>	April 20 – March 21	74
<b>4</b>	April 21 – March 22	131
<b>5</b>	April 22 – March 23	118

### 3.2.1.2 Education in schools

Public Health have led work to map support, resources and training for schools, and their pupils and families in relation to prevention of domestic and sexual abuse. Following an initial scoping meeting a draft version of the information has been circulated for comment.

A request has been made to the VAWG team for training to all Designated Safeguarding Leads in schools on brief overview of signs and indicators, some useful information for schools in responding to children and non-abusive parents plus local support options.

### **3.2.1.3 Operation Encompass**

Operation Encompass is led by the Metropolitan Police (MPS) in partnership with the local authority and schools. The joint-agency protocol enables the Police to share information with schools following a reported domestic abuse incident where the police have been called out and a child has been present the following day.

Sharing information about incidents of domestic abuse to which children have been exposed ensure school staff have immediate awareness so they can practice silent observation, assess needs and/or provide appropriate support to children and young people who have experienced domestic abuse.

The protocol does not replace or supersede existing protocols for child safeguarding or welfare and is used in conjunction with current safeguarding procedures and practice guidelines. Schools will receive information when:

1. Police have been called out to a domestic incident
2. AND the child is present at the time of the incident
3. AND the child is Under 18

Further information about Operation Encompass can be found <https://www.operationencompass.org>; the local authority is exploring ways in which to capture and report impact on children in the borough.

### **3.2.1.4 DA/VAWG partnership training**

139 practitioners attended 4 multi-agency DA trainings over 2022/23 organised by Barnet Council. 37 attended Domestic abuse awareness level 1, 27 attended level 2, 'Responding and Recognising DA', 38 attended DA MARAC and 37 attended 'Understanding the coercive control and economic abuse' training.

Of all attendees, the majority were from voluntary sector organisations (28%); with 21% from Family Services; 16% from Adults and Health; 13% from housing; 8% were foster carers; and small numbers of attendees from education, early years, mental health, and probation.

Everyone who provided feedback said it is likely that their learning will change the way they work for the better. Many learners valued the opportunity to have discussions with others and liked the interactive nature of the training, with some saying they wanted more case studies and longer time for discussion.

Suggestions for improvement included one learner who said a film of a DA survivor would be impactful, and one saying they think DA training should be delivered face to face.

**Learner feedback:**

*"Thank you for organising it. It is a course that is necessary for all those who provide services and support to people to take part in."*

*"I am much more prepared in directing people to the appropriate organisations for support."*

*"I have recognised the importance of knowing the Key voluntary agencies that support victims/survivors of DV and how they can offer support in a variety of ways."*

*"I have gained a more nuanced understanding of the subject".*

DA/VAWG training has been paused for Q1 2023/24 with the exception of MARAC training until a training needs assessment is completed with an analysis to review the trainings for 2023/24. Some training events have had low attendance and it is important to review and learn from the multiagency partnership and practitioners themselves in order to co-produce the training programme with the intended trainees.

The new administration received a briefing on Domestic Abuse and VAWG Strategy and work in the borough to support victims and work with perpetrators on 20 June 2022

A partnership webinar around the new offence of non-fatal strangulation or non-fatal suffocation (Domestic Abuse Act 2021) was held on 6th December 2022. 80 participants from multiagency partnership attended with expert speakers from The Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine and Rachel Williams, a survivor. Attendees were introduced to resources and key information following the introduction of the new offence of non-fatal strangulation and suffocation.

The VAWG team together with the Barnet Safeguarding Children Partnership Manager delivered a briefing on multi- agency responses to domestic abuse involving children based on learning from the national Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel on 2 March 2023.

### **3.2.2 Objective 2: Support all victims and survivors to report, access help and recover**

Support is crucial to help all victims and survivors who have escaped from domestic abuse feel that they can get back to life as normal, with support for their health, emotional, economic, and social needs.

In Barnet there is a range of support available to ensure that every victim and survivor can have their needs met. The DA/VAWG team also monitor changing needs and reflect these in the partnership action plan.

The council commissions Solace Women's Aid to deliver Advocacy and Support Services and 2 women's refuges to support our victims and survivors in the borough. DA MARAC is managed in-house in which high risks cases of domestic abuse are discussed on a weekly basis and risk reduction safety plans are implemented. Barnet Homes manages the Sanctuary Scheme, DA One Stop Shop and one women's refuge funded by MOPAC (Minerva House). Victim Support provides an uplift for a Senior IDVA at Barnet Hospital.

#### **3.2.2.1 Commissioned Services**

Contract monitoring meetings are held on a quarterly basis. A tool kit with agreed data together with feedback and case studies are presented to the VAWG team on a quarterly basis.

##### **3.2.2.2 Solace Advocacy and Support Service (SASS)**

Solace received 1251 referrals in 2022/23 bringing the total referrals for the year to 1251, this exceeds their annual target of 1200 and represents a 9.2% decrease from the previous year. The number of accepted cases in the year was 512, a 2.5% decrease from 525 last year. In this reporting period, 14 service-users identified as LBGT+ and 17 male victims accessed the service. 46 (4%) service-users referred had no recourse to public funds and 68 (13.3%) of service-users self-reported mental health needs.

Over the course of 2022/23, Barnet SASS supported 512 service users – 80 of which were assessed as high risk, 285 were medium risk, and 97 were standard risk. In addition to supporting service users to reduce the risk posed from further incidents of domestic abuse, Solace staff also provided 116 consultations with professionals regarding domestic abuse support. The Barnet SASS service was regularly engaged in events across the borough, including providing training to other professionals on recognising and responding to domestic abuse, strengthening partnerships with mental health services in the borough to best support

survivors, and establishing the Early Help and Children's Social Care IDVA roles to support the children's workforce best respond to DV affecting children.

The Barnet SASS team consistently supports service users to reduce the risk posed to them. Over 2022/23, there were 485 exits from the Barnet SASS service. Of these exits, 380 service users reported feeling that there was some or significant improvement to their perception of their own safety. Additionally, a majority of clients were supported to end the abusive relationship they were seeking support around with 343 service users reporting that they had not reconciled with the abusive partner at the point of exit from our service. 245 service users completed exit PoWER forms, which are used to assess how clients' perception of their situation has changed since engaging with the service. Of the completed forms:

- 113 reported they were feeling safer
- 109 reported feeling more confident
- 108 reported feeling better about themselves
- 85 reported feeling close to other people
- 95 reported they are dealing with their problems well
- 81 reported they felt more confident to make decisions, and;
- 87 reported feeling optimistic about the future.

Due to service users exiting our service feeling more confident about making decisions, feeling close to others, and reporting increased confidence, many service users will therefore be supported to either stop a relationship before it becomes abusive in the future or seek support from our service if needed in the future.

SASS delivered Arise Group Programmes 8 times while Picking Up the Pieces (PUTP) was delivered 3 times. 68 women attending the Arise programme reporting having an increased understanding of what a healthy relationship looks like, while 20 women attending PUTP reported an improved understanding of the impacts of domestic abuse on children. Whilst attending these programmes, the Barnet SASS group worker has shared that feedback is largely positive, with women gaining a great deal of support from one another in a peer-to-peer capacity, which strengthens the social support survivors are receiving in the borough. Overall, between the risk reduction work being completed within the IDVA services, the prevention and awareness raising across the service, and the ongoing identification and strengthening of partnerships across the borough, Barnet SASS is continuing to combat instances of DA and VAWG across the borough of Barnet.



### **3.2.2.3 Collocations of independent Domestic Violence Advisers (IDVAs)**

The part time role at Police CSU from Victim Support has been withdrawn. A new IDVA has been co-located with social workers in Children's Social Care to facilitate referral pathways, provide options and advice and also to accompany social workers to visit families experiencing domestic abuse.

