

First Half Performance Report 2008/09
Thurrock Community Safety Partnership

Introduction

In April 08 the re-branded Thurrock Community Safety Partnership published its first strategic assessment and its new Strategy for 2008/11. The strategy has four key priorities and the Partnership has been restructured to ensure that delivery groups are focused on tangible outcomes supporting those priorities. The restructuring work is almost complete and the TCSP is well placed to deliver on the LAA targets, PSA 23 and 25 and our own local priorities. The CSP is one of seven "Focus" Partnerships within the Eastern Region, primarily due to the level of autocrime in Thurrock.

We are now in a position to further develop action plans around NI26 and NI27 to ensure that tangible outcomes are delivered.

We continuing to progress well on our targets around violent crime (linked to alcohol) and domestic abuse but we have concerns around NI30 (re-offending) mainly because this is a new measure with a high degree of stretch. The Priority and Prolific Offender (PPO) group is working towards this target and we are in the process of developing the strategy.

We have identified the changing economic climate as a new risk to the majority of our targets.

Performance	Target 08/09 (from LAA)	Target 1 st half (if set)	Actual 1 st half YTD 08/09
R07 – Number of incidents of wounding per 1000 as reported to the police	8.73 per 1,000 population	675	532
R07 - The proportion of all offences classified as DV which result in sanctioned detection	65% by 09/10	60%	66.3%
R07 – The proportion of DV victims experiencing repeat incidents (To reduce).	25% by 09/10	30%	31%
NI 26 – specialist support to victims of a serious sexual offence	Target setting deferred to 09/10		Measure not available
NI 27 – Understanding of local concerns about anti-social behaviour and crime issues by the local council and the local police	Baseline to be established		Measure not available
NI47 People killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents	104		12 Q1 only
NI 30 – Re-offending rate of prolific and priority offenders	26% reduction (20% business as usual, 6% stretch)		Measure not available
NI 20 – Assault with injury crime rate	7.41 crimes per 1,000 based on mid 2007 population estimate 0.9% reduction	556	479

Indicator: - The proportion of DV victims experiencing repeat incidents

Mitigating action (if red or amber)

Due to a change in reporting by Essex Police the data to measure this indicator in 08/09 has been unavailable until now. This indicator was flagged for concern in June and the following plans have been put in place to address performance and to ensure that we meet our three year target:

- We will be holding a case study workshop in December to look at how we can improve our processes from reporting to support for victims
- We will follow this up with training where needs are identified
- We have assigned resources to recruit either additional support for the Police to contact medium risk victims, or to provide additional outreach work. We will evaluate the success of this in March and plan our resources accordingly for 09/10

It is now seen that the measure "reduce repeat incidents of domestic abuse" is more meaningful than simply reducing the number of repeat victims. We will now measure this as a local indicator and look to set targets following baseline setting this year.

Risk	Impact	Likelihood	Mitigating Action
That partner agencies are not engaged and involved. Board needs to reflect Delivering Safer Communities guidance.	High	Low	Need to review strategic involvement of voluntary sector. The board and delivery groups all have terms of reference with reference to NIs. Exec need to ensure appropriate membership at delivery group level.
New legislation may impact on priorities and or resources	Medium	Low	Ensure all new policies are reviewed and summarised bearing in mind impact on strategy
Start of new 3-year strategy for CSP resulting in new strategic objectives, targets and operational groups, which need to be embedded throughout the LSP & agencies to ensure commitment to delivery	Medium	Medium	LAA targets will support consistency across Boards.
Changes to the budget and monies withdrawn to a central pot	High	Medium	No change for 08/09. Need to ensure that crime remains a priority within LSP when allocating funding
Restructuring within organisations may impact on ability to deliver	Medium	Low	None planned currently
Partnership systems to be reconfigured following the new strategy may need time to establish	Medium	Medium	Performance and monitoring systems to be established with regular reporting to Exec. Training needs for chairs / DG members to be considered
Under representation by businesses, community, voluntary and faith groups	Low	High	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establishment of business forum, vulnerable crime group and non-government group to be established. 2. Links to faith crime groups to be made 3. TCSP to link in through CIB engagement group
Police internal targets and priorities not always in line with CSP	Medium	Medium	
Changing demographics of the Borough in terms of growth and ethnic mix of population	Low	High	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ensure TCSP links into community cohesion strategy. 2. Reflect and monitor changing demographics through strategic assessment
The changing economic climate may bring an increase in acquisitive crime and may impact on Partnership performance. There may be increased referrals to voluntary sector for drugs and domestic abuse in particular.	High	High	Central to the partnerships work is an awareness of emerging trends and the ability to manage them. The geo group will support this risk. There is a need to look at capacity for outreach work

Finance						
Officer Responsible	Project	Allocated amount	Spend to date	What money has been spent on	Planned spend for remainder 08/09 and 09/10	
Darren Kidson	CCTV (formerly ION track)	30,000	Nil		£30,000 on surveillance likely 09/10	
Ruth Juett	Trust (hate crime worker)	25,300	£25,300	Through this funding TRUST established the following outcomes: quarterly BME housing forum, specialist focus groups, development of outreach work in Tilbury, Grays, South Ockendon, Aveley, and Chafford Hundred and publication of a research paper.	N/A	
Myles Rapley	Road runner	6,800	£6,800	250 pupils attended in 2007 and 500 in 2008. This work is aimed at 15-16 year olds and highlights road safety, as well as an opportunity for some team building exercises.	We will be making a further bid to continue this project in 09/10 and to deliver on NI47	
Irene Campbell	Domestic Violence LPSA & PPG	170,000	£122,692 (£14k to reclaim – IDVA home office funding)	This has funded the Domestic Violence Coordinator and Independent Domestic Violence Advocacy worker for 2007/09. The IDVA has supported the increase in sanctioned detections. The DVC role supports strategic delivery of the Domestic Abuse action plan for Thurrock, including the implementation of the sanctuary scheme.	I anticipate a further spend in 08/09 of £23k Anticipated spend in 09/10 is £94k. We are seeking to resource a shortfall of £55k.	
Jim Nicolson	Alcohol PPG (including LPSA top up)	100,000		We have employed an alcohol worker within OASIS who provides brief interventions. There has been a large increase in the no. of clients receiving brief interventions for alcohol.	Remaining spend in 08/09 and 09/10	
Mick Osbourne	Corringham Fire station	65,000 CAPITAL	Nil	This project is well under way with opening planned for Jan 09 and official launch in March. Both a steering group and user group have been set up.	This money has been requested to be paid in 2008/09	

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