



# **Safer City Partnership Strategy Group Review Period July to September 2016**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 1100hrs**

**City of London Police Update**

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**City of London Police (Communities & Partnerships)**

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.

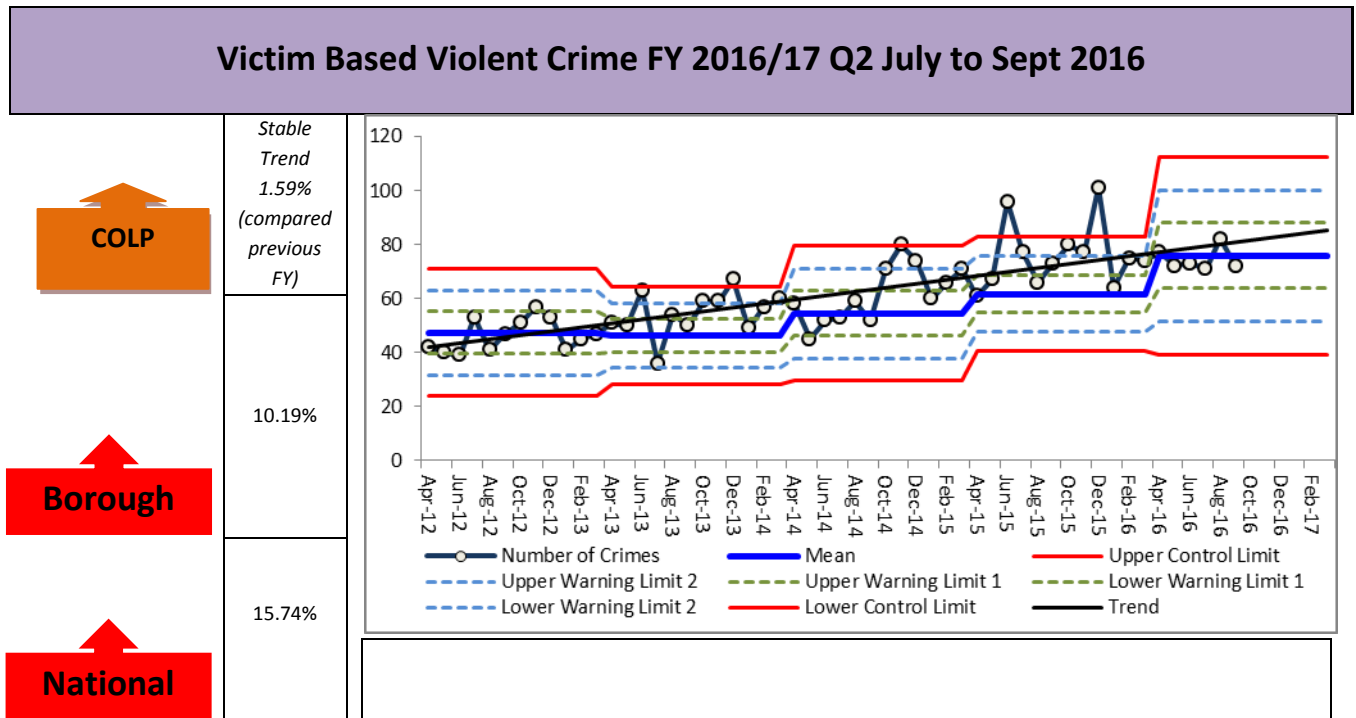
This report identifies five main priorities, linked to the Safer City Partnership Strategic Plan 2016-2017

- **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 Statistics



Victim Based Violence	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
2015-16 (month)	61	67	96	77	66	73	80	77	100	64	74	74
2016-17 (month)	77	72	73	71	82	72						
Change (month)	16	5	-23	-6	16	-1						
	26.20%	7.46%	-23.90%	-7.79%	24.24%	1.36%						
2015-16 (YTD)	61	128	224	301	367	440	520	597	697	761	835	909
2016-17 (YTD)	77	149	222	293	375	447						
Change (YTD)	16	21	-2	-7	9	8						
	26.20%	16.4%	-0.89%	-2.65%	2.17%	1.6%						

