

# London Borough of Enfield

## Crime Scrutiny meeting 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022

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**Subject:** Serious Youth Crime

**Cabinet Member:** Cllr Needs

**Executive Director:** Tony Theodoulou

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### Purpose of Report

1. The report is provided for information and assurance of the work that Council and Police do to prevent serious youth violence. This report has been coproduced by various Council Officers, to provide a comprehensive summary and overview of the range of work that has taken place.

### Relevance to the Council Plan

2. The Council Plan 2020-22 sets an ambition to create a lifetime of opportunities with specific focus on safe, healthy, and confident communities that are free from crime.
3. Reducing and preventing serious youth violence is a key priority reflected within the following areas of Council's and wider partnership work:
  - Community Safety Partnership Plan 2022-25
  - Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2022/23
  - Public Health Approach to reduction of Serious Youth Violence
  - Early Help Strategy for All 2020-25
  - Safeguarding Enfield Partnership

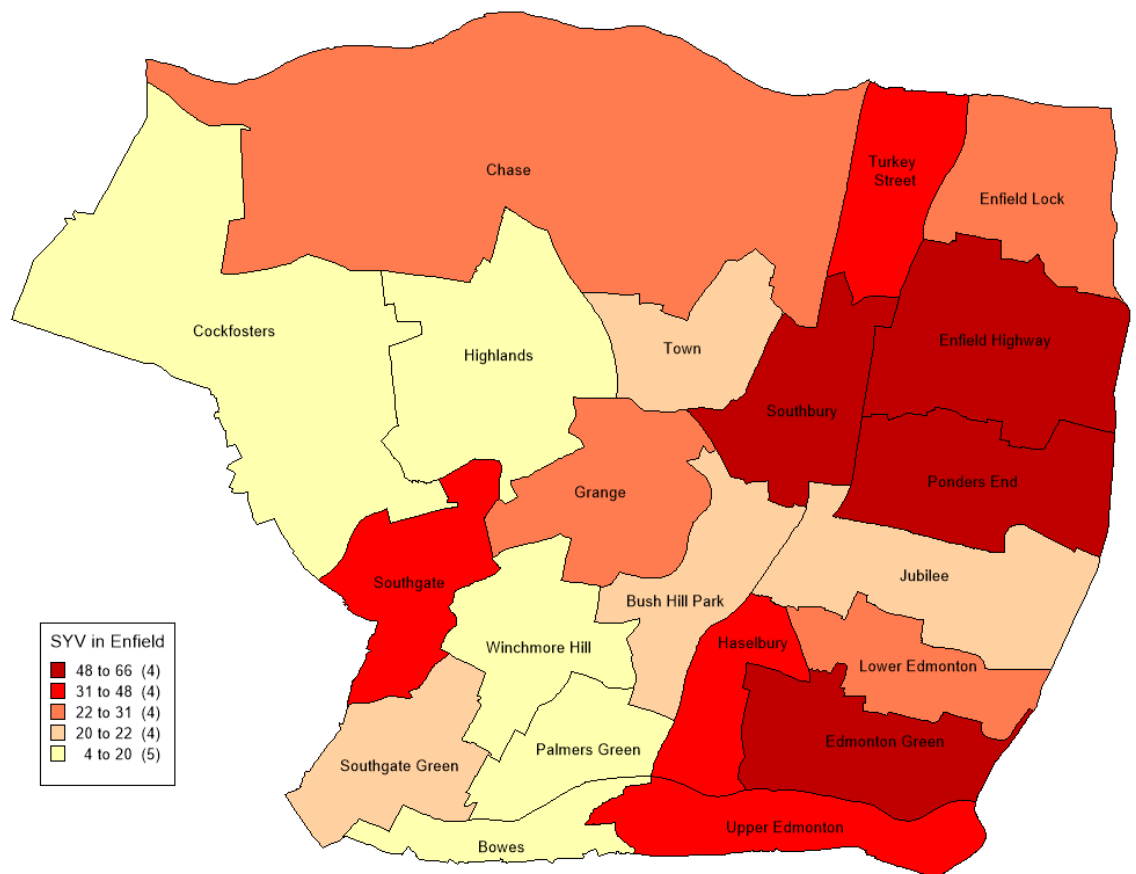
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- North Area Violence Reduction Group (NAVRAG), a partnership led by Police and supported by Council's Community Safety, driving serious youth violence reduction action plan.

