

NEWHAM COMMUNITY SAFETY

PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2022-2025



WE ARE NEWHAM.

ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 as amended by section 97 and 98 of the Police Reform Act 2002, places a requirement on Community Safety Partnerships (the Newham Community Safety Partnership) to develop a Crime and Disorder Strategy/Community Safety Partnership Plan which sets out how crime and Anti-Social Behaviour will be tackled.

Newham Council and the Newham Community Safety Partnership have a statutory obligation to analyse crime and disorder problems in the borough and agree priorities for a given financial year/s where the Partnership will focus most of its resources and activity. The Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Board oversees activities to reduce the incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour in Newham. The Community Safety Partnership brings together partners across the Council, Police, Probation, Health and Fire services.

The CSP's aim is to:

- Coordinate the partnership to collectively reduce crime, disorder, substance misuse, anti-social behaviour and re-offending
- Produce a strategy every three years that sets out how the partnership intends to reduce crime, disorder, substance misuse, anti-social behaviour and re-offending
- Make possible partnership working within Newham to improve the delivery of services and the quality of life for residents

- Oversee how the different agencies in Newham come together and make joint decisions on crime and disorder reduction
- Manage crime-related grant funding and make sure that proper accountability for performance and expenditure is in place

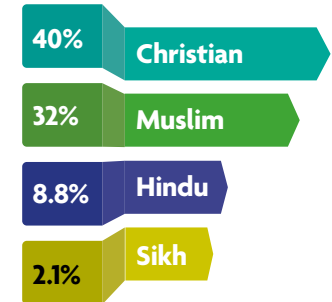
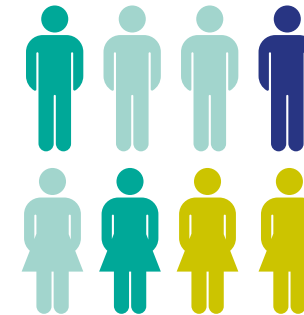
An additional responsibility is also placed on Community Safety Partnerships to produce a Strategic Assessment to ensure emerging crime and community safety trends are captured and priorities are refreshed where necessary.

The Community Safety Partnership Plan, which is also informed by the views of local residents and businesses, outlines the main priorities for the Newham Community Safety Partnership for 2022-2025, which have been identified through the Strategic Assessment and how we intend to deliver on these to increase the safety of residents in Newham.

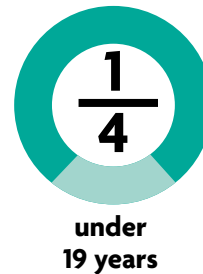
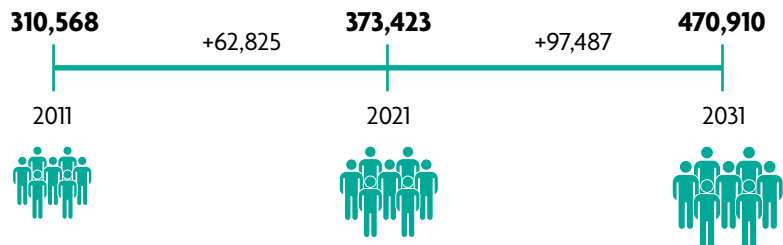
1. Context – Newham - The Borough in Profile

Newham has seen its population grow significantly, with almost a 50% increase from the 2001 census population of 243,737 to a projected population in 2031 of 470,910. The current population is estimated at 359,470 and within this is a churn factor of 20%. Newham’s ethnically diverse population is to be celebrated, with 72% of residents from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic groups and 27% non-UK nationals. Newham’s diversity is also reflected in its religious preferences and languages spoken; only 58.6% of the population have English as their main language, which represents the lowest percentage in the UK. The borough boasts over 100 languages of which 7.4% speak Bengali, 4.4% Urdu and 3.3% Gujarati.

Bangladeshi	12.5%
Black African	11.1%
Black Caribbean	4.1%
Indian	14.9%
Other Asian	6.6%
Other White	13.5%
Pakistani	9.9%
White - British	13.3%



Population growth



For decades, Newham was ranked as either the most or second most deprived borough in the country. Whilst that has begun to change, residents still face significant challenges, not least the growing problem of in-work poverty and high housing costs. Although reduction of worklessness has been one of the biggest drivers of Newham’s improvement (73% of Newham’s 16-64 year olds are now economically active, although this is still lower than the London average of 78%), it has the highest barriers to housing and services. The 2019 Index of Multiple Deprivation ranked Newham as the 12th most deprived borough out of 317 authorities, with 4 areas in the 10% most deprived areas nationally. This represents a marked improvement from 2010 when it was the 2nd most deprived borough with 50 areas in the 105 most deprived nationally, and also from 2015 when it was 10th most deprived, with 13 areas in the 10% most deprived areas.

