

Bromley Community Safety Partnership Strategy 2020-2023

2023/24 Quarter 2 (July – September 2023) Update

Priority 1 – Safer Neighbourhoods

Aim: To achieve reductions in the following crimes that are deemed by MOPAC, the Police and residents to be local priorities:

- Non-domestic violence with injury
- Crime against the elderly and vulnerable (financial abuse)
- Residential burglary
- Anti-social behaviour

Q2 Update:

- **Community Impact Days** - This operation is a MOPAC funded, multi-agency initiative intended to enhance the quality of life and visual appearance of the area. The agencies involved in this operation are:
 - LB Bromley: Public Protection, Street Scene & Education Welfare Teams,
 - Thames Reach,
 - Metropolitan Police Safer Neighbourhood Team & Roads & Transport Policing Command,
 - London Fire Brigade,
 - Clarion Housing Association,
 - Veolia, Idverde & Ward Security

26 July 2023 - St Pauls Cray and Ramsden

- Community Engagement with families at the Nugent Shopping Centre.
- Sweeps of 3 areas looking for weapons.
- Seven Met Police and Clarion Housing Joint tenancy visits.
- Over 40 vehicles stopped and spoke to at the Police Stop Site.
- Six abandoned vehicles checked and removal arranged.
- Four Fire Safety Referrals.
- Scam & Doorstep Crime Information Packs distributed.
- Eight Catalytic Converters property marked.

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- Stop site resulted in a number of road traffic offences being reported.
- Sweeps of 2 areas looking for weapons.
- Seven joint Clarion and Police visits.
- Community engagement at Blenheim Shopping Centre with fire prevention information distributed and 45 scam and doorstep crime information packs distributed.
- 14x NTL boxes with graffiti covered using paint.
- 9m2 of graffiti removed using chemicals and water.
- 6m2 of graffiti was removed using water alone (high pressure).
- 17m2 of graffiti covered using paint.



- 11x illegal fly poster removed.

27 September 2023 – St Mary Cray and St Paul's Cray

- 10 X Police & Clarion Housing Joint Tenancy visits.
- 2x NTL boxes with graffiti covered using paint.
- 7m2 of graffiti removed using chemicals and water.
- 1m2 of graffiti was removed using water alone (high pressure).
- 10m2 of graffiti covered using paint.
- 6x illegal fly poster removed.
- 520kg of bulk waste removed.
- 4 untaxed vehicles reported.
- 1 joint Education Welfare and Police Youth Engagement visit.



- Monthly multi-agency ASB Panel meetings took place to discuss the most intransigent ASB cases involving individuals. This resulted in:
 - 3 Mental Health Assessment's resulting in Sectioning of the individual.
 - 1 Housing Association eviction of an unregistered tenant.
 - 2 Housing Associations taking court action regarding tenancy breaches.
 - 1 referred by Oxleas (our mental health service provider) for psychological intervention.
 - 1 on investigation case was Domestic Abuse rather than ASB and was referred to MARAC.
- The Council also dealt with 16 reports of fly-tipping on private land and 22 reports of individuals generating ASB.
- The Council, Police, The Glades Security and Bromley BID worked collaboratively to ensure measures were in place to prevent issues arising in Bromley Town Centre on the last day of school term before the summer break.
- Trading Standards received and provided a Rapid Response to 29 calls from residents indicating they may be being impacted by doorstep crime or a scam. Five immediate response visits were made to vulnerable residents to protect them from doorstep crime. A total of 65 cases were investigated as a result of allegations of doorstep crime or a scam, with a total transaction value of £196,854. Around £16,000 was recorded as prevented crime with losses to scams totalling £100,000.
- Three scam alerts were published by Trading Standards for residents to raise awareness of recent scams.
- Trading standards gave 12 presentations to community groups to raise awareness and reduce the chances of them becoming a victim of scammers or those involved in door-step crime. This included a mutli-agency outreach event in Bromley High Street on 14th September with the National Trading Standards Scams Teams and advisors from Barclays Bank.

- MPS Street Racer/Moving Vehicle offences team working with LB Bromley Highways and Community Safety Teams to disrupt street racing meets at Hewitt's Farm roundabout.

Priority 2 – Violence Against Women and Girls

Aim: To reduce violence against women and girls, change the culture that allows this to happen, and empower them to take control, in doing so we will:

- Better protect women and girls
- Improve support for those affected.
- Target offenders

Q2 Update:

- The Council Public Protection team ensured the new Out of Hours Noise and Nuisance contract staff work with local SNT Police teams, the Licensing Police, and LB Bromley Licensing staff, to ensure better co-ordination of enforcement activities in the night-time economy. The Out of Hours officers visited and engaged with licensed premises each weekend since the service started on 11 August.
- The Domestic Abuse Operational Forum developed and delivered 'lunch and learn' bitesize training sessions to promote understanding in specialist areas such as action available to the police to tackle Domestic Abuse.
- Continue promotion of domestic abuse strategy and referral pathways via Getting to Excellence conference, staff training, website development and DA newsletter edition 8.
- Housing have progressed to the initial Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance (DAHA) accreditation, a UK benchmark for how housing providers should respond to domestic abuse in the UK,
- Work is taking place with partners, including MOPAC, to develop the pilot scheme for the new Domestic Abuse Protections Order/Notice's (DAPO/N's) across our BCU in June 2024.
- The Police, Council and MOPAC have continued on the roll out roll out of Pan London DRIVE behaviour change model.
- Specialist training has been commissioned to develop skills and confidence in working with perpetrators within the family. This is available to social care staff and all SBP partners.
- MPS Predator Team undertook an operation in Beckenham in July due to the number of allegations of spiking and assaults.
- Successful Walk and Talks have been held in the High St with Bromley Town Centre Team. Additional Behaviour Detection Officer training arranged, with a roll-out due for the wider borough of Bromley.

