



# Supporting Statements



## North Area Metropolitan Police BCU

Haringey police are committed to reducing violence in our borough and we recognise the important role that prevention plays. This is why we believe in an approach that sees the whole problem from many angles and where we join forces to help protect young people from the earliest stages of risk. That is why we will prioritise our work in schools with an emphasis on building trust with young people as well as bearing down on violence by targeting those who are committing harm on our streets.

Only a highly committed partnership working closely with the communities and families that experience violence will achieve a lasting difference and improve safety in our borough. We are therefore committed to this work and we make that commitment knowing that policing does not have all the answers. The work we do relies on the support of our communities and we are pleased that this strategy explicitly recognises the importance of strengthening our relationships with young people and all those affected by violence.

## Homes for Haringey

As the largest provider of housing services in the borough, Homes for Haringey can make a major contribution to supporting young people at risk:

- Our homelessness prevention services can mitigate the impact of poor or insecure housing, and in the most urgent cases support families to move to places that are safe
- Through managing our estates we can provide safe environments, diversionary activities and training opportunities. We can also see - often in real time - what is happening on our estates through our extensive network of CCTV, which we will upgrade and expand
- Engaging with residents and supporting positive community leadership
- Making effective use of community facilities - buildings, play spaces, sports facilities and communal areas
- Our contact with residents over tenancy matters, or to provide repairs and maintain properties, can give us early knowledge of risk factors
- We can provide employment opportunities for young people and their parents. We do this through employment support services, also directly as one of the largest employers in the borough, and through our supply chain of builders and other

employers. In particular we can stimulate a wide range of apprenticeship opportunities

- Our role as a landlord gives us the opportunity to wield very significant enforcement influence over families - if used proportionately, this can be more effective than drawing young people into the criminal justice system.

All of this is happening already, but we can increase this activity, sometimes at minimal cost, by working in close partnership with the Council and other agencies committed to the Young People at Risk Strategy.

## Haringey Education Partnership

Haringey Education Partnership's vision is for a truly outstanding education system from early years through to post-16. This means the local authority and Haringey's schools working in partnership to improve school standards and the quality of education for every child. Every child must mean every child, so while unequal outcomes exist we are committed to closing gaps for disadvantaged and BAME groups that are not achieving as well as others in school. Haringey Education Partnership also focuses on STEM and post-16 options, including careers advice, to support young people to take positive pathways once they leave education. Together, we are responsible for delivering the best possible education for all our children and young people, helping to set them on a positive path into adulthood

## Bridge Renewal Trust

As Haringey Council's Strategic Partner for the Voluntary and Community Sector, The Bridge Renewal Trust is committed to building stronger communities in Haringey. This involves working collaboratively with residents, voluntary and community sector, Haringey Council and other partners to create a safer Haringey by addressing the root causes of serious youth violence. In particular, we want to build community resilience by promoting youth and community-led initiatives that provide preventative and early help support to tackle serious youth violence.

We have worked with the Safer Neighbourhood Board Haringey to develop a three-year Serious Youth Violence Action Plan (2019-22). The action plan takes account of what young people and adults living in Haringey have told us and sets out actions to improve the resilience of young people, families and the community to make Haringey a safer place for all including young people.

Through our new Haringey Giving initiative, we aim to enable people to give time, skills and money to support good causes within the borough and make a positive difference to people's lives. Young people have been identified as a priority group within the Haringey Giving scheme. It is hoped that additional resources can be provided to support worthy initiatives to improve youth safety in Haringey.

## The College of North East London (CONEL)

The College of North East London (CONEL) has just been successful in securing funding from the Mayor's Young Londoners fund. The delivery period is 3 years and we will identify students each year aged 14-21 who we consider to be at risk of getting drawn into violence or criminal activity. One of our key focuses is ensuring our learners are supported by strong role models through a mentoring scheme and we are working with external specialist mentoring providers as well as our own highly skilled staff. Our overall aim is to help build resilient, confident and successful young people who remain on their programme and achieve their qualifications which will set them up for a positive and productive future and thereby significantly decreasing the likelihood of them being drawn into anti-social activity.

