



Safer City Partnership Strategy Group Review Period April – June 2017

City of London Police Update

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The City of London experiences low levels of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour. This reflects the efforts of the City of London Police, the City of London Corporation and many other partners. Working together we contribute to maintaining the City as the world's leading financial and business centre as well as being an attractive place to live socialise and visit. Since its establishment the Safer City Partnership has played a key role in reducing crime and other harm.

This report identifies five main priorities, linked to the Safer City Partnership Strategic Plan 2016-2017

- **Violence Against the Person** – to protect those who work, live or visit the City from crimes of violence.
- **Night Time Economy Crime and Nuisance** – to promote the City as a safe place to socialise.
- **Acquisitive Crime** – we will work to protect our businesses, workers, residents and visitors from theft and fraud with an emphasis on cyber-crime.
- **Anti-Social Behaviour** – To respond effectively to behaviour that makes the City a less pleasant place.
- **Supporting the Counter Terrorism Strategy through Delivery of the Prevent Strategy** - To challenge radicalisation and reduce the threat posed to the City.

Violence against the Person

Victim Based Violence

Figure 1: Crime Statistic

Victim Based violence	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2015-16 (month)	77	66	72	80	78	101	64	70	71	61	67	96
2016-17 (month)	73	84	75	92	77	116	49	63	68	72	76	94

Current Trend

April – June 2017, compared to Jan – March 2017

Violence with Injury Offence, Violence without Injury Offences, and Sexual Offences all experienced higher levels of offending compared to the previous quarter and compared to the same reporting period in 2016.

The highest noticeable increase is of 18 offences (+23.68%) from May 2017 to June 2017.

Violence with Injury

This area experienced a higher level of offending compared to the previous quarter and compared to the same reporting period in 2016.

The increase in reported offences in June 2017 can in part be attributed to the 7 Attempted Murder crimes raised as a result of the London Bridge Attack, which contributed to an increase of Violence With Injury Offence (+5 offences, +20% compared to May 2017).

Violence without Injury

This area experienced a higher level of offending compared to the previous quarter and compared to the same reporting period in 2016.

Rape/Other Sexual Offences

This area experienced a higher level of offending compared to the previous quarter and compared to the same reporting period in 2016.

There was a significant increase in sexual offences with June 2017 reporting 10 offences in comparison to May 2017 reporting 5 offences (+ 5 offences, +100%). This is the highest level of sexual offending reporting in a single month over the last year

Licensed Premises

Seasonally

It would normally be expected that the level of victim-based violent crime reporting daily should continue as for July (decreasing) to also be lower for August and September, before increasing in October.

Areas of concern

Sexual offences – a problem profile on this area is currently being written. This will include looking at the incidents reported in June to understand whether there is a link or trend in reporting or whether any of the offences could have been prevented.

Night Time Economy Crime and Nuisance

Licensing Activity

Violent Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

During this reporting period 32 violent crimes were identified as being connected with licensed premises. All of these crimes were investigated from a licensing perspective in order to establish which measures were relevant to prevent or mitigate the likelihood of repetition. These investigations involved the team visiting and working with the premises concerned.

This process was replicated for the 84 reports flagged for the attention of the licensing team because of the association or potential association of the reports with ASB connected to licensed premises.

Promoted Events

There were 225 promoted events held at licensed premises in the City. All these events were subject of a risk assessment process undertaken by our licensing team.

Interventions/Joint Working

The Licensing Team made 13 significant interventions involving working with premises operators and legal representatives in order to positively influence the management of premises. The team deployed with London Fire Brigade in support of fire safety visits. The team have conducted a joint operation together with UKBA in order to support an investigation led by that agency regarding alleged issues at a City venue. The team were represented at a Security Industry Authority 'violent crime workshop' attended by security operators from across London aimed at driving forward standards within the industry.

Pro-active Deployments/Reassurance

The team have led 11 deployments/operations during Night Time Economy hours to address a range of issues. Three of these deployments were in response to the Manchester terrorist attack and three in response to the London Bridge attack providing reassurance, guidance and advice to premises and operators. In total 449 premises were visited April to June. This figure is particularly high due to the level of engagement conducted in the wake of the terrorist attacks.

