



STREET DRINKING

Strategic Analysis – Borough-wide PSPO

The London Borough of Lambeth

PPARS Intelligence & Improvement Service

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1. Background

- 1.1. This analysis product is written to provide an objective summary of Street Drinking activity and the issues that activity is linked with in Lambeth Borough.
- 1.2. Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour data has been taken from Metropolitan Police systems from 01/03/2017 to 25/05/2020.
- 1.3. Street Drinking is a Borough-wide issue in Lambeth.
- 1.4. Street Drinking has links to many forms of crime and anti-social behaviour in Lambeth including violence, drugs and sexual offences.

2. Methodology

- 2.1. Data of all crimes that have been recorded in Lambeth between 01/03/2017 to 25/05/2020 has been collected from the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) Crime reporting system. The details that have been collected are: crime number, initial crime classification, detection status, reported date and time, committed date and time, location grid reference, if any drugs were seized or involved, if a firearm was used, if any other weapon was used, if the crime was domestic, the classification method (a one line description of the incident), if the venue was covered by CCTV and how many suspects were identified in the incident.

- 2.2. This data has then been collated using Microsoft Excel in order to process and analyse it as Intelligence. A further filter has been conducted on the words: 'drunk', 'beer', 'wine', 'drink', 'spirit', 'vodka', 'rum', 'gin', 'whiskey', 'whisky', 'brandy' and 'alcohol'. The 'classification method' of these crimes has then been reviewed on a crime-by-crime basis to ascertain whether the highlighted crime has reasonable evidence to suggest it was associated to street drinking.
- 2.3. This refined data has then been used to provide the quantitative analysis used within this document.
- 2.4. Some Police Intelligence has been collected from the MPS Intelligence systems using boolean searching methods on keywords including: street NEAR drink*, public NEAR drink*, street NEAR drunk*, public NEAR drunk*, street NEAR alcohol*, alcohol* NEAR public, regular NEAR drink AND street OR public. These search terms bring back targeted results that link directly to incidents of suspected street drinking, and the associated Intelligence report that information comes from. Each of these reports has then been manually searched through by an Intelligence Analyst to collate and analyse into an objective picture on what Intelligence Police hold about incidents in relation to street drinking.

3. Intelligence Product

- 3.1. This Intelligence below has been collected using the method detailed above in this document.
- 3.2. It includes Police Intelligence relating to street drinking and the incidents and criminal activity that this behaviour is linked to.
- 3.3. It also includes a written summary of quantitative analysis of street drinking-related crimes recorded in Lambeth Borough since March 2017.

Premises	Intelligence	Date	Ref. No	Intelligence Grade & Confidence Level
1	At 1530 on 27/05/2020 Police attended location after reports of MALE repeatedly attending the location and being abusive and aggressive towards staff after attempting to take alcohol without paying on several occasions. MALE has been seen by the shop owner street drinking on several occasions. MALE is known to Police for Class A drug use, violence, firearms offences, and several theft and public order offences.	27/05/2020	LXRT007 44136	1BP - High
2	A particular store has become a central point for Street Drinking, ASB, drugs and gangs activity in the locality. Police have attended this location to find several street drinkers in the area while attending calls of anti-social and drug-related behaviour.	23/05/2020	LXRT007 43941 / LXRT007 43660	1BP – High

