

Appendix 1

Safer Communities Partnership Board Annual Report 1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022

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1. Introduction and Overview

- 1.1. The Safer Communities Partnership Board (SCPB) brings together the local authority, Police and other statutory and non-statutory agencies and organisations to tackle and reduce crime and anti-social behaviour, adversely affecting residents and the environment within the London Borough of Barnet. It acts as the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership, which is required by legislation.
- 1.2. The SCPB works to understand the issues affecting the residents of Barnet and aims to address these in a problem-solving forum.
- 1.3. This annual report provides a summary of work undertaken by the members of the SCPB during the period of 2021 - 2022.
- 1.4. This annual report forms part of the governance of the SCPB's performance. The report will be presented to the Community Leadership and Libraries Committee as part of the committee's overview and scrutiny function of the SCPB.

2. Meetings and Attendees

- 2.1. During the financial year of 2021-2022 the SCPB met on three occasions, 23rd July 2021, 22nd October 2021 and 21st January 2022, with an earlier meeting of 9th April 2021 cancelled.
- 2.2. All three meetings of the SCPB during 2021-2022 were chaired by Councillor Jennifer Grocock and attended by several partner agencies and statutory members. Please see Table 1 below for a list of attendees and date of attendance.

Table 1 Meetings and representatives present

23 rd July 2021	22 nd October 2021	21 st January 2022
Metropolitan Police	Metropolitan Police	Metropolitan Police
Executive Director, Assurance, LBB	Executive Director, Assurance, LBB	Executive Director, Assurance, LBB
Assistant Director, Counter Fraud, Community Safety & Protection, LBB	Assistant Director, Counter Fraud, Community Safety & Protection, LBB	Assistant Director, Counter Fraud, Community Safety & Protection, LBB
Community Safety Manager, LBB	Community Safety Manager, LBB	Community Safety Manager, LBB
Data Analyst, LBB	Data Analyst, LBB	Data Analyst, LBB
Reducing Offending Partnership Manager, LBB	Reducing Offending Partnership Manager, LBB	Reducing Offending Partnership Manager, LBB
National Probation Service	National Probation Service	National Probation Service
Inclusion Barnet	Inclusion Barnet	Inclusion Barnet
Barnet Safeguarding Adults Board	Barnet Safeguarding Adults Board	Barnet Homes
Barnet Mencap	Barnet Mencap	Domestic Abuse Consultant LBB
Hate Crime Reporting Co-ordinator, LBB	Head of Public Health Comm., LBB	Partnerships and Engagement Lead, Children's Services, LBB
MOPAC	Victim Support	
Borough Commander, London Fire	Domestic Abuse Consultant, LBB	Safer Neighbourhood Board

Brigade		
Director Early Help& Children’s Social Care, Family Services, LBB	Head of Intervention & Planning, Children Services, LBB	
Director of Public Health, LBB	VAWG Strategy Manager, LBB	
Barnet Safer Neighbourhood Board	Youth Justice Service Manager, LBB	
Prevent Co-ordinator	Partnerships and Engagement Lead, Children’s Services, LBB	
Youth Justice Service Manager, LBB		
London Accommodation Pathfinder Strategic Development Manager, LBC		

3. Key workstreams of the Safer Communities Partnership Board 2021-22

3.1. Safer Communities Strategy 2022-27 (Revision of 2021-25 date)

- 3.1.1. The SCPB fulfilled their statutory duty to prepare and implement a strategy that sets out how the Board plans to work in partnership to reduce crime, and anti-social behaviour within the area.
- 3.1.2. Barnet’s Community Safety Strategy (and the supporting Community Safety Strategic Crime Needs Assessment (2020) was presented to the Community Leadership and Libraries Committee (CLLC) in October 2021.
- 3.1.3. The SCPB noted comments from the CLLC highlighting the need for co-dependency between the revision of Barnet’s Community Safety Strategy for 2022-2027 with the refresh of the Mayors’ Policing and Crime Plan (2017-2021).
- 3.1.4. Originally the new Community Safety Strategy had been proposed to be consecutive with the previous strategy (2021-25), to align with the Barnet Corporate Strategy. However, due to the impact of Covid19 the new 5-year strategy is now for the period 2022-2027.