A part time IDVA has also been co-located with the Child & Family Early Help Service. The IDVA sits on the multi-agency referral panel and provides consultation to practitioners around cases where may initially be unclear if there is domestic abuse or Parental Conflict, so the correct referral pathway is followed.

### **3.2.2.4 Womens refuges**

Solace Women's Aid are commissioned by the Barnet Council to provide support and manage two women's refuges for Barnet. A third women's refuge (Minerva House) is run by Barnet homes. Barnet Homes was successful in securing £100,000 of funding from the Department of Levelling Up, Housing & Communities to support the continuation the Minerva House women's refuge provision in 2023/24

Barnet Council commissions 2 refuges offering 18 adult bed spaces with 20 children's bed spaces. Minerva House provides 6 adult bed spaces and 10 children's bed spaces for homeless women fleeing domestic abuse and approaching Barnet Homes for housing assistance.

For the period 2022-23 Barnet Refuges supported 38 women and 26 children with 19 departures. Minerva House accommodated 14 women and 16 children with 8 departures.

The Refuge team accepted 21 new referrals to Barnet refuges and 10 new referrals to Minerva House with the largest number coming from The National Domestic Violence Helpline, Barnet Homes, out of borough housing, other Domestic Abuse Services and Solace Advocacy Services.

The majority of victims were rehoused in the private rented sector. Victims benefit from holistic and trauma-informed support through risk and needs assessment, safety planning, individual support planning to achieve the best outcomes for independent living which includes crisis support, advocacy, ongoing emotional support, counselling, children's creative play therapy, children's activities, support to achieve employment, education and training goals including accessing ESOL classes, budgeting and financial support, immigration support. The service provides a specialist Family Support Worker providing age-appropriate 1:1 support to children, young people and their mothers. The service also received funding to recruit a Multiple Disadvantage Worker. Safeguarding referrals were made to Adult and Children's Social Care as appropriate.

There was a total of 11 MARAC cases with key professionals attending the refuge to carry out visits i.e. social workers, health visitors and midwives. The ARISE Domestic Abuse Awareness Programme was facilitated in-house by our dedicated refuge team to improve understanding of DV/A, the effects on survivors and their children, to recognise unhealthy relationships in order to recover from trauma and move forward in their lives free from abuse.

They have achieved positive outcomes for victims through partnership working with a number of agencies: Acacia, The Arts Depot, Barnet Adult Social Care, Barnet Family Services, Barnet One Stop Shop, Barnet Homes, Barnet Job Centre, Barnet Benefits Service, Barnet and Southgate College, Barnet Public Health, Barnet Well Being Hub, Boost, Bowling & Co Solicitors, Bright Horizons, Buddy Bag Charity, Buttle Trust UK, CAHMS, Chipping Barnet Food Bank, CLG Drug and Alcohol Service, Crisis Fund, Cyber Care, Dawn counselling, Debt Advisory Service, Debt Recovery Service, Finchley Women's Institute, GN Law Solicitors, GPs, HAB Law Solicitors, Health Visiting Team, Home Start, Historic Royal Palaces, Jewish Deaf Association, Jewish Women's Aid, Little Village, MARAC, Mencap, Met Police, Neighbourhood Doula, Pram depot, Renew, Sangam, Southall Black Sisters and Trinity Church Mill Hill

Survivors living at the refuges provide peer support by accompanying new arrivals to the GP, hospital and local shops enabling them to settle into the refuge which alleviates feelings of isolation. Our refuges encourage co-designed and survivor-led activities such as baking/ cooking activities, responsible for purchasing ingredients and upskilling each other. This has been a great success at various events throughout the year, including Black History Month, Eid, International Women's Day and the 16 Days of Activism partnership event with Barnet Homes at which the women shared their stories with local councillors. The vegetable beds, herb garden implemented through a partnership with Finchley Women's Institute inspired the women to learn basic garden skills by sharing their gardening expertise with survivors. The Flower Bank in Barnet is another example of using local projects to develop skills, service users created hanging baskets and hand painted individual flowerpots that they were able to keep at the end of the session.

Activities for the period included a seaside trip to South End, London Zoo, Discovery Children's Story Centre, Clown Town, Flip Out Trampoline, Swimming, Cinema, Belmont Farm, Summer Picnic and Sports Day and our End of Year Christmas Party.

The refuge provisions are immensely grateful to the generosity of key stakeholders and partners who work so hard to provide the many donations to families for special occasions and throughout the year. Barnet Homes, Bright Horizons, Chipping Barnet Food Bank, United Synagogue,

Jewish Deaf Association, Trinity Church Mill Hill. New partnerships were developed with The Arts Depot a cultural hub in Finchley offering free tickets to theatre shows for families, also Historical Palaces. The Family Support workers at the 3 refuges received training to facilitate the trips. Chipping Barnet Foodbank provides targeted donations, resettlement funding and on-going support with food supermarket vouchers and Vodafone SIM cards allocated to women with NRTPF, those experiencing benefit delays, deductions, or financial hardship due to the increase in cost of living. The refuges have also approached other charities including Lifetime Chances for individual grants for furniture items needed when moving into independent living.

Equality, diversity, and inclusion is promoted within the service, utilising all available resources to ensure service users feel welcome and safe in Solace refuges. All women are provided with face to face and telephone interpreting services. There is Halal cooking equipment in shared kitchens and Diwali coffee mornings alongside celebrations for Black History Month and religious festivals such as Easter, Eid and Christmas. One refuge has a self-contained adapted unit for wheelchair users. Solace has received funding from MOPAC for a multiple disadvantage refuge worker and are recruiting to this role currently. Solace have been consulting with staff and service users on their trans-inclusive approach and policies. They have also consulted through House Meetings, children’s meetings, exit surveys and through annual service user consultation meetings learning of the positive impact of the service on women and children’s self-esteem, confidence and independence.

### 3.2.2.5 Inhouse service : DA MARAC

MARAC	Q1 22/23	Q2 22/23	Q3 22/23	Q4 22/23	Apr 2022- Mar 2023 Total
Number of MARAC referrals	87	123	122	145	<b>477</b>
Number of children in the household	51	64	68	111	<b>294</b>
Number of families with children	38	48	37	64	<b>187</b>
Number of repeat MARAC referrals	9	22	19	35	<b>85</b>
Percentage of repeat MARAC referrals	10%	18%	16%	24%	<b>17%</b>

- Over 2022/23 Barnet has seen a gradual increase in MARAC referrals which is increasing the number of children exposed to this behaviour. Also, the percentage of repeat MARAC referral has increased.
- 36% of victims in 2022/23 reported mental health needs and 21% of the alleged perpetrators reported mental health needs.
- The victims in 2022/23 identified as female in 90.6% of the cases. 89.8% of alleged perpetrators in 2022/23 were reported as being male.
- The majority of perpetrators in 2022/23 are the victim's Ex-partner 182 (37%), Partner 157 (32%) or son 26 (6%)
- The DA consultant has started a review of the DA MARAC based on the Safe lives review tool. 8 of the 10 SafeLives principles will be reviewed, including quality assuring the action planning process. This will also explore increased referrals and re-referrals reported in Q4.
- Alongside the review of MARAC, Family Services are leading a multi-agency audit of a sample of MARAC victims with caring responsibility for children to identify good practice and areas for learning and improvement. This is due for reporting to the VAWG Delivery Group in July 2023.

### 3.2.2.6 Other partnership services:

#### Housing support

- There were 405 homelessness approaches due to domestic abuse in 2022/23. Of these, 106 were provided temporary accommodation (TA). Housing options include refuge accommodation, sanctuary installations to make victims' homes safer, move to private sector properties, move through the North London DA reciprocal scheme and for single applicants housing in the private rented sector. Some victims also prefer to remain with friends or family until they secure suitable accommodation and refuse TA as they want to minimise the number of moves whilst awaiting alternative housing.
- The Barnet Sanctuary Scheme is a housing option available for survivors of domestic abuse. It is managed by Barnet Homes -Housing Options Team where we have a DA & Sanctuary Scheme Coordinator. Sanctuary Scheme is for DA survivors who live in the London Borough of Barnet and want to remain living in their properties with extra security

measures. This is a housing option which allows them to avoid homelessness and achieve safety. This scheme is for survivors who have sole tenancies or have sole occupation through a court order, where the alleged perpetrator has no legal right to enter the property.

