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## **2016/17 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.

During 2016/17 the funding was allocated between four locally delivered projects in Barnet:

- i) Young People's Substance Misuse Interventions;
- ii) Reducing Substance Misuse Offending;
- iii) Enhanced Integrated Offender Management;
- iv) Safer Homes Scheme.

Each of these projects has contributed 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.

This report provides an update on each of the MOPAC projects by summarising the project's aim, how the project was delivered, the relevance of the project to community safety in Barnet, and an update on 2016/17 performance. As of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 the four year MOPAC funding stream under which these projects operated has come to an end. Barnet has submitted a proposal to MOPAC for the next round of the 'London Crime Prevention Fund'. The proposals have been agreed by MOPAC in principle and will fund a number of community safety projects in Barnet during 2017/18 and 2018/19.

### **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 has been 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. During 2016/17 the number of First Time Entrants was approximately 10% lower than the average over the previous four years.

### **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 has been 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 2016/17 Quarter 4 performance review identified that the proportion of drug and alcohol offenders engaging with the project has increased; however the engagement levels of offenders post prison release remain lower than expected. The project is currently reviewing the prison referral pathways to identify how this can be improved.

**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 has been delivered:*

The Barnet Integrated Offender Management programme was implemented 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 are clear pathways for offenders to meet a range of needs. The co-located multiagency IOM team aims to provide improved identification of IOM offenders with drug & alcohol needs; 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 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 2016/17 Quarter 4 performance review identified that this project is currently on line to achieve its MOPAC London Crime Prevention Fund targets. The IOM has continued to demonstrate a reduction in the offending rate of its cohort members in comparison to period prior to joining cohort. During 2016/17 the reduction in offending rates has been approximately 40% (Based on offending rate of cohort members compared to their average offending rate in 12 months prior to joining the programme.)

Under the 'Enhanced Integrated Offender Management project' The Reducing Reoffending Partnership Coordinator has been working to coordinate the delivery of the Barnet Reducing Reoffending Partnership action plan – which is focused on strengthening the Offender Management approach in Barnet. During Quarter 4 of 2016/17 this work has included:

- Joint work with CRC and NPS to improve Mental Health referral pathway – training workshop session on referral options and processes delivered (April 2017) and one more planned (June 2017).
- Integrated Offender Management Team Information Sharing Agreement revised, updated and re-distributed.
- Work with DWP towards re-establishing the IOM Job Club programme or alternative and 'Back to Work' style programme
- Work with CRC to link the IOM team with the new ECINS partnership information sharing platform.
- Working with CRC, NPS and Public Health to develop the substance misuse pathways – in particular relating to prison releases as the post prison release

engagement rate with substance misuse treatment in Barnet is lower than the national average.

#### **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. Secondly, 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 has been delivered:*

Research has shown that targeted preventative intervention aimed at increasing home security can be an effective tool in reducing the incidence burglary as well as maximising detection opportunities. The scheme has aimed at contributing to a reducing in burglary in Barnet and thereby contributing to achieving the objectives 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. During the last 12 months (April 2016 – March 2017) there has been more than a 15% reduction in the level of residential burglaries compared to a year ago.

*Recent Performance:*

During 2016/17, across the borough 126 homes have received 'Safer Homes' interventions, exceeding the target of 80 interventions. During 2016/17 the scheme has installed over 45 memo-cams in homes as a measure to help tackle residential burglary.

This performance represents a substantial improvement from the previous year's results. In 2015/16 84 interventions were recorded against the target of 80 for 2015-16), and 75 completed interventions for the year 2014/15