3.2. Performance updates Community Safety/Metropolitan Police Service (MPS)

3.2.1. Qtr. 1

- 3.2.1.1. The Community Safety Team presented the Qtr. 1 performance update showing a reduction in burglary, robbery, and violent crime, along with a 7% decrease in domestic violence and violence with injury. However, there was a 34% increase in the total number of repeat anti-social behaviour calls with the total ASB calls increasing by 8%.
- 3.2.1.2. The Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) highlighted an increase in reported domestic violence since lockdown. MPS subsequently increased their resources, to both address this issue and to work with repeat victims.
- 3.2.1.3. The MPS reported their work around vulnerable repeat victims of ASB and highlighted a necessity to review how the incidents were recorded. The MPS also monitored typical locations where ASB was prevalent, ensuring systems were in place to manage this.

3.2.2. Qtr. 2

- 3.2.2.1. The Community Safety Team presented the Qtr. 2 performance report which included data showing pre covid trends. There was a large percentage increase in crime figures across all areas. However, this was due to a much lower baseline owing to the impact Covid-19 lockdowns had on crime figures, e.g., ASB increased and residential burglary decreased. Therefore, it was suggested that 2019 pre-covid figures should be used as a baseline instead. Please see Table 2 for comparable data sets.
- 3.2.2.2. The MPS planned with partners, for the predicted seasonal increase in residential burglary associated with longer nights. A plan to review offending rates was scheduled for 6 months; in order to assess whether interventions had reduced offending in children and adults.
- 3.2.2.3. Inclusion Barnet instigated a report from Community Safety and Family Services on any diversionary work having taken place with young black males.

3.2.3. Qtr. 3

- 3.2.3.1. The Community Safety Team presented the performance update for Qtr. 3 in the revised format. The Board were generally positive; however, it was acknowledged that the revision did not reflect the work carried out by the MPS in relation to the winter crime strategy.
- 3.2.3.2. A decrease in residential and commercial burglaries was reported, however robbery of personal property did show an increase. This was primarily contributed to a specific crime group which had since been successfully disrupted.
- 3.2.3.3. The MPS stated that action including enhanced weapon sweeps and additional patrols had significantly reduced the robbery trend within the Finchley area, where the offences were prominent.

3.3. Available data sets

- 3.3.1. Table 2 shows the reported crime figures for the year by quarter, along with the crime figures for 2019 as a pre-covid baseline.

Table 2 Crime data against 2019 baseline

Crime Type / Year	2019	2021	% Change	Actual difference
Residential Burglary	2157	1717	-20%	-440
Burglary Business and Community	504	447	-11%	-57
Robbery	852	537	-37%	-315
Violent Crime	1732	2016	+16%	+284

3.3.2. Due to abbreviated data sets presented in the performance reports for ASB, knife and gun crime, domestic abuse, and violence with injury, for 2019-20, it is not possible to report changes accurately. However, in the 12 months preceding Nov 2021 it is noted that;

- ASB calls decreased by 17.8%
- Knife crime decreased by 16.8%
- Gun crime increased by 33.3%
- Domestic abuse decreased by 5.1%
- Violence with injury decreased by 4.4%

*Data set used 12 months up to November 2021 in accordance with Qtr. 3. Qtr. 4 data not available due to meeting being cancelled and report not presented/ratified by SCPB to date.

3.4. Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) London Crime Prevention Fund (LCPF) Projects

3.4.1. MOPAC awarded a total grant of £344,000 with an additional £10,000 to fund safeguarding boards. Hate crime projects were allocated £30,000 and anti-social behaviour projects £139,000.