### Background

4. The definition of serious youth violence<sup>1</sup> is violence with a weapon, in a community or public space, with a victim aged 10-19 years. This definition excludes violence within the home, although this is noted as a potential risk factor elsewhere in this report. This definition does not explicitly include sexual violence, although recognises that sexual violence may be associated with, or a component of, serious youth violence either as a risk factor or used in the exploitation of young people.
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5. The latest serious youth violence data available at the time of writing this report (end of October 2022) highlights there has been a reduction of 12% in the year to the end of September 2022, resulting in 40 fewer victims. According to the latest analysis, Enfield ranks the 7<sup>th</sup> highest London Borough in terms of the number of victims of serious youth violence.
6. Enfield has the 4<sup>th</sup> largest youth population aged 1-19 in London, accounting for over a quarter (26%) of the borough's population – 333,787. This represents its own unique challenges when attempting to benchmark the levels of serious youth violence. Enfield ranks as the 10<sup>th</sup> highest in terms of the numbers of serious youth violence victims per 100,000 population (291 per 100,000).
7. The highest prevalence of the serious youth violence is in the Eastern side of the Borough. The map shows the distribution of SYV per wards.



8. Annual analysis of local youth offending cohort of young people supported by the Council's Youth Justice Services for the period 2021/22 highlights the following:
  - There were 257 offences committed by 112 young people aged 10-18. This represents a 3.7% reduction in the number of offences committed, and an 11% reduction in the number of young people involved in offending.
  - Majority of offences were committed by young men (84%), which is consistent with the national trend.
  - Most young people who committed offences were between 15-16 years old (43%), followed by 17-18-year-olds (33%) and 13-14-year-olds (22%).
  - The five most common offence types were: violent offences (31%), motor offences (23%), robbery (13%), drug offences (10%) and theft (7%). There was a 6% increase in offences for violence against the person in 2021/22.

- Black young men are overrepresented within youth justice services. Our disproportionality analysis indicated that Black young men were 1.9 times more likely to become first-time entrants to youth justice than White young men, 2.2 times more likely to receive a court disposal than White young men and 8 times more likely to receive a custodial disposal than White young men. This is consistent with national trend.
- There were in total 84 first time entrants into youth justice who were convicted of 113 offences. This shows 20% reduction in comparison to 2020/21. This is a positive testament of the wider partnership efforts investing into prevention and diversionary work and increased use of community resolutions by Police.
- Only 7 young people received a custodial sentence, which shows a reduction from the previous year 2020/21 that saw 12 young people entering custody. This is attributed to the confidence of the sentencers in the assessment and work of the Youth Justice Services (YJS).
- There has been a positive downward re-offending trajectory. Re-offending analysis of the cohort of young people for 2019/20 shows that only 19.2% of young people re-offended. This is much lower than the London average (36.6%) and other Local Authority YJS comparators such as Haringey (47.8%) and Croydon (37%). This is attributed to the effectiveness of interventions and introduction of the integrated re-offending management approach.
- Whilst there has been a reduction in first time entrants, the young people entering the youth justice system have much more complex needs, such as:
  - 33% were known to social care;
  - 33% were exploited;
  - 33% had mental health issues;
  - 31% had misuse substances;
  - 27% had have health issues;
  - 24% had speech and language needs;
  - 26% were not in employment, education or training;
  - 17% experienced domestic abuse;
  - 13% were affiliated to gangs;
  - 13% had special education needs; and
  - 11% were regularly missing from home or care.