### FYTD (April to September comparisons)

- Currently 1.6% (+8 crimes; 1.6%) increase in Victim-based violence compared to last year.
- End of year prediction is 896 (2015/16 Victim Based Violence total 906).
- Trend is downwards but not significant.
- Violence with Injury: -26 offences; -13.1% decrease
- Violence without Injury: +47 offences; +24.9% increase
- Sexual Offences: -9 offences; -23.&% decrease
- Rape: -5 offences; -38.5% decrease

### Quarterly Comparisons (April to June 2016 / July to September 2016)

- April to June 2016: **222 Crimes**
- July to September 2016: **225 crimes**
- Stable Trend

### Violence with Injury

Monthly Totals	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	
<b>2014-15</b>	30	21	24	21	25	27	33	25	45	32	26	28	<b>337</b>
<b>2015-16</b>	24	36	43	35	32	33	39	32	49	29	30	26	<b>408</b>
<b>2016-17</b>	31	30	31	<b>21</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>24</b>							<b>173</b>

### Quarterly Comparisons (April to June 2016 / July to September 2016)

- April to June 2016: **92 Crimes**
- July to September 2016: **81 crimes**
- Slight downward trend

### Violence without Injury

Monthly Totals	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	YTD
2014-15	26	18	21	25	31	24	34	46	28	25	33	37	348
2015-16	27	24	46	32	27	31	31	42	44	32	37	37	410
2016-17	41	36	36	44	40	39							236

Quarterly Comparisons (April to June 2016 / July to September 2016)

- April to June 2016: **113 Crimes**
- July to September 2016: **123 crimes**
- Slight upward trend

### Sexual Offences

Monthly Totals	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	YTD
2014-15	2	6	7	7	3	1	4	9	1	2	7	6	55
2015-16	10	7	7	10	7	9	9	3	7	3	8	11	91
2016-17	5	6	6	6	5	9							37

Quarterly Comparisons (April to June 2016 / July to September 2016)

- April to June 2016: **17 Crimes**
- July to September 2016: **20 crimes**
- Slight downward trend

### Rape

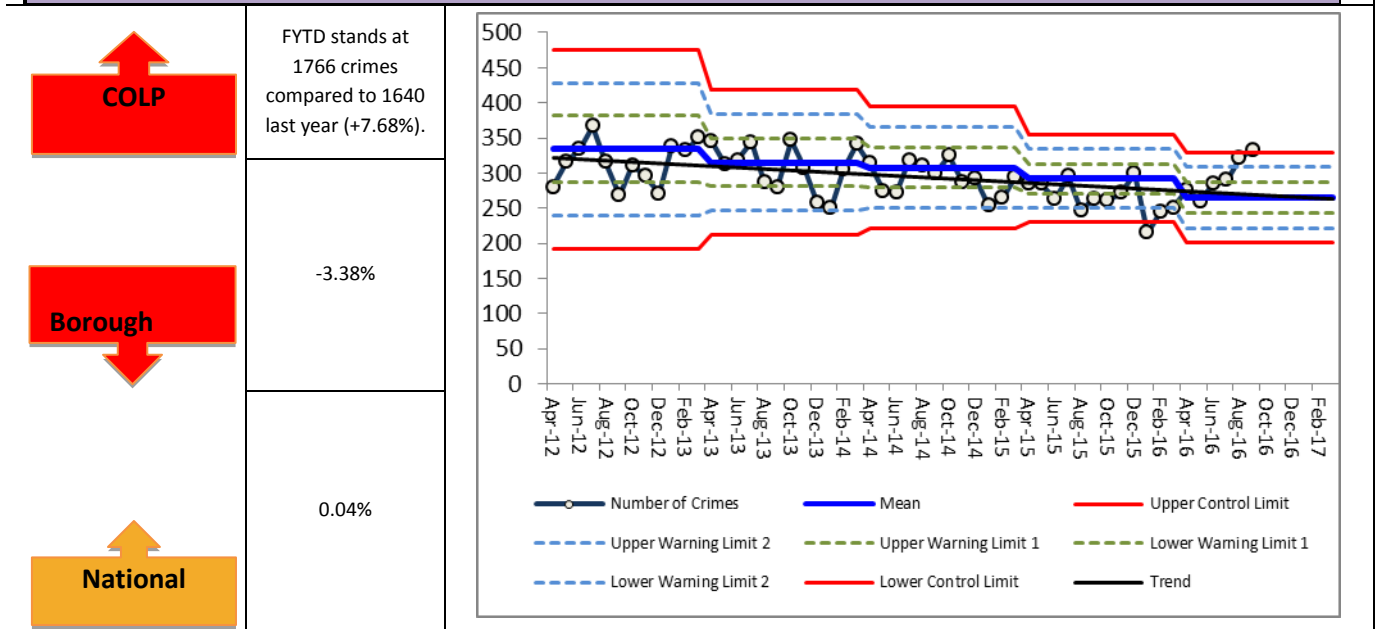
Monthly Totals	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	YTD
2014-15	0	0	2	2	2	0	2	2	0	1	2	3	16
2015-16	4	2	2	3	0	2	1	1	2	1	2	4	24
2016-17	1	0	4	1	0	2							8

Quarterly Comparisons (April to June 2016 / July to September 2016)

- April to June 2016: **5 Crimes**
- July to September 2016: **3 crimes**
- Slight downward trend

**Victim-Based Acquisitive Crime**

**Victim Based Acquisitive Crime FY 2016/17 Q2 July to Sept**



Victim Based Acquisitive	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
2015-16 (month)	285	285	263	296	247	264	261	272	299	215	245	251
2016-17 (month)	277	260	285	290	321	333						
Change (month)	-8	-25	22	-6	74	69						
	-2.80%	-8.77%	8.36%	-2.02%	29.9%	26.1%						
2015-16 (YTD)	285	570	833	1129	1376	1640	1901	2173	2472	2687	2932	3183
2016-17 (YTD)	277	537	822	1112	1433	1766						
Change (YTD)	-8	-33	-11	-17	57	126						
	-2.80%	-7.09%	-1.32%	-1.50%	4.14%	7.68%						

### FYTD (April to September comparisons)

- Currently 7.68% (+126 crimes; 7.68%) increase in Victim-based Acquisitive Crime compared to last year.
- Trend is Upwards and Significant.
- End of year prediction is 3,429 (2015/16 Victim Based Acquisitive total 3194).

### Upward Trend

- Vehicle Offences: +51 crimes; 91.1% increase
- Theft from the Person: +24 crimes; 11.6% increase
- Bicycle Theft: +70 crimes; 43.5% increase
- Other Thefts: +9 crimes; 1.2% increase.

### Downward Trend

- Burglary Non Dwelling: -14 crimes; 11.8% decrease
- Shoplifting: -10 crimes; 2.9% decrease
- Robbery (Personal and Business): -7 crimes; 28% decrease

### Quarterly Comparisons (April to June 2016 / July to September 2016)

- April to June 2016: **822 Crimes**
- July to September 2016: **944 crimes**
- Upward Trend

### Vehicle Offences

Monthly Totals	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	YTD
2014-15	16	16	12	28	16	23	18	18	16	12	11	7	193
2015-16	9	17	8	8	6	7	7	5	5	13	14	10	109
2016-17	19	19	15	<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>14</b>							107

### Quarterly Comparisons (April to June 2016 / July to September 2016)

- April to June 2016: **53 crimes**
- July to September 2016: **54 crimes**
- Stable trend

Thefts of Motorcycles are predominant crime type in this category.

### Theft from the Person

Monthly Totals	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	YTD
2014-15	23	18	25	27	23	33	38	33	52	41	27	42	382
2015-16	42	33	34	30	28	40	34	39	43	33	33	34	423
2016-17	25	35	38	49	34	50							231

Quarterly Comparisons (April to June 2016 / July to September 2016)

- April to June 2016: **98 crimes**
- July to September 2016: **133 crimes**
- Upward trend

Snatch offences are predominant attributing offence to this upward trend.

### Bicycle Theft

Monthly Totals	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	YTD
2014-15	44	34	26	52	53	29	29	32	17	15	19	24	374
2015-16	31	20	30	32	23	25	26	23	20	15	14	16	275
2016-17	34	26	38	35	52	46							231

Quarterly Comparisons (April to June 2016 / July to September 2016)

- April to June 2016: **98 crimes**
- July to September 2016: **133 crimes**
- Upward trend

### Burglary Non-Dwelling

Monthly Totals	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	YTD
2014-15	23	28	9	16	21	19	17	10	8	15	17	21	204
2015-16	27	28	22	16	12	14	16	18	28	14	15	15	225
2016-17	16	22	11	20	15	21							105

Quarterly Comparisons (April to June 2016 / July to September 2016)

- April to June 2016: **49 crimes**
- July to September 2016: **56 crimes**
- Slight Upward trend

FYTD Burglary Non-Dwelling is a downward trend. However, since previous quarter, there is a slight increase in offences.



## Shoplifting

Monthly Totals	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	YTD
2014-15	43	36	48	45	53	51	42	49	56	48	60	51	582
2015-16	62	65	49	56	63	48	66	70	55	54	53	37	678
2016-17	64	50	44	59	53	63							333

Quarterly Comparisons (April to June 2016 / July to September 2016)

- April to June 2016: **158 crimes**
- July to September 2016: **175 crimes**
- Upward trend

FYTD Shoplifting is a downward trend. However, since previous quarter, there is an increase in offences.

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Currently CoLP are focusing resources (or seeking to) on:

- Gym Thefts
- Thefts from Vehicle
- Pedal Cycle Thefts
- Burglary Non-Dwelling
- Theft from Licensed Premises

SARAs are being compiled for these areas, recognising these areas of crime as a current problem which requires resources to police.

### **Night Time Economy Crime and Nuisance**

#### **Licensing Visits**

The City of London Police Licensing officers visited over 500 licensed premises between visits between August and October. Our officers were able to intervene with intoxicated persons and remove them from venues, preventing any potential for violent crime and anti-social behaviour (ASB). All of the visits have been well received with lots of co-operation with the licensed premises

We have continued with our Alcohol Action Day deployments on the last Friday of each month involving officers from Communities and Partnerships and our response officers to assist with visits and interventions.

Our Licensing Officers supported the City of London (CoL) Licensing Team in the Safety Thirst awards carrying out assessments at venues and providing feedback of those assessments to the judging panel.

We have conducted joint operations with the CoL Licensing Team tackling street traders and assisted the CoL Environmental Health Officers (noise team) with night time visits.

We will be hosting our Licensing Forum on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 10:00 – 12:00 at the Loose Cannon.

The aim of the Licensing Forum is to get together as many licensees/management/owners and security staff and deliver to them a number of key messages on the lead up to Christmas.

There will be speakers from the Security Industry Authority/our PREVENT officers and advice on crime prevention.

### Anti-Social Behaviour

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

#### [ASB figures](#)

Anti-Social Behaviour												
Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
2015/16	65	72	84	81	93	65	75	62	65	67	92	55
2016/17	79	51	65	74	79	145						

The above figures show a significant increase in ASB between August and September, however this is likely to be a numerical increase (rather than an increase in actual ASB) this increase reflects the classification and recording of ASB now taking place in our Control room Centre.

Our officers regularly conduct joint patrols with ParkGuard at Golden Lane/Middlesex Street and Mansell Street estates. ParkGuard submit on average over 120 very detailed reports of their tour of duty we will then go through these reports and follow up on any intelligence noted.

### Proactive Operations

#### Begging and Vagrancy

##### *Operation Acton*

This joint initiative with the Corporation and St. Mungo’s homeless charity is designed to address homelessness and rough sleeping in the CoL.

Funding is being sought by the CoL to provide ‘pop-up’ hubs utilising local churches within the square mile to accommodate rough sleepers to facilitate assessment and also provide sheltered accommodation.

We continue to support this initiative by providing officers to arrest (Vagrancy Act 1824) if necessary individuals who do not engage with the help provided.

### *Operation ALABAMA*

Operation Alabama is a targeted intervention and enforcement strategy working in partnership with the Metropolitan Police in the use of Community Protection Notices (CPN's). 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. The operation utilises the powers under the Crime and Police Act 2014. The offender is given a written warning with regard to their conduct and if this behaviour does not stop within a certain time period they will be issued a CPN.

