



London Borough of Enfield

Report Title	Safer Stronger Communities Performance Report
Report to	Healthy and Safe Communities Scrutiny Panel
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Cabinet Member	Cllr Gina Needs
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Ward(s) affected	All
Classification	Part 1 Public

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. This report sets out the key highlights based on the crime data for Enfield up to the end of September 2024.

2. Main Considerations for the Panel

2.1. Safer Stronger Communities Board Performance Report

- 2.2. The Safer Stronger Communities Board Performance Report is a quarterly report on the crime trends across crime types affecting the borough. (Appendix 1).
- 2.3. The current report is for the period ending in September 2024. It compares performance over the last 12-month period October 2023 to the end of September 2024, compared to the previous 12 months, October 2022 to end of September 2023.
- 2.4. The key highlights from the report are as follows: -
 - Total Notifiable Offences in Enfield decreased by 5.9% in the year ending September 2024 compared to the previous 12 months. London saw a 4.1% decrease over the same period.

- The volume of Violence Against the Person (VAP) offences in Enfield has decreased by 4.8% with violence with Injury (VWI) (Non-Domestic Abuse) offences also decreasing by 11.6% over the most recent 12month period. London saw a 2.7% decrease in Violence Against the Person offences and a 10% decrease in VWI (Non-Domestic Abuse) offences.
- Robbery offences in Enfield have increased by 16.6% in the 12 months ending September 2024, with a 9.9% increase seen in robbery of personal property. London has also experienced an 8.7% increase in robbery offences with robbery of personal property increasing by 1% over the same period.
- Domestic abuse incidents have decreased in Enfield by 11.7% in the 12month period to September 2024.
- Domestic abuse violence with injury offences have also decreased in Enfield by 15.5%. Over the same period domestic abuse incidents and domestic abuse violence with injury offences have decreased by 8.8% and 7.1% respectively in London.
- There has been a significant increase in gun crime offences in 2023/24, with offences rising by 52%, while the overall increase across London was nearly 13.2%. Although the numbers are very low (11 offences), Lethal Barrel Discharges also doubled during this 12-month period compared to 2022/3. The increase is in the main, connected to an organised criminality and rivalries across established groups, which is not limited to the Enfield area.
- Knife Crime offences in Enfield has increased by 15% and 9.4% increase in London in the most recent 12month period. Knife crime with injury offences in Enfield increased by 20.8% while a 0.5% decrease was reported in London in the same period.
- A new measure of 'Youth Violence' has been introduced by the Metropolitan Police, following the move to the new crime recording system. Youth violence is defined as: *"a count of victims aged between 10 and 24 years of any offence of Homicide, Lethal Barreled Firearms Discharge, Knife Crime, Robbery or Violence with Injury"*.
- In the last 12-month period, Enfield recorded 309 youth violence victims. In terms of youth population this equates to a rate of 4.8 per 1,000 youth population. This just above the London average of 4.2 per 1,000 population and significantly lower than the Haringey rate of 6.6 per 1,000 population.

2.5. The key recommendations to the Safer Stronger Communities Board are as follows: -

- December 2023 saw a significant increase in Robbery offences. The Community Safety Partnership is looking at the causes of those increases and planning actions to ensure there is not a similar increase in 2024.
- The increase in drug offences in September 2024 relates to the increased Police and Council enforcement activity related to Operation Pisces, covering the wards of Upper Edmonton and Edmonton Green. The Community Safety Partnership are looking at how they can take the learning and best practice from this multi-agency approach and apply it across the borough.

- To work closely with the Police and partner agencies to reduce the number of firearms offences through increased reporting and greater community-based intelligence.
- 2.6. The focus on the Upper Edmonton and Edmonton Green area under Operation Pisces phase has continued. Two further partnership enforcement operations have taken place since the last Healthy and Safe Scrutiny Committee Report, resulting in the closure of a cuckooed address and a private housing premises which was being used for drug supply.
- 2.7. The current crime analysis of the impact of Operation Pisces, since it commenced in June 2024 is as follows: -
- There has been a 35% reduction in all reported crime across the 5 wards which makes up the Operation Pisces footprint.
 - Priority offences including robbery, and theft person has reduced by 50% for the Upper Edmonton area.
 - Enfield Borough has recorded a 25% reduction in all reported crime. between June 2024- end of September 2024.

2.8. Next Steps

- 2.9. The intention is to continue the enforcement action under Operation Pisces until the end of December 2024.
- 2.10. The Safer Enfield Partnership Tasking and Enforcement Group is expanding its remit to cover a wider area than the Operation Pisces footprint. The aim is to develop this into a boroughwide Tasking and Operations Group.

3. Background and Options

3.1. The Relevance to Council Plans and Strategies

1. Safer Stronger Communities Board (SSCB) – Community Safety Plan 2022-5
2. Serious Violence Duty Strategy 2024-5

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Appendices

Appendix 1 - Safer Stronger Communities Board Performance Report September 2024

Background Papers

Not applicable

Departmental reference number, if relevant: