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<b>TITLE OF REPORT: Understanding the Mental Health Needs of Young People Involved in Gangs</b>	
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## 1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Street gangs and associated serious violence have been a growing concern in the UK over the past decade. They are concentrated in poor, urban areas with high crime rates and multiple social problems. The mental health needs of young people involved in gangs have until recently been overlooked. This report is an attempt to address this situation, and to provide recommendations for local commissioners.

## 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1. The Committee is asked to review and comment on the report.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000**  
**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Description of Background Papers</b>	<b>Name/Ext of holder of file/copy</b>	<b>Department/ Location</b>
1.	Listed in report.		