14 in 100 live with long-term health problem or disability

Female 47%

Male 53%

12th most deprived local authority

47.5% Born outside of the UK

33.8% of jobs in Newham paid less than the LLW

Over 200 Languages and dialects spoken

50.3% of children living in poverty

Most ethnically diverse local authority

2. Disproportionality and Safety in Newham

While the vast majority of people in Newham will not experience crime, serious violence or exploitation and are able to go about their daily lives in a safe and positive manner, a key part of our Partnership work is to understand the risks associated with those that do. Experiences of crime, disorder, safety and services is not the same for everyone. Who we are has an impact, for example, being of a Black, Asian and minority ethnic background, being a woman, being LGBTQ+, being disabled, having a different gender to the one assigned at birth, being older or younger all have an effect on how we experience crime and safety and access services.

Newham has undertaken a range of scoping exercises including Newham's Brighter Futures Strategic Needs Assessment completed in May 2021 (undertaken by Crest Advisory) to better understand disproportionality that can affect our residents and places a recognition of this at the forefront of service delivery. In Newham we believe that a whole systems approach is key to reducing disproportionality and ensuring all services and partners understand the experiences of vulnerable groups and those with protected characteristics. Newham Council has also introduced the TRID programme which aims to Tackle Racism, Inequality & Disproportionality focusing on four pillars each with its own pledges to the people who live and work in Newham.

This Plan has been developed with this approach in mind and will work alongside Newham's Social Inclusion Strategy to promote cohesion, tackle inequality and address disproportionality to enable our borough to be a safe place for all.



3. Summary of Newham's Strategic Assessment Crime Summary 2022

How do we compare across London?			
Crime Type	Ranking		
	2019	2020	2021
Total Crime	4	3	2
Violence Against the Person	4	2	3
Theft	9	5	3
Domestic Abuse	3	2	3
Hate Crime	11	10	6
Weapon Crime	5	1	4
Anti-Social Behaviour	9	6	4
Burglary	19	17	16
Robbery	6	2	5
Youth Crime - Knife Crime with injury ages 1-24	7	5	6

Offences in Newham have **increased by 2.3%** from last year. Compared to 2019 they have seen a **6.2% decrease**.

Newham was ranked 2nd highest in London for offences. Above the MPS average.

The largest offence types are **violence** and **theft**, making up **54.9%** of all crime in the last 12 months.

Violence against the Person has **increased by 8.3%** from last year and is the most prevalent overall crime type in the borough.

Theft has **increased by 9.5%** from last year and is the second highest crime type in the borough.

The Metropolitan Police have high-harm crimes set as London priorities. Of these 5 offences 3 have increased from last year and 1 has decreased.

- Sexual Violence has increased by **34.2%**
- Domestic Abuse has increased by **2.5%**
- Child Sexual Exploitation Offences cannot be stated at this time.
- Weapon Based Crime (Knives/Guns) has decreased by **20.4%**
- Hate Crime has increased by **17.7%**

Newham has 3 local priorities as agreed with MOPAC. 2 of these have decreased from last year.

- Police reported Anti-Social Behaviour has decreased by **25.7%**
- Burglary has decreased by **9.9%** from last year.
- Non Domestic Violence with Injury, which increased by **10.0%** from last year.

Covid-19 will have had an impact on comparisons especially looking at 2020's data which saw a decrease of over 2,000 offences compared to 2019. While 2021 didn't see the amount of restrictions as 2020 the borough still hasn't restored to a level of normality compared to pre pandemic.

4. Key Newham Crime Data Facts – Changes across 2019-2021 for Key Crime / Police Activity Types

- 5 of the 11 major offence types have seen decreases over the last 12 months.
- The largest percentage decreases were in Robbery (29.3% decrease), Drug Offences (26.2% decrease) and Possession of Weapons (22.9% decrease). By volume Drug Offences had seen the greatest decrease (788 offence decrease), followed by Robbery (480 offence decrease) and then Burglary with a 186 offence decrease.
- The largest percentage increases over the last year were in Sexual Offences (34.2% increase), Public Order Offences (17.6% increase) and Theft (9.5% increase). By volume Violence against the Person had seen the greatest increases (763 offence increase), followed by Theft (754 offence increase) and Public Order Offences (351 offence increase).

