

Violent Crime including Domestic Abuse

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Less victims of violence



Better support for victims



More offenders prosecuted



Why is this a Priority?

- Violent crime accounts for over 40% of total crime locally;
- Offences such as domestic abuse and sexual violence disproportionately suffer from under-reporting;
- Most serious violence is rare but about a quarter of violent offences involve some injury to victims;
- Violence in public places affects perceptions that can damage our evening and night-time economies;
- Personal safety and protecting people from physical harm remains paramount.

What is our aim for change by 2022?

- Reduction in violent crime (non-domestic) recorded in each Borough;
- Increased use of services by victims of domestic abuse (particularly from BAME and hard to reach groups);
- Improvement in the detection rate of violence with injury offences (non-domestic);
- Successful behaviour change of offenders through the Integrated Offender Management Programme;
- Sound intelligence picture of hot spot locations for violent offences in public places (non-domestic);
- Reduction in violence with injury offences within hotspot locations and night-time economy areas.

Persistent Anti-Social Behaviour & Environmental Crime

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People are encouraged and know how to report ASB



Cleaner, safer neighbourhoods



People feel safer at home and when out and about



Why is this a Priority?

- 40% of respondents to our Opinion Survey identified ASB as their most serious community safety issue;
- Tackling ASB is resource-intensive and intrinsically linked to drug and alcohol misuse as well as issues such as criminal damage, graffiti and vandalism;
- ASB has an adverse effect on the quality of life of local residents and also affects local businesses and investment within our town centres.

What is our aim for change by 2022?

- Reduction in ASB incidents recorded in each Borough;
- Reduction in criminal damage offences recorded;
- Increase in percentage of Fixed Penalty Notices issued for fly-tipping offences/reduction in fly-tipping;
- Reduction in deliberate fires;
- Reduction in repeat victims of ASB;
- Better partnership responses to tackling ASB.

Preventing Offending & Re-offending

Why is this a Priority?

- Crime has a detrimental impact on victims, families and local communities;
- Serious and Organised Crime, gang-related activity and youth violence are national and local priorities;
- Integrated Offender Management provides a strong multi-agency process for reducing re-offending but the local focus also needs to be on preventing young people from being drawn into crime at all;

What is our aim for change by 2022?

- Reduction in crime recorded in each Borough;
- Reduction in the number of young people committing crime;
- Fewer young people becoming involved in or targeted by gangs;
- Improvement in the detection and disruption of Organised Crime Groups;
- Successful behaviour change of offenders through the Integrated Offender Management Programme

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Disruption of Organised Crime



Fewer young people offending for the first time



Changing behaviour through Offender Management



Dartford and Gravesham

Community Safety Partnership Strategy 2019-22

Protecting Vulnerable People & Strengthening Communities

Why is this a Priority?

- Partner agencies share statutory Safeguarding responsibilities to protect vulnerable people from harm;
- Multi-agency work through local Vulnerability Groups has demonstrated the value of this approach;
- Issues such as hate crime need to be challenged to protect community cohesion;
- We need to demonstrate a clear zero tolerance approach to all forms of hate crime and encourage more victims to report and access services.

What is our aim for change by 2022?

- Understanding of changing demographics with effective cohesion between long-standing and new communities;
- Increase in confidence of victims to report hate crime and more offenders brought to justice;
- Established working practices with neighbouring areas that identify and mitigate risks caused through the safeguarding moves of families whose child/children have been criminally exploited.

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More support for victims of hate crime



Strengthened community cohesion



Greater partnership working to counter extremism