- The Barnet Sanctuary Scheme received 130 referrals and secured 88 properties between April 2022 and March 2023. Most referrals came from Solace Women's Aid, in addition to referrals received from Children and Social care, Barnet Homes, Police, Victim Support and other voluntary agencies across VAWG sector.
- Barnet Homes dedicated DA Team within the Housing Options Service manages the most complex and high-risk housing cases for DA survivors, from the initial assessment of survivors' and their children's needs and their placement in safe accommodation, to their move-on and resettlement in long-term accommodation. At each point, floating support is available to hand-hold individuals through their recovery and resettlement pathway. The team support survivors to access DA services, and are a consistent, supportive presence to aid the recovery of those who face complex issues and additional barriers. From October 2022-31st March 2023, the DA Team supported 43 victims with multiple needs and assessed as high and medium risk.
- The DA Manager in her role has started delivering bespoke training to housing teams - 15 staff have so far been trained.

### **3.2.2.7 BEH MHT –Safeguarding Team, DA and Sexual Safety**

A Domestic Abuse and Sexual Safety Co-ordinator (DASSC) was appointed in August 2022 to support the Trust in developing its response to domestic abuse and sexual abuse. As a part of this role, the co-ordinator serves as an expert point of reference within the safeguarding team, providing consultation on disclosures of domestic and sexual abuse, including harmful practises alongside developing key resources that can be utilised by frontline staff. A weekly Domestic Abuse and Harmful Practices drop-in surgery was set up, providing staff with a drop in space for advice around disclosures or concerns. The DASSC also attends Perinatal, Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services and Acute Inpatient and Community Supervisions.

There was limited means to collect data on domestic abuse, and as such data is now pulled from 5 sources and triangulated to ensure a more accurate reflection of the reports seen throughout the Trust (Incident reports via Ulysses, Adult/Children Safeguarding referrals, MARAC referrals and direct approaches to the DASSC). Between Q3 and Q4 there was an increase in disclosures

of domestic abuse being raised, with further support given by the DASSC to frontline workers around risk assessment, safety planning, appropriate referrals to support the victim/survivors, children and perpetrators. It is expected that identification will increase further with the ongoing embedding of the DASSC post.

Domestic Abuse Training has been developed and is available to all teams. Specialist DA workshops have been delivered to staff within older peoples and memory services by the Silver Project and the domestic abuse co-ordinator. Monthly Learning sessions are run and available all staff which have covered/due to cover; Child/Adolescent to Parent Violence and Abuse, Black, Asian and Minoritized Young Women & Girls and Sexual Violence, Harmful Practises with more to be confirmed. A Stalking masterclass was delivered throughout the trust by the BEH Stalking Threat Assessment Centre (STAC) psychologists and Domestic Abuse & Sexual Safety Co-ordinator, equipping staff to be able to effectively identify and respond to stalking. Additionally, staffing teams are able to request individual CPD sessions delivered within team meetings addressing themes of abuse that they are identifying within the services.

### **3.2.2.8 Sexual Health IDSVAs –CNWL NHS Sexual Health Clinic- Edgware Community Hospital since July 2022**

The Sexual Health IDSVAs Project sits under the Islington SASS team, in Solace Women's Aid and is partnered with CNWL NHS sexual health clinics. They support people of any gender, ages 16 and above, who have experienced domestic abuse and or sexual violence.

The IDSVAs project only receives referrals from CNWL sexual health clinics. If a patient discloses domestic abuse and/or sexual violence to someone at these clinics, a referral to the IDSVAs project will be offered.

The IDSVAs provide emotional and practical support. They are primarily an advocacy service. They frequently advocate for survivors with housing, the criminal justice system, and social care, as well as other statutory and voluntary organisations. They also regularly signpost to other services including counselling, and lawyers. They work in line with a trauma informed, person-centred and strength-based approach. The needs and wants of service users is central to the work that we do.

### **3.2.2.9 LBB Family Services: Recovery for mothers and children: AVA CODA (Children overcoming domestic abuse) Mother and Children's groups and 1:1 through the Child & Family Early Help Hubs.**

Children and Family Early Help Hubs aims to provide the right help first time; meet identified needs and improve outcomes for children and young people; preventing the escalation of issues that would then require specialist services. Early Help hold a weekly multi-agency panel to ensure the right team around the family is in place for the support needs identified.

Each Early Help Hub provides a recovery group programme for mothers and their children who have experienced DA. The team has developed training for LBB and partner staff as part of their work on parental conflict, which includes tools and interventions for work with children and families. The training is explicit in identifying where parental conflict has escalated to DA so that safeguarding, and the right support can be put in place. Children Overcoming Domestic Abuse (CODA) Community group programmes run by AVA (Child and Family Early Help) are offered for children and mothers that aren't living with the alleged abuser.

The aim is to help children sharing their experiences, exploring ways of expressing their feelings and looking at coping strategies for the future. Mothers have the opportunity to network with other women who have similar experiences, explore the impact the experiences may have had on their children and understand how to help their children recover. In 2022/23 more than 20 women have attended AVA Women's Group.

The AVA/CODA Group programme is not suitable for all families, as some children may have special needs or be outside of the age-group for the particular programme, and some women may not be group-ready, or need an interpreter, so the CODA trained practitioners also can offer this support on an 1-1, as required.

There have been no repeat referrals into Barnet's Family Service (in relation to domestic abuse or otherwise) for any of the women or children who have attended groups. In addition, women attending the group shared the positive feedback having the opportunity to connect with other women who have experienced similar issues in their lives.

In the west Children and Family Hub, practitioners have adapted the AVA/CODA materials to be more suitable to women from Muslim background following consultation with community leaders and the women themselves and have a planned pilot for a AVA/CODA group aimed at teenagers (all staff trained in CODA can cover all age-groups, but until now, have focused on under 11yrs, and referred older children to Safer Spaces Plus, or offered 1-1 intervention).

### **3.2.2.10 Family Services Early Help reducing parental conflict programme - Early intervention to prevent escalation to Domestic abuse.**

The Early Help reducing parental conflict programme is an early intervention to prevent escalation to Domestic abuse. The service has completed the first year of a new round of 3-year funding from DWP (Department for Work and Pensions) Reducing Parental Conflict Grant. Over the year, 10 awareness-raising virtual workshops have been held for a wide range of professionals about Parental Conflict; refresher training has been provided for Early Help Practitioners around the structured interventions which form part of the Early Help offer. Two workshops via the Tavistock on the Mentalisation Approach, when working with higher levels of parental conflict and two workshops on helping professionals to differentiate the difference between domestic abuse and parental conflict have also been held.

Early Help have refreshed their website to include information for parents i.e. self-help manuals, animations (to help parents to put themselves in their children's shoes when caught up in the middle of parental disagreements), and links to other relevant websites, such as CAFCASS. The page also ensures that parents are clear where to go for help if they are experiencing domestic abuse and directs them to the Children and Family Early Help Hubs, if they need support beyond self-help materials. The Early Help Hubs provide up to 6 weeks of structured interventions to help both parents together, and those who are separated to reduce parental conflict, information is contained in these links [Reducing parental conflict | Barnet Council](#)  
<https://youtu.be/uqlhHbDcCzo>  
<https://youtu.be/qXJSW759GRo>

### **3.2.3 Objective 3: Pursue Perpetrators and Engage them in behaviour change interventions to eliminate harm to victims and their families**

Perpetrators are the ones who need to change their behaviour and stop offending. By relentlessly pursuing them the prevalence of domestic abuse will drive down and reduce the number of domestic homicides.

