

Prevention and detection of serious crime



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Enfield Crime Scrutiny Panel – 13th September 2022

Violent crime:

Enfield Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership Board Priorities

SSCB Priorities	Ref.	Crime Category KPI's	Enfield			London		
			Aug 2020 - July 2021	Aug 2021 - July 2022	Enfield % Change	Aug 2020 - July 2021	Aug 2021 - July 2022	London % Change
Tackling Violent Crime – In all its forms	SSCB1	Violence Against the Person Offences	8853	9506	7.4%	228320	242240	6.1%
	SSCB2	Non-Domestic Abuse VWI Offences	1712	1983	15.8%	46227	54422	17.7%
	SSCB3	Knife Crime Offences	574	561	-2.3%	10897	11501	5.5%
	SSCB4	Knife Crime with Injury Offences	121	151	24.8%	3246	3341	2.9%
	SSCB5	Robbery of Personal Property Offences	899	910	1.2%	21842	24193	10.8%
	SSCB6	Gun Crime Offences	78	64	-17.9%	1504	1294	-14.0%
Keeping Young People Safe and Reducing Their Risks from Crime	SSCB7	Serious Youth Violence Victims aged 1-19	338	300	-11.2%	5942	6401	7.7%
	SSCB10	Knife Crime With Injury Non DA Victims under 24	54	61	13.0%	1259	1204	-4.4%

NA BCU detection rates

Crime type	2021/22	FYTD	% change
Violence with injury	13%	13%	0
Knife crime	18.6%	23.9%	+5.3%
Robbery	8%	7.7%	-0.3%



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Violent crime – prevention activity:

- > Operation Nightingale – Home Office investment in highest harm hotspot.
- > Operation Denali – twice weekly SYV operations in Enfield.
- > 63 KCPO applications since January.
- > Robbery plan with weekly activity meetings – Q car postings, bail condition compliance visits.
- > SYV plan including a new social media strategy.
- > Use of central asset – VCTF and TSG.
- > Use of a new identification system to increase suspect identifications.
- > North Area Violent Crime Reduction Group oversees partnership activity to reduce violent crime.
- > Use of 4 P plans for robbery and SYV crime types e.g. -

Four Ps

Prepare - Prepare to mitigate and reduce the impact of Serious Youth Violence

Protect - Protect individuals and communities from the effects of Serious Youth Violence.

Prevent - Identifying / supporting at an early stage those influenced by Serious Youth Violence

Pursue - Pursue Offenders through Prosecution and Disruption

Improving detections in violent crime:

Critical incident team:

North Area BCU Critical Incident (CI) Team was launched in June 2022 to improve detections. Since the inception there have been some fantastic results achieved. This includes several charges of Serious Assaults, investigating High Profile cases across the BCU.

The officers (1 Detective Sergeant & 4 Detective Constables) have been chosen due to their skill set including Family Liaison officer, specialist officers in analysing and interpreting telephone data, telephone download officers & CCTV experts. The cohort of officers have had their skills supplemented with additional bespoke training from the Murder Investigation Team to ensure that all they have the tools and expertise to professionally progress investigations.

The CI Team has assisted in preventing young people becoming repeat victims and pursuing repeat offenders with a bespoke safeguarding response to every victim.

In accordance with guidelines, all critical incidents will be managed by the Detective Inspector (SIO) however the day-to-day progression of the team and action allocation will be the responsibility of the DS. The SIO will expect a daily briefing from the DS in respect of the progress of cases to ensure governance, robust progression and monitoring of actions.

Enhanced Victim Support – All victims will be provided with additional safeguarding and diversion to protect them in the future.

Case Study 1: Dangerous Male absconder located after Complex Investigation

On Monday, 13 June a dangerous male escaped from Chase Farm Hospital in Enfield. He was being held under Section 37 Mental Health Act 1983 after being convicted at Wood Green Crown Court in 2020 for a brutal stabbing against a random male in the street. Extensive efforts were made by North Area Police, led by the Critical Incident Team; to locate this dangerous individual who was unlawfully at large. A female was arrested in Hertfordshire the same night that the male had escaped, she was arrested on suspicion of assisting the offender and was detained at Wood Green Custody Centre while the investigation and search for the male was being actioned. Painstaking telephone & CCTV enquiries led to the location of the male being established.

