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## 2015/16 MOPAC Projects Review Update

The Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) sets the direction and budget for the Metropolitan Police Service on behalf of the Mayor. MOPAC provides funding for community safety and crime reduction programs to boroughs across London. The MOPAC funding streams for local authority community safety work constitutes what MOPAC has designated the 'London Crime Prevention Fund.' Barnet secured funding from the MOPAC London Crime Prevention Fund covering the period between 1st April 2013 and 31st March 2017. In June 2015 this agreement was updated.

This funding is allocated between five local delivered projects in Barnet:

- i) Young People's Substance Misuse Interventions;
- ii) Reducing Substance Misuse Offending;
- iii) Enhanced Integrated Offender Management;
- iv) ASB and Neighbourhood Restorative Justice project
- v) Safer Homes Scheme.

Each of these projects contributes to delivering on the Barnet Safer Communities Strategy Priorities and the 2015-2020 Corporate Plan Vision for 2020 – that Barnet will be among the safest places in London. An update report on the Council's engagement in MOPAC projects was provided to the Community Leadership Committee on the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015.

This report provide an update on each of the MOPAC projects which summarises the project's aim, how the project is delivered, the relevance of the project to community safety in Barnet, and an update on recent performance. For a breakdown of the funding provided by MOPAC please see Appendix 1.

### **i) Young People's Substance Misuse Interventions;**

*Aim:* Reduce first time entrants into the criminal justice system for substance use related crime; reduce the reoffending related to substance misuse and provide improved outcomes with less re-offending for young people in custody

*How this is delivered:*

Through a combination of the provision of targeted education, advice, early intervention, one to one and group work programs, targeted psycho-educational support, family support interventions and intervention delivery.

*Why this is important:*

At any given time, the population of young people supervised by the Youth Offending Service in Barnet who experience substance misuse difficulties is approximately 50%. Drugs are related to crime through the effects they have on the user's behaviour and by generating violence and other illegal activity in connection with drug trafficking.

*Recent Performance:*

The 2015/16 Quarter 4 performance review identified that this project has achieved results in line with the target to achieve a reduction in the rate of First Time Entrants.

### **ii) Reducing Substance Misuse Offending**

*Aim:* The primary objective is to engage drug and alcohol misusing offenders in effective substance misuse treatment services, thereby reducing re-offending and reducing crime in Barnet.

*How this is delivered:*

Through the provision of a) the local drug arrest referral scheme based at Colindale Police Station, Barnet; b) the local drug testing on arrest (DTOA) initiative implemented in January 2013 in partnership with the Metropolitan Police; and c) Implementation of alcohol-related offender treatment referral pathways and case disposal initiatives.

*Why this is important:*

There is an evidenced correlation between the commission of acquisitive crimes such as burglary and the misuse of Class A drugs, especially crack cocaine and heroin. This project aims to reducing drug-related offending via treatment – thereby contributing to reduction to various crime types including: burglary; vehicle crime and violent crime.

*Recent Performance:*

The 2015/16 Quarter 4 performance review identified that this project has achieved its 2015/16 targets. There has been an increase in the proportion of drug related and alcohol related offenders engaging in treatment, and the offenders in the cohort in treatment are demonstrating reductions in offending.

The cohort members in treatment are demonstrating on average a 38% reduction in offending rate compared to their offending prior to entering treatment (average across Q1,2,3,4 results).

**iii) Enhanced Integrated Offender Management;**

*Aim:* To reduce the frequency and severity of re-offending amongst the cohort of prolific offenders who are responsible for a disproportionately large amount of crime in Barnet.

*How this is delivered:*

The Barnet Integrated Offender Management programme was implemented on June 6th 2012 as a co-located, multi-agency team comprising of Police; Probation Offender Managers; Local Authority; Jobcentre+; and Housing resettlement, Mental Health, Substance Misuse specialists. The team puts in place bespoke interventions for the offenders - Individually tailored to maximise the chance of breaking the cycle of offending. These combine support, prevention and enforcement interventions as necessary.

Evidence suggests that addressing the inter-related needs of clients can have a dramatic impact on reducing reoffending. IOM initiatives have proven most successful where there a clear pathways for offenders to meet a range of needs. The co-located multiagency IOM team provides improved identification of IOM offenders with drug & alcohol needs; direct access to specialist intervention; improved co-ordination of IOM offenders and partner agencies working with them; and effective engagement of offenders in community services immediately upon prison release.

*Why this is important:*

There are a small number of prolific offenders who are responsible for a large proportion of offending. The 2014/15 Community Safety Strategic Assessment estimated that the top 200 repeat offenders in Barnet are likely to be responsible for approximately 10% – 13% of all crime on the borough. This happens at great cost to the victims of their crimes as well as to the Criminal Justice System. Given these volumes, it is apparent that reductions in offending rates among these top repeat offenders will translate into significant reductions in the borough overall crime rate.

*Recent Performance:*

The 2015/16 Quarter 4 performance review identified that this project is currently on line to achieve or exceed all its targets. The IOM is demonstrating strong performance in reducing offending rate of cohort members in comparison to period prior to joining cohort. In Quarter 4 of 2015/16 The programme is demonstrating a 42% reduction in offending rate of IOM cohort members compared to their average offending rate in 12 months prior to joining the programme.

**iv) ASB Project and Neighbourhood Restorative Justice Panels;**

*Aim:* This project supports victims and witnesses of anti-social behaviour (ASB) within the London Borough of Barnet and supports Barnet Community Safety Partnership resolve complex cases of ASB and the delivery on the Community Trigger.

*How this is delivered:*

The project delivers more intensive work with individuals already identified as vulnerable victims as this is an invaluable additional tool to both support those victims and resolve cases more effectively. A project worker coordinates the activities of support work provided. Additionally Restorative Justice Panels are used as one of the interventions to support victims alongside, mediation, casework support and the Community Trigger.

*Why this is important:*

Given the new ASB powers, it is imperative that victims are provided with information, support, guidance especially when providing statements, attending court and working with partners. More intensive work with individuals already identified as vulnerable victims is important to both support those victims and resolve cases more effectively.

*Recent Performance:*

The 2015/16 Quarter 4 performance review identified that this project is has achieved and exceed its primary target of providing 'Victims and witnesses of ASB are provided with a victim centred approach': by Quarter 4 of 2015/16, 135 victims had been supported, above the annual target of 60. Overall user satisfaction with the service in Q4 was strong (100%), building on the 90% satisfaction achieved in Q3.

**v) Safer Homes Scheme**

*Aim:* To reduce residential burglary in Barnet by providing targeted crime prevention interventions in resident's homes that increases their security and reduces the risk of burglary. And, that those Barnet residents who receive Safer-Homes resident's assistance feel safer in their homes and report a reduced fear of becoming a victim of burglary.

*How this is delivered:*

Research has shown that targeted preventative intervention aimed at increasing home security is an effective tool in reducing the incidence burglary as well as maximising detection opportunities. The scheme is contributing to reducing burglary in Barnet and thereby is contributing directly to achieving the Safer Communities partnership Strategy.

*Why this is important:*

Burglary has long been an issue of significant community concern in Barnet as it occurs at a higher rate in the borough than the London average. The Safer Communities Strategy 2015-2020 is committed to building on the significant reductions achieved over the past three years to further reduce the risk of becoming a victim of burglary in Barnet.

*Recent Performance:*

By Quarter 4 2015/16 Quarter over 80 homes in Barnet have received Safer Homes interventions to improve home security and reduce the risk of burglary. This is in line with the 2015/16 target.