



London borough of Lambeth Community Safety Strategy 2005-8



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Partnership Statement

Lambeth has a lot to be proud of over the last three years in terms of community safety. Our levels of crime have fallen faster than any other London borough. Our levels of street crime, residential burglary and motor vehicle crime have all reduced. We have improved our treatment services so that people with needs can access appropriate services quicker. Partners from key agencies have joined us to make a real difference in key areas, in particular our Prison Service, Criminal Justice Service, Crown Prosecution Service and Fire Service.

Most importantly of all, according to our surveys our communities tell us they feel safer and they can see that we are making a difference.

However the Drug and Alcohol Action Team/Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (DAAT/CDRP) believe that the journey has just begun. We want to do more to prevent crime occurring in the first place. We want to address the

challenges faced by our communities, in particular those who are affected by crime more than others. We want to provide services at a local level for people who are vulnerable, through better treatment, advice, support and information. We want our communities to contribute to what we deliver and have a clearer view of what we are doing and how they can play a part.

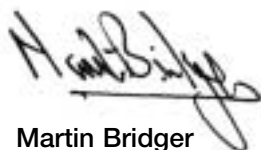
As a partnership, we want to continue with our success by further reducing crime and making Lambeth safer. We will target those people who are at the heart of crime, ensuring that our Criminal Justice System effectively delivers and establishes confidence within our community.

This three-year strategy sets out our key aims and objectives and a number of actions that we believe are essential to making Lambeth a safer place. This is not all that we intend to do, but it represents the key issues identified through our consultation and extensive Community Safety Audit carried out in 2004.

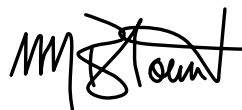
It is our aim as partner agencies to continue to make a difference in Lambeth and we hope you will join us in helping to achieve that aim.



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MISSION STATEMENT

The Lambeth Drug and Alcohol Action Team/ Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (DAAT/CDRP) will improve the quality of life and opportunity for people who live, work in and visit our borough. We will achieve this by reducing crime and the fear of crime and promoting safer, healthy and positive lifestyles, with a focus on addressing problematic drug and alcohol use. Working with our communities, service providers, businesses and the voluntary sector we aim to offer professional and accessible services that provide support and treatment to those who are affected by drug and alcohol misuse or crime, particularly those communities who maybe disproportionately affected because of their race, age, gender, sexual orientation, disability or religion.

The Lambeth DAAT/CDRP was established following the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to develop and implement a strategy for reducing crime and disorder in the borough. This document is the third strategy to be implemented in Lambeth and is aimed at continuing to make the borough a safer place for those who live, work in and visit our borough by building on the achievements we have obtained over the last three years.

Key findings from the Community Safety Audit 2004 show that:

- Despite consistent and considerable falls in crime levels, the community still feel unsafe
- Violent crime is the key concern in terms of crime levels and fear of crime
- More investment is required to address the causes of crime
- There needs to be greater and more focused youth provision, delivered by young people and with the involvement of positive role models
- There needs to be a greater investment in community-based reassurance programmes
- Transport and transport hubs remain a focal point of concern
- There needs to be a greater investment in victims and witnesses programmes
- There continues to be challenges in relation to the way that agencies collect, retain and manage data.

What do we want to achieve over the next three years?

The aim of the Lambeth Community Safety Strategy 2005-8 builds on the achievements of the last three years and is:

To continue making Lambeth a safer place for those who live, work in and visit our borough.

Having reviewed the findings of the audit there are clearly a number of key objectives that the Lambeth DAAT/CDRP wishes to concentrate on. These are:

Prevention

Addressing the causes of crime

Engagement

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Reassurance

Feeling safer

Enforcement

Taking action

There are six central themes that are at the heart of these objectives. These are:

- **Drugs and Alcohol**
- **Violent Crime**
- **Young People**
- **Victims and Witnesses**
- **Priority Crime** – including robbery, burglary, motor vehicle crime, anti social behaviour/ enviro-crime, kerb-crawling, prostitution, illegal drug dealing
- **Communication** – Telling people what we are doing, what we have achieved and how they can get involved.

Delivery of our objectives across the six themes will be co-ordinated and monitored by **Joint Action Groups** (JAGs). Each JAG will oversee the delivery of agreed annual action plans.

