

## Written responses to members questions

### Full Authority – May 2011

**Victoria Borwick**

**MPS Arrests for those Aged 16 and Under broken down by Age Group, Borough & Offence for the period 01/01/2008 - 31/12/2010**

Year	Age Group	Borough	Burglary	Criminal Damage	Drug Offences	Fraud & Forgery	No Arrest	Non Notifiable	Other Notifiable	Robbery	Sexual Offences	Theft & Handling	Unknown	Violence Against The Person	Total
2008	13 & Under	Barking & Dagenham	11	53	4	2	0	15	16	35	5	40	0	59	240
		Barnet	13	20	1	1	0	10	9	7	2	32	0	39	134
		Bexley	10	43	3	0	0	18	7	0	4	38	0	37	160
		Brent	9	16	0	1	0	13	15	50	7	44	0	36	191
		Bromley	8	61	2	2	0	13	16	21	8	63	0	46	240
		Camden	3	23	8	0	0	4	26	13	3	38	0	35	153
		Croydon	30	46	7	2	0	12	11	55	15	50	0	55	283
		Ealing	6	26	2	0	0	9	15	50	1	35	0	25	169
		Enfield	8	15	1	1	0	7	2	19	11	33	0	32	129
		Greenwich	27	38	2	0	0	6	9	14	13	34	0	32	175
		Hackney	5	9	12	1	0	10	9	40	8	33	0	37	164
		Hammersmith & Fulham	4	25	2	1	0	7	10	17	0	50	0	25	141
		Haringey	7	22	1	2	0	14	14	26	5	29	0	40	160
		Harrow	10	27	1	0	0	6	7	22	4	25	0	15	117
		Havering	8	31	3	1	0	7	7	11	5	45	1	39	158
		Heathrow	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	7
		Hillingdon	21	59	1	0	0	3	10	19	2	30	0	22	167
		Hounslow	11	26	1	0	0	5	14	28	6	42	0	37	170
		Islington	9	21	6	2	0	34	25	21	3	37	0	30	188
		Kensington & Chelsea	16	9	4	0	0	18	5	14	3	37	0	10	116
Kingston Upon Thames	4	16	0	0	0	20	7	15	2	54	0	17	135		
Lambeth	15	27	10	0	0	20	13	54	9	36	0	44	228		

	Lewisham	10	35	3	0	0	22	26	80	8	25	0	51	260
	Merton	9	18	1	1	0	10	11	20	4	23	0	36	133
	Newham	13	21	2	0	0	20	13	56	9	34	0	67	235
	Redbridge	8	16	1	1	0	16	12	29	7	46	0	28	164
	Richmond Upon Thames	9	13	1	0	0	3	9	5	3	21	0	23	87
	Southwark	11	29	8	1	0	17	20	85	6	75	0	62	314
	Sutton	11	41	3	2	0	13	6	13	5	61	0	34	189
	Tower Hamlets	7	27	5	0	0	7	9	32	6	39	0	55	187
	Waltham Forest	9	14	6	0	0	12	13	13	3	24	0	28	122
	Wandsworth	8	30	3	0	0	10	16	52	8	44	0	36	207
	Westminster	13	19	6	0	0	28	15	44	6	86	0	29	246
	<b>13 &amp; Under Total</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>1,305</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,161</b>	<b>5,769</b>
14 - 16 Years	Barking & Dagenham	79	139	75	0	0	84	85	123	9	147	0	198	939
	Barnet	59	83	49	15	3	110	85	115	13	194	0	172	898
	Bexley	42	106	53	6	0	89	77	33	18	176	2	149	751
	Brent	82	62	90	14	6	138	78	198	13	171	0	159	1,011
	Bromley	43	190	85	17	1	112	142	91	22	302	2	232	1,239
	Camden	56	45	120	3	0	111	109	91	7	195	0	129	866
	Croydon	107	115	140	12	1	181	105	200	37	237	0	261	1,396
	Ealing	48	75	75	8	1	96	61	175	10	174	0	181	904
	Enfield	82	41	51	7	0	131	46	137	13	161	0	155	824
	Greenwich	68	84	87	6	0	82	93	75	18	159	0	165	837
	Hackney	38	44	145	6	0	113	108	152	17	200	1	188	1,012
	Hammersmith & Fulham	23	37	59	2	0	84	64	84	4	184	0	92	633
	Haringey	54	61	79	9	3	199	82	216	10	223	0	184	1,120
	Harrow	37	62	30	6	0	61	49	81	10	92	0	101	529
	Havering	78	111	26	5	1	63	72	73	5	215	1	166	816
	Heathrow	1	0	4	0	1	20	3	8	0	6	0	11	54
	Hillingdon	44	113	57	7	3	80	92	98	7	179	1	97	778
	Hounslow	76	106	80	3	3	104	94	90	11	153	0	144	864
Islington	47	41	100	6	0	118	76	130	10	160	0	113	801	
Kensington & Chelsea	35	33	75	7	0	65	41	87	6	169	0	66	584	
Kingston Upon	45	90	37	9	0	90	64	55	4	262	0	81	737	



