

Safer Communities

A presentation for THIFF on the role of the
Community Safety Division



Services we deliver



| Substance Misuse & Criminal Justice | Community Safety | Safer Neighbourhood Operations |
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| <p>Addiction, Disruption, Diversion, Enforcement & Recovery Programme (ADDER) Multiple cross cutting projects</p> | <p>Violence Against Women & Girls (VAWG)</p> | <p>Tower Hamlets Enforcement Officers (THEOs) Visible reassurance & civil enforcement</p> |
| <p>Drug Intervention Programme (DIP)</p> | <p>Hate Crime Team</p> | <p>Community Safety / Anti-Social Behaviour Team Partnership Operational Intelligence Team</p> |
| <p>Women Involved in Prostitution Commissioned Outreach/Engagement and support.</p> | <p>Prevent & Protect</p> | <p>Neighbourhood Safety Team Neighbourhood Safety Officers & hostels relationship officers</p> |
| <p>Specialist Substance Misuse Investigation Team (SSMIT) Enforcement to better engage problematic drug and alcohol users</p> | <p>Civil Protection Unit Civil Contingencies & Business Continuity</p> | <p>Public Space CCTV & Control Room Circa 350 street cameras & £3.1 capital upgrade programme.</p> |
| <p>Assertive Neighbourhood Outreach Officers</p> | <p>Crime Prevention ADDER Community and Hospital Navigators</p> | <p>Police Partnership Taskforce (PTF) Council funded police team</p> |
| <p>Hidden Harm Tackling adverse childhood experiences</p> | <p>Integrated Offender Management</p> | <p>Community Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) Safeguarding vulnerable victims of ASB</p> |



Community Safety Partnership Priorities



1. Tackling neighbourhood crime and ASB
2. Tackling hate crime, community tensions, and extremism
3. Reducing reoffending and tackle the drivers of crime
4. Violence reduction: Safeguarding those at risk of violence and exploitation



Priority 1 – Tackling neighborhood crime & ASB 'Delivery Activity'

- **Connecting with communities (hyper local working):** We have recently moved to a new locality model ensuring each ward has a dedicated team of community safety specialists offering enforcement and support.
- **Tower Hamlets Enforcement Officers:** We continue to develop our THEO service to be a “trusted brand” and since April 2022 541 Fixed Penalty notices for a variety of offences, including 112 for Nox offences
- **Our Neighbourhood Safety Officers:** We respond quickly to resident concerns along with council funded police officers and build a picture of where and when crime and ASB is regularly occurring. This ensures the best use of resources to specific problems. Our Officers provided 14,636 high visibility uniformed patrols in neighbourhoods to engage and provide reassurance to residents.
- **Support to vulnerable victims of ASB:** 65 vulnerable victims of ASB were supported through our multi agency safeguarding panel.
- **CCTV:** We are delivering a £3m capital upgrade of CCTV infrastructure. 165 new cameras have been installed to date. We continue to use the council's CCTV to support the police and target criminals. Since April 2022 incidents detected by our CCTV have resulted in 173 arrests.



Priority 2 - Tackling hate crime, community tensions & extremism

'Delivery Activity'



- **Hate Crime Awareness Week:** Every year we promote National Hate Crime Awareness Week (9th Oct) and in 2022 we coordinated 12 events including a Peace Walk, and a 'Show racism the Red Card' football tournament.
- **Focus on women and islamophobia:** 20 London Muslim Centre Ambassadors trained with a focus on women and islamophobia.
- **Training, outreach and engagement activities delivered.** We held 49 engagement activities reaching over 9000 people. These included the 'Building Stronger Communities' and 'Young Peoples Rise & Shine Conference', International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Inter-sexism and Transphobia (IDAHOBIT).
- **Prevent training:** The Prevent team have delivered training to 1,360 council staff and 1,817 school teachers and students. The multi-agency Channel Panel has safeguarded a number of people vulnerable to radicalisation.
- **Prevent local projects:** Our Prevent programme is currently working with funded projects to support the delivery of Prevent in the local community dealing with a range of issues including protection from exploitation by gangs and extremists, through to critical thinking for young people around social media and fake news.
- **Tension Monitoring Group (TMG):** The TMG has managed issues including a hate related murder, reports of a rise in antisemitism, and reports of rises in youth violence.
- **Design out crime and protective security:** 101 Protective Security and Designing Out Crime referrals received and managed by our specialist in house officer. There was also 130 referrals for Sanctuary Scheme assessments, and 30 Environmental Visual Audits.



