

Safer Bromley Partnership

Reducing Reoffending

Strategic Group Report

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Operational Update:

Current staffing with the Met. IOM team in line with the new BCU system is now configured as below:-

- a. two Sgt – Mat Bowles and Paul Thomas – based out of Croydon but covering all areas.
- b. There are then 6 IOM police officers based in Croydon.
- c. 1 x based at Bromley (part time)
- d. 1 x based at Sutton (part time).
- e. The officers based at Croydon help to also cover Bromley and Sutton. They also attend at Bromley to assist with home visits.

In terms of the IOM Cohort ; it is currently comprised :- 43 nominals (Red = 18 / Amber = 4 / Green = 0 / Blue = 21)

RED = Those offenders who have the highest risk of causing harm or re-offending. They are either not engaging, or are engaging and apparently compliant, but there remain serious concerns about their offending.

AMBER = Those offenders that are engaging and whose previous recent offending suggests that they have a high risk of causing harm or re-offending. These offenders want assistance to move away from a criminal lifestyle to a more law abiding one and need multi-agency interventions to motivate and maintain that change.

GREEN = Those offenders where there is little or no intelligence to indicate that they are committing offences. This will not only include offenders who were previously RED or AMBER and have responded positively to multi-agency interventions, but also those who did not engage where there are no longer concerns about their offending.

BLUE = In Custody

Strategic Group Update:

An announcement was made on 16th May, confirming that the privatised element of the Probation Service was due to be renationalised. This means that the low and medium risk offenders that are currently managed by London CRC will be managed by the National Probation Service once again. Justice Minister David Gauke confirmed there will be a role for private sector aspects within this.

A new Director of Probation at MTCNovo is now in position. He has responsibility for the London Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC).

The London CRC works with offenders aged 18 and over who have been sentenced by the courts to a Community or Suspended Sentence Order, or have been released on licence from prison to serve their sentence in the community.

Gabriel Amahwe (as the new Director of Probation) is responsible for overseeing the delivery by CRC of the Integrated Offender Management initiative, which aims to bring together local agencies to target offenders causing most concern to communities. Gabriel will be meeting with Cllr Lymer and other Council Officers on 19th July.

Concerns have been raised regarding the involvement and support of BDAS within the remit of IOM and reducing reoffending. Meetings are taking place with commissioners to resolve this.

Action Plan Update

Action for Safer Bromley Partnership