	Hillingdon	22	30	2	0	0	16	12	17	5	39	0	34	177
	Hounslow	2	26	7	1	0	6	9	12	10	27	0	24	124
	Islington	5	26	8	0	0	12	30	24	6	43	0	27	181
	Kensington & Chelsea	2	3	1	0	0	3	6	8	0	22	0	9	54
	Kingston Upon Thames	5	6	3	0	0	5	5	6	1	36	0	8	75
	Lambeth	37	11	5	0	1	22	17	45	5	43	0	41	227
	Lewisham	6	26	5	3	0	16	30	66	24	52	0	66	294
	Merton	6	18	2	0	0	6	8	11	7	14	0	30	102
	Newham	8	19	3	0	0	9	21	50	23	35	0	48	216
	Redbridge	9	15	4	1	0	3	12	18	6	21	1	31	121
	Richmond Upon Thames	3	13	5	0	0	6	2	17	1	16	0	18	81
	Southwark	22	24	7	1	0	12	32	58	16	69	0	70	311
	Sutton	6	25	1	3	0	5	15	7	6	53	0	35	156
	Tower Hamlets	7	26	3	0	0	7	16	34	4	9	0	48	154
	Waltham Forest	6	9	0	0	0	8	6	18	2	18	0	30	97
	Wandsworth	16	17	5	0	0	6	13	25	4	36	0	49	171
	Westminster	3	18	3	0	0	19	10	16	9	87	0	35	200
	<b>13 &amp; Under Total</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>1,213</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,119</b>	<b>5,107</b>
14 - 16 Years	Barking & Dagenham	62	76	37	1	0	73	80	72	23	121	0	196	741
	Barnet	90	63	66	7	5	75	63	60	9	156	0	125	719
	Bexley	27	108	47	6	1	103	128	21	10	131	0	144	726
	Brent	81	93	99	14	1	89	82	200	14	154	0	222	1,049
	Bromley	101	126	74	11	0	68	104	71	10	239	0	201	1,005
	Camden	53	30	121	6	2	93	103	127	9	295	0	131	970
	Croydon	117	98	107	4	0	172	142	205	25	255	0	252	1,377
	Ealing	41	41	87	9	0	99	86	153	6	189	0	163	874
	Enfield	61	54	46	3	2	66	67	146	23	144	0	170	782
	Greenwich	75	84	79	2	0	61	120	102	23	120	0	155	821
	Hackney	44	31	119	6	1	92	110	115	15	173	0	194	900
	Hammersmith & Fulham	36	20	75	8	1	80	82	100	9	201	0	99	711
	Haringey	81	53	68	15	1	143	103	158	18	163	0	192	995
	Harrow	40	42	21	6	1	51	34	75	12	110	0	91	483
Havering	66	64	47	1	0	53	72	55	17	204	0	129	708	
Heathrow	3	0	2	1	0	12	2	3	2	3	1	5	34	

