

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment



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Do you want to know more about the current picture of crime and disorder in the London Borough of Richmond, as well as the efforts to better understand and reduce it?

Welcome to the twenty-second issue of the JSNA Newsletter - a rolling publication produced by Public Health that describes the health, social care and wellbeing of local residents. In this issue we give an update on crime and anti-social behaviour in Richmond.

The Community Safety Division is aligned with the Public Health Department, with a primary goal of keeping residents, students, visitors and businesses in the borough feeling safe and being safe. The team provides services that include crime prevention & reduction; neighbourhood problem solving to tackle local issues; working with members of the public (including such schemes as Neighbourhood Watch); preventing violence against women and girls; reducing offending and re-offending by working with offenders; preventing extremism and radicalisation.

The strategic assessment of crime is a statutory, yearly publication that provides an analysis of crime in the borough in terms of current, emerging and long-term issues with a view to identifying the strategic priorities for the forthcoming year. The following newsletter will outline some of the key findings of the Strategic Assessment and the work that will be carried out to address these.

If you would like to contribute to future editions of this JSNA newsletter please get in touch with us at jsna@richmond.gov.uk. We will gladly receive and consider your feedback, data, information and intelligence for future newsletter publications.

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Priority Setting

The setting of local strategic priorities requires consideration of local crime and anti-social behaviour issues, resident concerns and the content of the MOPAC Police and Crime Plan (PCP)

The PCP is refreshed on a four yearly cycle. The latest edition is due for publication in April 2017, though a draft is already available. In the face of long term reductions in recorded crime, 'vulnerability' and tackling low volume, high harm crimes has become a key feature of the new PCP and has been considered within the Richmond strategic assessment.

The finalised strategic assessment and PCP form the basis for the partnership plan, which outlines how the Council, in conjunction with partners that include the Police, the London Fire Brigade, Richmond Clinical Commissioning Group, Probation Services, businesses and the voluntary sector will deliver on their commitment to keep people safe. The Richmond Community Safety Partnership (the collective name for these partners) is responsible for the ratification of the partnership plan and meets quarterly to discuss strategic issues and progress against delivery.

Local & Proposed Strategies

The partnership priorities for 2016-17 were:

- *Town centre crime and night-time economy (includes violence with injury and antisocial behaviour)*
- *Domestic abuse*
- *Anti-social behaviour*
- *Burglary*
- *Integrated offender management and substance misuse*
- *Theft of and theft from motor vehicles, mopeds, bicycle theft and crime prevention*
- *Road safety*
- *Child sexual exploitation*

The forthcoming Richmond Community Safety Plan is set around 5 outcomes. The Plan outlines a series of requirements, a number of which are aligned to existing local work and thus provide the scope to capitalise on embedded working practices:

- *Keep children and young people safe*
- *Reduce violence against women and girls*
- *Stand together to tackle hate crime, radicalisation and extremism*
- *Reduce offending and reduce re-offending*
- *Safer neighbourhoods*

Snapshots

Overview

- Richmond is the fourth safest borough in London; it has fallen from third safest in 2015-16.
- There were a total of 7,946 offences from April to November 2016.

Hate Crime

- There were 168 Police recorded hate crime incidents during 2016, which is an increase of 32 crimes on 2015.
- 68% (110) of victims were listed as residents.
- The increase is largely due to changes in the official recording process on police systems, but there have also been increases in hate crimes during this period most notably after the EU referendum
- Hate crime reports across the 32 London boroughs have doubled since 2011.

Violence against women and girls

- Domestic abuse crime levels in Richmond have risen by 0.7%. From April-November 2016, there were 718 incidents compared to 713 for the previous period;
- There have been 168 high risk Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference cases during 2015-16; this is a 13% (+19) rise in cases from last year;
- According to caseworker returns, controlling behaviour is the main type of domestic abuse suffered in Richmond borough.

Priorities

- Of the three main crime types which are important to the local police and the Community Safety Partnership, there have been some impressive reductions but also rises.
- **Burglary offences** remain almost level, down 4 crimes during this period (from 921 to 917).
- **Vehicle offences** have seen a 32% rise during this period (from 971 to 1,279).
- **Violent crime** has risen by 8% (from 2,247 to 2,427). This increase has affected almost all London boroughs and Richmond remains the safest borough for violent crime.

Anti-social Behaviour (ASB)

- Council recorded ASB, which includes fly-tipping, graffiti and noise complaints, saw a rise of 30% between April and November 2016, (up from 3,585 to 4,702 reports). This is usually the busiest period for ASB and is expected to remain so.
- Police recorded ASB, which includes nuisance neighbours and rowdy behaviour, rose 7% (from 2671 to 2852 calls) in the same period.

Child Sexual Exploitation

- Between April and December 2015 there were 16 cases of alleged CSE investigated and classified, of these, nine are currently open
- 81% of alleged victims were female and three quarters were recorded as White British. All victims were aged between 12 and 17, only one was aged below 14.

What next?

Future needs assessments

Throughout the year short topic-based reports are published on the Local Authority's website, enabling key messages to be shared with local partners. Topics that are planned for future JSNA reports and newsletters include:

- *Child sexual exploitation*
- *The Richmond Story 2017-18*
- *Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment*

Look out for our newsletters and have a look at some of the resources we have highlighted below. All health needs assessments and quarterly newsletters are available via: www.richmond.gov.uk/jsna.

Further resources

- *Community Safety Partnership Plan 2014-17 (year three)*
www.richmond.gov.uk/csp_plan_2014_2017_year_three.pdf
- *Community Safety Partnership Newsletters*
www.richmond.gov.uk/home/services/community_safety/community_safety_group_s/community_safety_partnership/community_safety_partnership_newsletters.htm
- *The Annual Report of the Director of Public Health 2016*
www.richmond.gov.uk/annual_public_health_report
- *Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016-21*
www.richmond.gov.uk/joint_health_and_wellbeing_strategy

Contact us

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