



Serious Youth Crime Action Plan 2019-22

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1. Introduction

The aim of this action plan is to contribute towards the reduction of serious youth crime in Haringey. The plan briefly outlines the extent of serious youth violence in Haringey, what young people and adults living in Haringey have told us and what actions Safer Neighbourhood Board Haringey (SNB Haringey) proposes to do to reduce serious youth violence in Haringey over the next three financial years (2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22).

Tony Hartney, the chair of Safer Neighbourhood Board Haringey and Headteacher of Gladesmore Community School said: *“Youth safety is so important, we want to work with parents and young people to make Haringey a safer place for all including young people.”*

2. Extent of serious youth violence in Haringey

Youth crime is a serious issue in Haringey as evidenced by the following statistics:

- Number of young people killed in the last year: 3
- Number of young people injured: 70
- Number of victims in the year to September 2018: 347 (this is an increase of 15% over three years)
- Compared to London, Violence with injury offences increased in Haringey by 4% this year compared to 1% in London and 1 in 10 firearm discharges across London occurred in Haringey.

Due to the continued increase of violent youth crime in Haringey, The Safer Neighbourhood Board Haringey has decided to continue their focus on improving the safety of Haringey’s young people.

3. What young people and adults have told us

Safer Neighbourhood Boards Haringey held its inaugural annual Youth Safety Summit on Saturday 17 March 2018 at Chestnuts Community Centre, with over 70 young people, parents and key stakeholders attending. The aim of the Youth Safety Summit was to find out what the community thought about serious youth crime and what should be done to address it.

All participants were aware of the recent, serious violence in Haringey and the young people present knew other young people who had been affected by knife crime and violence - both as victims and perpetrators.

The Youth Safety Summit created a platform for young people, parents, carers and stakeholders to voice their opinions on youth safety within Haringey. 87% of the participants stated that they would attend another Youth Safety Summit.

participants highlighted many contributing factors that would cause a spike in serious youth violence within Haringey. These include:

- School exclusion and low educational attainment – young people being expelled from school who may have multiple issues such as a chaotic home life.
- Low self-esteem and lack of confidence leads to frustration and anger issues.
- Lack of activities for young people.
- Peer pressure forces young people to join a gang.
- Some young people see the proceeds of crime as a way out of poverty, they do not think through the consequences.
- Poor parenting which means young people are more likely to get caught up in criminal activities.
- Undiagnosed mental health problems.

Suggestions for improving youth safety included prevention and early interventions included the following **five key thematic areas**:

- Community engagement
- Support to young people
- Support to parents and families
- Work with wider community
- Partnership multi-agency working

Drawing from the findings of the inaugural Youth Safety Summit and with funding from MOPAC, the SNB funded the following projects in 2018 – 2019 to provide direct support to young people in Haringey:

- Haringey Safer Neighbourhood Board Public Meeting – to continue community engagement work.
- Real Impact Social Empowerment Projects (Rise Projects) – educating young Somali people and their families.
- Godwin Lawson - Against Gangs, Knife and Gun Crime educational programme in schools.
- Ministerio Camino de Vida – to increase Latin American involvement in community safety services.

4. Action plan

The action plan 2019-23 is structured around the **five key thematic areas** of early help and intervention.

Thematic area	Action	Resources that would be utilised	When	Lead
Community engagement	<p>Hold an annual Youth Safety Summit</p> <p>To consult with stakeholders, particularly <i>young people</i> to identify the key issues and give them a 'voice' in developing and reviewing the action plan.</p>	<p>Event budget</p> <p>School venue</p> <p>Event promotion via Twitter, Instagram posts, Facebook, Eventbrite, Local press and leaflets.</p> <p>Outreach involving schools, Young Chaplains, Youth IAG, Youth Parliament, MPSH Schools Safety Officers, Pupils Referral Unit, pupils and students, Haringey council and MPS.</p>	<p>March 2019</p> <p>March 2020</p> <p>March 2021</p> <p>March 2022</p>	<p>The Bridge Renewal Trust (Bridge) & event planning team including young people</p> <p>SNB funded projects</p>
Support to young people	<p>SNB to prioritise funding to projects that provide <u>direct</u> support to young people in schools or in community settings to improve youth resilience skills to avoid the consequences of youth crime as victim and/or perpetrator. including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth crime awareness raising Personal development After school activities Skills development / enterprise training Mentoring Anger management and conflict resolution 	<p>SNB Haringey MOPAC funding</p> <p>Leverage other external funding to complement MOPAC funding as appropriate.</p>	<p>May 2019 (Year 1)</p> <p>and</p> <p>by May of each subsequent year (Ongoing)</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Bridge</p> <p>SNB funded projects</p> <p>Bridge</p>
Support to parents and families	<p>SNB to prioritise funding to projects that provide support to parents and</p>	<p>SNB Haringey MOPAC funding</p>	<p>May 2019 (Year 1)</p>	<p>Bridge</p>

	<p>families to improve resilience including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents peer network • Mums and dads' activities • Intergenerational activities – e.g. 'grannies' and young people 		<p>and</p> <p>by May of each subsequent year (Ongoing)</p>	
Work with wider community	<p>Collate and share information and key messages about serious youth crime in order to improve community resilience and reduce fear of crime as appropriate.</p> <p>Directory of community services - signposting of where to go for help and referral routes for services.</p> <p>Community asset-led prevention and early help initiatives to improve youth safety</p>	<p>Bridge Bulletin</p> <p>Bridge online directory</p> <p>SNB Haringey MOPAC funding</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>April 2019</p> <p>May 2019 (Year 1)</p> <p>and</p> <p>by May of each subsequent year (Ongoing)</p>	<p>Bridge</p> <p>Bridge</p> <p>Bridge</p> <p>SNB funded projects</p>
Partnership working with statutory agencies, community groups and voluntary organisations	<p>Information sharing routes established/maintained with key partners.</p> <p>Collaborative youth safety work explored and established with businesses (for example through emerging</p>	<p>All partners</p> <p>Businesses and all partners</p>	<p>May 2019 and ongoing</p> <p>May 2019 and ongoing</p>	<p>Bridge</p> <p>All partners</p> <p>Bridge</p> <p>All partners</p>

	<p>Business Improvement Districts)</p> <p>Consider promotion of CitySafe Havens campaign in Haringey, which offers young people a place to go if they are feeling threatened.</p>	All partners	September 2019	Bridge All partners
Annual Review	SNB Haringey to review and refresh the action plan at least annually.	All partners	April 2020 and every 12 months	SNB Haringey