The below outcomes have been achieved for September:

- 6 x CPN's in September
- 11 x CPN's in October

### *Nut sellers*

Joint operations with the CoL have continued throughout September and October, prosecutions are ongoing information is suggesting that the traders now seem to be targeting weekends we will be working with the CoL at the weekends to continue to tackle this.

### *Noise and Rowdiness*

We have continued to respond to ASB complaints around licensed premises/hotels and serviced apartments.

Whilst the Corporation is responsible for noise enforcement our partnership working has become more effective over the years where we have jointly looked at actual and potential noise issues when it comes to the matter of Temporary Event Notices, Grants and Variations.

We have worked together on a variety of issues of note in the past. Lovat Lane has historically been a problem with complaints from the owners of some serviced apartments – this was particularly problematic when Clause was holding Promoted Events. This changed to a large extent when Dirty Martini took the premises. They're noise output has been far lower since the change but recently a resident came to the fore with a complaint that may have amounted to a public nuisance and between the teams we assisted the resident in a practical way with appropriate advice. Naturally the venue played its part in that process.

Again on the matter of Promoted Events, we worked together in a (pre Hearing) negotiation with the legal representatives of two Hotel/Club licences at 10 Trinity Square. This was important from both our perspectives as there is already a significant presence of licensed premises in the area which has an equally significant residential presence.

We have had recent success in working together in the matter of residents complaints in Creechurch Lane. Again the problems of identifying the premises from which revellers may have emanated were significant. By making appropriate representations to the (several) licensed premises in the area, we have seen a reduction in noise complaints locally.

The interaction between the teams continues (in my view) to be fruitful as we (pre grant) together meet with legal representatives of upcoming premises. To that end there is a meeting with two (different) lawyers who represent prospective licence holders in a new hotel in Dorset Rise. A similar meeting takes place at the Kitty Hawk Hotel in South Place next week. By taking a proactive stance in this way we are providing pre-opening and pre-grant contact with vendors with the view that this creates a positive stance in the matter of Crime & Disorder and Public Nuisance – particularly the nuisance that coincides and is germane to the Environmental Pollution Act as well as the Licensing Act 2003.

## **Supporting the Counter Terrorism Strategy through Delivery of the Prevent Strategy**

### *Engaging and reassuring our communities*

In conjunction with the Community Safety Team, further workshops have been delivered to City of London Corporation departments as part of the ongoing process to ensure all areas of the organisation have an understanding of PREVENT. This is an ongoing process.

Following the successful workshop for the business community on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016 engagement has continued with a number of large businesses in the City to deliver workshops within their organisations. This is to allow them to identify vulnerable individuals and ensure their safeguarding policies have a due regard for PREVENT within them. The training also highlights to businesses the referral pathways available to them if they have a concern for one of their employees.

With the start of a new academic year engagement has been conducted with universities, schools and nurseries. Meetings have been held with universities located in the City to highlight any concerns prior to the arrival of students. Arrangements have been made for police to attend Freshers Fairs to deliver PREVENT and personal safety advice. City officers also attended universities that were located just outside the City boundary as their students are likely to access services in the City. The City of London PREVENT Team worked with the Metropolitan Police University Officer to reinforce joint messages. A Higher/Further Education Forum was held. Discussions around the latest threats and risks were held in light of the recent incident at North Greenwich Station.

Further training has been delivered to the schools in the City at the start of the academic year. This has also been extended to cover the Board of Governors of schools to give them an understanding of their school's statutory responsibility.

Following on from the engagement around the killing of Father Hamel in France the PREVENT Team has arranged with the City Churches to deliver a presentation around radicalisation and the safeguarding options available to assist the Church.

A bespoke workshop around PREVENT was delivered to members of the voluntary sector. This was very well received and plans are being developed to deliver more workshops to include the major charities located in the City.

A presentation and a Q&A session about PREVENT and the work of the Police PREVENT Team was provided to the Police Independent Advisory Group (IAG) in October this presentation was well received by the members of the IAG.

## *Project Griffin*

Communities and Partnership officers continue to support Project ARGUS table top exercises (Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September) and continue to participate in Project Griffin (Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November) events held at Wood St. Police Station again these events are very well attended with approximately 80 delegates expected to arrive for the Project Griffin event.

