

REPORT TO: STANDING CRIME SCRUTINY PANEL

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REPORT TITLE: Enfield Policing Drugs Update Report

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PURPOSE OF REPORT: To provide the committee with updates on the following points:

SUMMARY:

- Update on the breakdown of drugs offences in Enfield 01 Jan - 31 Dec 2017

BACKGROUND

1. Breakdown of drugs offences in Enfield 01 Jan - 31 Dec 2017

1.1 This report details the breakdown of drug related offences by ward in Enfield from 01 Jan - 31 Dec 2017 (Table 1). The MPS defines drugs as any substances that are abused and are subject to control and/or regulation under the following legislation:

- The Misuse of Drugs Act 1971
- The Human Medicines Regulations 2012
- The Psychoactive Substances Act 2016

These offences include possession, possession with intent to supply, and cultivation offences.

1.2 The data is broken down into drug type (Table 2).

1.3 Drugs offences have been identified through stop and search on the street; possession found when arrested for other offences; and proactive operations.

1.4 Operation Bremont has been running in a number of forms since May 2017. The operation is mainly to tackle knife crime. It is to be noted that 388 drugs arrests/warnings have been generated by this operation alone and demonstrates the links between street crime, drugs supply and knife crime. There have been 72 drugs search warrants executed as part of Bremont.

1.5 The majority of offenders are male (detailed in Table 3) and a breakdown by ethnicity is at Table 4.

1.6 Table 5 details the outcomes of the offences. To note there are 181 cases that awaits a result (laboratory analysis, suspect identification etc).

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

To note the report

3. NEXT STEPS

3.1 The Metropolitan Police have recognised that dealing with the impact of drugs on communities and confidence in Police are linked and has just produced a new Drugs Strategy 2017-2021.

Through experience, we know that many of the issues that plague local communities are driven by the illicit drug trade, and affect everyone from the international stage, pan London agencies, local communities and individuals and their families.

The links to serious organised crime are well known and include acquisitive crime, violence, gun and knife crime, prostitution, child abuse, domestic abuse, child sexual exploitation, antisocial behaviour and modern day slavery; all areas represented as important to deal with in the Police and Crime Plan.

Local drug dealing may be highly visible to local communities and is often the economic driver to gang conflict and serious youth violence. This undermines confidence in local policing, increases anti-social behavior and erodes trust in the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) and partner agencies.

Drug use can seriously affect an individual's physical and mental health and, unless dealt with properly, can result in reoffending cycles that lead to repeat victimisation of innocent Londoners.

Problem solving cannot be resolved by any single agency; as such, collaboration and prevention will remain the underlying ethos of delivery plans and toolkits which will be available to support the process on a local level.

MPS Drugs Strategy 2017-2021.

3.2 The aim of this strategy is to support local officers to have a consistent approach to problem solving that reduces the impact of drugs, limits the space that criminals in this area have to operate and demonstrates to local communities that their issues are being dealt with.

3.3 Enfield Police will incorporate the key principles of this strategy into its control strategy. This will further embed operational practice and lead to enhanced partnership working.

TABLES

INCIDENTS BY WARD	
Row Labels	Count of CRIS
BOWES	24
BUSH HILL PARK	10
CHASE	29
COCKFOSTERS	9
EDMONTON GREEN	153
ENFIELD HIGHWAY	47
ENFIELD LOCK	28
ENFIELD TOWN	11
GRANGE	21
HASELBURY	48
HIGHLANDS	4
JUBILEE	44
LOWER EDMONTON	46
PALMERS GREEN	25
PONDERS END	50
SOUTHBURY	44
SOUTHGATE	24
SOUTHGATE GREEN	12
TURKEY STREET	31
UPPER EDMONTON	85
WINCHMORE HILL	6
Grand Total	751

Table 1 - breakdown of drug related offences by ward in Enfield from 01 Jan - 31 Dec 2017

GENDER	
Row Labels	Count of SEX
Male	544
Female	36
Grand Total	580

Table 2 - breakdown by drug type

DRUG TYPE	
Row Labels	Count of DRUG TYPE
Amphetamines	4
Benzodiazepine	1
Cannabis Plant(s)	15
Cannabis-Herbal	435
Cannabis-Resin	25
Cocaine	80
Crack Cocaine	39
Designer Drug	3
Heroin	21
LSD-Other	1
LSD-Tablets	1
Methadone	1
Not Prohibited	1
Other	17
Other Opiate	1
Grand Total	645

Table 3 - Breakdown by gender

IC CODE	
Row Labels	Count of IC
0	7
1	155
2	88
3	286
4	32
6	12
Grand Total	580

Table 4 - Breakdown by IC Code

0 = Unknown
1 = White European
2 = dark European
3 = African/Caribbean
4 = Asian
5 = Oriental
6 = Arabic

OUTCOMES	
Row Labels	Count of DISPOSAL
Caution-Adult	55
Charge/further charge	388
Community Resolution Triage	22
Created in error	1
Drug Warning	51
Fixed Penalty Notice	21
No Further Action	1
Postal Charge Requisition	7
See elsewhere	2
Summons/further summons	7
Youth Caution	9
Youth Conditional Caution	6
Grand Total	570

Table 5 - Breakdown by outcome