- Bespoke Walk and Talk programme with Crystal Palace Football Club and Bromley Town Football Club have now been arranged to improve safety of females attending matches. Programme now embedded with the club for longevity & effective partnerships.
- Four Op Vigilant events have been held in Bromley Town Centre and Beckenham High St, with the TAC team and TCT teams. This is specifically to target likely offenders who are harassing women during night time economy patrols.
- Multiple agencies attended Ask 4 Angela training at Churchill Theatre, which was arranged in partnership with Bromley BID. Future dates to be arranged with the BID and SBN. Looking to include Orpington BID in the near future as this BID become more established.
- 47 DVPOs have been issued at court and 21 SPOs have been issued at court. This is across the BCU (Bromley, Croydon and Sutton)
- Point of Contact stall held in the High Street where MOP were able to stop and chat to officers about VAWG concerns in the area.
- Targeted VAWG days of action (Stalls, marketing) in Bromley Town Centre and outside Bromley South / Bromley North BR stations promoting 'Walk & Talk' and VAWG related marketing

Priority 3 – Keeping young people safe

Aim: To improve outcomes and life chances for children and young people in contact with the youth justice system, or at risk of becoming involved in crime and anti-social behaviour by:

- Reducing the number of first-time entrant children in the youth justice system, and reduce re-offending.
- Reducing the number of knife crimes, by volume and repeat victims and reduce levels of serious youth violence.
- Preventing and reducing substance misuse.

Q2 Update:

- Public Health are working with Education to arrange for awareness raising regarding coercion, county lines, and knife crime by bringing a theatre group production into key schools.
- MPS BCU Schools Unit issued a letter for parents and pupils at all schools, regarding mobile phone safety at commencement of the new school term.
- Community Safety, Trading Standards, Children's Services, and MPS BCU worked together to address reports regarding potential Child Sexual Exploitation in some premises across the borough.
- Public Health School Super Zone at Harris Academy Orpington (Ramsden), working with Trading Standards and Community Safety, to raise awareness and increase resilience of pupils to becoming victims of crime and their exposure to vapes through a number of tools including TS vape enforcement in the vicinity of the school.

- The Police Safer Neighbourhood Team attended the Community Impact Days (CIDs) and conducted searches of areas to remove weapons that might have been concealed or discarded.
- The Police Safer Neighbourhood Team providing advice and equipment to people who have been victims of crime e.g., Smart water, Catalytic Converter marking, home security advice & Faraday bags.
- The Police Safer Neighbourhood Team have made referrals of vulnerable adults and children to appropriate support and care services through the Merlin system. Operation Aegis training input for all staff underway.
- Targeted patrols with the SNTs, charities and BDAS, addressing drug and alcohol enabled crime e.g., by referring drug users for rehabilitation services.
- Working with Bromley Drug and alcohol services and Bromley Changes in schools to educate YP on preventing/reducing substance misuse.
- Working with Bromley Mentoring Initiative to divert children from crime/ASB and referring them to mentor's at BMI.
- School assemblies on knife crime/crime prevention/robberies educating YP on consequences of crime.
- Diarised days within the academic calendar for bespoke class and whole-school assemblies in relation to SYV, Health-related risks around VAPES & 'Sexting'.
- Working alongside Trading Standards & Health-care professionals to raise awareness of the dangers of vaping.
- Targeted days in key retail areas of the Borough to focus on rogue/fake Vape selling (Substance misuse) and the worrying trend of adding 'spice' to the devices that are being sold.
- Rolling out the 'look up look out' robbery initiative with BRIT team, along with promoting the same in the lead-up to the end of school-term key dates.
- Offering Selecta Smart DNA marking kits to yr 7 pupils at selected schools with high victims of robbery.
- Appointment of Safer Schools Inspector to Bromley to enhance greater working & operational deployments to key areas of the Borough (Collaborative working between Neighbourhood and School teams)

Priority 4 – Stand together against hate crime and extremism

Aim: To improve reporting of hate crime and to reduce repeat victimisation of victims of hate crime.

Q2 Update:

- Hate Crime analysis information is now regularly reported at the Tactical Tasking Crime Group (TTCG).
- Community safety delivered a Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent as part of the authority's statutory response reducing the risk of people being drawn into terrorism.
- Utilising data gathered by police to identify hot spot areas & repeat victims; Setting hot spot tasking's & reassurance visits with SNT. These are now tasked via 'Air-space' database; reviewed by the on-call Neighbourhood's Inspector daily.
- The Police undertake daily call backs to victims of Hate Crimes, post-report.
- Attending events and talks in Schools and or community centres where required. Driving forward effective communications with the Safer School Partnership at Bromley to reinforce key messages at academic level.
- Publishing good news stories in the local newsletter, Next Door & sharing with key stakeholders. Publishing good news stories on Twitter and Facebook
- When prosecuting Hate Crime offences looking to use tools to obtain appropriate Orders to reduce the risk of repeat offending.
- Prioritising reports/incidents in relation to Israel-Hamas conflict, along with an MPS enhanced operational response to the unrest (Operation 'Brock').