9. A Public Health approach sees violence as preventable. It recognises that interventions, especially those in early childhood, not only prevent individuals developing a propensity for violence but also improve educational, employment and long-term health outcomes. A Public Health approach provides a useful framework for understanding and preventing violence.

A local needs assessment of serious youth violence was undertaken in 2021. The needs assessment identified the strength of association between various risk factors and serious youth violence in Enfield alongside providing us with a deeper understanding of the local needs, risk factors and hot spots. See table 1. This has been pertinent in terms of informing our focus of where we prioritise our resources and interventions to help us to prevent serious youth violence.

*Table 1 - indicators showing strongest correlation with serious youth violence in Enfield*

<b>Crime</b>	<b>Deprivation and unemployment</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Social care</b>
• Drug trafficking (0.6)	• CAB financial debt advice	• Fixed term school exclusions	• Looked after children (0.6)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domestic violence (0.6)</li> <li>• Possession of a knife or bladed object (0.5)</li> <li>• Criminal damage (0.6)</li> <li>• Drug possession (0.4)</li> <li>• Public order offences (0.5)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Household overcrowding (0.5)</li> <li>• Index Multiple Deprivation (0.4)</li> <li>• Unemployment or long-term unemployment (0.4)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (0.5)</li> <li>• EHCPs (0.5)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social care contacts (0.5)</li> <li>• Child Protection cases (0.4)</li> </ul>
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*\*Bracketed figures show correlation with serious youth violence levels in Enfield – 0.4-0.7 shows a strong correlation*

Key recommendations from the needs assessment highlight:

- Serious youth violence is everyone’s business.
- Prevention is the best approach.
- Early intervention is key.
- Need to use evidence best practice.
- Respond to local needs using local data to inform our work.

The Public Health approach recognises three levels of violence prevention, see table 2.

Table 2

Level of violence prevention	Description	Areas that cover this work in Enfield include:
<b>Primary</b>	Preventing the development of risk factors for serious youth violence and preventing problems before they arise	Early Years/Children Centres, Schools, Early Help, Youth Services, third sector, Community Safety
<b>Secondary</b>	Intervening once risk factors are already present, or early signs of involvement with serious youth violence occur with focus on early identification and intervention to decrease prevalence.	Targeted projects within Early Help, Youth Services, and schools Community Safety Public health work Police, for example Safer Schools Youth Justice Services Children Social Care
<b>Tertiary</b>	Intervening once there is evidence that a young person is involved in violence with the purpose of reducing escalation and changing the trajectory a young person's life.	Police Probation Community Safety Youth Justice Services Children Social Care Targeted bespoke projects

## 10. Governance

The Safer and Stronger Community Board is a statutory board that provides the overarching governance of the statutory partners’ work and wider partnership contributions to the Community Safety Plan.

The Youth Justice Services Management board is a statutory board responsible for overseeing how youth justice services are funded and delivered in Enfield. The Board is overall accountable to the Safer and Stronger Communities Board.

The North Area Violence Reduction Group, led by the Basic Command Unit (for both Enfield and Haringey), is responsible for delivery of the Serious Youth Violence Action Plan. The group enables effective information sharing and partnership approach to problem solving whilst galvanising partnership resources and focus on preventing and thus reducing serious youth violence. The partnership group is accountable to the Safer and Stronger Communities Board.

## **Main Considerations for the Panel – response to prevention and intervention to reduce serious youth crime**

This report highlights the breadth of prevention of serious youth crime and interventions delivered in response to young people's offending in the context of our public health approach.

### **11. Early Help and youth support**

The Early Help services deliver a wide range of early intervention projects alongside of the targeted support for families with additional needs and children at risk of offending. These projects have a strong focus on identifying and reducing risk factors to serious youth violence and wider risky behaviour that may lead to offending and poor outcomes for children as well as building on protective factors.

