

Home Office Peer Review Ending Gangs and Youth Violence Partnership Action Plan

Youth Crime Executive Board

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| Strong local leadership | Need for a refreshed vision/narrative around gangs and serious youth violence (past – present – future). | 7.1 Consider a Merton specific vision or narrative that sets out your collective approach to tackling gangs and serious youth violence – this can be internal, for partners only rather than the general public, and will help to bring even greater consistency to your approach to tackling gangs and serious youth violence. | Narrative of work to be developed and future risks to be identified with sign off at Merton Youth Crime Executive Board and Home Office | Yvette Stanley, LBM CSF (Chair) | Oct-13 | |
| | Health partners are not yet fully engaged yet in the EGYV agenda. | Take advantage of the opportunities offered by public health and clinical commissioning group to refine their needs analysis (Joint Strategic Needs Assessment) in relation to EGYV and use this to inform the health and wellbeing strategy. This needs to include CAMHS. | Public Health to review the implications of the EGYV report and use this to inform the developing health and well being agenda. The 13/14 Joint Strategic Needs Analysis to incorporate serious youth violence issues | Julia Groom, LBM Public Health | Oct-13 | |

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| Mapping the problem | Limited evidence of what is working and why | Establish a structured and rigorous, formalised system of evaluation in order to establish which interventions and initiatives are working most effectively and why. | Commence an analysis of successful interventions to inform future service development and commissioning | Curtis Ashton, CSF Service Manager, Family and Adolescent Services (FAS) | Dec-13 | |
| | Continue the emphasis on the collective strategic and operational approach to violence against women and girls in order to better understand the issues and responses. | Establish an overall picture and collective strategic and operational approach to violence against women and girls. | MSCB/Safer Merton to commission a review of local DV services and their impact Implement Merton Children and YP Sexual Exploitation Strategy | Paul Angeli, CSF Assistant Director (SC&YI), Annalise Elliot, Head of Safer Merton Lee Hopkins CSF Service Manager Quality Assurance & safeguarding | Nov-13 | |
| | Continued development of mapping gang nominals across boroughs | Consider establishing new cross-border alliances in addition to the new Wandsworth/Croydon/Lambeth group. Establish links with schools across borders to share information around pupils, exclusions. This approach would be helpfully facilitated by a strong strategic steer | Extend Young People's Offender management panel (OMP) to look at cross borough issues arising in relation to young people involved in gangs or serious youth violence. | Mark Lawrence, Chief Inspector; Curtis Ashton, CSF Service Manager, Family and Adolescent Services (FAS), Keith Shipman, CSF Service Manager, Education Inclusion | Oct-13 | |

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| Targeted and effective interventions | To develop further the 18-25 interventions with emphasis on transition and the co-ordination and management of interventions. | Work with Jobcentre Plus to develop a local partnership to target employment and training opportunities for 18-25 EGYV cohort. This should include commissioners such as probation, work programme and VCS agencies. This could link with local apprentice schemes. | Develop a targeted approach to address the needs of 18-25 year olds who are EGYV and NEET. The transitional work is to be enhanced. | Mark Johnstone, London probation | Nov-13 | |
| | Improved targeting and awareness of the gangs and youth violence cohort through reciprocal information sharing and improved communication between all relevant agencies including the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) | Consider facilitating meetings for VCS working around the EGYV agenda – similar to existing sexual exploitation meetings – to ensure best use and understanding of resources. | Scoping exercise to be undertaken and meetings to be arranged by FAS gangs worker to review the agencies and services involved with young people | Curtis Ashton, CSF Service Manager, Family and Adolescent Services (FAS) | Nov-13 | |
| 5.4 Assessment and referral | 5.4.5 Continuation of MASH awareness briefings. | Consider mop up sessions to ensure full awareness of MASH to ensure that all are sighted on how Merton's children's services go from 'good to great' with the development of a first response MASH. | Continue partner visits to the MASH Continue briefings about the work of MASH MASH built into children's workforce induction | Mawuli Beckley Kartey, CSF Service Manager of Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) | Ongoing | |

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| | Greater clarity may be required around the links between victims of adult sexual exploitation and the work around child sexual exploitation. | Draw on existing forums and groups to improve community ownership of this agenda, ensure training around EGYV agenda is available to build the capacity of community groups and develop an EGYV specific engagement strategy that involves the community in decision making processes and structures. | Workshop/Training event/s for key agencies to take place and guidance to be issued to staff | Lee Hopkins, CSF Service Manager of Safeguarding | Nov-13 | |
| | CAMHS need to be able to understand their role within the EGYV agenda. | Draw on existing forums and groups to improve community ownership of this agenda, ensure training around EGYV agenda is available to build the capacity of community groups and develop an EGYV specific engagement strategy that involves the community in decision making processes and structures. | Workshop to be organised by gangs worker for CAMHS staff to increase understanding of links between emotional health and gang involvement | Curtis Ashton, Service Manager of Family and Adolescent Services and CAMHS | Oct-13 | |

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