3.4.2. The MPS advised there had been an additional increase of 150 officers across the NW BCU, with an additional 2 officers covering Colindale, albeit subject to the re-configuration of ward boundaries. There would also be a planned increase in town centre teams.

3.5. Family Services

3.5.1. Supporting Families Programme (Families First)

3.5.1.1. Achieved 100% turnaround in the supported families first programme.

3.5.1.2. Continued to develop partnership work through seconded posts by utilising the Service Transformation Grant (STG).

3.5.1.3. Created a Housing secondees post to help prevent homelessness.

3.5.1.4. The secondees have delivered training and provided specialist advice and consultation sessions with the children's workforce. This has supported cultural change and created a sustainable partnership model for the future.

3.5.1.5. Exceeded claim submission targets of each Qtr. of 2021-22, against the outcomes of the supporting families programme.

3.6. Youth Offending & Reducing Re-Offending

3.6.1. The Integrated Offender Management (IOM) and the reducing reoffending portfolio transferred to Family Services in May 2021.

3.6.2. Barnet had a lower average number of First Time Entrants into the Youth Justice System compared to national and London, partly due to effective diversion and prevention schemes.

- 3.6.3. An increase in the number of out of court disposal (OOCd) interventions and community sentences granted for the period March – May 2021.
- 3.6.4. Barnet's OOCd processes have been recognised as good practice and shared with the Youth Justice Board for wider dissemination.
- 3.6.5. Barnet's reoffending rate stands at 32%, which is lower than the national average.
- 3.6.6. Barnet's Youth Justice Plan 2021 – 2023 has been developed by the YOT Management Board, which is a statutory multi-agency Board that meets quarterly to oversee the implementation of the Plan and the effectiveness of YOT services.
- 3.6.7. Family Services invested in early help services, including mental health and multi-agency Strategies for 0-19 Early Help, Vulnerable Adolescents and Youth Justice; to identify and intervene early with those at the greatest risk of entry into the criminal justice system, minimising the risk of problems escalating.
- 3.6.8. YOS reported the successful use of Restorative Justice (RJ) approaches, including conferences with victims of crime to explain the impact of the offending.
- 3.6.9. Held a second 'Barnet YOS 5-day Residential Programme' in August 2021 (first held in 2019), where nine young people aged 14-16 years, subject to Referral Orders/Youth Rehabilitation Orders engaged with the programme.
- 3.6.10. A Criminal Behaviour and Knife Crime Prevention Order Protocol was developed in response to changes in legislation.
- 3.6.11. Eight new Community Panel Volunteers completed a 12-week training on Referral Order Panel Meetings and Restorative Justice conferences.
- 3.6.12. A second Whiteboard Project has been completed focusing on Restorative Justice and Reparation and Reparation Partnerships have been developed.
- 3.6.13. Barnet's statutory YOT Management Board meetings have been attended by parents and young people to share lived experience to support service development.
- 3.6.14. London Accommodation Pathfinder (LAP) Project, a 3-year pilot providing an alternative to custody where possible, for London children aged 16 and 17, and for those turning 18 during placement is to be launched in Barnet. LAP is a Youth Justice Board Pathfinder with national importance as it is expected to inform new practice across England.

3.7. Child Exploitation, Serious Youth & Adult Violence

- 3.7.1. In May 2021, the Serious Adult Violence workstream transferred to Family Services and now sits alongside the Vulnerable Adults Team.
- 3.7.2. Family services reported that disproportionate numbers of young people with ADHD, conduct disorders and neurodevelopmental disorders were more likely to be at risk of exploitation. Barnet Mencap instigated a data request for the specific figures regarding this.
- 3.7.3. Barnet Family Services were actively working with 142 young people aged 11-18 years, considered to be at Risk / Vulnerable to exploitation (As of August 2021).

3.7.4. The MOPAC Local Violence and Vulnerability Action Plan was developed with partners and presented to the SCPB on 21st January for submission to MOPAC on 31st January.