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3	A MALE is a regular street drinking and is regularly seen loitering outside certain spots in the area. This MALE is also known to Police for previous offences of rape, indecent assault, burglary theft and violence. MALE is known to also smoke large quantities of cannabis around the Clapham area.	15/05/2020	LXRT007 43274	1BP – High
4	This is a report about a Police Dispersal Authority. Surrounding housing estates issued on 04/05/2020 due to multiple reports of several groups engaging in anti-social behaviour including Street Drinking. This has included groups who are street drinking play music loudly and have acted aggressively to residents of members of the public who have approached them.	04/05/2020	LXRT007 43113	1BP - High
5	This is a report about a Police Dispersal Authority for South Lambeth Road relating to multiple ASB calls to Police relating to Street Drinking incidents that have escalated into Assaults.	02/05/2020	LXRT007 43059	1BP – High
6	Three MALES were stopped by Police after being reported for loitering. The MALES were seen with a moped which quickly made off when Police approached. The three MALES were searched and found to have crack pipes and money on them and all were drunk. It is believed that they had been Street Drinking.	08/04/2020	LXRT007 42016	1BP – High
7	On patrol Police found a group of around 15 people street drinking during the Covid-19 pandemic in the park. This was deemed a risk to Public Safety as gatherings of any people from different households were not allowed at this time.	25/03/2020	LXRT007 41496	1BP – High
8	A group of 5-6 people regularly gather on the pavement outside premises where they drink alcohol and smoke cannabis. MALE members of the group make unsolicited comments to FEMALES, remarking on their clothes and appearances.	12/03/2020	LXRT007 41563	2CP – Low
9	Police attended DIY store following numerous calls to Police regarding ASB, Street Drinking and littering. Three MALES were seen standing at the end of the car park near a small wall drinking beer.	19/01/2020	LXRT007 39124	1BP – High
10	Members of the public have reported that drug users are regularly loitering inside a residential building or sit directly outside on a window ledge to pick up drugs. The group who wait in this area regularly are street drinking until the dealer turns up. They have also been noted to urinate on the wall in the area and spray graffiti.	29/12/2019	LXRT007 38530	1BP – High
11	A known MALE has been issued a Community Protection Notice in relation to ongoing ASB. Multiple reports have been received from local residents and businesses about the subject's intimidating and anti-social behaviour while drinking alcohol in the street, shouting loudly and being intimidating to members of the public.	19/12/2019	LXRT007 38369	1BP – High
12	A MALE was arrested for being drunk and disorderly after drinking in the street. Prior to being arrested, the MALE had been abusive to members of the public stating that he would "return here with guns" and that he wanted to "stab and kill police". Whilst being arrested the MALE assaulted two Police Officers by kicking and scratching them.	01/12/2019	LXRT007 37743	1BP – High

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13	A known MALE continues to drink heavily on the streets. MALE was found by London Ambulance Service in a near hypothermic states and was incredibly intoxicated. Whilst in the rear of the ambulance, he threatened to urinate over the ambulance and then proceeded to do so. The MALE has been arrested several times for public order and violence offences in Lambeth while street drinking.	05/11/2019	LXRT00736875	1BP – High
14	Well known drug users have started to frequent a specific area and have started buying drugs from local drug dealers rather than their usual ones. Several members of the public have complained about their anti-social and aggressive behaviour to Police. Some of the MALES gathering at the location are known to street drinking in other locations and aggressively beg and cause anti-social behaviour.	30/08/2019	LXRT00734685	1BP – High
15	1,112 Crime reports in the Borough of Lambeth since the 1 st of October 2017 are linked to the activity of Street Drinking. This means there are 36 crime reports entered on Police Systems on average per month since the PSPO was established in October 2017.	01/10/2017 to 25/05/2020	Appendix D	1AP - High
16	285 of these offences are categorised as 'Violence Offences'. The offences are also made up of 114 Public Order or Criminal Damage Offences, nine weapon-related offences and 598 acquisitive crimes. Please see appendix D.	01/03/2017 to 25/05/2020	Appendix D	1AP - High
17	665 out of 1,112 (60%) of the identified street drinking-related crimes did not occur between the hours of 20:00 and 06:00. This is a largely day-time problem. Please see appendix D.	01/03/2017 to 25/05/2020	Appendix D	1AP - High
18	Crimes committed that are linked to Street Drinking have a seasonal pattern. Since 2017, the months of October to December have seen drastically and consistently lower rates of Street Drinking-related crimes with 5 crimes on average happening per month in comparison to 41 on average per month between July and September 2017 to 2020. The Spring and Summer months see drastically higher rates of this crime with noticeable spikes in January each year to accompany this. Please see appendix D.	01/03/2017 to 25/05/2020	Appendix D	1AP - High
19	Analysis also shows us that the average (mean) levels of crimes related to Street Drinking have not decreased since March 2017. The problem remains as pertinent as when the original PSPO was introduced. This can be seen in appendix D where a 'centred moving average' graph shows a statistically accurate way of representing the average number of street drinking-related crimes fluctuating over time since March 2017. It is to be noted that the levels of fluctuation show seasonal change in the average number of crimes committed, but no overall reduction or increase in the quantity over the entire time period.	01/03/2017 to 25/05/2020	Appendix D	1AP - High