Offences in Newham by Crime Type								
Crime Type	2019			2020			2021	
	No Offences	% Change to 2021	London Rank	No Offences	% Change to 2021	London Rank	No Offences	London Rank
Violence Against the Person	9,240	8.1%	4	9,228	8.3%	2	9,991	3
Theft	9,423	-7.6%	9	7,954	9.5%	5	8,708	5
Vehicle Offences	4,518	-12.4%	11	3,985	-0.7%	9	3,958	6
Drug Offences	3,084	-28.0%	2	3,007	-26.2%	3	2,219	5
Public Order Offences	1,973	19.1%	8	1,999	17.6%	11	2,350	6
Arson and Criminal Damage	2,199	-2.6%	6	1,982	8.0%	9	2,141	5
Burglary	2,262	-25%	19	1,883	-9.9%	17	1,697	16
Robbery	1,909	-39.2%	6	1,641	29.3%	2	1,161	5
Sexual Offences	909	-19.7%	4	811	34.2%	4	1,088	4
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	460	9.8%	3	469	7.7%	4	505	3
Possession of Weapons	359	-26.7%	5	341	-22.9%	4	263	6
Total	36,336	-6.2%	4	33,300	2.3%	3	34,081	2

5. What did our residents tell us?

Improve police presence and start tidying up the area. If there is graffiti and rubbish everywhere then people act accordingly

Concentrate more on antisocial behaviour-visible presence and fine people, don't just tell them not to do it.

More policing, build better public spaces that are well lit at night, address multiple housing occupation issues to improve the type of residents in the area

More police presence, more cameras around and in operation, if possible watched in areas having crime spikes or of high levels of crime/ASB. Punish those causing the problems in making them pay back the community whether financially or through community work/volunteering, it may even teach them how/why what they're doing is wrong and damaging to others

Install more CCTV in the streets

Keep the streets clean, repaint the lines on roads, remove clutter on the streets - all of it makes the place rundown and people in rundown areas treat it as such.

Public awareness - it's OK to challenge

Not ignoring resident concerns, tackling anti-social behaviour, working with young people, police patrolling at night. More CCTV in places where drug dealing is occurring.

More police, especially at night. More lighting in dark areas. Less drugs on the street.

Focus on young people when they are still at school for prevention.

Higher police presence. More actively monitored (non-motor related) CCTV including in residential areas with high crime/antisocial behaviour. Signs to make potential offenders aware they are being filmed. Increased lighting.

More police patrols on foot and in cars. Taking action on anti-social behaviour, fly tipping and begging

Street wardens in pairs patrolling or better still frequent patrols by uniformed police

Clean up the rubbish, do something about the openness of drugs

6. Newham’s Approach

<p>Principles The following principles will guide our strategic approach and run through this Plan:</p>	<p>Cross cutting issues We are committed to a joined up approach that addresses the underlying issues that affect levels of crime and reoffending, and will reflect these cross-cutting issues in all our work. This includes:</p>
<p>A Whole Systems approach: Focus on early intervention and prevention and the wider determinants of crime and community safety, including social inequalities, health, employment, housing and environment.</p> <p>Resident engagement: Work with the local community to understand local priorities and develop an approach that is responsive and effective in increasing feelings of safety.</p> <p>Collaboration: Share data and intelligence and work across agencies to facilitate an efficient and effective approach and better targeted interventions.</p> <p>Supporting victims and survivors: Ensure a focus on victims and strengthen local systems to support victims, reduce repeat victimisation and recognise that perpetrators can often be victims too.</p> <p>Contextual Safeguarding: Taking a whole-family approach which is child-centred, accounting for every environment that adolescents encounter beyond their family; adopting a trauma-informed approach and understanding the impact that adverse childhood experiences have on involvement in crime & ASB.</p>	<p>Substance misuse: A significant proportion of crime is linked to substance misuse, from acquisitive crime to serious violent offending and gang crime is linked to drug markets. Partners will seek to tackle this by working to reduce substance misuse through health interventions and treatment; supporting repeat offenders out of addiction through targeted interventions and disrupting drug markets through enforcement activity with a key focus on exploitation and county lines.</p> <p>Mental Health: A significant proportion of those in contact with the criminal justice system suffer from mental health problems, with people particularly at risk during and after contact with criminal justice system. By identifying and addressing mental ill health at the earliest opportunity we can aim for the best outcomes for those people experiencing mental health issues and provide holistic support for people with complex and challenging needs.</p> <p>Housing and homelessness: Homelessness and rough sleeping has a significant impact on the health of the individuals involved, while homelessness can also be linked to vulnerability and victimisation, as well as anti-social behaviour and substance misuse. The CSP will also consider homelessness as a cross-cutting issue as part of a holistic approach to improving community safety.</p> <p>Social integration: A thriving, cohesive and well integrated community can help to reduce the risk of hate crime and the risk of extremism taking root. Newham is the most diverse borough in the country. The CSP will have regard to Newham’s Social Integration Strategy and the need to consider social integration and community engagement cutting across the priorities in this plan.</p> <p>Deprivation and Cost of Living: Many Newham residents still face significant challenges of deprivation which are now exacerbated by the recent cost of living crisis fuelling food and fuel poverty. This could impact on progress made around prevention of crime and supporting groups at risk of offending and reoffending. Newham CSP will continue to utilise available funding and resources to target vulnerable groups and work with residents on co-design of problem solving initiatives.</p> <p>Disproportionality: Newham’s Brighter Futures Strategic Needs Assessment identified a number of groups as overrepresented within statutory frameworks including the criminal justice system, children known to services and children suffering from education disadvantage including SEND. Newham CSP is committed to utilising this learning and work collectively to deliver effective interventions to ensure positive transitions of these young people into adulthood.</p>