3.7.5. Has successfully bid for multiple grants (in partnership with the voluntary sector):

- **Home Office – Trusted Relationships Project (2018 – 2022)** LB Barnet in partnership with Art Against Knives, Growing Against Violence & MAC-UK. Preventative school based educational programme focused on knife crime, grooming, social media, and exploitation, alongside community place-based nail bars and music labs.
- **Youth Endowment Fund – Sibling Mentoring Fund (2019 – 2021)** LB Barnet in partnership with St Christopher's, focused on preventative and diversionary mentoring for younger siblings of adolescents involved in, or at risk of being involved in the criminal justice system
- **MOPAC Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) – Parent Champions (September 2020 – March 2021)** LB Barnet in partnership with Young Barnet Foundation and Khulisa. A short-term programme to engage parents from racially minoritized communities caring for children at risk of exploitation, gangs and serious youth violence to become parent champions and deliver parenting training and/or take on advocacy and parent representation roles in strategic forums.
- **MOPAC Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) – Reducing Exclusions (2019 – 2022)**, LB Barnet 0-19 Service have recruited detached youth workers to build trusted relationships and support young people to remain in education where there is a risk of exclusion.
- **MOPAC Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) – Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) Mentoring Project (2021 – 2022)** Saracens are providing mentoring support to young people attending the PRU to reduce the risk of exploitation by criminal gangs.

3.8. Domestic Abuse (DA) and Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)

3.8.1. DA and VAWG transferred from Community Safety to Family Services in May 2021

3.8.2. The DA MARAC (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference) was brought in-house in April 2021 and changed the regularity of the meetings from monthly to weekly.

3.8.3. The 2021 – 2024 strategy and action plan for DA & VAWG was developed in consultation with key stakeholders, survivors, partners, practitioners, LBB Staff and members; to be launched in March 2022.

3.8.4. Reported second lowest rate (7.8 per 1000 population – 12 months preceding May 2021) of domestic abuse across all London boroughs.

3.8.5. Secured Home Office funding for one year of £305,382 to address gaps in the delivery of culturally appropriate, perpetrator of domestic abuse programmes, to minoritised and/or marginalised groups. Led by Barnet in collaboration with Brent and Enfield.

3.8.6. Following the tragic murder of Sarah Everard, a leaflet was produced for every household in Barnet signposting to information, support and services.

3.8.7. Held a webinar on Engaging men and boys to end violence against women and girls on Human Rights Day in December.

- 3.8.8. Appointed a domestic Abuse Consultant to deliver multi-agency training on the changes made within the Domestic Abuse Act 2021.
- 3.8.9. Development of an Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) role to Children's Services.
- 3.8.10. Advocacy and support service has been recommissioned, along with two women refuges and the perpetrator programme.
- 3.8.11. Extended child to adult/parent Domestic Abuse work to include adult child to adult/parent abuse (children 18+ included).
- 3.8.12. Independent Domestic Violence Advocates (IDVA) and Young Peoples Independent Domestic Violence Advocates (YIDVA) training program rolled out of to appropriate staff in front line roles with women and young women aged 16+.

3.9. Barnet Integrated Offender Management (IOM) Update and performance report

- 3.9.1. Barnet's IOM reported to be working with c.100 persistent/violent offenders, reducing proven reoffending by c.20%.
- 3.9.2. Barnet IOM has focused on enforcement and supportive interventions to successfully reduce the reoffending rate of the prolific/persistent & violent group of adult offenders to 35%, a reduction of 24.9%.