Acquisitive Crime

Victim Based Acquisitive Crime

Figure 2: Crime Statistics

Victim Based acquisitive	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
2015-16 (month)	296	247	263	261	272	299	215	245	251	285	285	263
2016-17 (month)	291	315	314	276	315	309	242	298	382	288	406	334

Current Trend

April – June 2017, compared to Jan – March 2017

The main areas of increase have been the moped-enabled phone snatches and burglaries (non - dwelling). 2 prolific burglars contributed to this increase– one committed 7 offences and one committed 5 offences.

Changing Trends in Offending

The phone snatches increased partly due to the increase in tourists. Between April to June, more tourists were victims of phone snatches than earlier in the year.

Offences also increased as offenders targeted Minorities and Goodman’s Yard in order to steal a large number of mopeds (rather than using pedal cycles such as in January to March). Using mopeds is a quicker and more efficient way for the offenders to get close to their victim and leave the scene quickly without detection.

Increase

Phone snatches, the suspects are now using extreme violence such as weapons or throwing acid over victims in London boroughs, acid was thrown over 2 Metropolitan Police officers who intervened with a moped suspect. To date, City Police Force Intelligence Bureau (FIB) are only aware of one piece of Intelligence which suggests that moped suspects have been passing bottles of acid around when out riding.

There have been no acid attacks in City grounds from April to August

- 2 offences have been linked to victim’s being threatened with machetes / knives in the City
- No incidents have been linked to Tasers in the City, but many (unknown numbers) have been threatened with Tasers in the MPS.
- In the City, there have been 5 phone snatches since April to date, which have involved a form of violence.

Areas of concern

Mobile phone snatch offences are a continuing trend with offenders using brute force, weapons (Tasers and machetes) as well as the threat of acid attacks in order to commit offences. A media campaign may deter tourists from using mobiles in public, this can include warning posters in newspapers and on London buses.

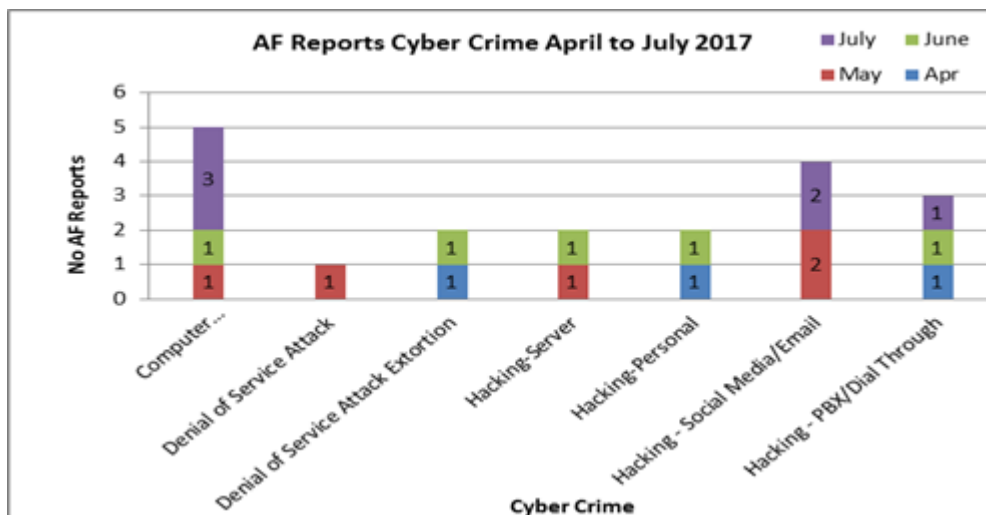
Other areas of concern

Thefts from gyms are also a concern as two potential suspects: are currently outstanding and may be linked to the current spate of City offences 29 offences since April (to date).

Seasonally

When the last 6 years of offending is analysed, Victim based acquisitive crime offences are expected to remain steady as a whole from August. Theft from person is predicted to reduce, however crime types such as pedal cycle thefts are predicted to increase in August. Shoplifting and other theft offences are predicted to increase over the forthcoming months.

