

Delivering safeguarding within the community safety agenda

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Barnet Community Safety Team

Background context

- The latest annual refresh of the Barnet Safer Communities Partnership Community Safety Strategy contains an **increased focus on *safeguarding*** and on protecting people from violence, vulnerability and exploitation.
- A new overarching aim has been added to the strategy for 2018/19: *“The Safer Community partnership ensures the **safeguarding** of children and vulnerable adults affected by crime, anti-social behaviour and substance misuse.”*
- One of the 2018/19 priority outcomes in the Community Safety Strategy is, that: *“The Safer Communities Partnership provides a co-ordinated multiagency response to violence, vulnerability and the criminal exploitation of children and vulnerable adults.”*

Background context

- In addition to these explicit priorities, safeguarding is a cross cutting theme with implications for practice and delivery across each of the *seven priority objectives* in the Community Safety Strategy
- The following slides explore the links to Safeguarding in the following contexts:
 - Identifying and reducing risk to victims of anti-social behaviour
 - Violence Against Women and Girls
 - Prevent
 - Hate Crime awareness and access to justice for vulnerable adults

Identifying and reducing risk to victims of anti-social behaviour

Linked to Community Safety Strategy **Priority 1** (*Residents and businesses feel confident that the police and council respond to crime and ASB in their area*)

- The Barnet CS MARAC (Community Safety multi-agency risk assessment case conference) is focused on resolving complex, high risk anti-social behaviour cases.
- An important role of the CS MARAC is to identify underlying causes (of ASB issues) and any risk or **safeguarding** issues relating to the victim and/or offender
- The CS MARAC identifies and agrees a set of actions for each antisocial behaviour case in order to increase safety and **reduce risk**

Violence Against Women and Girls

Linked to Community Safety Strategy Priority 3 (The Safer Communities Partnership prevents violence against women and girls, improves outcomes for victims and their children and holds perpetrators to account)

- Safeguarding is a core component in the Barnet Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Strategy 2017-2020
- Elements of safeguarding related delivery and training linked to the VAWG strategy include:
 - DV MARAC – focused on identification and reduction of risk to victims
 - The Barnet Domestic Violence and Abuse One Stop Shop
 - IDVA service provides Domestic Violence and Abuse assessments for referrals to MASH
 - Referral of children in the women refuges for CAF assessments
 - VAWG training - includes focus on identification of risk

Delivery of the Prevent Strategy

Linked to Community Safety Strategy Priority 7 (The Safer Communities partnership supports the boroughs diverse communities by ensuring there are effective and wide-ranging partnerships in place between the local authority, statutory and non-statutory partners, community groups and faith institutions that help mitigate risks from terrorism, extremism and hate crime)

- The Prevent Action Plan includes a specific section with actions relating to child safeguarding to ensure that children are protected from risks of radicalisation
- Adoption of the the relevant Pan-London Safeguarding Procedures
- Prevent Training is being delivered to local authority staff and staff operating across the partnership

Hate Crime awareness

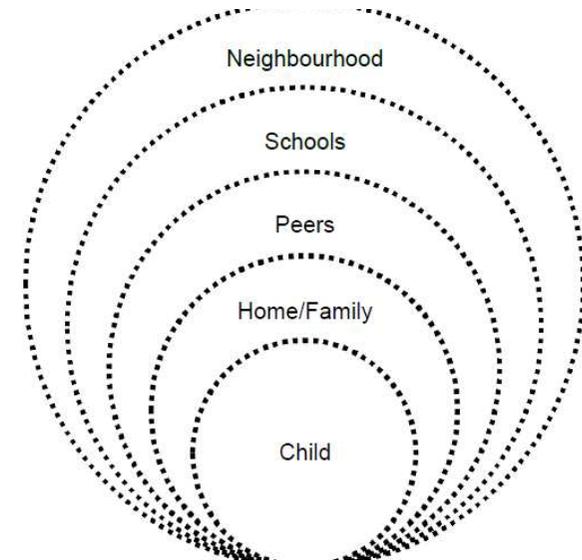
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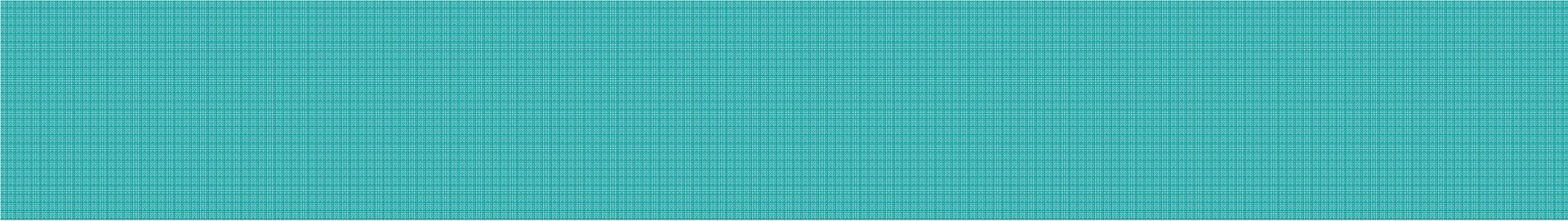
- Barnet Zero Tolerance to Hate Crime project created as a result of the review of Hate Crime reporting in Barnet
- The project focuses on working to support victims of hate crime to report incidents and ensure an effective response (including regarding safeguarding concerns for victims)
- Over the last two years a programme of training on Hate Crime Awareness and Reporting has been delivered by the police , Community Safety Team and Barnet MENCAP to a range of voluntary and community sector organisations

Contextual Safeguarding

- *Contextual Safeguarding* is an approach to understanding, and responding to, people's experiences of significant harm beyond the family and home setting^{*1}
- Illustrative examples of harm encountered outside the home and family setting:
 - robbery on public transport,
 - sexual violence in parks and violence on streets,
 - online bullying and harassment from school-based peers
 - Underage sales of alcohol
- Many of these activities take place in the neighbourhood setting (e.g. the street, the park, commercial venue etc.)
- This creates a natural overlap with the places and locations focused on by the Community Safety Team through multi-agency ASB problem solving work
- Therefore an important element of the Community Safety response to Safeguarding will be working to promote the identification and support the effective response to place based contextual safeguarding concerns which are putting children and vulnerable adults at risk of harm



*1 See: <https://contextualsafeguarding.org.uk/assets/documents/Contextual-Safeguarding-Briefing.pdf>



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