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20	<p>Street drinking-related crimes occur across the entire Borough with the majority happening on high streets and within town centres.</p> <p>The number of street drinking-related crimes that have happened within a 50 metre proximity to an 'A Road' in Lambeth is 698 between 01/03/2017 to 25/05/2020. This is 698 out of 1,112 crimes which is 63%. This accounts for a large percentage of town centres and high streets in the Borough.</p> <p>18.5% of street drinking-related crimes in the Borough occur near other roads or residential areas away from parks, housing estates and main roads. This can be seen in the 'heat mapping' and 'A road concentration' maps produced in appendix D.</p> <p>However the data does show that all public areas are impacted by this issue.</p>	01/03/2017 to 25/05/2020	Appendix D	1AP - High
21	<p>Out of the 118 crimes to happened within a housing estate or park, 34 of these are shoplifting offences. It is to be noted that these are mostly offences from the same 3 or 4 stores in Lambeth, known to be near areas where street drinkers congregate. For example, 10 of these shoplifting offences are all linked to one premises. This can be seen in appendix D.</p>	01/03/2017 to 25/05/2020	Appendix D	1AP - High
22	<p>296 Intelligence reports have been entered on Police systems relating to 'Street Drinking' or 'Drinking in Public', just in the Borough of Lambeth. Some examples of these Intelligence reports are listed in this document. The majority of these Intelligence reports link areas of anti-social behaviour complaints, or criminal Intelligence to street drinking in the Borough.</p>	01/03/2017 to 25/05/2020	Appendix D	1AP – High
23	<p>Police attended home address of subject after they stated someone was trying to stab their neck. When Officers attended the subject was heavily intoxicated but unharmed. Subject denied anything had happened. Subject is well known, elderly, dishevelled looking and is known for regularly street drinking in Lambeth.</p>	12/06/2020	20PAC13 9295	2DP - Low
24	<p>Police have attended an address after a fight erupted between subject and their son at their home address. The son has grabbed a knife at some point and threatened the subject. When Officers arrived, the subject was drunk and highly agitated shouting. The son has been arrested and then released into the care of a family member. The subject is known in the area for public drinking. Officers noted that the house of the subject was dirty and un-kept including black mould in the son's bedroom and the house being covered with dirty and unwashed clothes.</p>	01/06/2020	20PAC12 8522	2DP - Low
25	<p>A Merlin record was entered on to the Police system in relation to a female child who had been seen in a big group (believed to be part of a gang) street drinking, listening to music and brandishing Rambo style machete knives. The subject was seen throwing a knife into a bush on CCTV and running away from the scene on Police arrival.</p>	31/05/2020	20PAC12 7555	1BP - High

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26	Lambeth CCTV informed Officer that they had witnessed a subject in a Church Yard with a meat cleaver. Police attended the scene and found the subject and the meat cleaver that they had hidden in a bush. The subject was arrested. A Merlin was raised around the vulnerability of the subject as they appear to be a street drinker. The subject was in a dishevelled state and had a crutch to assist him walking as he is quite frail and unsteady. Subject struggles with speech and finds it difficult to communicate as a result of having 2 strokes previously. Subject also has epilepsy. Subject had a few small carrier bags with them containing beers and some basic food like bread and milk.	06/05/2020	20PAC106119	1BP - High
27	Report refers to a LAS reporting of a sudden death in the street. The subject is a well-known beggar and street drinker in the area. The subject was found unconscious and unresponsive by a member of the public. Subject was conveyed to hospital in the early hours of the same day having been found intoxicated with a head injury. Subject then discharged themselves from hospital and returned to area. Intel shows that subject is a well-known street drinker and suffers from a number of Ailments including alcoholism.	14/04/2020	20FOU003972	1AP - High
28	An informant has called Police to the incident location where the subject has approached the informant with what was believed to be a knife. The informant told Police that the subject is a schizophrenic and has been drinking. The informant was concerned for the wellbeing of the subject as they believe that the subject has been hanging around with street drinkers and this is adversely affecting her and her mental state.	10/04/2020	20PAC-85600	2DP - Low
29	Officers on patrol came across a group of street drinkers, one subject was in need of urgent medical attention. Other members of the street drinking group were attempting to prop the subject up on the bench, but subject was unable to stay stable on the bench. Subject was clearly under the influence of alcohol and drugs with diluted pupils and general behaviour. The subject started to come round after being administered adrenaline after LAS attended the scene. The subject had a wristband for St Thomas' Hospital and was conveyed back there. Subject appeared dishevelled, under the influence of alcohol and drugs, subject could not communicate or control their body and was found in a group of known street drinkers who are suspected of also using controlled substances.	14/11/2019	19PAC270573	1BP - High
30	Since 01/10/2017, there have been 238 FPNs issued by Lambeth Council for breaches of PSPOs. Detailed analysis has not been able to determine how many of these FPNs issued have been for a breach of the Street Drinking PSPO in the Borough.	01/10/2017 to 01/06/2020		1AP - High