		Hillingdon	103	101	53	5	1	48	98	78	20	161	0	153	821
		Hounslow	43	70	89	5	0	62	76	65	15	158	1	138	722
		Islington	60	59	105	3	0	124	138	135	14	256	0	196	1,090
		Kensington & Chelsea	18	22	53	5	0	59	39	56	2	151	0	60	465
		Kingston Upon Thames	53	45	20	1	0	50	53	52	5	227	0	73	579
		Lambeth	106	69	110	6	1	134	122	213	21	220	0	210	1,212
		Lewisham	79	74	99	4	1	144	173	245	42	257	0	286	1,404
		Merton	45	57	53	8	0	35	70	59	8	95	0	105	535
		Newham	65	65	114	6	0	124	132	291	29	272	0	244	1,342
		Redbridge	54	57	64	1	1	75	92	117	23	114	0	145	743
		Richmond Upon Thames	31	51	42	5	1	34	35	23	4	99	1	79	405
		Southwark	82	95	154	7	0	139	212	335	43	297	1	367	1,732
		Sutton	59	76	48	4	0	89	65	57	14	219	0	116	747
		Tower Hamlets	64	51	99	7	2	100	83	145	14	148	1	267	981
		Waltham Forest	44	39	77	3	0	62	59	113	20	69	0	123	609
		Wandsworth	64	65	95	4	0	74	80	115	15	202	0	166	880
		Westminster	61	51	124	20	2	133	131	138	10	596	0	146	1,412
		<b>14 - 16 Years Total</b>	<b>2,009</b>	<b>2,030</b>	<b>2,494</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2,816</b>	<b>3,036</b>	<b>3,900</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>6,199</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5,343</b>	<b>28,574</b>
	<b>2009 Total</b>		<b>2,336</b>	<b>2,626</b>	<b>2,607</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3,114</b>	<b>3,461</b>	<b>4,686</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>7,412</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6,462</b>	<b>33,681</b>
<b>2010</b>	<b>13 &amp; Under</b>	Barking & Dagenham	11	27	1	0	0	4	16	28	11	37	0	46	181
		Barnet	4	12	0	0	0	3	6	18	3	22	0	13	81
		Bexley	7	13	8	0	0	7	13	12	8	26	0	71	165
		Brent	4	5	2	0	0	3	6	51	6	32	0	37	146
		Bromley	9	22	3	2	0	9	23	12	4	46	0	36	166
		Camden	5	6	3	3	0	13	13	30	8	26	0	17	124
		Croydon	32	27	8	1	0	16	25	57	16	68	0	55	305
		Ealing	3	11	3	1	0	4	8	19	2	15	0	28	94
		Enfield	7	17	2	0	0	8	6	30	10	18	0	35	133
		Greenwich	3	11	5	0	0	6	9	30	6	18	0	26	114
		Hackney	2	13	5	2	0	20	19	29	6	25	0	40	161
		Hammersmith & Fulham	10	8	4	0	0	13	17	31	4	41	0	30	158

Haringey	8	12	4	1	0	8	7	46	5	40	0	43	174	
Harrow	5	10	3	0	0	17	8	10	3	17	0	23	96	
Havering	3	12	0	1	0	3	11	16	5	29	0	36	116	
Heathrow	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	6	
Hillingdon	11	27	10	1	0	10	10	15	2	25	0	34	145	
Hounslow	13	6	1	0	0	12	13	8	1	23	0	24	101	
Islington	11	13	3	0	0	11	15	15	0	37	0	37	142	
Kensington & Chelsea	2	9	5	1	0	0	7	7	0	19	0	28	78	
Kingston Upon Thames	0	7	0	0	0	1	2	4	0	25	0	11	50	
Lambeth	12	12	6	0	0	15	36	71	8	36	0	58	254	
Lewisham	17	16	12	1	0	24	24	85	9	73	0	52	313	
Merton	10	13	0	1	0	6	15	6	4	15	0	31	101	
Newham	7	15	2	0	0	12	24	60	10	24	0	56	210	
Redbridge	3	11	0	0	0	3	16	21	4	24	0	23	105	
Richmond Upon Thames	4	9	0	1	0	2	2	3	2	9	0	19	51	
Southwark	11	22	7	1	0	10	13	56	4	38	0	45	207	
Sutton	0	16	1	0	0	6	10	6	6	46	0	26	117	
Tower Hamlets	4	18	6	0	0	6	18	22	8	23	0	39	144	
Waltham Forest	3	10	1	1	0	5	9	25	3	12	0	23	92	
Wandsworth	15	22	2	1	0	26	20	18	5	63	0	34	206	
Westminster	10	21	3	3	0	6	11	26	2	121	0	21	224	
<b>13 &amp; Under Total</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>1,075</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,097</b>	<b>4,760</b>	
14 - 16 Years	Barking & Dagenham	56	61	52	4	0	81	81	119	11	103	1	183	752
	Barnet	53	48	54	4	1	81	80	99	20	149	0	128	717
	Bexley	42	61	56	3	0	43	99	34	14	106	0	204	662
	Brent	82	49	135	8	2	127	118	265	12	152	0	180	1,130
	Bromley	72	93	71	9	0	65	145	104	9	202	0	132	902
	Camden	59	41	122	14	1	79	103	144	7	186	1	122	879
	Croydon	96	92	95	5	0	144	119	174	28	208	0	249	1,210
	Ealing	29	46	94	3	4	83	78	183	12	120	1	151	804
	Enfield	65	50	59	2	1	74	95	194	27	117	0	244	928
	Greenwich	51	53	65	2	2	50	105	114	12	85	0	142	681
	Hackney	42	36	108	3	0	88	71	155	15	133	0	241	892
	Hammersmith & Fulham	40	23	75	5	0	114	97	134	12	237	0	96	833