This involves better understanding and addressing the falling number of charges, prosecutions, and convictions so perpetrators are stopped and face justice. We also need to continue in investing in interventions and programmes which change their behaviour in the long-term.

#### **3.2.3.1 DVPNs and DVPOs**

Police in Barnet have issued 26 DV Protection Notices (DVPN) and 22 DV Protection Orders (DVPO) in rolling 12 months to March 2023.



### 3.2.3.2 Clare’s Law disclosures

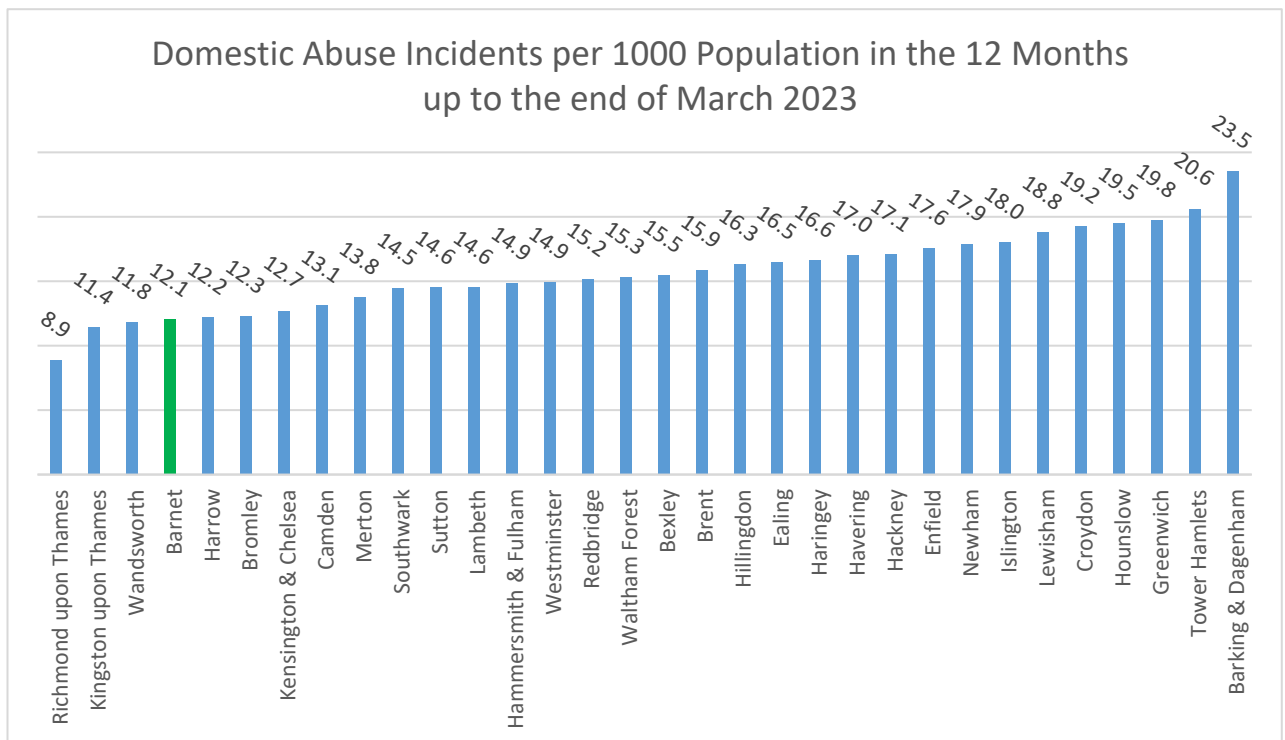
45 requests for Clare’s Law disclosures at DA MARAC during 2022/23

### 3.2.3.4 Body worn cameras in DA calls

The percentage of body worn cameras used in DA calls by Police were 65% in March 2023 down from 75% in September 2022. This reduction will be explored with Police at the next VAWG Delivery Group meeting in June 2023.

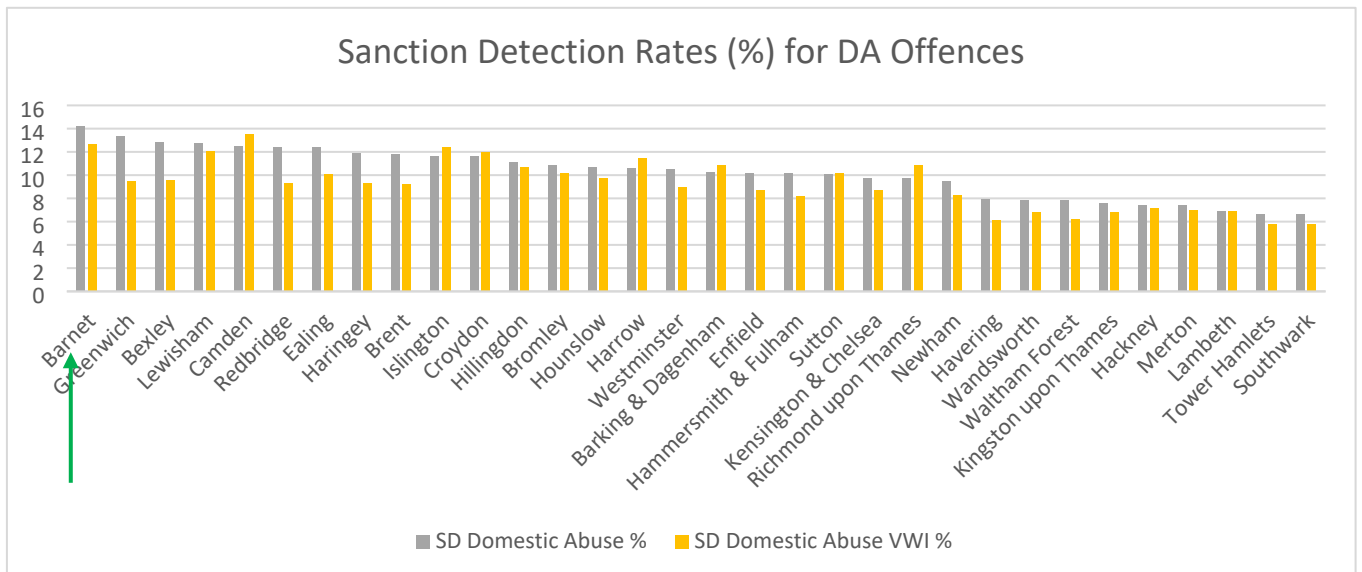
The table below highlights the DA incidents and offences reported from Barnet:

Barnet	DA Incidents	DA Offences	DA VWI
12 months to March 2022	5222	3243	730
12 months to March 2023	5048	3149	737
Change	Decrease (3.5%)	Decrease (3.0%)	Increase (1.0%)



Barnet had the 4th lowest rate of all 32 London boroughs in 2022/23 compared to 3rd lowest in the previous year. In Barnet, the rate of DA incidents was 12.1 per 1000 population (12 months to March 2023).

The rate of DA incidents that become DA Offences is 62% (12 months up to March 2023), this is remaining steady.



Barnet has the highest Sanction detection rate of the London boroughs for Domestic Abuse Offences of 14.2% (12 months up to March 2023), last year it was 11.0%. For Domestic Abuse Violence with injury (VWI) sanction detection rate, Barnet is 2<sup>nd</sup> highest with a rate of 12.7% (12 months up to March 2023), last year it was 11.4%.

### 3.2.3.5 Probation

The revised Domestic Abuse Policy Framework was relaunched in September 2022 and mandates that all staff, in line with their roles and responsibilities, are pro-active in looking for indicators of domestic abuse, i.e., exercising professional curiosity, so that it is identified at the earliest possible opportunity in every case. Staff are expected to maintain an investigative approach to their work with domestic abuse perpetrators and share information to manage risks identified, in order that; current and potential victims, including family members and children, are protected and supported sufficiently.

