

# Community Safety Partnership Knife Crime and Serious Violence Plan 2018/19

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Safer Communities Partnership Board

Barnet Community Safety Team

# Context

- The London Knife Crime Strategy, published by MOPAC in 2017, recognised that knife crime in London had been on the increase
- In London, in the twelve months to March 2017 there were over 4,400 victims injured as a result of knife crime
- In connection with the work linked to the London Knife Crime Strategy, MOPAC asked all boroughs Community Safety Partnerships to develop a knife crime reduction plan
- With a copy of the plan to be returned to MOPAC by 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018

# Populating the Barnet Knife Crime Reduction Plan

- The Knife Crime reduction plan was discussed at the 27<sup>th</sup> July 2018 Safer Communities Statutory Working group meeting
- All partners agreed to provide input to populate the plan to be a comprehensive and accurate reflection of the range of existing activities, and interventions across the partnership focused on reducing *knife crime* and *serious violence*.
- During August and September the Community Safety Team collated and merged the input from the different agencies into a single plan
- A copy of the plan was shared with MOPAC in advance of the 28<sup>th</sup> September deadline

# *Key themes within the plan*

- **Targeting Lawbreakers** - enforcement and criminal justice response to knife crime
- **Keeping deadly weapons off our streets** - addressing the accessibility and availability of knives
- **Protecting and educating young people** - recognising the importance of prevention and working alongside schools
- ...continued overleaf

# *Key themes within the plan*

- **Standing with communities** - neighbourhoods and families against knife crime
- **Supporting Victims of Crime** - ensuring that improving support to victims is at the heart of a holistic response
- **Offering ways out of crime** - offering interventions to young people which help them move away from criminality

# *Key themes within the plan*

- The full plan contains over 40 actions across these six key themes
- The following slides highlight some examples of the key activities within each of the theme areas ....

# Examples of some of the actions within the different key themes

## Targeting Lawbreakers:

- Intelligence led stop and search including S60 in accordance with NPCC guidance
- Use of powers such as Criminal Behaviour Orders to prevent recidivism

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## Keeping deadly weapons off our streets:

- Monthly *Op Sceptre* activity in Barnet including Test purchase operations and community weapons sweeps and knife bins at transport hubs
- Increasing focus on business crime reduction and work with retail industry (i.e. staff training re knife sales and secure storage)
- All schools with an allocated Safer Schools Officers have been offered knife arch days of action

# Examples of some of the actions within the different key themes

## Protecting and educating young people

- *Growing Against Violence* are delivering a public health and public safety programme, delivering evidence based preventative education sessions in Barnet Schools
- Mentoring and support and access to positive activities for young people, through programmes such as *Art Against Lives*
- Promotion of membership of youth organisations e.g. *Police cadet scheme, LFB Cadet scheme* (Barnet Police have a thriving cadet scheme with over 80 active members)
- Barnet YOT is developing a weapons awareness group work programme aimed at those at risk of or already convicted of possession of weapons.

# Examples of some of the actions within the different key themes

## Standing with communities

- Developing and updating the partnership approach to working with communities to tackle knife crime
- Facilitating community involvement in Stop & Search - Monthly meeting with community members in the Stop and Search monitoring group to review footage of search encounters to increase confidence and transparency

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## Supporting Victims of Crime

- *Art Against Knives* provides community based creative safe spaces for children and young people.
- *No Knives, Better Lives Programme* successfully embedded alongside work of the REACH and YOT who are working with young people at a risk of criminal or sexual exploitation.
- Clinical Practitioners are now embedded in the YOT facilitating rapid Mental Health screening and access to therapeutic services.

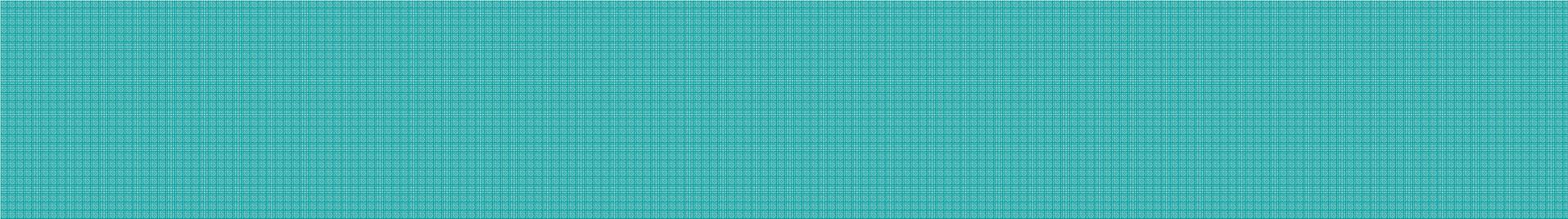
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## Offering ways out of crime

- NHS England are funding a liaison and diversion role which works within the Police station to assess young people and divert to support and relevant interventions.
- The assessments, which reflect a trauma based approach, include emotional/mental health, substance misuse and other factors related to social/family circumstances.

# Next steps

- Keeping the action plan updated
- Reviewing progress
- Developing the plan



# Questions?

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