3.10. North-West BCU Police Update

- 3.10.1. Covid-19 impacted the work of the Police mainly around breaches of regulations.
- 3.10.2. The Colindale Police Station reopened 24 hours a day after refurbishment.
- 3.10.3. Safer Neighbourhood Teams have been reviewed.
- 3.10.4. Tactical work was increased around VAWG in response to the Sarah Everard murder.
- 3.10.5. Weapon sweeps, late night patrols and walkabouts with ward councillors have taken place.
- 3.10.6. The 'Ask for Angela' initiative was rolled out across licensed premises.
- 3.10.7. More Problem Orientated Policing (POP) being carried out in Burnt Oak and Colindale.
- 3.10.8. Positive Activity Initiatives with volunteers from the borough took place to find out how they feel about the areas they live in, organised as a 3-week initiative, with 3 activities per week, so far.
- 3.10.9. Priorities for MPS in Barnet were identified as; Knife Crime injuries in the under 25's, Robbery, VAWG, Open Spaces and Night-Time Economy.

3.11. Update on Community Payback

- 3.11.1. Four projects are run on a weekly basis throughout Barnet totalling 7 sessions, with 68 hours each of capacity, working to return to pre-covid project delivery of 80 hours.
- 3.11.2. 'Project in a Box' independent projects that service users can work on, on their own, from home are being used effectively, especially with those service users who were difficult to find suitable placements for.

3.11.3. Working on relationships with Magistrates and Judges to represent as a credible service for the service users to be directed to.

3.12. National Probation Service (NPS)

3.12.1. NPS is exploring which local projects would be suitable in Barnet after the NPS joined with the London Rehabilitation Company to provide a unified service, where Community Payback is managed by the civil service.

3.12.2. Training packages for staff were implemented throughout Dec 21-Jan 22 to manage the wide range of risks associated with caseloads and diversification of cases.

3.12.3. Preparation was undertaken for Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation (HMIP) Thematic inspection, in relation to Multi - Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA).

3.12.4. Next Steps Programme is being launched nationally to support the transition of service users from youth to adult services.

3.12.5. Training has taken place with Barnet Mencap on awareness on autism and learning difficulties.

3.13. Substance Misuse, Rough Sleeping and Drugs and Alcohol services performance report

3.13.1. Secured funding for a Rough Sleeping Drug and Alcohol Treatment project enabling specialist support for individuals who are (or have been) sleeping rough. Including the provision of an outreach team, detox and residential rehabilitation funding and partnership working, with Barnet Homes and Homeless Action in Barnet.

3.13.2. Secured funding for a Universal Drug Treatment, Crime and Harm Reduction project enabling increased capacity for CGL Criminal Justice Team, additional funding for residential rehabilitation and enhanced harm reduction measures.

3.14. Prevent strategy update

3.14.1. The Prevent Officers reviewed and updated the training package for the 'Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent' (WRAP) to include online radicalisation.

3.14.2. Prevent Barnet was allocated funding for several projects for 2021-2022:

- A Community Engagement Project to better understand the scale of far right-wing sentiment in the locality, utilising specialist online research and community engagement exercises.
- A school and community group project designed to challenge anti-Semitic and Islamophobic rhetoric and stereotyping.
- A project that delivers presentations by former far right-wing extremists to teaching staff, professionals, and volunteers to raise awareness of tactics used to radicalise vulnerable adults.
- A staff training project for professionals to upskill them with practical tools and techniques, to build young people's resilience to exploitation from gangs and extremist groups.

- A project to support young people in and out of the classroom to build resilience to fake news, conspiracy theories and related extremist ideologies.
- Train the trainer sessions, for teaching and other professionals, on the rise of the far right and the impact of mixed, unclear and unstable ideologies.