A comprehensive risk assessment (using the Offender Assessment System (OASys) or other approved authority tool is completed in every case where domestic abuse has been identified within current or previous behaviour, so that acute risk factors are assessed and where required, a plan is in place to manage the risk. All eligible and suitable domestic abuse perpetrators are referred to an appropriate accredited programme, so that their criminogenic needs are addressed. Post pandemic the waiting lists are decreasing and perpetrators posing the highest risk are prioritised. Activities to reduce domestic abuse-related reoffending and risk of serious harm are prioritised in every case of intimate partner and familial domestic abuse. In addition,

Probation Staff are expected to undertake mandatory Domestic Abuse training as part of the Competency Based Framework. This must then be refreshed every 2 years.

This year Probation staff have fully utilised the capabilities of the MOPAC DA GOS Tagging pilot, with 9 cases completed successfully and only 2 perpetrators recalled. This intervention is reserved for individuals presenting a high risk of serious harm in a DA context and has been impactful in ensuring that the increased monitoring and control measures have served to protect survivors and victims.

Staff have been briefed on the changes to the Victim Notification Scheme which has been extended to cover cases of harassment/stalking who receive less than 12 months imprisonment.

The unwanted prison contact service launched in November 2022. This has particular relevance for survivors of DA and is accessible to any member of the public. It has been promoted amongst staff and the details circulated to the wider Barnet partnership.

Despite challenges with staffing, Probation have remained committed to contributing to MARAC. There is a standardised administrative process to support the research required on referrals and there is now an agreed recording convention in place on the Probation case management system, nDelius, to reflect Probation involvement.

For all cases where electronic monitoring is being considered, mandatory Police intelligence and safeguarding enquires are taking place to assess any potential for DA is identified at pre-sentence stage or immediately thereafter.

### **3.2.3.6 RISE Mutual CIC:(Barnet Council's Commissioned service)**

Barnet Council commission RISE Mutual CIC to implement programmes which change the behaviour of perpetrators in the long-term. Funding is also received from the Home Office and MOPAC for Culturally Integrated Family Approach (CIFA) domestic abuse perpetrator programmes.

#### **Impact of RISE DA work April 2022-March 2023**

RISE worked with a total of 79 perpetrators in 2022/23. 64 of these were newly referred in the reporting year.

- 93% were successfully contacted and booked for an Initial assessment and of these;

- 85% were assessed suitable.91% started a DV programme. The retention rate on the programme up to the midway point was 83%.
- 100% of those who reached the midway point of the programme went on to complete.
- 19 completed the full intervention, either the groupwork programme, Safe Relationships or the 1:1 programme, Preparing Men for Change.

### Child to Parent Violence (CPV)

RISE worked with a total of 81 individuals in 2022/23r. 62 of these were newly referred in 2022/23.

- 92% were successfully contacted and booked for an Initial assessment. 94% attended.
- 100% were assessed suitable.
- 95% started the CPV programme. The retention rate on the programme up to the midway point was 70%,91% of those reaching the midway point of the programme went on to complete (14 sessions)

### Victims

RISE received referrals for a total of 57 victims this year.

- 88% of victims were successfully contacted and 67% consented to a RISE service.
- The DASA team delivered 158 support sessions during the financial year with an average of 10 support sessions per person.

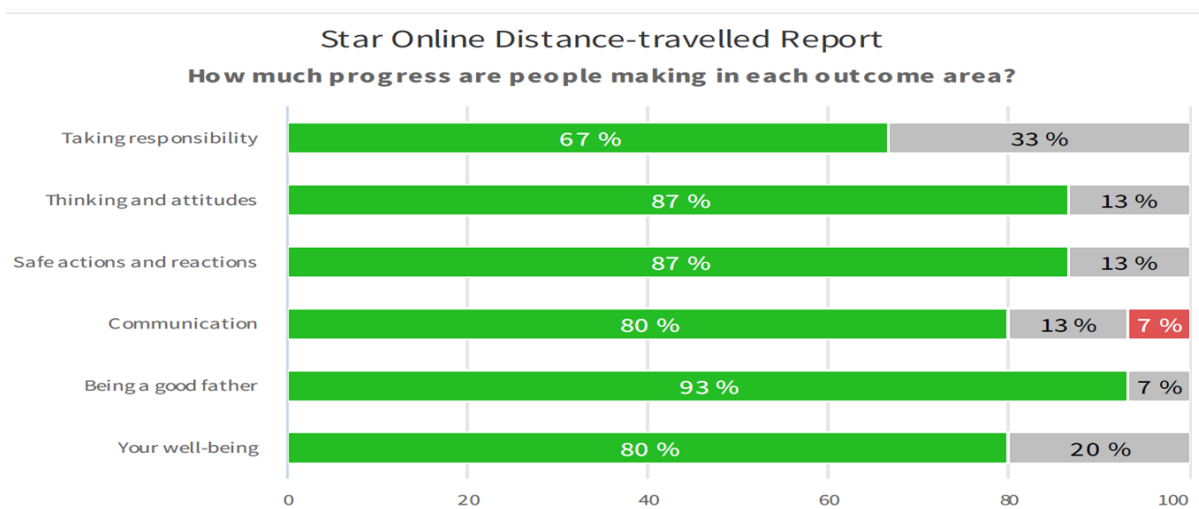
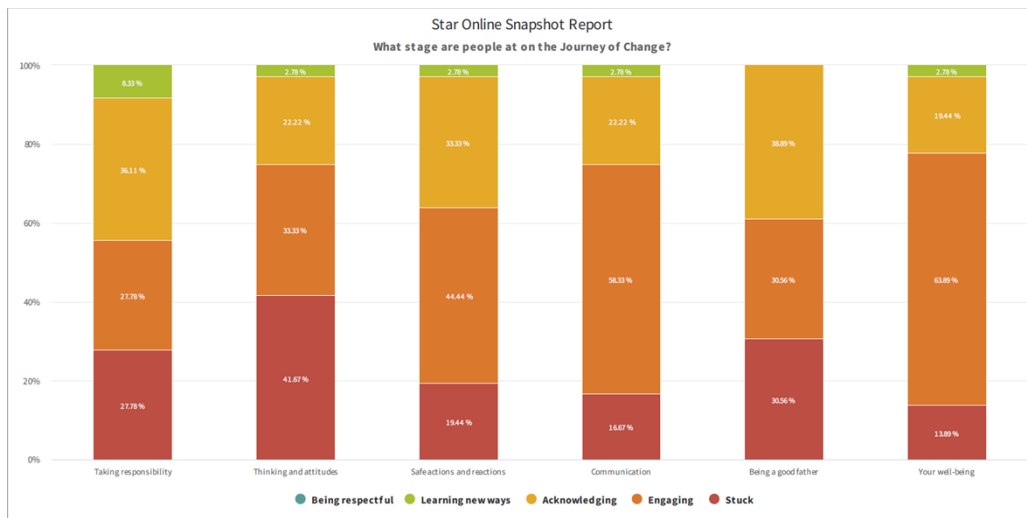
### Evaluation

RISE uses the evaluation system called Change Star (Triangle Consulting) to measure our outcomes. Perpetrators' behaviours and attitudes are measured at assessment stage, midway stage and following completion of the intervention. The Star measures change across six areas: accountability, thinking and attitudes, safe reactions, communication style, being a child centred father and personal well-being. In addition, the evaluator will conduct interviews and distribute surveys with victim/survivors to ascertain perceived levels of safety and will draw on feedback from social workers/other key professionals who may be involved with the family.

A 'snapshot report' of Barnet cases over the year shows the following results at the initial assessment. The red colour represents men assessed as being 'stuck' in initial interviews whether that be denial, thinking and attitudes, safe reactions, communication, child centred fathering and well-being. The orange colour indicates men who are willing to discuss their behaviour and accept that they may have something to learn. Yellow represents those who have

admitted to some level of abuse. Green indicates they have already made some positive change. Dark blue (not represented here) is selected when practitioners have observed and received feedback related to meaningful change.

