

Safer Bromley Partnership

Gangs and Serious Youth Violence Report

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The purpose of this report is to provide information to strategic partners on work related to gangs and serious youth violence in the London Borough of Bromley.

This report briefly outlines the approach to be taken in developing a local understanding among local professionals of the networks and relationships between young people associated with, or at risk of, serious youth violence and gang activities. A new strategic Partnership group was formed and met on one occasion since the last Board; involving key senior representatives from health, social care, education, youth support and youth offending. There was no police representation at this meeting although invitations were sent and it is anticipated that police representation will be at future meetings.

At the Partnership meeting, professionals agreed that local services and professionals would benefit from having a firmer understanding of the networks and relationships between those young people they are working with and who may be at risk of involvement in violence.

To produce this work partnership information will need to be gathered to determine the networks and relationships between the young people. This information may be useful, not only to establish the links between the young people, but also to develop a profile for each person. The information is sensitive and would require each agency agreeing to share it for the purposes of this project.

The developing work will be supported by the analyst from the Atlas team (CSE and Missing) in children's social care.

The Partnership group will continue to meet on a regular basis to better understand issues related to serious youth violence and gangs in the borough and what preventive support can be put in place in terms of community protection and safety of young people.