7. Newham Community Safety Partnership Priorities 2022-25

The Community Safety Partnership priorities for 2022-2025, set out below, have been developed with reference to the findings of the CSP’s Strategic Assessment for 2021-22, as well as the priorities set by the Mayor’s Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) through the Mayor’s Police and Crime Plan 2022-25:

Priority	Focus
1. Safety in Public Spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase Women’s Safety • Tackle Hate Crime • Reduce Anti-Social Behaviour
2. Violence and Victimisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce Domestic Abuse and VAWG <p>Tackle Serious Violence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackle Modern Slavery and Exploitation
3. Neighbourhood Crime	<p>Reduce crime and ASB in identified hotspots:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stratford • East Ham • Upton Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce reoffending and tackle the drivers of crime

The MPS have mandatory high harm crimes as priorities. These are:

- Sexual Violence
- Domestic Abuse
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Weapon-based Crime
- Hate Crime

Newham’s MOPAC priorities are:

- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Burglary
- Non Domestic Violence With Injury

Public Trust and Confidence

By tackling the above priorities we will deliver our overarching aim of increasing public trust and confidence in Newham’s Community Safety Partnership and our ability to respond to crime and ASB and also prevent it from occurring in the first place through early identification and intervention.

¹Priorities for the Mayor’s Police and Crime Plan 2022-25 are Reducing and preventing violence, Increasing trust and confidence, Better supporting victims and Protecting people from exploitation and harm

8. Newham Council Policy and Corporate priorities

This Community Safety Partnership Plan will contribute to the delivery of Building a Fairer Newham and the Corporate Delivery Plan, specifically those commitments under objective 4 - A Safer Newham where no one feels at risk of harm. This Partnership Plan will support the;

- Launch a Hate Crime Strategy and Action Plan to map the scale of hate crime in Newham and increase awareness and reporting through building a community coalition against hate. This will include a hate crime reporting line in partnership with Stop Hate UK and our local police where residents will be supported and action can be taken against perpetrators.
- Implementation of high quality support in collaboration with our police and Victim Support, including training for Council's front line staff on how to support victims of hate crime.
- Continuation of our public health approach to youth safety in collaboration with the young people in the borough, the Council's Youth Safety Board, MOPAC, schools, health partners, the voluntary sector and the wider community. This will include a borough-wide anti-knife crime campaign and ongoing work to reduce the exploitation of our children and young people from county lines.
- Launch of a zero tolerance campaign against misogyny and street harassment experienced by women and girls in Newham to address problematic behaviours. This will include an app to support the reporting of street harassment that occurs in public spaces.
- Improvement in safety for women in the borough through encouraging more local businesses to sign up to the Women's Safety Night Charter so that women and girls in Newham are confident that their concerns or experiences of harassment in the places they visit will result in a supportive and positive response, including from the police.
- Development of an Open Spaces Action Plan, in collaboration with women, young people and communities facing hate crimes, so that our public spaces and high streets are safe places for all. This will include a Women's Safety Audit across all the borough's neighbourhoods, as well as investments in 'smarter' infrastructure in our parks, open spaces and streets such as smart lighting, clear sightlines, improved pedestrian pathways and the use of data and technology.
- Introduction of a range of preventative measures as part of a new Domestic Abuse Strategy to stop domestic abuse and violence against women and girls happening in the first place. Services will also be commissioned to ensure that they are culturally responsive to the diversity of women and girls that need our vital support and protection.
- Introduction of a Perpetrators of Domestic Abuse programme to help people who have been abusive towards their partners or ex-partners to change their behaviour and develop respectful, non-abusive relationships.
- Reduction in the stigmatisation and exploitation of street and off-street sex workers through a new strategy which sensitively acknowledges the complexity of prostitution and the diversity of people involved who are at risk of harm. As well as catching and convicting perpetrators, including those who traffic vulnerable people, the strategy will support those involved in prostitution to report crimes to the police, provide access to specialist Sexual Assault Referral practitioners and help individuals.

9. London Police and Crime Plan

In March 2022 the Mayor of London published the final Police and Crime Plan for 2022-25. The four key priorities of the Plan are:

- Reducing and preventing violence – preventing and reducing violence affecting young people; making London a city in which women and girls are safer and feel safer; tackling the harm caused by drugs; reducing reoffending by the most violent and high-risk groups; preventing hate crime; and working together to prevent terrorism and violent extremism.
- Increasing trust and confidence – increasing public trust in the MPS and reducing gaps in confidence between different groups; ensuring that the MPS engages with Londoners and treats them fairly; and ensuring that the MPS, borough councils and all community safety partners respond to neighbourhood crimes such as burglary and anti-social behaviour.
- Better supporting victims – improving the service and support that victims receive from the MPS and the criminal justice service; working to ensure victims receive a better criminal justice response and outcome; and reducing the number of repeat victims of domestic abuse and sexual violence.
- Protecting people from being exploited or harmed – reducing the number of young people and adults who are criminally exploited or harmed; keeping young people in the justice system supported and safe; and keeping people safe online.



10. Newham Community Safety Strategic Action Plan - Priorities for 2022-5

Priority 1 - Safety in Public Spaces

Why this priority?

- Following tragic murders of women in public spaces, including most recently of Sarah Everard and Sabina Nessa in 2021, Newham Council alongside the Metropolitan Police and Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime have recognised the need to put women's safety on the forefront of the Community Safety agenda. Newham Council and its partners have been reviewing what can be done to ensure that women's safety is promoted across our public spaces. We want to do everything we can to reassure our residents in Newham that they can travel, work and go out without fear.
- Hate Crime in Newham is at its highest for 3 years. Newham was 6th in London and above the MPS Average for the last 12 months. This is an increase on 10th in 2020 and 11th in 2019. There was a 17.7% increase in offences from 2020 and a 35.4% increase from 2019. Newham is no place for hate and it will not be tolerated. We welcome everyone inclusive of their race, faith, disability, sexuality and gender identify. We recognise the devastating impact that hate crime can have on its victims and we want to ensure Newham is a cohesive and inclusive borough for all.
- Anti-Social Behaviour remains a challenge in Newham. Incidents have decreased since 2020 but are still higher than 2019. ASB can arise in a variety of forms from neighbour disputes and noise nuisance to street drinking and on street sex working. Residents have highlighted the ongoing concern around these issues and the negative impact it has on their daily lives. We will work more effectively as a partnership to tackle ASB, taking a coordinated and intelligence led approach to deliver targeted and location based interventions.



How we will deliver Safety in Public Spaces

Focus	How	Outcomes
<p>Increase Women's Safety</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An 'Open Spaces Action Plan' to improve feelings of safety in identified problem hotspots, tackle perpetrators and challenge behaviours. • Embed the Women's Night Safety Charter across the Newham businesses and train them to be able to support and protect women visiting their premises as well as their female staff through Ask Angela and Welfare and Vulnerability Engagement (WAVE) Training. • Enable women to report concerns and receive a positive response to reporting, utilising StreetSafe and Walk and Talk initiatives. • Engage with Women in the borough around their safety concern through women's focus groups, surveys and 'community conversations' to establish locations of concern and enable effective targeting of resources. • Promote a campaign to tackle misogyny and street harassment and encourage upstanding to call out and challenge problem behaviours and attitudes to embed the message that these attitudes are not acceptable in our borough. • We will undertake night audits of our key hotspot areas for safety concerns and identify physical improvements to improve feelings of safety. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased feelings of safety in identified locations of concern following environmental improvements. • Enhanced safeguarding mechanisms for women in Newham's night-time economy through increased sign up and participation of businesses in Women's Safety initiatives. • Increased confidence of women to report concerns to Police and partner agencies on locations of concern to build a better intelligence picture of risk. • Increased number of offenders brought to justice through targeted police operations and supporting women through reporting process. • Clear message across the borough that street harassment and misogyny is not acceptable with increased engagement with educational establishments.
<p>Tackle Hate Crime</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A partnership 'Hate Crime Strategy' and action plan where we will work to improve our understanding of hate crime in Newham, increase reporting of hate incidents and build community resilience against hateful attitudes. • Respond to hate crime in our communities effectively and robustly and lessen the impact of hate crime through high-quality victim support. • Launch a hate crime third party reporting line in partnership with Stop Hate UK where residents can report hate incidents and receive support and advice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased reporting of hate incidents by victims • Increased understanding of nature of hate crime in the borough, how and where it is occurring and affected communities. • Improved support for victims and affected communities with better engagement of those communities with services. • Improved engagement and relationships with Newham Faith community, LGBTQ+ community and other diversity groups • Trained workforce who better identify hate incidents and know how to report it and support victims. • More offenders brought to justice through increased sanction detection rates whereby victims are supported through criminal justice process.

Focus	How	Outcomes
Tackle Hate Crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide training for front line staff on hate crime and how to support victims to report and access support to ensure our response is robust and consistent across council services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trained workforce who better identify hate incidents and know how to report it and support victims. • More offenders brought to justice through increased sanction detection rates whereby victims are supported through criminal justice process.
Reduce Anti-Social Behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target our resources effectively to deal with anti-social behaviour and noise nuisance when it is occurring and affecting residents • Make better use of our CCTV resources to identify perpetrators of crime, ASB and illegal dumping and capture evidence to bring perpetrators to justice. • Use problem solving action plans to drive effective multi agency actions to reduce incidents of ASB and bring perpetrators to justice • Use our Community Risk Management Meeting more effectively to review problem solving action plans and develop effective responses to high risk cases • Better engagement with residents on ASB concerns through Community Matters and Ward Panels to ensure effective targeting of resources on problems affecting the community. • Utilise restorative approaches and mediation to engage residents and support resolution of ASB. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased feelings of safety of residents within their homes and local communities. • Reports of ASB in hotspot locations reduced. • Reduction in repeat ASB reports through swift and effective interventions. • Increased partnership engagement with residents leading to trust and confidence in partnerships ability to respond to community concerns.

Priority 2 - Violence and Victimisation

Why this priority?

- Domestic Abuse offences in Newham have been experiencing a year on year increase for the last 3 years. Newham has been in the top 3 London boroughs for the last 3 years. In 2021 Newham was 3rd in London for offences. This was a decrease from 2nd in 2020 but the same as 2019. For sexual offences Newham was ranked 4th in London and above the MPS Average for the last 12 months. Protecting women from abuse and violence remains a top priority for the Newham Community Safety Partnership. We will work to prevent violence from happening in the first place and ensure that where it does take place we hold perpetrators to account and provide appropriate support to victims and their families taking a 'whole-picture' approach.
- Violence Against the Person was the top offence type by volume in Newham during 2021 with nearly 10,000 offences in a year, the highest volume in 3 years (increasing by 8.1% from 2019 and 8.3% from 2020). In comparison to the rest of London Newham ranked 3rd having been 2nd in 2020 and 4th in 2021. Knife crime has seen a reduction in offences and are at their lowest level for 3 years, however due to the impact of knife crime it remains too high and continues to be a priority for the Newham CSP. Our approach to tackling violence adopts the principles of a 'public health approach'. This means we will look at violence as a preventable consequence of a wide range of risk factors, such as adverse early-life experiences, or harmful social or community experiences and influences. Through our Violence Reduction Action Plan we will deliver a coordinated local response to identify the major causes of violence and seek to provide early interventions to help prevent the spread of violence

- Modern Slavery is an umbrella term encompassing slavery, servitude, forced or compulsory labour and human trafficking. Victims of modern slavery are unable to leave their situation of exploitation, controlled by threats, punishment, violence, coercion and deception. It often involves multiple victims, offenders and locations making modern slavery difficult to identify. We are committed to identify where and however it is occurring in Newham and to work together across services and partner agencies to best support victims by raising awareness and empowering staff to take action.



How we will reduce Violence and Victimization

Priority	Focus	Outcomes
<p>Reduce Domestic Abuse and Violence Against Women and Girls</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new Domestic Abuse Strategy for 2022-25 reflective of the needs of our residents taking a ‘whole picture’ approach to support victims and their families. • We will engage with victims and survivors of VAWG to listen to their voices and lived experience to identify appropriate and effective interventions tailored to their needs. • Prevent victimisation and repeat victimisation through our multi agency risk assessment conference (MARAC), monitoring repeat referrals and taking effective interventions. • Deliver a multi-agency response to the perpetrators of domestic abuse via the use of appropriate perpetrator programmes that can be delivered in the borough. • We will ensure that staff are skilled and confident in supporting survivors and perpetrators • bring together our expertise from supporting adults and children of all genders, ages, cultural backgrounds and needs • Deliver a ‘Reducing Sex Work’ strategy to tackle those perpetrators who buy sex or traffic women to sell sex and provide outreach support to facilitate women to exit sex working. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better support for survivors of Domestic Abuse and their families and a reduction in repeat victimisation • More offenders brought to justice, with support and rehabilitative mechanisms in place to prevent reoffending. • Increased reporting of incidents and improved engagement of survivors with support services. • Better skilled workforce able to identify signs of domestic abuse and provide appropriate and effective responses to support victims and survivors and their families. • Reduction in sex working in the borough with women safeguarded from harm, increased sanctions against perpetrators and a reduction in associated ASB affecting wider community. • Embedded awareness and use of the Women’s only hub as a confidential and safe space where women can access support and range of services as a ‘one stop shop’.