Beneath the snapshot report we have the 'distanced travelled' graph which shows the amount of progress made. This a combination of midway and final stars and shows that 67% of men have achieved progress with regard to accountability with 33% remaining static in this area, 87% have made progress with regard to thinking and attitudes and safe reactions, 80% have improved in terms of communication, 90% have made improvements with regard to parenting and 80% in terms of their well-being. Some of those scores are likely to shift further when final stars are completed.



### 3.2.3.7 CIFA Perpetrator programme (funded by Home Office and MOPAC)

RISE has also completed its pilot intervention, the Culturally Integrated Family Approach, across the boroughs of Barnet, Brent and Waltham Forest and a cut-off was agreed from mid-November for new referrals.

RISE positively worked with referrers to secure men's engagement post-March and following a successful bid led by Barnet and in partnership with 9 other boroughs (Brent, Harrow, Newham, Tower Hamlets, Haringey, Enfield, Hammersmith & Fulham, Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster) a further 2 years of funding totalling £1.46m, has been awarded for 2023-25.

RISE practitioners report high levels of poverty, trauma, homelessness, and isolation as exhibited by CIFA men; many are reported to have more than one job and to be working long hours on low pay, some have responsibilities to send money home to family in their country of origin. These stressors can impact behaviour and responses towards partners and children.

In relation to the CIFA 'distance travelled' stars, to date (which are a combination of midway and final stars), CIFA findings demonstrate an increase in markers of progress, with 83% of service users having made progress with regard to taking responsibility (with 13% static at the point of the assessment and 3% dropping back.)

### **3.2.4 Objective 4: Strengthen the partnership response to improve multi-agency working and information sharing to deliver improved outcomes.**

The whole of society needs to work together to reduce the prevalence of domestic abuse, domestic homicide, and suicides linked to domestic abuse, and deliver the best possible outcomes for victims and survivors. Domestic abuse must be identified quicker and in greater numbers. In Barnet, we are working to improve collaboration and coordination between and within organisations.

#### **3.2.4.1 #HearMyVoice**

**#HearMyVoice** is a campaign which addresses various aspects of VAWG and DA, a collaboration between London Borough of Barnet; Middlesex University; and DA & VAWG partners from across the borough with a specific focus on capturing the local context of Barnet and in particular the narratives of individuals, groups and organisations in the community.

These narratives will be amplified through the delivery of a range of outputs. On the 24th of May, Middlesex University student's work will be showcased including projects where they have paired with Barnet DA/VAWG community partners. The aim of the event is also to bring Barnet partners together to share knowledge and experience, build connections, and renew our shared commitment to working together to address DA and VAWG in Barnet. The planning is going well.

### **3.2.4.2 Multi-agency Governance**

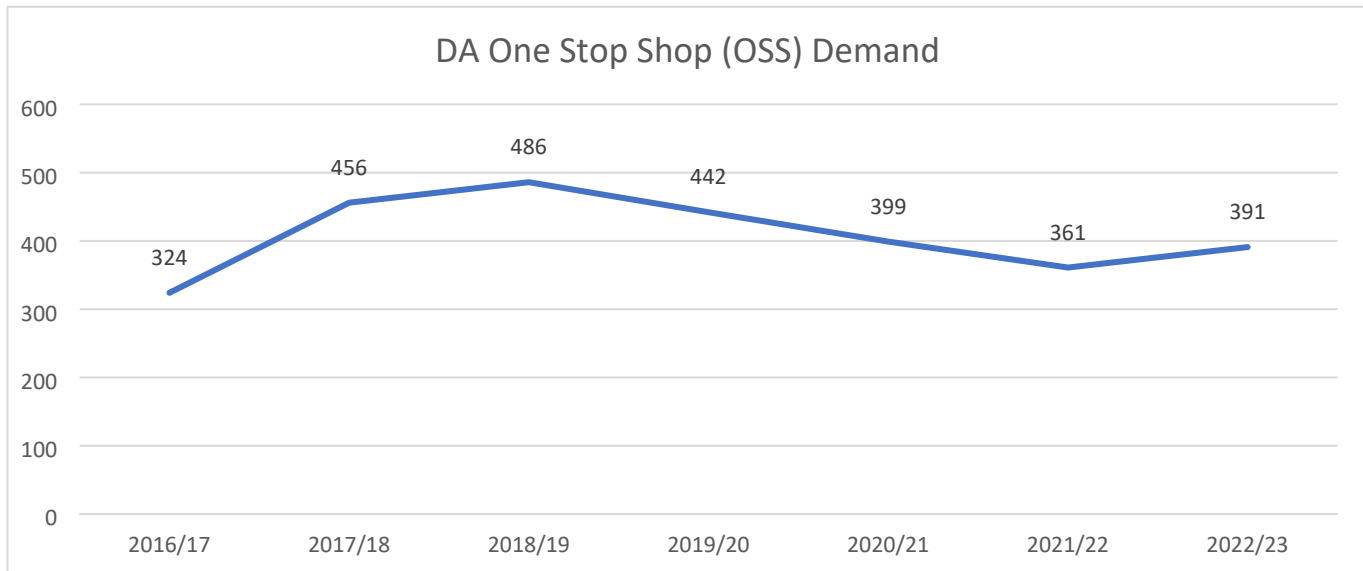
The VAWG Delivery Group with representatives from the partnership is a decision-making group and works to support victims of DA and VAWG and coordinate delivery against the DA and VAWG Strategy and Action Plan 2022-2025. It aims to ensure a robust, coordinated response to DA/VAWG issues across the strategic partnership, plan the effective use of resources in the borough, make explicit the roles, responsibilities and commitments of the key partners to ensure that VAWG outcomes and targets are agreed, owned and delivered and that there are clear lines of accountability. The Delivery Group seeks to build on continual improvement in the Barnet multi-agency response to DA/VAWG and disseminate best practice and innovation across services in and outside the borough. Issues that need a decision from the VAWG Forum are escalated to this group. The group meets quarterly and quarterly reports on the strategy and its action plan, the VAWG DASH board together with updates and discussions on new legislation/good practice as well as challenges in delivery.

The VAWG Forum has an appointed Chair from the DA/VAWG partnership is a forum that works to support victim/survivors of all forms of VAWG and aims to support Barnet Partnership DA and VAWG Strategy and Action Plan 2022-2025. Members are practitioners from agencies from the statutory and voluntary sector that work or have an interest in DA/VAWG. They contribute to relevant actions identified in the Barnet DA & VAWG action plan, share good practice, identify gaps, recognise emerging needs and raise issues. They also share their respective agency's objectives and expectations of each other in the partnership and provide regular updates about their agency's programmes and developments.

### **3.2.4.3 Multi agency partnership working.**

Barnet's One Stop Shop (OSS) resumed face to face drop-in services in February 2023 and holds the OSS every Thursday from 9.30am to 12.30pm at the new office of The Barnet Group, at 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW. The OSS is led by Barnet Homes in partnership with Barnet council, Solace Women's Aid, Asian Women's Resource Centre, private solicitor firms, Barnet Magistrate.

Barnet Homes Domestic Abuse One Stop Shop (OSS) had 85 referrals in Q4 bringing the total for the year to 391 The demand for service over time is set out in the chart below. The impact of this on referrals and service take up will be monitored.