3.15. Barnet Zero tolerance to Hate Crime project (Bi-Annual report)

- 3.15.1. Delivered 8 Staff Training Workshops for 215 staff within Barnet Council and partner organisations.
- 3.15.2. Delivered 6 Hate Crime Awareness Workshops/Webinars for 105 residents, focusing on online Hate Crime and Cyber Bullying; impact of Anti-Semitism and Islamophobia on Adults at Risk; Restorative Justice for Victims of Hate Crime; and Staying Safe in the Community (Safe Places Scheme).
- 3.15.3. Signed up 60 Hate Crime Reporting Champions, pledging to report Hate Crime to the Police if they encounter it in the community.
- 3.15.4. Hate Crime Reporting Stands were set up across the Borough as part of Hate Crime Awareness Week in October, with over 200 residents engaging and 50 of those signing up to become Hate Crime Champions.
- 3.15.5. The project has worked with 'Why-me?' a voluntary organisation which offers victims of crime the opportunity to be involved with a Restorative Justice process.
- 3.15.6. Barnet Mencap recorded 16 Hate Crime incidents and supported clients to report these incidents to the Police.
- 3.15.7. Barnet Safe Places Scheme was relaunched in September 2021 with over 20 businesses/venues in Finchley, Edgware and Burnt Oak joining the scheme. The Scheme has been extended to cover all parts of Barnet in early 2022. The Safe Place could be a café, a shop, library, or community centre; all Safe Places are identified by an official window sticker.

3.16. Barnet Homes update

- 3.16.1. To address the lack of ASB reporting to Barnet Homes by residents, several community events were organised in priority areas to determine the reasons behind the reluctance to contact Barnet Homes.
- 3.16.2. To further address feedback from residents and partners, a triage service was created to assess anti-social behaviour calls and direct them to a specialist anti-social behaviour team, for a response within 48 hours.

4. Planned and unplanned work

4.1. The Safer Communities Partnership Board completed its work plan in accordance with the planned activity as detailed in annex 1. However, there were several key actions/reports that were instigated during the course of the SCPB meetings that were not identified in future meetings as complete, and may require consideration for the SCPB Forward Plan:

- Ward specific data for ASB & Crime reporting
- Data on diversionary work having taken place with young black males

- Data in relation to young people with ADHD, conduct disorders and neurodevelopmental disorders being exploited

4.2. It is evident from Table 1 that not all SCPB member organisations were able to be present at each of the meetings held during the year. To encourage member representation at all meetings, a Qtr. attendance report could be considered for publication at future meetings.

5. **Conclusions**

5.1. In conclusion the SCPB has successfully demonstrated its commitment to reducing crime and anti-social behaviour; and has met its constitutional and legal duty and the Council's priorities.

5.2. The SCPB will continue to focus on working together in a multi-agency forum to reduce crime within the Borough to make Barnet a safe place to live and visit for all.

5.3. The attendance of members, action logs and report updates should be addressed for future meetings of the SCPB.

5.4. Ensure the information presented is the relevant information for the specific Qtr. being reviewed to enable accurate end of year reporting and comparable data sets.

Annex 1 – Schedule of actual work 2021-22

Detail of Reports considered:

Safer Communities Partnership Board Meeting Date	Agenda Items
23 July 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance Update (Q4 2020/21 (for information) and Q1 2021/22) • Family Services – Youth Justice Board Update Q4 and Q1 • North West BCU Police Update to the Safer Communities Partnership Board - Verbal • London Accommodation Pathfinder Project • Barnet Boundary Review • Barnet Integrated Offender Management Summary Update and Performance Report • Prevent Strategy update • Update on Barnet Zero Tolerance to Hate Crime Project • National Probation Service – update on unification • Forward plan
22 October 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safer Communities Strategy 2022–27 (Revision of 2021-25 date) • Performance Update (Q2 2021/22) • Update on the Mayor’s Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) London Crime Prevention Fund (LCPF) Projects • Family Services – Youth Justice Board Update • North West BCU Police Update – Verbal • Substance Misuse, Rough Sleeping and Drugs and Alcohol Services Performance Report • Forward Work Programme
21 January 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance Update (Q3 2021/22) • Family Services - Q3 Update • North West BCU Police Update to the Safer Communities Partnership Board • Update on Re-unification of National Probation Service in Performance Report • Update on Community Payback – Verbal • Update on Barnet Zero Tolerance to Hate Crime Project (Bi-Annual Report) • Barnet Homes Update to the Safer Communities Partnership Board • Forward Work Programme