- **Project Dove** – is a pilot project funded by the North Central London (NCL) Health Inequality Fund, supporting children and young people at risk of offending through health settings and schools. The project has supported 39 families to this date with 49 young people with risk factors linked to serious youth violence. The project is showing a promising impact such as: 11 young people that have been involved in anti-social and low level of offending have not re-offended, 2 young people have been supported in their court appearance and have been given community sentences as a result of their positive engagement with the project, 8 parents have positively engaged with the substance misuse service, 6 families have engaged with parenting programmes and 15 families have benefited from engagement in family enriching activities and accessed Community Hubs for further support. All 39 families participated in workshops around gangs' and risky behaviour awareness and child criminal exploitation.
- **Operation Engage** – this project is funded from the Violence Reduction Unit. The project is co-delivered in partnership with the MPS. It places youth workers in the Wood Green custody, providing support and early intervention in the 'reachable and teachable' moment when a young person is arrested and presented in custody. Engage provides a follow through support into the community. Key focus is on reducing further engagement in risky behaviour and offending. Out of the 344 Enfield young people presented in custody during 2021/22, 193 have positively engaged with the project and received support, including information, advice, access to diversionary activities and mentoring.
- **Parenting programmes** – a range of parenting programmes is delivered, supporting parents to strengthen their parenting skills and keep their children safe such as the Virtual reality exploitation training for parents, Reducing Parental Conflict training, Escape parenting programme, Inspiring Change and Embracing Families Lives programmes.

- **Provision of Early Help support to families** with children who may have additional needs, enabling families to overcome the challenges they face and help children to thrive. Early Help services received a total of 1,976 referrals in 2021/22, this represents a 41% increase from 2020/1.
- **Housing pilot project** – a joint project delivered with Housing with focus on providing support for families with complex needs living in temporary housing and who have children involved in offending. To this date, 15 families with multiple children have benefited from additional support with housing, parenting skills, access to employment, training, welfare, debt and health and well-being support. Out of these, 6 families were rehoused from temporary accommodation to a new more suitable accommodation.
- **Supporting Families programme** (previously known as Troubled Families) - successfully supported 528 families in 2021/22. Common needs within families included need for early help services, children not attending school or involved in offending, worklessness, parental mental health and substance misuse issues.

Enfield Council Youth Service provides a diverse youth offer to young people aged 13-18 and up to 25 with special education needs and disabilities. The youth offer is a critical component of our Public Health approach to prevention and diversion. Young people in the borough can access the following support:

- **Universal and targeted youth support provided from five youth centres**, located in the areas with high levels of deprivation and serious youth violence (Enfield Highway, Ponders End, Edmonton Green, Upper Edmonton, and Southgate). Young people benefit from access to a safe space and trusted adult, structured informal learning activities, information, advice, and guidance. Over 1,200 young people have accessed youth centres during 2021/22.
- **Detached and outreach youth work**, targeting identified hot spots, informed by intelligence from Police, schools and Community Safety. In 2021/22, 2,463 young people were supported by the detached and outreach team in 14 target hot spot locations.
- **Mentoring**, providing a structured six-week mentoring support to young people with prioritised referral pathways for young people involved in social care and youth justice.
- **The Young Leadership Academy**, recruiting and training young people as young leaders, fostering good citizenship with progression to volunteering placements, strengthening young people's interpersonal and employability skills.
- **Inspiring Young Enfield** – has engaged 13,480 young people from 2020 to September 2022 in enriching learning programmes, enhancing access to well-being support, sport activities, mentoring, information, advice, guidance, and employment, education, and training.
- **Youth participation** – enabling young people to get involved in participatory mechanisms such as the Youth Council and Youth Parliament at local and national level.
- **Summer University** – Council continues to invest in the Summer University. This year, there were 40 organisations alongside of the Youth Service that delivered 80 learning courses and two holiday camps. Overall, the programme offered 1,570 places and was accessed by 793 young people, of which 201 were

eligible for free school meals. This programme is a vital component of our Public Health approach, positively engaging young people during school holidays and diverting them from boredom and risky taking behaviour.