Cyber Crime



As can be seen from these figures, reporting of cyber-attacks remains well below the number of attacks actually occurring. These are often managed by the business themselves with IT systems able to mitigate attack attempts.

Engagement with businesses and encouragement to report is a prevention priority in this area (as well as establishing the reasons for non-reporting, aside from the reputational risk to businesses). Included is the recruitment of a new Cyber protect officer who will visit business premises.

Increase in Reporting Trend: We have seen reporting increase significantly over the last 3 years – the number of reports received 2016/17 was 34, increase of 13 offences compared to FY 2015/16 with 21 offences (+13, 61.9%). June and July 2017 both show 6 Action Fraud Cyber Crime reports. This is a marginal increase from 5 in May 2017 and 3 in April 2017.

Intelligence reports linked to Cyber Crime are all linked to a number of IP addresses all over UK being compromised by a cyber-attack. End of June also reported intelligence of a bank in Bishopsgate who were subjected to thousands of Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) attacks per day. Currently their current IT security system were able to mitigate these attempts. They did not report any of these

attacks to the authorities but have expressed a willingness to produce daily or weekly summaries of the attempts for authorities to use for intelligence gathering purposes.

Anti-Social Behaviour

ASB figures

Anti-Social Behaviour*												
Year	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June
2015/16	81	93	65	75	62	65	67	92	55	65	72	84
2016/17	74	97	157	173	169	159	112	136	166	130	140	139

Proactive Operations

Operation Radstock commenced in July. This operation was based on information and intelligence from the local community in the Middlesex St. area where they raised concerns of drug dealing in the area. Communities and Partnerships Policing team investigated the concerns, running an operation taking place on Thursday 20th July targeting suspects concerned in the Possession with Intent to Supply Class A drugs.

The operation resulted in the arrest of seven suspects for various drug offences including - possession with Intent to supply class A drugs; possession of class A drugs; and driving under the influence of drugs; as well as the seizure of four vehicles believed to be used in the transport of class A drugs officers also uncovered 33 wraps of Class A drugs that had been concealed inside a hollowed out section of the driver's door.

Begging and Vagrancy

Operation Acton is a joint initiative with the Corporation of London and St Mungo's Broadway homeless charity, designed to address homelessness and rough sleeping. Shifts with St Mungo's take place on a monthly basis, where entrenched rough sleepers are targeted who refuse to engage with services. Due to the recent terrorist attacks a number of these deployments have had to be cancelled due to prioritisation and availability of resources.

Operation Alabama, (the issuing of Community Protection Notices, CPN) continues, with officers targeting individuals who refuse to move on from areas where they are committing acts of begging and anti-social behaviour. A CPN is intended to deal with particular, ongoing problems of nuisance which negatively affect the community's quality of life by targeting the person responsible, using powers under the Crime and Police Act 2014. The offender is given a written warning with regards to their conduct and if this behaviour does not cease within a certain time period they will be issued a CPN. Since January to date 11 written warnings have been issued and 2 CPNs have been given out.

Night duty operations with the UK Border Agency (UKBA) have been cancelled due to their staff being unavailable.

Shifts with the Westminster Drug Project (WDP) continue, with two shifts per month taking place, where we accompany WDP to assess people and give welfare advice to known addicts within our area; this is proving successful with several individuals accepting help from WDP in the last few months.

For the last quarter, the CoLP conducted a dip sample survey of 20 victims of ASB.

The results are as follows:

How did you find our service (scale of 1-10)?

14 rated as a 10

4 as a 9

1 as a 5 (caller security at business premises unhappy about roughsleepers)

1 N/A as ongoing

How quickly were we able to resolve the issue (1 slow - 10 quickly)

14 rated as a 10

5 as a 9

1 as an 8

Do you have confidence in the City of London Police (1 no confidence – 10 full confidence)

16 as a 10

4 as a 9

Do you feel safe in the City of London (1 not safe – 10 very safe)?

