



London Borough of Enfield

Report Title	Community Safety performance Report
Report to	Crime Scrutiny Panel
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Ward(s) affected	All
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Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to present police crime and anti-social behaviour performance information to the Panel. The attached document highlights the main offences, including those that contribute to the priorities of the community safety partnership, known locally as the Safer and Stronger Communities Board.

Main Considerations for the Panel

2. Key issues of note include the increases in violent offences recorded by the police. This continues to be a challenge for the borough, despite the ongoing efforts among partners to address them.

Background and Options

3. The appended document contains crime and antisocial behaviour statistics, covering the 12-month period of January 2023 to January 2024, and includes crime and antisocial behaviour information, based on police-recorded offences.
4. The data does not include ASB information from the council's Housing services, nor enforcement activity by other services. Neither does the report

contain information from other partners of the Safer and Stronger Communities Board, such as the Fire Service, Probation, or the Integrated Care Board.

5. The attached statistics have been assessed in line with the eight priorities of the Safer and Stronger Communities Board and arranged to present performance against such priorities.
6. As a general summary, the analysis has revealed that overall police recorded crimes have decreased in the borough by 1.9% in the year ending January 2024 when compared to the previous 12 months. Lower recording of offences such as robbery, drugs, and theft from motor vehicles have contributed to the overall reduction. However, violent offences, including sexual offences, domestic abuse, and knife crime have seen increases. There was also an increase in theft of motor vehicles over the period.
7. The increase in high-harm offences is of particular concern to the community safety partnership and partners continue to work together to bring about reductions, safeguard vulnerable residents, support, and divert young people away from crime, and take enforcement actions against those that continue to pose risk of harm in the community.
8. In response to the increase in knife crime, the partnership coordinates a range of responses, including targeted youth outreach in specific locations to engage and divert young people, deliver outreach to North Middlesex Hospital to provide support to victims of youth violence, and work with schools to support victims of youth violence and prevent escalation. There is ongoing targeted policing tactics, supported by the council's CCTV surveillance and joint planning with partners.
9. The North Area Violence Reduction Group, lead on development, coordination, and delivery of agreed actions to reduce violent crime across the BCU, covering Enfield and Haringey Boroughs. The group works to identify risks of violence and develop strategies to counter the opportunity for violence.
10. The community safety partnership has recently developed a Serious Violence Duty strategy and have agreed a set of actions aimed at achieving reductions by way of support and enforcement. An action plan is currently being developed, setting out clear expected outcomes, and measures by which the partnership will assess progress.
11. The partnership is also developing an action plan to bolster its work to tackle domestic abuse and violence against women and girls (VAWG). This is to ensure the commitment made in the VAWG strategy are delivered and monitored to ensure continued and improved support for victims and those at risk.
12. Work continues closely with MOPAC and the London Violence Reduction Unit to ensure additional support to the borough by way of funding and coordination, including supporting police requests for additional resources.
13. The attached analysis is monitored by the Safer and Stronger Communities Board and other multi-agency groups that work to address specific elements of crime and safety, to ensure each priority area has the relevant focus to bring about crime reductions and increase safety in the community.

Relevance to Council Plans and Strategies

14. Enfield Council Plan 2023-26:

- Priority 2: Strong, healthy and safe communities
- Priority 3: Thriving children and young people

15. Community Safety Plan 2022-25

16. Council's Youth Justice Strategic Plan, investing into highly effective prevention and diversion with focus on preventing first time entrants, reducing re-offending and the number of children entering custody, and preventing teen violence in line with public health approach principles.

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Appendices

Crime and ASB performance – Jan. 2023 – Jan. 2024

Background Papers

None

Departmental reference number, if relevant: