

# Camden Community Safety Partnership

## Monthly Performance Report – September 2009

### Background

This report has been produced to monitor the main Performance Indicators (PI's) of the Camden Community Safety Partnership. An explanation of crime types and the figures are included for context and further information<sup>1</sup>. Data sources are listed at the end of the document.

Report produced by the Partnership Information Unit<sup>2</sup>.

### Performance Summary

The following table summarises the Community Safety Partnership's main performance indicators, targets and progress to date. The table also includes three of the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) targets that relate to Camden.

There are no targets for 'total notifiable offences' - crimes measured by the Home Office.

Partnership Indicators	Baseline (2008/9 unless otherwise stated)	FYTD	Target	Change from baseline
Total Notifiable Offences	17,202	16,868	-	-2%
Most Serious Violent Crime	205	137	-4%	-33%
Serious Acquisitive Crime	3,125	3,040	-1.7%	-3%
Burglary in a Dwelling	871	932	-1.7%	7%
Robbery	491	519	-1%	6%
Theft From a Motor Vehicle	1,365	1,150	-1.4%	-16%
Theft Of a Motor Vehicle	398	439	-3.3%	10%
Reduce Crime in Camden Town (baseline = 2007/8)	1,641	1,231	-16.5%	-25%
Increase Number of Drug Users in Effective Treatment	1,557	1,595	+1%	2%

MPS Indicators	Previous FYTD	FYTD	Target	% Change
Gun Enabled Crime*	19	44	0%	132%
Knife Enabled Crime*	154	179	-5%	16%
Serious Youth Violence**	69	92	-4%	33%

Note: The baseline year is 2008/9 with the exception of 'Reduce Crime in Camden Town', for which the baseline is 2007/8; 'year to date' figures are financial year to date, i.e. since April 2009.

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## Comment and further information

### **Acquisitive Crime**

At present, a 3% reduction in the number of serious acquisitive crime offences (which includes domestic burglary, robbery, theft of motor vehicle and theft from motor vehicle offences) can be seen compared to the number of offences recorded in the same period in 2008. Serious acquisitive crime also features in the Camden's Local Area Agreement (LAA) with a target of seeing a 3% reduction in the number of offences each year from the baseline year, 2007/2008. Taking this into account, a reduction of almost 31% can be recorded when comparing the number of offences from April to August this year with the number of offences in the baseline year. The large 26% reduction in offences seen over 08/09 means seeing a year-on-year reduction across this financial year will continue to be a challenge.

### **Burglary**

The slight increase in numbers of burglaries is believed to be linked to a number of Prolific and Priority Offenders (PPOs) that are out and offending at present. Groups of individuals have been identified and are being targeted by the police. Central tasking to this crime in the key locations is being carried out and the Burglary Working Group is looking at several initiatives to tackle the increase as well as central tasking to this crime in the key locations.

### **Robbery**

The 6% increase in robbery relates to a total of twenty-eight more offences this year than there were last year. Figures from May 2009 show that there was an 11% increase in the number of offences compared to last year, so a reduction in this increase is already being seen.

The summer months usually see a rise in robbery offences and this year was no exception. However, between April and September 2008 there was a significant 43% reduction on the number of offences seen in the same time period in 2007. Therefore achieving a further reduction on this is challenging, but all is being done to see it happen. An operation to tackle the usual rise in robbery offences over the Halloween and Bonfire Night period is underway. This operation was very successful in 2008 and it is hoped that similar successes will be seen this year.

### **Theft of motor vehicles**

There has been a 10% increase in theft of motor vehicles compared to the number of offences seen in the same period last year. It is believed that the increase is due to a significant increase in thefts of scooters and mopeds by young people. However, performance figures indicate that the increase has slowed as the increase has been above 20% in the last three months. Actions that have been taken to address this increase are as follows: -

- Locks and chains have been distributed to people living and working in Camden,
- Hotspot areas have been leafleted with advice and information.
- Additional police patrols from the response team are continuing to target young people on mopeds and scooters.
- Secure railings, initially in hotspot locations, are being installed.

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- All young people involved in vehicle crime will be tracked. Home visits to all those who have been arrested for taking and driving a vehicle away and/or theft are being planned. These visits will be followed up with visits from Anti Social Behaviour Officers to inform the young peoples' parents of tenancy risks.

## **Knife enabled crime**

Although it would appear that knife enabled crimes have increased by 16%, the numbers are small and the increase represents twenty-five more offences than during the same time period last year. Also, similar to the gun enabled crime definition, the knife enabled crime definition includes offences where a knife was 'threatened but not seen'.

## **Gun enabled crime**

Again, although there has been a 132% increase in gun enabled crimes, the number of crimes remains small and the increase relates to there having been twenty-five more offences than in the same period of time last year. It should also be noted that since April 2009, this crime category has included offences where a gun was 'threatened but not seen' - where a gun was intimated and the victim convinced of its presence. The crime definition also incorporates the use of both real and fake firearms and air weapons. It should be noted that an error in the recording of gun enabled crimes across 2008/2009 has been discovered and has meant that the figures recorded last year are incorrect and are too low. Therefore, it is likely that the amount of offences this year is possibly similar to the amount seen last year rather than higher.

## **Serious Youth Violence**

The 33% increase in crimes categorised as 'serious youth violence' relates to twenty-three additional offences this year than in the same time period last year. It must also be noted that serious youth violence is defined as any offence of most serious violence, assault with injury and/or weapon enabled crime where the victim is aged between 1 and 19. This measure counts the number of victims of offences, rather than the number of offences.

## **Ongoing work around gun and knife crime and serious youth violence**

Many of the tactics employed to reduce these crime types have only been in place for a short period of time and we are yet to see the effects of them. The strategy for dealing with serious youth violence is being benchmarked against an external framework and any recommendations will be implemented. Projects that are expected to impact are: -

- A serious youth violence multi agency group has been established and is cross referencing names with Camden's Youth Offending Service (YOS), the Youth Inclusion Support Panels ([YISPs](#)) and the Borough Intelligence Unit (BIU, the Camden Police intelligence team) to get a priority list of names of known gang members and those involved in serious youth violence. Those identified will be offered a range of services to tackle this behaviour and where necessary we will enforce against them.
- A mandatory six session knife crime programme for all young people that have committed a knife enabled offence has now begun and is receiving referrals.
- Camden has recently been successful in securing funding for Gangs and Serious Youth Violence Co-ordinator and Worker posts, which will enable more intensive targeted work with young people involved in or at the margins of gang activity.

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## Data Sources

<b>Partnership Indicators</b>	<b>Data Source</b>
Total Notifiable Offences	iQuanta – Home Office Website
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Serious Acquisitive Crime	iQuanta – Home Office Website
Burglary in a Dwelling	iQuanta – Home Office Website
Robbery	iQuanta – Home Office Website
Theft From a Motor Vehicle	iQuanta – Home Office Website
Theft Of a Motor Vehicle	iQuanta – Home Office Website
Reduce Crime in Camden Town	MPS Crime Reporting Information System (CRIS)
Increase Number of Drug Users in Effective Treatment	National Drug Treatment Monitoring System
Gun Enabled Crime	MPS Performance Information Bureau (Monthly Crime Report, Gun Crime Report)
Knife Enabled Crime	MPS Performance Information Bureau (Monthly Crime Report, Knife Crime Report)
Serious Youth Violence	MPS Performance Information Bureau (MPS Weekly TP/Borough Scorecard)