18 as a 10

1 as a 9

1 as an 8

[Supporting the Counter Terrorism Strategy through Delivery of the Prevent Strategy](#)

Engaging and reassuring our communities

A regional prevent coordinators meeting was held following the recent terror attacks. Key learning highlighted that subjects had not been reported to the police or security services previously, but that prevent resources are under considerable strain.

NCTPHQ Prevent Management Training Day

The City of London Prevent Team hosted the NCTPHQ Prevent Management Training Day at the Guildhall. The Prevent and Channel Co-ordinator provided an input on Prevent and business to them. This was well received and provided a number of discussion points.

The City of London Prevent Team hosted the National Counter Terrorism Police Head Quarters (NCTPHQ) Prevent Management Training Day at the Guildhall. The Prevent and Channel Co-ordinator provided input on Prevent and business. This was well received and provided a number of discussion points. The NCTPHQ were very interested in a product developed with our partnership team which is in the video production phase. Field tests are due later this year.

Counter Terrorism Security Advisers (CTSA) Activity

Following the terrorist attacks the Counter Terrorism Security Advisers (CTSA) office have seen a significant increase in requests for support and advice from the business community.

CTSAs from both the British Transport Police (BTP) and CoLP are working closely with Network Rail, Department for Transport, and Centre for the Protection of National Infrastructure (CPNI) to establish Hostile Vehicle Mitigation (HVM) at the west entrance to Liverpool Street Station. This is in response to a vehicle being driven down the steps.

Following the recent terror attacks, we have introduced Emergency Trauma Packs. The initiative is designed to enhance preparedness for first responders and business staff to provide first aid and mitigate the impact of a terrorist attacks. ETP will offer victims of a terrorist incident increased chances of survival. Medical supplies will be closer to the scene reducing waiting time, and potentially first aid can be administered prior to London Ambulance Service (LAS) arrival. Businesses purchase the ETP and CoLP will have knowledge of their location/storage, and the contact details of the named point of contact. This will be mapped and held in our Force Control Room for ease of access. A number of ETP have already been purchased by businesses and the City of London. Training will be provided for the use of ETP. There will be a phased roll out of this, culminating with a live exercise testing ETP and partner responses. Engagement with British Transport/Metropolitan Police/LAS have been very positive. There is zero cost to CoLP as companies purchase the ETP. The ETP supports the London Resilience Board Strategy – support a safe and effective community response during emergency situations and promote community resilience (2016 -2020 Objectives).

Operation Mass is a “big wing” deployment involving both Police and partners, running for 24 hours on the 27th July. The focus was Counter Terrorism related and the purpose was to raise public awareness through national and local counter terrorism messaging, including the use of social media, business community briefings, leaflet drops and large scale deployment of SERVATOR style tactics in and around iconic sites and crowded places.

Communities and Partnership officers continue to support Project ARGUS table top exercises throughout this quarter.

CT Events

- Project Griffin x 7 (274 people)
- Project ARGUS x 4 (132 people)
- CT Awareness and threat updates x 21 (1,371 people)
- Postal Awareness x 6 (35 people)

These events are held at City business premises and continue to have business support

Communications & Engagement

A Police & business forum leads meeting was held shortly after the London Bridge terrorist attack in June. The meeting Chaired by Det. Supt. Dyson brings together all the business forum chairpersons and representatives. The meeting benefitted from the CoLP sharing appropriate information key messages and providing CT advice to City businesses. The leads then return to their local forums to share the advice and information.

We engaged with the faith networks following the London Bridge attacks, providing reminders around access to policing services.

We have worked with the Bank of England, who are running apprenticeships and internships throughout the summer, providing timely PREVENT reminders.

A prevent awareness presentation was delivered to the Barbican residents association on 11th July, where views on our engagement were sought. Further presentations will be rolled out for all our residential communities.

The Bank of America have responded positively following an initial discussion around the use of PREVENT in their welfare policies.

Conclusion

This report informs the Safer City Partnership members of partnership/community engagement and intervention activity undertaken from April – June 2017 and highlights issues raised by our communities and how the City of London Police has responded.