

Social Inclusion and Community Safety Policy and Accountability Committee

Hammersmith & Fulham Council

Police Input Briefing Document

March 2023

Introduction and Purpose:

Dear colleagues and partners, this document seeks to provide you with a headline summary of the main issues impacting on policing within the borough at this time, police performance against key crime types and the impact some of the wider issues affecting policing in London may have over the next few months on communities and partnerships.

The information and data provided is correct at time of writing and represents data to the end of January 2023 unless otherwise stated. Please note the context of any comparison with the previous 12 months is set during COVID and the release of lockdown measures across the Country.

Crime and ASB Performance:

Total Notifiable Offences:

In the 12 months to Feb 2023 TNO rose across the Borough by 2.2% (+451 offences) with an overall sanctioned detection rate of 6.8%. A total of 21,271 offences were reported.

As comparison TNO across London rose by 7.6%, with a total sanctioned detection rate of 7.7%.

Burglary:

Residential burglary has fallen by 22.2% in comparison to the previous 12 months. This is a total of 246 fewer homes burgled. The detection rate for dwelling Burglary in the Borough is 5.3% which is also better than the preceding 12 months.

Commercial Burglary rose, with 88 more burglaries of business and community properties. The borough enjoys a good detection rate of 15.1% for these offences.

Robbery:

Robbery has increased across the Borough and represents the police's main priority at this time. A rise of 23% has meant 101 more offences than the preceding 12 month period. The Borough detect 8.4% of robbery offences currently.

The Borough has very similar robbery rates and detections to the boroughs of Bromley, Merton and Kensington

Sexual Offences:

Reports of sexual offences have risen across the borough by 7.3% to a total of 602 across the 12 month period to February 2023. The Borough has an overall detection rate of 8.6%. The force average across all 32 boroughs witnessed a rise of 3.2%.

Some of this increase results from the re-opening of the night time economy and increased footfalls and social interaction across the Borough post COVID lockdown.

Violence against the Person:

This crime category includes a number of offences including homicide and any violence with or without physical injury being caused.

These offences have increased by 1% to 5444 reported incidents. The increase equates to just under 1 additional offence report per week across the borough in the last 12 months. The Borough detection rate sits just above the Force average detection rate for these offences at 8.5%

NOTE: No Homicide offences have been recorded in the last 12 months within the Borough, with 1 recorded offence in the preceding 12 months. The current Force detection rate for homicide is 87.5% and no offence of homicide is ever closed and is subject to routine ongoing reviews and inspections.

Theft of/from Motor Vehicle

This includes vehicle interference, theft of and from a motor vehicle of any type.

This crime category has risen in last 12 months by 18% to a total of 3072 offences. Of these, 70% are classified as theft from a vehicle. These offences are difficult to detect as property is often removed from unlocked vehicles or with limited CCTV or other useful investigative lines of inquiry. The detection rate for these offences is currently 1.2%. This detection rate is slightly above the national and London average for these offences, and has risen slightly from the previous 12 months.

Police have been targeting hot spot areas in Hammersmith with increased patrols and stop and search powers are supporting the proactive reduction of offending in these areas.

Stop & Search:

Police Conducted 3963 stop and searches across the Borough in the last 12 months. The majority of these related to drugs offences. Almost 90% of all searches were on males and almost 85% were conducted on people over the age of 18.

Police achieved a 30% positive outcome from these searches. Over 97% of all stop and search encounters are recorded on body worn video. Occasionally this is not possible for a number of reasons.

Stop and Search remains a vital tool in preventing and detecting crime.

ASB:

There were 5338 reported ASB incidents in the last 12 months. This represents a decrease of 20% from previous year. The majority of reported cases refer to rowdy or nuisance behaviours by unknown groups or individuals and neighbours.

Table 1: below shows these crime statistics in a table format for ease of use.

TNOs

Change over time		Detection Rate	
2.2% increase		6.8%	
Burglary			
Residential		Commercial	
Change over time	Detection Rate	Change over time	Detection Rate
22.2% decrease (246 fewer)	5.3%	88 more reports	15.10%
Robbery			
Change over time		Detection Rate	
23% increase (101 more)		8.4%	
Sexual Offences			
Change over time		Detection Rate	
7.3% increase (Total 602) Overall MPS rise of 3.2%		8.60%	
Violence against the person			
Total	Change Over Time	Detection Rate	
5444	1% increase	8.5%	
Theft of/from Motor Vehicles			
Total	Change Over Time	Detection Rate	
3072	18% increase	1.2%	
Stop and Search			
Total	Positive outcomes	Demographics	
3963	30%	90% on males 85% on over 18s	
ASB			
Total		Change over time	
5338		20%	

Table 1: 12 month to Feb. 2023 crime/ASB data comparison against preceding 12 month period to Feb. 2022.