Priority 3 - Violence reduction: safeguarding those at risk of violence and exploitation 'Delivery Activity'



Knife Crime & Tackling Violence:

- **Neighborhood Tasking Model:** Now includes youth violence and those at risk
- **Community weapons sweeps:** Conducted by the Tower Hamlets Enforcement Officers (THEOs) and Council funded police officers
- **Tower Hamlet Island Community Network:** We supported the successful bid to secure £750k funding from the London VRU for consortium of VCS partners called the Tower Hamlets Island Community Network to deliver place-based interventions to tackle violence on the Isle of Dogs.

Violence against women and girls (VAWG)

- **Women's criminal justice pathway:** Developing a women's criminal justice pathway to improve outcomes for women in the criminal justice system.
- **Domestic Abuse** - We have supported 583 high risk victims of domestic abuse at the multi-agency MARAC and 657 victims via our Commissioned provider, Solace. 98% reported satisfaction with the service they received. 92 women have utilised our refuge spaces.
- **Raising Awareness in the Community** - The VAWG team delivered 126 training and awareness sessions to 2,012 people and recruited another 36 VAWG champions. They enabled 70 vulnerable victims of domestic abuse to stay in their homes through our Sanctuary scheme.



Priority 4 -Reducing reoffending and tackling the drivers of crime 'Delivery Activity'



- **Tackling substance misuse and sale and supply of drugs:** We continue to work in partnership with the police on our joint operation implemented in 2017 to tackle the sale and supply of drugs.
- **Drug Intervention Programme (DIP):** worked with an average of 97 residents per month with Alcohol and Drug addiction who came through the Criminal Justice System.
- **Beyond the Streets Prostitution Support:** our commissioned programme supported 27 vulnerable women involved in Prostitution.
- **Specialist Substance Misuse Investigations Team:** SSMIT secured 29 Civil/criminal orders supported with positive requirements via the courts to help those engaged in offending behaviour.
- **'Addiction, Disruption, Diversion, Enforcement & Recovery' (ADDER programme):** We have secured £1m per annum for the next 2 years from Public Health England and the Home Office for 'ADDER. We are one of the few partnerships in London to be chosen for the Programme. There is also an additional £1m available for Central East police Borough Command Unit for additional enforcement on the middle level drug markets.
- **Integrated Offender Management:** We have rolled out a refreshed 'Integrated Offender Management' framework that is targeted at persistent violent offenders. Since the new framework was introduced in Tower Hamlets in April 2021, we have significantly decreased reoffending in adult offenders to 15% in the past year. Another key success is 71% of these offenders have successfully engaged in drug treatment.
- **Address Serious and Organised Crime (SOC):** In the last year, we became the first borough in London to co-produce a local serious and organised crime profile that describes and identifies the unique SOC picture in Tower Hamlets. This has enabled us to secure ADDER funding for policing and additional law enforcement against middle level drug markets.



Key partnerships



- The multi-agency Community Safety Partnership (CSP)
- Tower Hamlets Community & Voluntary Sector (THCVS)
- Safer Neighbourhood Board and ward based neighbourhood panels
- The Youth Justice Service Management Board
- Health & Wellbeing Board
- Safeguarding Adults Board
- Children's Safeguarding Executive

