

Clarion Futures Communities (part of Clarion Housing)

Clarion Housing in partnership with 8 Housing Associations have committed to a coordinated approach in addressing VAYP (Violence Affecting Young People) in partnership with the London VRU. A commitment has been made to work focus on 7 London Boroughs - Tower Hamlets, Hackney, Islington, Southwark, Brent, Lambeth and Newham, to understand emerging themes and to establish a framework for a Collective Impact Model, which defines the core infrastructure needed to be in place to address issues of violence at a hyper local level in identified hotspots.

A conscious decision has been made to refrain from the use of the term 'Youth Violence' to 'Violence Affecting Young People', which allows better consideration of the multiple and complex challenges faced by some young people such as ACEs, CSE and Trauma, which might lead to being vulnerable / entrenched in risky behaviours, as opposed to the incidence of violence.

Internally Clarion is working cross-departmentally to explore how teams work more effectively alongside each other in order to have a more consistent and considered approach to addressing VAYP issues in regards to gathering intelligence, information sharing and the provision of support (intervention/ prevention) to individuals and neighbourhoods.

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Hard Calls Save Lives – the campaign inspiring people to help prevent knife crime

There are no simple solutions to ending violence on our streets, but as your landlord Clarion is committed to keeping you and your family safe in our neighbourhoods. That is why we are throwing our support behind Hard Calls Save Lives, a campaign for change led by a group of mothers who each tragically lost a son to knife crime.

A shocking 73 lives were cut short due to knife crime in London last year alone - that's one every five days. This must stop.

Working together with Crimestoppers - the charity that provides a safe place where people are empowered to speak up and report crime anonymously - the campaign seeks to break down the barriers that prevent people from coming forward with information.

You know your neighbourhood better than anyone and if something doesn't feel right, it probably isn't. However small or insignificant it may seem, each fragment of information is vital. It can help build up a picture that could solve a wider investigation, or prevent future incidents of violent crime.

This information doesn't need to be the name of offenders. For example, if there has been a violent incident in your neighbourhood, you may recall things about that day. Small details, such as the time you noticed a vehicle that isn't from the area, or if you've noticed someone acting suspiciously. Whether it's something first-hand or you heard from someone else, every piece of information counts.

How can I make a report to Crimestoppers?

It can be difficult and daunting to pass on information about crime in your community, but your call could help save lives – you have the power to do something about it. By getting in touch with Crimestoppers:

- Everything you share is guaranteed to be kept strictly anonymous.
- You will not have to share any personal information.

Call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or [report online](#).

You can find out more information about the Hard Calls Save Lives campaign, by [visiting the website](#).

How is Clarion helping to tackle violent crime?

We are reviewing our processes that aim to challenge violence against young people

We are currently carrying out a review of the way we address incidents of violence against young people (VAYP). This includes looking at:

- How we can strengthen the ways we gather our intelligence and share information with our partners
- Training for staff
- The support and services we offer and any gaps that need filling
- Our response to VAYP incidents.

We will continue to be proactive in our support of the Hard Calls Save Lives campaign

Our housing teams across London are discussing ways we can raise awareness of the campaign in our communities, with a more targeted approach taken in the higher risk areas.

How we're beating antisocial behaviour

At Clarion we work with residents, the police and local organisations to ensure that everyone who lives in a Clarion home feels safe and secure.

We are committed to challenging antisocial behaviour as a priority and responding where needed. Our activities range from holding community events and consultations, working alongside our neighbourhood and tenancy specialist teams, and partner agencies, where specific action is required.

If you know of any issues in your area and it is not a police matter, you can speak to your local housing management team, report it via our [neighbourhood enquiries page](#), or call the contact centre.

Getting further support

If you, or someone you know, has been affected by knife crime, the following organisations and resources can offer support:

- [Victim Support](#) - an independent charity offering free and confidential specialist services to victims affected by crime.
- [Knife Free](#) – advice on having a simple chat with a young person you're concerned about.
- [Prince's Trust](#) – Provides support and opportunities for young people, particularly those who are moving away from gangs and crime.