- **Mobile Youth Bus** – Council Youth Service has launched (November 2022) a new mobile youth bus that will enhance the current youth offer. The Bus will be deployed to hot spots whilst also delivering Public Health well-being campaigns to young people in local communities.

## 12. Council's support for schools

Enfield Council provides the following additional support to our schools' community in the context of risk reduction, prevention, and diversion of children in offending and serious youth violence. This is inclusive of children with identified SEND:

- **Children Centre provision** – Council commissions children centre work, providing support to families of children aged 0-5 with focus on 'best start in life' and school readiness. Children Centre provision is delivered from five primary schools. In 2021/22, children centres reached out to 3,044 families with 1,796 families registering with children centres.
- **Early intervention investment** - In March 2021, £1,000,000 was committed by the Schools Forum from the Designated Schools Grant (DSG) to develop Early Intervention in relation to 3 key priorities as identified by schools and partners, i.e. (1) speech, language, and communication; (2) autism; (3) emotional wellbeing and mental health. All programmes are multi-agency and are implemented in partnership with schools and settings to promote inclusion and achievement:
  - Enfield Communicational Advisory Support Service
  - Expansion of the Enfield Advisory Service for Autism
  - Enfield Trauma Informed Practice in Schools and Settings
- **Enfield Communication and Advisory Support Service (ECASS)** aspires to adopt an Enfield wide early intervention approach to speech, language, and communication needs (SLCN) across its schools to improve outcomes for children, young people, and their families. Every child and young person with SLCN in an Enfield school will have access to specialist services through their school setting. ECASS uses evidence-based approaches and support schools to further develop enabling environments where communication becomes everybody's business.
- **Enfield Advisory Service for Autism (EASA)** leads both operationally and strategically, in partnership with the Children and Young People's Autism Strategy Group, on the development of appropriate provision and resources. It aims to improve educational provision for autistic children and young people aged 0 – 25 years. It provides training to enable all educational settings and parents/carers to include and meet the needs of autistic children and young people and help them to achieve their educational outcomes.
- **Enfield Trauma Informed Practice in Schools and Settings (E-TIPSS)** has been funded from the Designated School Grant since 2021. The Educational Psychology Service leads and co-ordinates the partnership in the development of trauma informed practice across Enfield's educational settings and services.

Many children and young people have experienced adversity in their childhoods. This can impact on their cognitive development, engagement with learning and their resilience and ability to manage the 'difficulties' of life. Supporting professionals to be trauma informed enables more 'effective response' from their caregivers<sup>2</sup> in the moment and the 'right help' in the future.

- **Provision of an Inclusion and Safeguarding Advisor** within the School and Early Years Improvement Service was created and recruited to in February 2022. The primary task of this post is working with the partnership and schools to support and strengthen inclusive practice and take a lead on safeguarding practice in schools and strengthen links with Children's Services.
- **Development of Additional Resource Provisions & Units** - 235 children with EHCP in Enfield were provided with the opportunity to access smaller groups in a mainstream school that offers holistic support to educational learning, social and emotional wellbeing. The ethos of the model is to enable other children to accept difference and improve community cohesion.
- **Provision of additional support to the PRU's Taskforce** project with the Council Youth Justice Service providing 1 FTE Family Coach that outreaches to the school and offers additional support to parents of young people at risk of offending. As part of this programme funding, the PRU has commissioned professionals from local services, for example an Educational Psychologist is working a day a week with the team supporting families and young people using the borough's trauma informed practice model.
- **Provision of SWERRL / Preschool Behaviour Support Service** takes requests for involvement from all mainstream schools in Enfield. These can relate to individual pupil, small groups, whole class work as well as support for school strategic development promoting attachment and trauma informed approach.

The service provides training and consultations, in relation to pupils with social, emotional mental health difficulties. Key priority is to prevent exclusions. There have been no permanent exclusions in Enfield primary schools for 3 years. Parenting support has continued to be offered through Primary Behaviour Support Service, delivering Incredible Years Parenting Course.