Anonymised OSS service user case study:

*Vanessa shares her recent experience of the One Stop Shop. Barnet Homes staff spoke to Vanessa who had suffered domestic abuse for the past 15 years. Vanessa came to the OSS and received support from the multi-agency team, she tells us about her experience.*

***Tell us a bit about yourself?***

*I live in Barnet with my children. I have suffered domestic violence from my partner for 15 years. I still suffer it now even though we're not together. I have been supported by the police and an independent advocate for domestic violence (IDVA) from Solace Women's Aid and the Barnet Homes' OSS service.*

***How you have been supported by Barnet Homes' multi-agency OSS?***

*I came to the OSS six weeks ago to get help with housing because my ex-partner found out where I'm living, currently he's in prison. The OSS have been amazing. I've been treated with a lot of respect and dignity. I've had help from the legal team there with getting a non-molestation order, and from the housing officer to get help with my housing.*

***Would you recommend the One Stop Shop?***

*I'd recommend the domestic abuse one stop shop to people suffering domestic violence. If I'm honest people might not realise that the one stop shop is not just for housing, it is for legal stuff, counselling, female support groups, and there's a lot of other ways you can be helped including financially if you're struggling.*

***What are your hopes for your future?***

*I just want to live a normal life with my children and not have to live in this constant state of fear and stress.*

***Do you have a message that you would like to share with survivors?***

*My message for survivors is to just keep going and to stay strong and try to stay safe. And to focus on your mental health because it will, and it does get better. Get any support you can, like from the Domestic Abuse One Stop Shop and other agencies. There are lots of forums out there and people that you can talk to because it is a very lonely time. But it's not as lonely as you think it is, even though it feels that way sometimes.*

***Feedback from Barnet Homes DA floating support service user:***

*Thank you for the help you gave to me and my son. I thank you very much. If it wasn't for you, I wouldn't have been able to handle anything alone. You really did your best like a kind sister. I hope you will always be successful. I am very happy with you.*

### **3.2.5 Objective 5: Working together for safer streets, community and public spaces.**

We want all Barnet residents to feel safe out in the community. We want to work together across Barnet to reduce Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) and raise awareness about unacceptable behaviour towards women and girls.

#### **3.2.5.1 Mayor's Women's Night Safety Charter.**

Barnet Council has signed up to the Mayor's Women's Night Safety Charter. The resources and training through the charter will be linked to the Safer Spaces Network Pilot for business operating in the night-time in the borough.

#### **3.2.5.2 Survivor forum and Survivors voices**

The scoping for setting up a survivor forum is in progress. While setting the survivors forum can have its benefits as well as some challenges, careful consideration is being given to have a discussion on having survivors voices heard across the quarters from various community meetings to diverse groups of victims and survivors and platforms. It is intended that the approach will provide a space for the voices of diverse groups of survivors to ensure the needs of specific groups of victims and survivors can be heard more consistently and acted upon, and for the council to hear from the survivors' voice across the commissioning cycle.

#### **3.2.5.3 Safer Spaces**

The government published the Protection from Sex-based Harassment in Public Bill 2022-23 on 22 March 2023 for a third and final reading on 24 March 2023. The Bill would introduce a new offence causing intentional harassment, alarm or distress to a person in public where the behaviour is done because of that person's sex. This will be considered for local education, action and awareness raising once the Bill has passed through Parliament.

A transformation project lead has been appointed to develop a Safer Spaces Network Pilot and will reach out to engage local businesses, town planners, housing providers, open spaces and a range of council services and launch in Autumn/Winter 2023.

#### **3.2.5.4 VAWG events led by Barnet Safer Transport Police across the borough.**

Barnet Safer Transport Team run a twice a month Violence Against Women and Girls events, providing advice and support on Female safety, travel safety and personal safety.

Many organisations work in joint partnership with us including residents' groups and local women's groups. A series of intelligence led locations across the boroughs have been identified and circulated from March to August 2023 where the Barnet Safer Transport Team can engage

with commuters and people going out for the evening, encouraging members of the public to interact with the team us on all topic of women's safety.

### **3.2.5.5 The impact of “Ask for Angela” on addressing women’s safety**

The safety initiative ‘Ask for Angela’ helps licensed venues across the country keep people safe while enjoying a night out. People who feel unsafe, vulnerable or threatened can discreetly seek help by approaching venue staff and asking them for ‘Angela’. This code-phrase will indicate to staff that they require help with their situation and a trained member of staff will then look to support and assist them. This might be through reuniting them with a friend, seeing them to a taxi, or by calling venue security and/or the police.

Since October 2020 the Barnet Safer Transport Team have been leading the programme of work to visit and sign up Barnet licenced venues to the “Ask for Angela” scheme. Feedback received up to December 2022 showed very few incidents. Although they are increasing by 50% year on year.

When visiting each venue, officers also provide female bar staff with travel safety advice and a personal alarm app to use. This year a new spring promotion of “Ask for Angela” will be rolled out across Barnet, this is in addition to the regular one leading up to Christmas. Officers are revisiting all the signed up licenced venues between April and June to offer support, on extra safeguarding training and more posters. They will also focus on signing more licensed premises to the scheme. At present 57 of Barnet’s 73 licenced venues are participating in “Ask for Angela”.

### **3.2.5.6 Domestic Homicide Review**

When a death occurs as a result of domestic abuse, there is a statutory requirement to conduct a multi-agency Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) to identify what changes can be made to reduce the risk of similar incidents happening in the future. The purpose of Domestic Homicide Reviews is not to assign blame or responsibility but to understand what lessons there are to be learned and make recommendations based on those lessons as to how we can better work together to prevent future homicides.

Two Statutory Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) are being finalised by an Independent Chair and were submitted to Barnet Safer Communities Partnership (BSCP) in January 2023 for approval. These are the cases of ‘Duncan’ (pseudonym, a male victim), who was, in October 2018, killed by his partner and ‘Alyssa’ (pseudonym, a female victim) killed by her partner in March 2019. The DHR Chair has finalised the reports and these are being submitted to Home Office.

## **4 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)**

- 4.2 The council has an annual budget of £696,400 to commission services. These have been procured in line with the Councils procurement procedures, and a contract performance monitoring regime is in place to ensure the services deliver and demonstrate value for money. The cost for the delivery of the above services will remain within the existing budget allocations.
- The Advocacy services
  - Refuge Services
  - Perpetrator programme Services
- DA MARAC has been brought in-house
- 4.3 Where suitable opportunities exist, we work with local partners, including health, police, education, housing, and the wider third sector to secure additional external sources of funding to fund initiatives to support the delivery of the DA and VAWG strategy in response to our local needs assessment and the best available evidence of what works. Given the above, there are no significant resource implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

## **5 Legal and Constitutional References**

- 5.2 Under s.17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, it is a duty of the Council (and other partner agencies, including Police, Fire & Rescue, Greater London Authority, Transport for London) when exercising its functions to have due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent crime and disorder (including anti-social behaviour), misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances, re-offending and serious violence.
- 5.3 The BSCP is a Community Safety Partnership set up in accordance with the requirement of the section 5 Crime and Disorder Act 1998 as amended by section 108 of the Policing and Crime Act 2009.
- 5.4 The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 which received Royal assent in April 2021 creates for the first time a statutory definition of domestic abuse, establishes in law the office of Domestic Abuse Commissioner and set out the Commissioner's functions and powers, places a duty on local authorities in England to provide, among others, accommodation based support to victims of domestic abuse and their children in refuges and other safe accommodation, clarifies the circumstances in which a court may make a barring order under section 91(14) of the Children Act 1989 to prevent family proceedings that can further traumatise victims.

- 5.5 The Terms of Reference of the Community Leadership and Libraries Committee in Barnet's Constitution states that the Committee acts 'as the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee in accordance with the Police and Justice Act 2006 (Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny Regulations) 2009'.

## **6 Insight**

N/A

## **7 Social Value**

- 7.2 None applicable to this report, however the council must take into account the requirements of the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 to try to maximise the social and local economic value it derives from its procurement spend.

## **8 Risk Management**

- 8.2 Risk management varies according to the different initiatives. The partnership or appropriate agencies are made aware of risks and actions to mitigate the risk are agreed and put in place. There is always risk that the partnership may not achieve the targets set due to factors outside its direct control – however there is strong partnership working in place enabling agencies to identify and highlight risk and be open to addressing the risk collectively.