On Tuesday, 14 June officers descended to Hertfordshire where the male was located & arrested for being unlawfully at large. No officers or members of the public were injured during this operation. Due to the tenacious efforts of the officers that day they were able to quickly locate the suspect and ensure that no one came to harm.



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Case Study 2: Male charged with robbery and serious assault against two victims.

On Wednesday 10 August 2022 Police were called to Chelmsford Road, Enfield, N14 following reports of a stabbing and robbery. Officers found two 20-year old males with multiple stab wounds after being attacked by a group of masked men wielding knives. An immediate investigation was launched by the CI Team. The team were able to speak with victims, obtain statements, engage with witnesses and scoured the scene for CCTV and forensic evidence. It was established one of the robbers had left his phone. He was traced and immediate efforts made to locate and arrest. An 18-year old male was arrested and charged with Serious Assault & Attempted Robbery. He was remanded in custody to appear before the Crown Court in September 2022.



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Domestic Abuse & Sexual Offences

Enfield Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership Board Priorities

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			Aug 2020 - July 2021	Aug 2021 - July 2022	Enfield % Change		Aug 2020 - July 2021	Aug 2021 - July 2022	London % Change	
Domestic Abuse, Sexual and Rape Offences	SSCB18	Domestic Abuse Incidents	6278	6345	1.1%	6.6%	153176	154023	0.6%	7.4%
	SSCB19	Domestic Abuse VWI Offences	897	910	1.4%		22817	22735	-0.4%	
	SSCB20	Sexual Offences	795	832	4.7%		21339	25371	18.9%	
	SSCB21	Rape Offences	284	339	19.4%		8251	9118	10.5%	

NA BCU detection rates

Crime type	2021/22	FYTD	% change
Domestic Abuse	11%	10.7%	- 0.3%
Rape	4%	5.7%	+ 1.7%

Media coverage of high profile rape cases and rape in general is a driver of increased reporting. The experience of reporting a rape and reliving the traumatic experience means that not all cases are reported to police.

Domestic Abuse – prevention activity:

Enfield MARAC (Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference) is a bi-monthly multi-agency meeting chaired by a Detective Inspector from the Domestic Abuse Unit and discusses cases of domestic abuse .

The BCU works closely with third sector agencies such as IDVAs (Independent Domestic Violence Advocates) in order to support the victims of this crime type.

The ADAPT Team has been launched and is now embedded in order to improve the service to victims by strengthening the MARAC meeting & increasing the use of protective orders (SPOs, Non-Molestation orders, DVPN). The BCU makes effective use of preventative orders and is the best-performing in the MPS in relation to Stalking Protection Orders, with 24 live orders against the nearest comparator BCU with 11. NA BCU is also the best-performing in relation to Domestic Violence Prevention Notices. The corporate aspiration is to use them for 2 in every 100 domestic abuse crimes. Enfield & Haringey police exceed that by using them for 3.54%.

The BCU has an effective process around panic alarms and makes regular use of these for high-risk victims of domestic abuse.

Domestic Abuse – improving detections:

The MPS aspiration is to detect 30% of all DA offences. This is recognised as being a particular challenge. In the last performance year 12.7% of all domestic abuse offences resulted in a charge or a police caution.

There have been 1679 domestic abuse offences in Enfield FYTD. This represents an increase of 63 offences. 10.6% of those have resulted in a detection (charge or a caution). This represents a decrease in performance (albeit the increase in offences makes achieving the detection aspiration more challenging) so an internal Performance Improvement Plan has been put into place in order to ensure all opportunities to prosecute offenders are exploited and the ethos of using the 24 hours in police detention to pursue every possible line of enquiry 'DA in a Day' is embedded.

There is a well-established governance structure sitting under the LRO for Domestic Abuse. There are regular MPS-wide meetings between the LRO and Public Protection Superintendents, as well as meetings at Detective Inspector level in order to discuss common issues, resolve barriers to performance and improve the service to the survivors of this offence.