- **Provision of Nurture Groups** – there are 20 commissioned part time key stage 1 Nurture Groups for children identified as having attachment difficulties. The groups form part of the school trauma informed practice offer. Children attend a maximum of 4 terms. Curriculum coverage and attachment needs are balanced. Early impact evidence is showing improvements across children's social and emotional development and educational achievement.
- **Educational Psychology Service** offers a number of programmes across schools that provide a preventative approach in relation to emotional wellbeing, e.g., Emotional Literacy Support Assistants, Emotional Based School Non-Attendance workshops for schools' staff, professionals, and parents/carers. Education Psychology works in most Enfield schools and in multi-disciplinary teams across the borough (including youth justice), providing psychological consultation, assessment, and intervention. Approximately 30% of the children that the service works with each year have a primary need around social, emotional, and mental health.

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<sup>2</sup> Caregivers includes school staff, professionals, and parents/carers.



- **NEXUS programme** – has been funded by the Council since 2019 with the aim to reduce school exclusions as a risk factor to offending and serious youth violence. The programme of a diverse range of interventions such as mentoring, sports activities such as boxing club, family-based solutions, crime stoppers project, after schools' diversionary activities and issue-based assemblies. It is offered to all 23 secondary schools, including the PRU. During the three years preceding the launch of the NEXUS, there was an average of 57 permanent exclusions per academic year. This has fallen to 21, 15 and 9 exclusions per year retrospectively during the three years of the project has been operational.
- **Team around the school pilot approach in Bishop Stopford school**, mobilising additional support for pupils that may have additional needs, led by the secondary behaviour support team. The project has agreed a programme of additional support with the Headteacher that includes provision of enriching after schools' activities in response to the school survey, outreach youth work during school lunch times, including support for young people's safe dispersal at the end of the school.
- Provision of **Holiday and Food programme** activities during school holidays for children and young people eligible for free school meals. During 2021/22, 4,334 children benefited from the programme.

### 13. Youth Justice Services (YJS)

The YJS provides a statutory service delivering youth justice services to young people in Enfield. The YJS is established under Section 37 of the Crime and Disorder Act in 1998 with the principal aim of preventing offending and re-offending by children and young people. The service is accountable for its work to the Youth Justice Board (YJB) within the Ministry of Justice. It is subject to Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation. The following is a short, non-exhaustive, synopsis of how the YJS work with children to prevent further offending, whilst keeping victims and offending children safe:

- **Every child has a dedicated case manager** who completes a thorough assessment of each child. This assessment is underpinned by a wide range of sources incorporating the voice of the child and their family. This forms the basis of a co-produced plan of support that addresses their behaviours, keeps them safe, improves their well-being and life opportunities.
- **Trauma informed and individually tailored sessions** delivered on a one-to-one basis with the child.
- **Evidence based programmes** to help a child understand their behaviours in a group setting. These are delivered on a one to one or group work basis and include for example - identity work, crime and consequences, knife possession awareness, No Knives, Better Lives, substance misuse and exploitation awareness and keeping safe.
- **Youth Guardian** – this is a unique role, working with children who are at risk of or involved in gangs and serious youth violence, providing a contextualised safeguarding support to children and parents, including harm reduction mentoring, support, and guidance.
- **Youth Integrated Offender Management (YIOM)** – this project provides an enhanced additional support and surveillance of children at high risk of re-offending. Young people are provided with additional interventions and a

bespoke support, based on 7 pathways out of re-offending (education, training, employment, health, drugs and alcohol, finance, family life, attitudes, thinking and behaviour).