## North Middlesex Hospital

North Middlesex University Hospital NHS Trust fully supports the aims of this strategy. As the organisation which sadly often has to 'pick up the pieces' when young people are involved in violence, we are committed to working with partners in local government, police, the voluntary sector, and young people themselves, in order to address and reduce the negative outcomes of youth violence.

The biggest burden of youth-on-youth violence falls on young people themselves, so it is absolutely vital that all organisations which come into contact with our children, young people and families commit to joining forces to tackle this issue, for our children's sake and to build strong local vibrant communities where our young people are able to live up to their full potential.

## The Youth Court

The original Juvenile Court, now the Youth Court, was set up over 100 years ago, recognising that young people involved in criminal activity needed to be dealt with very differently to adults. The Youth Court today deals with young people aged 10 to 17. The magistrates

who sit in the Youth Court are specially selected and receive special training; they are trained to engage directly with the young people before them as well as with their parents or guardians who should always accompany young people in court. This engagement assists magistrates to understand particular welfare issues, which are taken into account in all decisions they make.

The overriding objective of the Youth Court is the prevention of reoffending by young people. To achieve this, young people are, whenever possible, given sentences that are supervised by Youth Offending Teams and which address the reasons for their criminality. Sentencing does not necessarily escalate if there is further offending; it is tailored to the individual and custody is the very last resort.

The court also recognises that young people may commit crimes because they are being abused and exploited. Magistrates encourage the diversion of such cases away from court where this is possible.

In many cases the last words said to a young person on leaving court are "we don't want to see you here again" – that is truly the hope of all magistrates.

## National Probation Service

The National Probation Service in Haringey has a statutory responsibility to provide Judges at Wood Green Crown with Pre Sentence Reports to assist sentencing and subsequently for supervising adult Haringey residents who have received custodial or community disposals for the most serious sexual and violent offences. We also provide a statutory Victim Service to those who have been the victim of a serious sexual or violent crime.

Many of those we supervise are between the ages of 18 and 25 and involved in serious youth violence. We will work with them to minimise the risk of harm they pose and offer opportunities to re-integrate into their communities and lead law-abiding lives through working collaboratively with partners to provide accredited programmes focused on think skills, anger management, sexual offending and domestic abuse, through ETE and housing support and through developing supportive relationships with probation officers.

## Safer London

Safer London works on the frontline with survivors of exploitation, engaging them in a holistic support model to help them help increase their safety. We will continue to keep young people safe, share best practice, and help build intelligence around exploitation

## African-Caribbean Institute

The African Caribbean Institute transforms local communities by engaging young people, particularly of African Caribbean descent, in programmes for inclusive, peaceful, caring, and enterprising neighbourhoods

## Mind in Haringey

Mind in Haringey works to prevent mental health problems, promote mental wellbeing and ensure those with mental health problems are respected and included in our local community. We use our expertise in mental health to deliver trauma-informed and mental health first aid training. We will use moments of opportunity to reach young people at risk through our or work with care leavers, those at risk in our Emotional support project (ESP), and our work with Project Future to help keep them safe through a holistic approach that safeguards their mental wellbeing

## Bishop Rob Wickham, Bishop of Edmonton

(Anglican Bishop of Haringey, Enfield,  
Barnet and Camden)

The Church of England (through our 28 churches and work with 11 church schools, amongst others) is committed to the flourishing of every child and young person across Haringey. We believe it to be a Gospel imperative that children and young people know what it means to love and be loved, as we are loved by God in Jesus Christ. This rootedness in Jesus' unconditional love shapes our ministry amongst children and young people, alongside their families, peers and in our aspirational schools. This work takes the form our regular worship, youth residentials, Bible studies, overhauled safeguarding procedures and numerous youth, toddler, dads, mums and further regular, and much needed, groups. We support uniformed organisations across the Borough and we offer prayerful and pastoral support of home and family life, especially in times of fragility and crisis through our debt, immigration and legal support and through our extensive funeral ministry. We are committed especially to families in crisis through All People All Places (Night Shelter project), foodbanks, CARIS and WAVE. In addition, we are committed to working in partnership with the Police, the Local Authority, Word for Weapons, Haringey Citizens and our multitude of faith groups as we live out the proverb, that it takes a village to raise a child. As such, we look forward to close partnership with all associated with the Young People at Risk Strategy within Haringey.