The BCU has a dedicated team of investigators (the Community Safety Unit) that investigate all offences of Domestic Abuse in Enfield and Haringey. This is led by 2 Detective Inspectors and 8 Detective Sergeants and an establishment of 55 investigators. The team has regular training days from subject matter experts and CPS lawyers in order to enhance their level of skill and investigative capacity.

The Predatory Offender Unit, comprised of 1 Sergeant, 2 Detective Constables and 5 PCs has been formed in order to concentrate on tracing and arresting wanted offenders. It provides a fast-time arrest capability for high-risk domestic abuse offenders. The team has one the lowest numbers of outstanding offenders for Domestic Abuse in the MPS.

Rape – prevention activity:

North Area has one of the lowest incidence rates for rape in London (9 out of 12 BCUs). That said, there have been 689 reports of rape in North Area in the last 12 months. Of these, 349 took place in Enfield, an increase of 19.4% in Enfield compared to the previous rolling year.

The BCU has a local VAWG plan which feeds into the MPS VAWG Action Plan which has the following themes:

- Protecting Women & Girls in public spaces, at home and online
- Working with Partners & Women to Improve Prevention & Victim Care
- Bringing Offenders to Justice & Improving CJ Outcomes
- Improving the MPS Culture & Professional Standards

The following local activity forms part of the 'Summer Nights' plan:

- Raise Officers/PAO awareness re drink spiking by sharing short briefing video
- Conducting two Walk & Talks (1 in each Borough) in area supported by Street safe data;
- Continuing with Op Gwen which is an engagement activity to reach out to seldom heard voices around women and girls in Education and Youth clubs around safety in public places.
- Combined robbery patrols with VAWG patrols as the location data overlaps paying specific attention to transport hubs and open spaces.
- Enhanced patrols around transport hubs and specified open spaces particularly during the hours of darkness.



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Rape – activity being undertaken to improve detection rates:

North Area BCU has a prevention strategy which links in with the joint CPS-Police Rape Action plan. A significant focus of this plan is to increase the number of offences brought to justice. The team has one of the lowest numbers of outstanding offenders for rape in the MPS, with most believed to be out of the UK and efforts in hand to trace and extradite them.

There is a well-established governance structure sitting under the Lead Responsible Officer (LRO) for Rape and Serious Sexual Offences (RASSO). There are regular MPS-wide meetings between the LRO, Senior CPS prosecutors and the BCU SLT responsible for the investigation of rape, as well as meetings at Detective Inspector level in order to discuss common issues, resolve barriers to performance and improve the service to the survivors of this offence.

The BCU has a dedicated team of investigators (the Sapphire Team) that investigate the most serious sexual offences of rape and assault by penetration. This is led by two Detective Inspectors and four Detective Sergeants and an establishment of sixteen investigators. The team has regular training days from subject matter experts and CPS lawyers in order to enhance their level of skill and investigative capacity. They are supported by a cadre of specially trained Sexual Offences Investigation Trained (SOIT) officers who take the account from the complainant, conduct a visually recorded interview, accompany them to the HAVEN (a specialist centre for victims of rape) where forensic samples are taken by a trained doctor, and act as their personal liaison officer throughout the journey. An internal campaign has been launched to recruit more SOIT officers.

The MPS has agreed that the Sapphire team should be granted a temporary uplift of staff. This uplift of staff has enabled the team to tackle a backlog of cases common to all Sapphire teams across the MPS that has occurred due to capacity issues within the police and wider criminal justice system exacerbated by the effect of the Covid19 pandemic. The uplift in resources concentrates on legacy investigations. This uplift has already had a transformative effect on the performance of the Sapphire Team. In the last performance year across Enfield and Haringey there were 27 offences of rape that resulted in criminal charges, or 3.7% positive outcome rate. This year the team is on the trajectory to exceed that performance with 10 charges achieved already and an investigative stock of 10 cases awaiting a charging decision from the CPS, and a number of files being finalised ready for submission for a charging decision.