<p>Tackle Serious Violence</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver our Violence and Vulnerability Action Plan over the next 3 years with a focus on prevention, safeguarding and positive diversion from violence. • An Adolescent Exploitation Strategy (AES) is in place which is a multi-agency partnership initiative, committed to understanding adolescent risk factors, learning from serious incidents and case reviews, and to improving our collective oversight and grip of safeguarding and support for adolescents. • Develop an agreed joint programme of actions to remove weapons and provide reassurance including Trading Standards initiatives (e.g. knife or corrosive substance test purchases). • Develop local process where weapons can be safely disposed of, without repercussions such as knife amnesties or knife bins as well as weapons sweeps conducted by range of partners and agencies. • Newham Police Violence Suppression Unit will deliver a Violence Focus Desk which looks at both illegal and legal weapons in the borough. • A Transitions to Adulthood Hub (Y2A) for young adults on probation in Newham, delivering a holistic, trauma-informed service for 18-25 year olds on probation and 17 year olds transitioning from the YOS to adult probation in Newham. The Hub will provide wrap-around support tailored to young adults’ distinct needs and informed by an understanding of maturity. • Build upon initiatives developed over past 2 years to deliver evidence based interventions by commissioning further youth safety provision focused on prevention. • Further to analysis undertaken within the Crest Advisory Report, undertake data gathering from across services to fully analyse the violence picture, who is offending why and how to understand what the violence drivers are across all age ranges, including connections to drugs market and organised crime. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knife and acid under age test purchases prioritised, incorporating the responsible retailer agreement to remove illegal weapons, carry out a minimum of 300 Test Purchases per year. • Number of weapons on the streets reduced and see a reduction in knife related offending by 5%. • Increased community engagement to support reduction in knife crime and increase reporting of incidents. • Police response to referrals around weapons including prosecutions, intervention visits, issue warning letters and education on consequences of offences. • Earlier identification and interventions offered to children and young adults at risk, with resources tailored to their needs to promote positive lifestyle choices. • Increased monitoring and diversion of violent and repeat offenders, to successfully have an impact in the reduction of re-offending behaviour. • Better understanding and awareness of organised crime networks within Newham and of those with links to drugs and county lines for a targeted and informed response.
<p>Tackle Modern Slavery and Exploitation</p>	<p>Through our Modern Day Slavery Strategy, we will focus on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention – We will prevent Modern Day Slavery through raising awareness of modern slavery across Newham and investigating our supply chain • Protection – We will proactively protect and support victims through effective safeguarding and appropriate pathways • Prosecution – We will pursue and disrupt perpetrators of Modern Day Slavery • Partnership – We will tackle Modern Day Slavery through strong leadership and effective partnerships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upskilled workforce who have the understanding to recognise when Modern Day Slavery is taking place and to have the confidence to make a referral through the NRM. • Newham residents better understand what Modern Day Slavery is, how it may be taking place in their own community and how to report it. • Better understanding of Modern Slavery in Newham • More offenders brought to justice by prosecuting those that exploit others. • Prevent Modern Day Slavery from happening in the first place through use of intelligence, data and insight and an effective preventative approach.

Priority 3 - Neighbourhood Crime

Why this Priority?

- Three relatively small areas of Newham make up nearly 20% of all crime in the borough. The areas around Stratford & Westfield, Upton Park and East Ham are busy high streets in the borough making them an attractor for offences such as theft (theft has increased by 9.5% from last year and is the second highest crime type in the borough.) These areas have been amongst the hotspots for offences for the last 3 years, this would include during Covid when high streets were largely closed. There is more than acquisitive crime that goes on in many of these areas however, with these areas containing hotspots for offences like violence, knife crime, domestic abuse, hate crime.
- Stratford was announced as the busiest station in the country with nearly 14 million using the station during 2020/21, this is just people entering and exiting the station and does not include interchanges. If we see usage go back to pre-pandemic levels then that could be near 42 million if 2019/20 levels were achieved. This might increase with some of the developments emerging in Stratford both residential, business and leisure based, such as the expansion of West Ham's stadium capacity, which will bring new pressures to the area. This combined with the cost of living crisis could result in these areas becoming targets for offences between the large footfall, the type of shops and a public whose tensions about living costs are on edge.
- Community Safety Partnerships (CSP) are a key part of the local 'Reducing Reoffending' delivery landscape, helping to co-ordinate the work of local partners. The Police and Crime Act 2009 extends the statutory duty of CSP's to include reducing reoffending. Nationally, it is estimated that over half of all crime is currently committed by people who have previously been through the criminal justice system and who go on to re-offend (Home Office, 2006). Some offenders have troubled lives with complex needs and in many cases this contributes to their offending behaviour. Mental health, housing and accommodation, substance misuse and alcohol dependency, employment are some of the factors that can impact on offending. The Community Safety Partnership is committed to working collectively to provide offenders with the support they need to break the cycle of offending through effective partnership working and across services.

