

## Safer Bromley Partnership

### Gangs and Serious Youth Violence Report

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#### **Operational Update:**

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.

The Local Safeguarding Board convened a round table on 29 November 2017 to review our collective work on gangs and associated issues. This also enabled the Board to provide the opportunity to focus our Ofsted Priority 8 responsibilities in this area, as well as a better understanding of work taking place and how this could be more joined up and part of the wider Vulnerable Adolescent Strategy; this is not specific in relation to gangs and serious youth violence.

The Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime offer funding to support the responses of London Boroughs to serious youth violence, gangs and group offending and exploitation. A bid was submitted to the Home Office / MOPAC that has been accepted and approved for the London Borough of Bromley to have a review. The Locality Review will be provided by the Violence and Vulnerability Unit (Home Office) which is a small national team of gang / county line /community safety experts who are part of the Association of Town Centre Management.

The Locality Review is likely to take place in the New Year and will be a one-day process as part of the national strategy to tackle gangs and serious youth violence. The format needs to be agreed but is likely to include a set of interviews and focus groups with front-line practitioners to gather information, knowledge and perceptions--building a qualitative picture of the key issues and drivers around county lines, gangs, youth violence and vulnerability.

There is also the offer of post review support to implement the recommendations and support with any training or awareness raising workshops that may be run subsequently.

The Youth Offending Service has started mapping gang associations and will be developing this with partners to gain a better understanding of the networks in the borough.