The **Executive Board** will performance manage delivery of the action plans. Emphasis will be placed on solving blockages to delivery, which JAGs have identified, and ensuring work across the partnership is integrated and cohesive.

The **Partnership Board** will be accountable for delivery of the strategy and will champion the work of the JAGs.

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 requires each local authority to publish a strategy every three years on how key partners and agencies within the Lambeth Drug and Alcohol Action Team/Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (DAAT/CDRP) such as, the Police, Fire Service, Lambeth Primary Care Trust, Probation, the Prison Service and Lambeth Council intend to tackle crime, improve community safety and reduce the fear of crime.

As crime and feeling safe are the priorities for our community, this strategy takes into account the concerns that people who live, work in and visit our borough have expressed as part of our consultation process for the *Lambeth Community Safety Audit 2004*¹. The strategy is a document for our community and partners, outlining:

- What we have achieved in the last three years
- What we intend to do over the next three years
- How we will deliver the strategy
- Who needs to be involved
- How we will link with other strategies in the borough and the region.

This strategy is a document that sets out our broad agenda. To underpin this, we will also produce

annual action plans, setting out in more detail the steps required to achieve the objectives and targets of the strategy. Most importantly, we want this document to be a strategy that enables delivery and ensures that our partner agencies and our community see how they can play a key part in improving safety in our borough.

The positive aspects of Lambeth

The London borough of Lambeth is set in the heart of the capital city, with its northern boundary stretching along the south bank and its southern borders adjoining five other outer London boroughs. Lambeth boasts some of London's most prominent landmarks and attractions, such as:

- The London Eye
- The Imax Cinema
- The Royal Festival Hall
- The Saatchi Gallery
- The Brixton Academy
- The Oval Cricket Ground
- Clapham Common
- Lambeth Palace
- Brockwell Park Lido
- Electric Avenue
- Brixton Market
- Waterloo International Station.

Lambeth is also London's most densely populated London borough, with 266,169² residents. As one of the prime locations of the settlement for the Caribbean community in the early 1950s, Lambeth is proud of its black cultural history. We now boast a rich cultural community where over 157 languages are spoken.

Challenges in Lambeth

If we are to make a long-term sustained improvement in community safety and reduce the fear of crime, there is a need to address some of the challenges that we face and which impact on our borough.

The borough has some of England's most deprived areas, higher than average rates of unemployment, poor quality public sector housing, lower than average life expectancy, high health support needs and has the country's highest teenage pregnancy rates.

In terms of deprivation levels for crime and disorder, 47% of the borough of Lambeth is included within the top 10% of the most deprived areas in England. Crime deprivation is made up of the following offence types: burglary, theft, criminal damage and violence.

¹ The full audit can be found on the Lambeth website – www.lambeth.gov.uk or a copy can be obtained from the Community Safety Team, on 020 7926 2733 or email cedcommsafety@lambeth.gov.uk.

² Census 2001, Office of National Statistics

What have we achieved in the last three years?

The Community Safety Audit 2004 highlights in detail Lambeth's successes in reducing crime and disorder over the last three years and identifies the emerging priorities. The audit gives us a clear picture on crime in the borough.

Figures in the audit are supplied by:

- Metropolitan Police Service
- British Transport Police
- Criminal Justice Intervention Programme
- National Drug Treatment Monitoring System (NDTMS)

It also includes qualitative data from the consultation of Lambeth's community through questionnaires, focus groups and face-to-face interviews.

There have been a lot of successes across Lambeth, thanks to the efforts of a whole range of agencies, groups and individuals. **Total notifiable offences (TNOs) fell by 12.5% between 2001-2 and 2003-4. This is the highest reduction of any inner London borough.** Below are the top ten successes since 2001-2:

1. In 2003-4 Lambeth was ranked 8th highest in crime per 1,000 population compared to 3rd in 2001-2. This means that there is less crime in Lambeth now compared to two years ago.
2. The cost of crime reduced by £110m in the three years of 2001-2 to 2003-4.
3. Residential burglary fell by 17% in 2003-4 compared to 2002-3.
4. Commercial robbery fell by 32% in 2003-4 compared to 2002-3.
5. Personal robbery offences reduced by 49% in 2003-4 compared to 2001-2.
6. Motor vehicle crime decreased by 18% in 2003-4 compared to 2002-3.
7. There has been a 54% decrease in the number of abandoned vehicles in 2003-4 compared to 2002-3.
8. 83% of those residents who participated in our face-to-face interviews said they felt as safe or safer than they did 12 months ago.
9. In 2003-4, 1363 people accessed structured treatment in Lambeth (a 12% increase on 2002-3).
10. Over the course of 2003-4 average waiting times for structured treatments decreased from 26 days to six days for in-patient detoxification services and from 63 days to six days for residential rehabilitation services.

