**Youth Justice Strategic Leaders : Briefing and Discussion paper**

**Summer Period Violence vs 1.1 8 July 2021**

**Context**

Significant number of teenage homicides and incidents of violence in some parts of London

Concern about the potential for further violence over the summer period

**Actions underway**

a) MPS and MOPAC will be holding Gold Group meetings with 7-9 LA senior colleagues in the areas with highest concerns

b) Pan London partners, through MOPAC, are meeting fortnightly to coordinate actions inc Comms strategies

c) YJSL proposes to all London Youth Justice Management Boards that they use this Briefing to help plan a *Prevention and Response* partnership approach for the July to September period.

d) Good practice (see sites at the end of the Briefing) ***AND*** please share your good practice via the YJB resources Hub or via YJSL

**YJSL : Prevention and Response Plan Framework for YJMBs**

**What : A plan for the 7 weeks from now to start of school term in September**

***1) Local prevention programmes - and how to engage the most at risk yp***

The Mayor of London on Monday 12th will be promoting positive activities for young people.

a) How will the YJMB support children in the care of YOT services access engaging activities at local level?

**Summer Nights (MPS)-** Each of the 12 basic command units across London will produce bespoke plans to address local issues where officers will work to prevent violence and to encourage communities to take action.

b) Is the YJMB clear and engaged with the BCU Plans for your area?

**Priority children**: Should we focus on the top 20 yp in each Borough by previous knife crime/violence indicators? OR the top 20 most vulnerable children overall

c) Should the YJMB use the MHCLG list of most vulnerable families in the LA and map those against possible engagement in violence to identify priority children?

***2) Monitoring violence and tension through local arrangements - e.g. MASH , YOT data tracking***

a) What are your local daily arrangements in the partnership to track incidents, but also identify any trends and emerging trigger points. Are there actions needed to strengthen arrangements?

b) Is joint working with the community safety team/ partnership effective in analysis and action?

c) is the Information Sharing agreement with MPS signed off and active?

d) How is information from neighbouring boroughs (or from within custody) shared and enacted?

***3) Partner Messaging to community members, partner agencies and yp inc in schools***

MPS and MOPAC are being proactive in their messaging. How will your YJMB promote these and compliment with local messaging to schools, communities and partners.

# *MPS We would like to encourage your support for the Met Police’s urgent c****all on London’s communities to help us stop violence taking more young lives this summer.****This includes by signposting to your networks our Hard Calls Save Lives campaign*[*https://www.hardcallssavelives.co.uk/*](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.hardcallssavelives.co.uk%2F&data=04%7C01%7CJane.Garvan%40met.police.uk%7C17ae7f062fa9444115b608d93ae13ff7%7Cf3ee2a7e72354d28ab42617c4c17f0c1%7C0%7C0%7C637605561370303174%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=aihBUxoQuGqB%2FnEc%2Bo4%2FSheut50W4bTbee5PzK8d8jA%3D&reserved=0)*This campaign hears from mothers whose sons were stabbed to death.  These brave mothers know people find it hard to call and report information on knife crime, but when their sons were murdered they had to make much harder calls.  They are sharing stories of the sons they lost and the calls they had to make, to show what knife crime does to families, and to ask people to help save other families from losing their son or daughter*.

*Are you close to someone on the fringes of knife crime? Do the right thing, please give information 100 per cent anonymously through the independent charity*[*Crimestoppers*](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcrimestoppers-uk.org%2F&data=04%7C01%7CJane.Garvan%40met.police.uk%7C17ae7f062fa9444115b608d93ae13ff7%7Cf3ee2a7e72354d28ab42617c4c17f0c1%7C0%7C0%7C637605561370323083%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=hJ3%2FFtU59%2BJMw49DtXqlZuhfviwt5Qmza4I7sWPn6S8%3D&reserved=0)*.  It can feel like a hard call, but it could save the life of someone you love. No piece of information about knife crime is insignificant or too small. Any information you give to*[*Crimestoppers*](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcrimestoppers-uk.org%2F&data=04%7C01%7CJane.Garvan%40met.police.uk%7C17ae7f062fa9444115b608d93ae13ff7%7Cf3ee2a7e72354d28ab42617c4c17f0c1%7C0%7C0%7C637605561370323083%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=hJ3%2FFtU59%2BJMw49DtXqlZuhfviwt5Qmza4I7sWPn6S8%3D&reserved=0)*can make a difference in reducing knife crime and the harm it causes to families. They never ask your name and they cannot trace your call, your IP address or the device you use. Fill in their quick online form or call 0800 555 111. It could save a life.*

***4) YOT collaborative work across boroughs***

Many multi-Borough YOT collaborative groups exist for example linked to specific Courts or for specific functions. How can these collaborative groups work to share analysis, actions, and intelligence?

***5) Identification of local possible trigger points***

*YJMB should draw up a detailed time line for the 7 weeks to note critical events ( eg school closing, - and if you know it is relevant, results days)*

How do local partners identify possible trigger events over the summer? In a normal year the big events (end of term, Notting Hill carnival) attract attention but this year local engagement will help planning to mitigate risks. How effective is the YJMB at hearing these indicators and responding to them?

How will the partnership communicate diversion and ‘safe places’ messages to young people ?

***6) Crisis response work***

Every Local partnership already have local crisis management processes. Here are three specific ‘teachable moments’ – how does your YJMB maximise the opportunities at each?:

*a) If a child is arrested for knife carrying but then released without charge what intervention is available within the partnership to take that child through that ‘teachable moment’ to minimise future risk behaviour?*

*b) If a child is kept in custody how effective is partnership provision (Including maybe community groups) in using that ‘teachable moment’ to secure*

*c) The importance of the ‘teachable moment;’ at A+E depts is well established. How well does the YJMB partnership engage with that intervention and act on outcomes?*

Should there be a significant spike in risk

How will YOT workers proactively target children to divert them from risk locations

What was the learning from 2011 which can be re activated about shared services esp. at Police stations and Courts.

**Effective Practice Resources for YJMBs**

a) YJB resources HUB (Serious Youth Violence) [YJB HUB serious-youth-violence.html](https://yjresourcehub.uk/practice/serious-youth-violence.html)

b) London Councils Repository on SYV [LC SYV repository](https://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/our-key-themes/crime-and-public-protection/repository)

c) London Innovation and Improvement Alliance (LIIA) Adolescent Safeguarding emerging and innovative practice [adolescent-safeguarding-and-youth-justice](https://www.liia.london/liia-programme/adolescent-safeguarding-and-youth-justice)

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