- **Health in youth justice support** – this includes access to nurse in recognition that children in youth justice often experience health inequalities, speech and language therapist, clinical psychologist and Liaison and Diversion clinician in custody and court, providing mental health screening and support.
- **ETE support** – the service has a strong focus on supporting young people to be in education, employment, and training. Every young person that is not in employment, education or training will have ETE plan of support. Investment in Welfare Call enables the service to track school and college attendance to maximise young people's engagement with learning. Access to Education Psychologist is also available to address any barriers to learning. The service has a dedicated ETE worker. It is supported by the Virtual School through a monthly multi-agency ETE panel that ensures that all young people at risk of not being in education, employment, or training are supported and barriers to ETE are removed.
- **The Strengthening Families Team** – provides dedicated family coaches, supporting offending young people's parents and their siblings to strengthen family resilience, helping parents to overcome adverse issues (such as worklessness, housing and welfare issues) whilst focusing on enhancing their parenting capacity to keep their children safe and well, reducing risks to re-offending and adverse impact on younger siblings.
- **Enhanced resettlement support to all children in custody** – the service has a specialist resettlement worker that supports every child in custody and plans for their reintegration back into the community as soon as they enter the secure estate.
- **Access to positive activities** – such as Summer University, mentoring, Inspiring Young Enfield, Holiday and Food activities and local youth clubs through collaborative work with Youth Services.
- **Victim support** - all victims are contacted so their views are listened to. They are invited to take part in restorative justice work. The service has a dedicated victims and restorative justice worker.
- **Reparation work** – the service provides a range of reparation activities within local communities that young people engage with as part of their order, such as litter picking, gardening, volunteering in the church, decorating community venues, and supporting food bank. This is a practical way for young people to pay back for the harm they caused by the offence, either by directly repairing the harm or through constructive work to help the community.
- **Turnaround project** – this is a new initiative due to be launched in December 2022, funded by the Youth Justice Board. The project will provide an early support to young people at risk of offending, specifically those who are subject to release under investigation, received a first-time caution, community resolution or have been NFA by the Police

#### 14. Children social care

Children known to social care have adverse childhood experiences, are more vulnerable to exploitation and involvement in risk taking behaviour that can lead to offending. The following areas of work were innovated during 2021 to strengthen our support for vulnerable children and young people to reduce risks of harm:

- **A new Adolescent Safeguarding Service** was launched to strengthen safeguarding and multi-agency response to reduce risks of young people who may be exploited, and or at risk of homelessness, coming to care and missing from home. The service worked with 281 people during 2021/22. Out of these, 245 young people were supported to remain at home, 16 young people came into Local Authority care and 20 young people were assisted to access supported accommodation. 50% of the young people were identified as at risk of exploitation.
- **A new contextual safeguarding hub** was launched, providing additional support to social workers through consultation and intelligence to enable them to robustly safeguard young people from extra familial abuse. The hub undertakes mapping of contextual intelligence and deploys contextual safeguarding youth workers in identified hot spot areas, working with young people after school, evening, and weekends with focus on disrupting hot spots and improving safety of young people outside of their family home. The Hub also oversees return home interviews for missing children from home or care. During 2021/22, there were 383 missing episodes relating to 131 children and young people, of which 44 were looked after children. All missing children are offered an independent debriefing on their return. The information is then shared with police and relevant social workers to inform children's risk assessment and safety plans.
- **Extension of support with school attendance** for children on a 'child in need' and 'child protection' plans. The Welfare Call system has been implemented that tracks every child's school attendance. A dedicated Virtual School's advisory teacher supports social workers with tracking school attendance and providing appropriate interventions where children's school engagement has reduced.
- **Multi-Agency Child Exploitation partnership work** was reviewed, and the SAFE panel was launched. The SAFE panel provides a multi-agency oversight of children and young people at risk of significant harm through exploitation, harmful behaviours, missing from home and care, trafficking, modern slavery, gangs' association, and serious youth violence. During 2021/22, a total of 64 new referrals were overseen by the SAFE panel, out of which 53 primary concerns were criminal exploitation. Out of these 41 referrals resulted in being referred through the National Referral Mechanism (NRM). The NRM is a framework for identifying and referring potential victims of modern slavery and ensuring they receive the appropriate support. In October 2022, the LBE submitted a bid to the Home Office's pilot for the devolution of the NRM decision making to enable us to respond in a more expedient and effective way when supporting adolescent victims.
- **Implementation of joint working protocol with Youth Justice Service** to improve information sharing and coordination of care planning and support for young people known to both social care and youth justice.