Key messages from the audit

Lambeth is proving its ability to tackle crime and is an example of how communities and agencies can work together to improve community safety.

The successes of the last three years have given Lambeth the opportunity to look at the issues which cause crime. It was clear from the audit that this is where we need to concentrate our energies.

The key messages from the audit were that we needed to:

- Focus on violent crime including domestic violence (DV)
- Address the issues relating to guns and weapons
- Consider drug and alcohol related issues including enforcement and treatment
- Do more to support those people who are witnesses and victims of crime
- Develop safe and confidential ways of reporting crime and support for victims of crime, especially for individuals/groups who previously would not report crimes committed against them
- Improve the safety around and on public transport

- Invest more in a visible presence on our streets
- Promote community safety successes and challenge some of the negative perceptions that people have of Lambeth
- Find ways that encourage people, communities, businesses and organisations to take responsibility for maintaining and improving the areas that they live and work in
- Improve the education, employment and housing choices and opportunities for our communities, especially our young community, vulnerable residents and those people who are more affected by crime than others, either as suspects, victims or witnesses
- Identify positive role models who can actively promote community safety.

The audit has given us a clear indication that Lambeth has come a long way in tackling crime. The findings from the audit make it clear that tackling the causes of crime, supporting our communities and improving our communication all need to be at the heart of our next three-year strategy.

What do we want to achieve over the next three years?

Our four objectives, **Prevention**, **Engagement**, **Reassurance** and **Enforcement** build on our last strategy broadening the emphasis into the preventative and reassurance areas of community safety. The importance of the six central themes runs throughout the strategy. These are highlighted in each of the four objective chapters.

The following table highlights the main targets for the four objectives as set at national levels, and our local sub-targets for the six themes:

OBJECTIVES

Themes

Main target for the four objectives

PREVENTION

Addressing the causes of crime

PSA³ 4: Reduce the harm caused by illegal drugs (as measured by the Drug Harm Index encompassing measures of the availability of Class A drugs and drug-related crime) including substantially increasing the number of drug misusing offenders entering treatment through the Criminal Justice System.

ENGAGEMENT

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PSA 6: Increase voluntary and community engagement, especially amongst those who are at risk of exclusion.

REASSURANCE

Feeling safer

PSA 2: Reassure the public reducing the fear of crime and anti social behaviour and build confidence in the Criminal Justice System without compromising fairness.

ENFORCEMENT

Taking action

PSA 1: Reduce crime by 20% and further in high crime areas by 2007-8 compared to 2003-4 (for more details see target table on page 36).

PSA 3: Improve the delivery of justice by increasing the number of crimes for which an offender is brought to justice to 1.25 million by 2007-8. Target contributing to the Criminal Justice System PSA.

Local sub-targets

Drugs and Alcohol – Treatment

Increase by 10% year on year the number of people accessing drug treatment services in Lambeth. Baseline 2003-4 (1363).

To continue to commission, monitor and performance manage drugs and alcohol treatment services at current levels.

To identify gaps in service provision.

5% reduction each year in incidents of domestic fires associated with alcohol abuse compared to 2004-5.

Meet all of the NTA waiting time targets for all areas for drug treatment services.

The proportion of crack houses in Lambeth successfully closed within six months of the first police raid as a percentage of all crack houses raided by Lambeth police at least once.

Reduce by 3% (in line with PSA 1 local GBH⁴/ABH⁵ target) the levels of alcohol-related violent admissions at A&E. Baseline to be established through research with Kings A&E.

³ Public Service Agreement ⁴ Grievous Bodily Harm ⁵ Aggravated Bodily Harm

OBJECTIVES

Themes

Drugs and
Alcohol –
Enforcement

PREVENTION

Addressing the causes of crime

Maintain the level of removal of sex and drug paraphernalia each year until 2008 compared to the baseline 2003-4 (274kgs).