## **9 Equalities and Diversity**

- 9.2 Decision makers should have due regard to the public sector equality duty in making their decisions. Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 sets out the public-sector equality duty to which the authority must have due regard.
- 9.3 Elected Members are to satisfy themselves that equality considerations are integrated into day-to-day business and that all proposals emerging from the business planning process have taken into consideration the impact, if any, on any protected group and what mitigating factors can be put in place. The equalities duties are continuing duties they are not duties to secure a particular outcome.
- 9.4 A public authority, when exercising its functions, must have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act.

- 9.5 It must also have due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it and this involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to:
- remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
  - take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
  - Encourage persons who share a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.
- 9.6 The public authority must also have due regard to the need to foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it and this involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to:
- Tackle prejudice, and
  - Promote understanding.
- 9.7 Compliance with the duties in this section may involve treating some persons more favourably than others; but that is not to be taken as permitting conduct that would otherwise be prohibited by or under this Act. The relevant protected characteristics are:
- Age
  - Disability
  - Gender reassignment
  - Pregnancy and maternity
  - Race,
  - Religion or belief
  - Sex
  - Sexual orientation
  - Marriage and Civil partnership
- 9.8 It is set out in the council's Equalities Policy together with the strategic Equalities Objective of the Corporate Plan - that citizen's will be treated equally with understanding and respect; have equal opportunities and receive quality services provided to best value principles.
- 9.9 The public sector equality duty considerations and the council's commitments to tackling inequalities and disproportionality are central to the development of local strategies and actions plans that deliver against domestic abuse and violence against women, tackling

violence and reducing offending. This will include giving focus to areas of known disproportionality, such as over-representation of people from ethnic minority backgrounds in our dementia services. As well as considering the needs of groups with specific needs, such as people with a learning disability and a diagnosis of dementia and people diagnosed with early onset dementia.

## **10 Corporate Parenting**

10.2 Many children who are cared for by the local authority have been exposed to domestic abuse prior to entry into care and young women in care and leaving care may have adverse childhood experiences that may make them more vulnerable to domestic abuse, coercion and control in relationships. The DA and VAWG Strategy 2022 – 2025 aims to ensure that domestic abuse services are accessible to all that need them, including children. The strategy will overlap with Corporate Parenting Services and arrangements for transitional safeguarding.

## **11 Consultation and Engagement**

11.2 As a matter of public law, the duty to consult with regards to proposals to vary, reduce or withdraw services will arise in four circumstances:

- where there is a statutory requirement in the relevant legislative framework
- where the practice has been to consult, or, where a policy document states the council will consult, then the council must comply with its own practice or policy
- exceptionally, where the matter is so important that there is a legitimate expectation of consultation
- Where consultation is required to complete an equalities impact assessment.

11.3 Regardless of whether the council has a duty to consult, if it chooses to consult, such consultation must be carried out fairly. In general, a consultation can only be considered as proper consultation if:

- comments are genuinely invited at the formative stage
- the consultation documents include sufficient reasons for the proposal to allow those being consulted to be properly informed and to give an informed response
- there is adequate time given to the consultees to consider the proposals
- there is a mechanism for feeding back the comments and those comments are considered by the decision-maker / decision-making body when making a final decision
- the degree of specificity with which, in fairness, the public authority should conduct its consultation exercise may be influenced by the identity of those whom it is consulting

- where relevant and appropriate, the consultation is clear on the reasons why and extent to which alternatives and discarded options have been discarded. The more intrusive the decision, the more likely it is to attract a higher level of procedural fairness.
- 11.4 The Domestic Abuse and VAWG Strategy 2022-25 has been informed by consultations - including with partnership organisations through the VAWG delivery Board and VAWG Forum. In addition, an extensive consultation exercise has been undertaken with service users.

## 12 BACKGROUND PAPERS

[A4 Letterhead \(moderngov.co.uk\)](https://www.moderngov.co.uk)

Community Leadership and Libraries Committee 20 June 2022

[Agenda for Community Leadership and Libraries Committee on Monday 20th June 2022, 7.00 pm \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

[Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy 2022-2025 | Barnet Council](#)



**Safer Communities Partnership Board  
Forward Plan  
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21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023			
Title of Report	Overview of theme/decision	Report of (officer)	Issue Type (Non-Key, Key, Urgent)
Performance Update (Q4 2021/22 & Q1 2022/23)	Relevant to all priority areas of the Community Safety Strategy	Matt Leng, Community Safety Team, LBB	Non-Key
Family Services Update (Q4)	Relevant to Priority 4 of the Community Safety Strategy	Tina McElligott Director Children’s Social Care, LBB	Non-Key
North West BCU Police Update to the Safer Communities Partnership Board	Relevant to all areas of the Community Safety Strategy	Metropolitan Police	Non-Key Non-key
London Fire Brigade Annual Update	Relevant to all priority areas of the Community Safety Strategy	Borough Commander, Barnet, London Fire Brigade	Non-Key
Safer Communities Partnership Board Annual Report	Relevant to all areas of the Community Safety Strategy	Maggie Highton Brown, Head of Community Safety, Enforcement, CCTV & Intelligence	Non-Key
Serious Violence Duty - Strategic Needs Assessment		Diasmer Bloe, Strategy & Insight	

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<b>27<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>			
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Overview of theme/decision</b>	<b>Report of (officer)</b>	<b>Issue Type (Non-Key, Key, Urgent)</b>
Performance Updates	Relevant to all priority areas of the Community Safety Strategy	Matt Leng, Community Safety Team, LBB	
North West BCU Police Update to the Safer Communities Partnership Board	Relevant to all areas of the Community Safety Strategy	Metropolitan Police	
Family Services Updates	Relevant to Priority 4 of the Community Safety Strategy	Tina McElligott Director Children’s Social Care, LBB	
Combating Drugs Partnership Update		Tamara Djurectic Director of Public Health	
Barnet Safeguarding Adults Board		Fiona Bateman Independent Chairman, Adults Safeguarding Board	
Serious Violence Duty - Strategic Needs Assessment		Diasmer Bloe, Strategy & Insight	
<b>19<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>			
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Overview of theme/decision</b>	<b>Report of (officer)</b>	<b>Issue Type</b>
Performance Update			
North West BCU Police Update to the Safer Communities Partnership Board			
Family Services Update			

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Barnet Homes Update to the Safer Communities Partnership Board			
Victim Support Annual Update			
Serious Violence Duty - Strategic Needs Assessment			
<b>26<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b>			
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Overview of theme/decision</b>	<b>Report of (officer)</b>	<b>Issue Type</b>
Performance Update			
North West BCU Police Update to the Safer Communities Partnership Board	Relevant to all areas of the Community Safety Strategy	Metropolitan Police	
Family Services Update		Tina McEligott Director Children's Social Care, LBB	
Serious Violence Duty - Strategic Needs Assessment			
<b>26<sup>th</sup> July 2024</b>			
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Overview of theme/decision</b>	<b>Report of (officer)</b>	<b>Issue Type</b>
Performance Update	Relevant to all priority areas of the Community Safety Strategy	Matt Leng Community Safety Team, LBB	Non-Key
Family Services Update	Relevant to Priority 4 of the Community Safety Strategy	Tina McElligott Director Children's Social Care, LBB	Non-Key
North West BCU Police Update to the Safer Communities Partnership Board	Relevant to all areas of the Community Safety Strategy	Metropolitan Police	Non-Key

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			Non-key
London Fire Brigade Annual Update	Relevant to all priority areas of the Community Safety Strategy	Borough Commander, Barnet, London Fire Brigade	Non-Key
Update on Antisocial Behaviour (including refresh to all members of the tools and powers)	Relevant to priorities 1 and 2 of the Community Safety Strategy	Matt Leng Community Safety Manager	Non-key
Serious Violence Duty - Strategic Needs Assessment			
<b>To be allocated</b>			
Barnet Safer Neighbourhood Board		Chairman SNB	
Department for Work and Pensions		Senior National Account Manager, DWP	

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