How we will tackle neighbourhood crime

Focus	How	Outcomes
<p>Reduce crime and ASB in identified hotspots of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stratford - East Ham - Upton Park 	<p>Develop location based multi-agency action plans with dedicated delivery leads to drive the delivery of agreed actions and monitor outcomes.</p> <p>Focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visible policing • Tackling perpetrators • Preventing crime • Working with the community and businesses • Resident co-design in problem solving • Addressing environmental factors facilitating crime • Using range of enforcement tools • Connecting actions of cross cutting strategies to reduce range of crime concerns in these areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved partnership coordination and delivery of actions to tackle problems in hotspot areas. • Reduction in a range of crime affecting these areas including acquisitive crime and violent crime. • Reduction in reported ASB in public spaces in hotspot areas. • Visible environmental improvements increasing feelings of safety and reducing opportunities for crime and ASB • Increased feelings of safety of residents and visitors to these areas.
<p>Reduce Reoffending and tackle the drivers of crime</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CSP will develop a multi-agency action plan to coordinate actions to address reoffending and support rehabilitation of offenders. • Undertake data gathering from across services to fully analyse the impact of mental health and substance misuse on offending and reoffending patterns. • Enable access to services including housing, training and employment, financial aid and debt recovery. • Facilitate access to drug and alcohol treatment services and work to ensure more people successfully complete their treatment and not return to the service for further treatment within a six month period. • The Partnership will take an evidence based approach to the Integrated Offender Management framework to deliver improved outcomes, as well as identifying and tackling the drivers of crime including drugs and organised crime networks. • We will continue to provide support for young people who are involved in offending and reduce First Time Entrants to the criminal justice system as well as reducing reoffending of those already open to the system, whilst tackling disproportionality. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership work will be more coordinated and effective with measurable outcomes. • Greater understanding of impact on mental health and substance misuse on offending which will direct partnership resources to be better targeted to tackle reoffending. • Root causes of offending addressed enabling offender to break cycle of offending and be rehabilitated in to their communities. • Reduce rate of reoffending for youths and adults. • Reduce rate of first time entrants to criminal justice system. • Better support for those affected by drug and alcohol dependencies.

11. How we will work in Partnership

The Newham Community Safety Partnership Board holds the responsibility to deliver the priorities that are set out within this plan. They are also responsible for delivering the strategies that flow from this plan, including the Violence and Vulnerability Action Plan, the Domestic Abuse Strategy and the Hate Crime Strategy. This requires partner organisations to work together to share knowledge, resources, intelligence and powers to effectively reduce crime and anti-social behaviour in Newham.

Newham's Community Safety Partnership is one of a number of statutory partnerships operating across the borough. These include the Health and Wellbeing Board, Local Safeguarding Children Board and Adult Safeguarding Board. Issues impacting on community safety cut across these Boards, including safeguarding and underlying social and health challenges that impact on the level of crime, such as substance misuse and poor mental health. The CSP will therefore work with these and other partnerships to ensure a joined up approach. The Community are also represented on the Community Safety Partnership through the Cabinet Lead Member for Community Safety, the Chair of the Safer Neighbourhood Board and the Chair of the MPS Independent Advisory Group.

Structure of the CSP

The Community Safety Partnership has an executive board which meets regularly to set the strategic direction and monitor progress or the partnership's priorities.

There are also a number of sub-groups which currently coordinate and deliver activity on specific areas:

- Substance Misuse and Reducing Reoffending
- Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence
- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Equality and Injustice
- Prevent Steering Group

Newham's Youth Safety Board provides the forum for review of youth violence and youth safety priorities. Crime and ASB issues also discussed at the following community forums:

- Safer Neighbourhood Board
- Independent Advisory Group
- Youth Independent Advisory Group
- Ward Panels
- Stop and Search Community Scrutiny Panel

The Community Safety Partnership Board and its sub groups will meet regularly to review delivery of this strategy and related delivery plans, monitor and scrutinise progress and ensure coordination between partners.

12. Finance and Resources

There have been a number of significant changes in the funding and resourcing for all aspects of the Criminal Justice system both locally and regionally. The Mayor of London is the Police and Crime Commissioner, and he delegates this portfolio to Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime - MOPAC. MOPAC not only holds the Met Police to account for delivering its priorities, but it also has overarching responsibilities for crime reduction in the capital and has significant powers to commission services. All partners are committed to working collaboratively and to support funding applications where appropriate to continue the support required to deliver on the areas identified as priorities.

Newham Community Safety partners are focused to deliver better services for less, wherever possible – and where services need to be changed or even stopped due to funding shortfalls we are committed to listening to residents and being evidence-based and transparent in our service planning, with intelligent commissioning process being adopted in all cases to help achieve defined outcomes for Newham residents.

The Council has invested heavily in recent years in youth services bolstering prevention and intervention resources to promote youth safety. The Building a Fairer Newham Plan also commits to investing in the Council's Community Safety provision and resources to enable an improved response to tackling ASB, enviro-crime and noise nuisance.

Further copies of the Plan can be obtained on request to the Community Safety division within the Council – Community Safety Team, London Borough of Newham, Newham Dockside, 1000 Dockside Road, London E16 2QU.

For practical advice in relation to community safety and crime prevention, please visit the website: www.crimereduction.gov.uk
Call Crime Stoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111** to give information about a crime.

Fearless is Crime stoppers youth service aimed at 11-16 year olds, which aims to increase awareness of the dangers surrounding street crime, drugs and violence. Fearless is a site where young people can access non-judgemental information and advice about crime and criminality. This site also provides a safe place to give information about crime - 100% anonymously. www.Fearless.org.

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