ENGAGEMENT

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To develop a partnership group to support and enforce licensees in line with the implementation of the Licensing Act 2003.

REASSURANCE

Feeling safer

Reduce the rates of re-offending as a result of co-ordinated treatment.

ENFORCEMENT

Taking action

Increase by 10% the number of detections for the supply or possession with intent to supply Class A drugs when comparing 2005-6 to 2004-5.

Violent Crime

To establish a gang intervention programme in Lambeth in 2005-6.

Increase the number of third party reporting sites for domestic violence and hate crime to 60 by March 2008 and the number of reports received by 10% each year from April 2005.

Increase the reporting of violent crime by 15% against the baseline in the audit.

Reduce the number of recorded murders, ABH and GBH offences in the borough. (See PSA 1, pg36)

Reduce gun enabled crime by 5% year on year compared to 2003-4.

16% increase in offenders brought to justice for gun enabled crime by 2007-8 compared to 2004-5.

Reduce the number of alcohol-related violent incidents (targets to be established).

OBJECTIVES

Themes

Young People

PREVENTION

Addressing the causes of crime

Reduce the number of first time entrants to the Youth Justice System by 5% by March 2008.

Ensure at least 90% of young offenders are in full-time education, training or employment by March 2008.

Increase the use of restorative processes in work with young victims.

ENGAGEMENT

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Set up and fund five youth forums by March 2006.

All secondary schools to be operating as extended schools by September 2006.

Three schools to be operating as fully serviced schools by March 2007.

REASSURANCE

Feeling safer

The Local Education Authority (LEA) in the 2nd quartile of London LEA's.

100% of permanently excluded pupils provided with alternative tuition of 20 hours or more per week each year.

ENFORCEMENT

Taking action

Reduce the re-offending rates by 15% (5% year on year) for specific population of young people by 2007-8 compared to 2003-4.

Victims and Witnesses

Increase the number of Acceptable Behaviour Agreements by 15% compared to 2003-4.

90% of Acceptable Behaviour Agreements to be maintained.

Reduce by 5% each year the number of people sleeping rough on a single night within the area of the authority.

5% reduction in the average number of families, which include dependant children or a pregnant woman, placed in temporary accommodation under the homelessness legislation compared with the average from the previous year.

Increase the borough-wide visible uniformed presence by March 2007.

Establish a young people's victim service by March 2007.

Establish a victims and witnesses advocacy service in the five joint service centres (as these are rolled out).

15.8% (MPS target) increase in offences brought to justice in 05/06 (baseline for Lambeth to be established).

OBJECTIVES

Themes

Priority Crime

PREVENTION

Addressing the causes of crime

Deliver domestic violence training to a minimum of 500 professional officers from key partner agencies to improve the early identification of domestic abuse by March 2008.

Increase the sanctioned detection rate of all hate-related crime including BME, LGBT and religious crime to 24% by March 2008.

ENGAGEMENT

It's our borough

Ensure community groups are aware of improvements, and facilitate and support their involvement in community safety issues.

REASSURANCE

Feeling safer

95% of all fly-posting/offensive graffiti to be removed within 24 hours of reporting.

Investigate and remove all reported abandoned vehicles within 24 hours and investigate and take action against all reported untaxed vehicles within 72 hours.

ENFORCEMENT

Taking action

Minimum 5% reduction in TNOs in each ward by March 2008 compared to 2003-4.

Reduce the high crime wards to the Lambeth average of 2003-4 by March 2008.

80% of all labelled vehicles crushed within ten days of issue of CLE26⁶ notices each year.

90% or more noise nuisance abatement notices to be complied with.

Persistent and Prolific Offender target – 75 individuals to be targeted in the Catch and Brought To Justice element each year. 45 to be actively case managed.

Communication

Provide a minimum of 200 drug and alcohol awareness training sessions to non substance misuse providers and community representatives.

100% of publicity and information with regards to services and initiatives are available in appropriate languages and formats from October 2005 (resource permitting).

Increase the percentage of people who feel safe when outside in their home area during the day to 95% (baseline from audit is 93%) by March 2008.

Increase the percentage of people who feel safe when outside after dark to 56% (baseline from audit is 46%) by March 2008.

Achieve a 17% sanctioned detection rate of all TNOs in Lambeth each year of the three-year strategy.

⁶ Abandoned Vehicle notification sent to the DVLA