## *Counter Terrorism Survey Results 2016*

### **September 2016**

**Q1. On a scale of 1 to 10, how confident are you that the City of London is protected from terrorism?**

72 respondents gave the following answers.

- **Very Confident:** 15 (21.43%)
- **Confident:** 44 (62.86%)
- **Neither Confident or Unconfident:** 9 (12.86%)
- **Unconfident:** 1 (1.43%)
- **Totally Unconfident:** 1 (1.43%)

**Q2. Do you feel reassured by the work being done by the City of London Police to protect the City of London from Terrorism?**

72 of respondents gave the following answers.

- **Yes:** 67 (97.10%)
- **No:** 2 (2.90%)

This is a breakdown of responses from the City of London Police's Counter Terrorism Survey which surveyed businesses and residents in the City of London in August/September 2016.

**NOTE:** This survey is still open and has been running since 24.8.2016.

## *Communications & Engagement*

Our last report made reference to how we communicate with business/residents and our transient communities. Through the One Safe City Programme there is a strand which focuses on this and a tendering process is underway with a number of companies.

As part of ways to develop the Force's external engagement, a new initiative has been set up to bring various local businesses and CoLP together; it is a voluntary ideas-sharing forum for both parties, with the aim of being a mutually beneficial arrangement. The focus for each meeting will be on a particular issue each time, and will provide the chance to contribute and hear different suggestions on a current challenge. The next planned event will be a workshop for a City firm and CoLP officers/staff to specifically address communication with local businesses, and how this can be improved in order for CoLP to deliver the best service possible.

I will update the SCP on the progress of this.

During October 2016 saw the arrival and inspection (Effectiveness Inspection) of the HMIC.

A number of questions were put to the force and officers interviewed to gauge our understanding of our communities and how we respond and deal with them.

Examples of areas the HMIC focused on were our effectiveness in:

- reducing crime, tackling ASB and protecting people
- investigating crime and reducing re-offending
- how we respond to our most vulnerable people
- how we address and react to organised crime gangs at a local level

A published report of the HMIC inspection is due in February/March 2017.

## **Christmas Campaign 2016**

### **Op. Present**

Gold's strategic intentions for the Christmas Campaign are:

- Minimise the likelihood of violent crime occurring.
- To provide reassurance to the community with particular emphasis on crowded places.
- Where crime is committed, to secure and preserve best evidence, ensuring a victim focused investigation.
- To provide an effective and proportionate policing response, being mindful of the current security situation and commensurate with the current threat assessment.

The City of London Police have taken the 4 'p' approach to this campaign (Pursue/Prevent/Protect and Prepare) this approach is in line with our reduction of violent crime strategy with some adaption's.

### **PURSUE**

Joint working / patrols and the sharing of intelligence relating to violent crimes at transport hubs with BTP to target times and locations for alcohol related disorder. Patrols will target the relevant times and offenders will be dealt with by appropriate legislation.

Licensing teams will be deployed every shift to engage with the licensee. Any offences will be dealt with by the team.

### **PREVENT**

Social media campaign to highlight the risks of excess drinking. There will be tweets sent out prior, during and after the operation. There will also be live tweets going out during deployments. (appropriate levels of information).

### **PROTECT**

Joint working / patrols with the London Ambulance Service (LAS) to target times and locations for alcohol related disorder.

Bridge Patrols – Recognising the increased vulnerability of people during this time officers will be tasked to conduct saturation patrols in key areas identified as most at risk. Officers will be engaging with members of the public observing any signs of distress or people showing signs of mental health issues.

Pre Christmas Op Present briefing to licensed premises to highlight:

- counter terrorism threat
- crime scene management and safety measures

It will be a no surprises approach to the Operation establishing communication, collaboration and engagement with the licensing trade.

### **PREPARE**

Alcohol Recovery Centre The venue has been agreed at St Olaves Church, Hart Street.

### **Conclusion**

This report informs the Safer City Partnership members of partnership/community engagement and intervention activity undertaken since September 2016 and highlights issues raised by our communities and how the City of London Police has responded.