## 15. Community Safety work

Community Safety continues to galvanise partnership work to prevent youth crime and serious youth violence with focus on maximising the use of external grants and pooling partners' resources and expertise to tackle hot spots and underlying causes of the youth

crime. Examples of the work include:

- Commissioning one to one mentoring services for young people most at risk from crime, including mentoring outreach provision in the A&E, which is recognised by the Youth Endowment as a highly impactful evidence-based intervention to reduce violent crime.
- Supporting the Council's commissioned provision and development of substance misuse treatment services for young people.
- Conducting crime analysis to inform the continued placement of targeted youth services and additionally new in 2022 a youth bus.
- Addressing risks from robbery by young people against their peers, through additional presence of outreach youth support during school closing times in defined area.
- Collaborating with the police to deliver problem solving solutions in local areas, under a new initiative called "Operation Nightingale"
- Supporting capacity building of within delivery of youth services by providing additional funding to train local young people in youth work.
- Providing additional sporting programmes such as Boxing, Basketball and Tennis. This is in line with the Youth Endowment Foundation, recognising sports programmes as highly impactful on prevention of violent crime.
- Supporting Youth Justice Service in their re-offending programme of work, funding additional interventions for young people assessed at substantial risk of re-offending.
- Collaborating with partners and neighbouring borough agencies to understand crime across the borough boundary with Haringey and coordinate efforts to reduce violent crime.
- Working with regional projects such as Rescue and Response to tackle County Lines and protect young people who become involved in drug dealing crime networks.

## **16. The Public Health Approach**

The Public Health Approach to serious youth violence (as defined above) in Enfield has strategically informed collaboration of the whole system, recognising that services and work of many areas across the Council and partners contributes to reducing risk factors for serious youth violence. This approach has promoted the relevance of the Public Health approach to serious youth violence within housing, education (schools and early years), Public Health commissioned services (including Health Visiting and School Nursing, Sexual Health and Substance Misuse), Early Help services, Community Safety as well as wider health services.

Examples of some of the new work that have been informed by using a Public Health approach to serious youth violence include:

- The development of the proposed Family, Youth and Community Hubs; as part of the Early Help Strategy.
- Investment in the provision of additional therapeutical support for vulnerable adolescents at risk of exploitation and serious youth violence. For example, the Vanguard project (providing a place based therapeutical and youth support to young people at risk of exploitation and serious youth violence) and The First

Choice (providing CBT and clinical support for social workers working with vulnerable adolescents).

- Additional investment (provided by government) in substance misuse services and development of the new Enfield Combating Drug and Alcohol Partnership. This will include further development of preventative work, early intervention and increase in treatment services.

We will continue to work with partners to embed our Public Health approach.

## Conclusions

17. Addressing violent youth crime is not a single agency issue, as it is the culmination of many different issues. Enfield Council has made a strong commitment to a Public Health approach in recognition that only by pursuing a strategic, coordinated approach involving a whole system that violent youth crime can be effectively tackled. The Council continues to bring together partners through their strategic and operational role, spanning enforcement, early intervention, prevention, and statutory services in relation to prevention of violent crime.
18. There is a continued focus on the design and implementation of effective and promising interventions to reduce risk factors of serious youth violence whilst also strengthening protective factors that reduce the likelihood of violence.
19. In summary, this report highlights that Council, and its partners continue to make good and well thought out progress to prevent serious youth violence. The partnership effort is reflected in the reduction of victims of serious youth violence. The Council and partners recognise whilst this is positive progress, there is more work to be done to sustain the positive reduction of serious youth violence victims' trajectory.

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