Metropolitan Police Turnaround Plan

The Commissioner, Sir Mark Rowley, has published the force response to the current significant challenges faced in policing and the reductions in trust and confidence in our service as a result of a minority of abhorrent acts by serving police officers over recent months. A short survey accompanies this plan, allowing anyone in London to have a say in what the future plan should include.

This is available online here:

<https://www.met.police.uk/notices/met/the-turnaround-plan-more-trust-less-crime-and-high-standards/>

The plan includes 9 Turnaround Priorities which are set against three broad aims of MORE TRUST, LESS CRIME and HIGH STANDARDS. These medium and long term priorities are:

1. Have the strongest ever neighbourhood policing in London
2. Strengthen work in public protection and safeguarding
3. Provide a compassionate and effective service to victims and members of the public
4. Take a proactive approach to reducing crime
5. Raise standards and show communities we care and respect them
6. Set frontline policing up to succeed & build a strong foundation to stabilise and underpin our delivery
7. Invest in our people by modernising our learning offer, including developing a strong cohort of leaders
8. We will be relentlessly data driven and evidence-based in our delivery
9. We will innovate how we work, make the most efficient use of resources and reinvest where it matters most

Many of our strategic partners will be invited to one or more opportunities to discuss this plan with us separately. Everyone can provide their personal or business perspectives online at any time using the link above.

This plan is a fantastic and unique opportunity to have a meaningful say in how London is policed and in setting the values, actions and directions of policing across the capital and of course, here in Hammersmith and Fulham.

New Neighbourhood Policing Structures

Within the turnaround plan outlined above is a commitment to have the strongest ever neighbourhood policing model in London.

This is not simply about increases to ward teams across every ward in London, as this is not an evidence-based or pragmatic approach to police investment, community problem solving and crime reduction. The commissioner has increased the senior leadership structures for each borough with an identified superintendent (myself) as specific lead to Hammersmith & Fulham. My role will be to co-ordinate the strategic partnerships across the Borough using resources at my disposal in the most effective way possible. In addition work is underway to increase the numbers of PCSOs across London. These are likely to be allocated where demands are greatest across wards, to build trust and

provide that local reassurance to communities. Police are also building better internal structures so that every officer, regardless of specialism or role, plays an integral part in building community confidence and impacting on what matters most to people. The turnaround plan also provides communities and partners with an opportunity to have a direct say in how this structure might look and feel.

As more details become available I will ensure partners are kept informed.

Ward Panels and Priorities

Table 2, (below) shows the current ward panel priorities and dates of next meetings where these are available.

Ward	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Next Panel
Addison	Violence related	ASB: Begging	None listed	
Avonmore	Violence related	Theft prevention	None listed	21/03/2023
Brook Green	Violence related	ASB: Drug use	None listed	
College Park and Old Oak	Violence related	Drugs - Harrow Road	Drugs - Baybrook Street	
Conningham	Violence related	Burglary - crime prevention	Theft from MV	06/03/2023
Fulham Reach	Violence related	Drugs	Theft of / from MV	
Fulham Town	Violence related	Burglary	Theft of MV	
Grove	Violence related	Burglary	Drugs	
Hammersmith Broadway	Violence related	Theft	ASB	
Lillie	Violence related	ASB: Drugs	Theft from MV	
Munster	Violence related	Burglary	Theft of / from MV	16/03/2023
Palace and Hurlingham	Violence related	MV related crime	Burglary	
Parsons Green and Sandford	Violence related	Burglary residential	Theft from MV	
Ravenscourt	Violence related	Theft from MV	Theft of pedal cycle	
Sands End	Violence related	MV enabled crime	Burglary	
Shepherd's Bush Green	Violence related	ASB: Patrols and crime prevention	Drugs	01/03/2023
Walham Green	Violence related	None listed (new ward boundary)	None listed (new ward boundary)	
Wendell Park	Violence related	None listed (chair on leave)	None listed (chair on leave)	28/03/2023 TBC
West Kensington	Violence related	ASB: Drugs	Residential burglary	
White City	Violence related	Drug use	Theft crimes	01/03/2023
Wormholt	Violence related	Drugs	ASB	01/03/2023

Please note that some wards have amalgamated ward panel meetings as a result of the boundary changes in 2022. Every ward is represented at a panel and ward priorities are actioned by the local neighbourhood teams responsible for those wards. The priorities are set by the panel with a standard priority across London to reduce violence for every officer regardless of role.

Police Officer Numbers

All three boroughs within the basic command unit are currently recruiting officers into neighbourhood policing. Hammersmith and Fulham currently has 9 police officer vacancies for the role of dedicated ward officer. Of note the political boundary changes created in May 2022 were not reflected in police officer increases as the overall geographic policing numbers are set according to policing demand, as well as ward and borough boundaries.

Submitted for information of the meeting

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