Haringey	70	51	70	8	4	202	114	200	16	178	0	170	1,083
Harrow	25	27	34	6	2	37	53	72	11	73	0	110	450
Havering	43	72	54	5	0	35	75	55	7	168	0	178	692
Heathrow	4	0	4	1	0	10	4	6	1	9	0	6	45
Hillingdon	73	71	64	8	0	71	88	117	9	146	0	165	812
Hounslow	63	64	95	3	2	63	94	97	14	156	0	164	815
Islington	60	55	119	6	0	129	128	128	10	232	0	181	1,048
Kensington & Chelsea	30	16	49	5	0	67	40	41	0	117	0	68	433
Kingston Upon Thames	24	41	32	3	0	25	36	51	10	175	0	71	468
Lambeth	58	63	113	5	1	149	136	266	27	198	0	282	1,298
Lewisham	98	82	110	7	3	174	162	258	28	209	0	258	1,389
Merton	33	31	51	6	1	50	49	31	16	119	0	100	487
Newham	56	55	138	2	2	122	123	337	27	181	0	297	1,340
Redbridge	50	49	63	2	1	78	71	148	20	92	0	156	730
Richmond Upon Thames	17	25	34	1	4	16	23	36	3	68	0	76	303
Southwark	92	62	144	4	3	124	173	314	30	233	0	313	1,492
Sutton	38	73	41	4	0	58	93	51	23	242	0	141	764
Tower Hamlets	35	70	117	1	0	93	96	176	22	137	0	310	1,057
Waltham Forest	44	49	64	6	0	52	66	123	11	78	0	115	608
Wandsworth	48	47	92	11	1	96	92	122	17	235	0	165	926
Westminster	78	76	135	20	3	171	146	189	12	664	0	186	1,680
<b>14 - 16 Years Total</b>	<b>1,726</b>	<b>1,732</b>	<b>2,609</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>2,851</b>	<b>3,053</b>	<b>4,537</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>5,508</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5,584</b>	<b>28,310</b>
<b>2010 Total</b>	<b>1,973</b>	<b>2,185</b>	<b>2,720</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>3,140</b>	<b>3,486</b>	<b>5,405</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>6,583</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6,681</b>	<b>33,070</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>6,549</b>	<b>8,158</b>	<b>7,961</b>	<b>702</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>10,261</b>	<b>10,091</b>	<b>15,232</b>	<b>2,007</b>	<b>21,563</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>19,714</b>	<b>102,349</b>

## **How many of these children were considered 'at risk' by authorities prior to their arrest**

Children at risk are identified by local authorities, police are invited to conferences where they are either placed on a protection plan or Child in need plan.

Protection plans are used for at risk children.

The majority of the plans are for protecting vulnerable children hence they range from concerns re unborn children to young children in the proximity of domestic violence these appear to fall between the ages of 0 and 14

A small number relate to 14+ these tend to be high risk due to vulnerability rather than criminality.

The majority of 14+ tend to be transferred to children in need

At present we record all conference invites on cris and there is also a gradual back conversion of GR documents which were used to record the information previously

We have now started to record possible invites on cris

There are three basic outcomes

- 1.....placed on plan cris flagged
- 2... not placed on plan not flagged
- 3... previously place on a plan (CB)
- 4 possible invite not flagged and closed will be reopened if invite received

This is an ongoing process whereby conferences are held on a regular basis and can be flagged either as active or closed plan so varies on a daily basis

The method of recording means we only show one victim which tends to be shown as the youngest family member if there is more than one child on a plan.

The various siblings can have a variety of family names making identification difficult

In the 0 -14 age range the number will be very few as they tend to be a very young age.

The 14 + are very rarely involved in criminality due to the reasons above.



**Dee Doocey**

**Q. Why have the Metropolitan Police Service consistently refused to answer a freedom of information request made on the 6th April 2010 in relation to the phone hacking inquiry? This request asked for information relating to the potential number of people affected. I understand that an appeal is now being considered by the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO ref: FS50350205).**

- At the time this question was asked of the Commissioner, the MPS had already answered parts 1 & 2 of the FOIA request referred to.
- Since that time, the MPS has answered the 3rd part of the question and Mr Davies' complaint has now been closed.
- The MPS's original approach to withholding this information was based on the principle of protecting individuals' personal information and privacy. Given that the MPS was investigating possible unlawful interception of personal telephone messages this was an appropriate approach to take.
- Many of those contacted by the MPS had potential national security concerns or personal sensitivities associated with their role/position in public life and therefore did not wish to be part of a prosecution. They also requested that any communication with them remain strictly private and confidential. It was felt that disclosing the numbers in each category would undermine our responsibility and was likely to lead to individuals being identified, particularly given the vast amount of media speculation about potential victims.
- Since this question was originally submitted (the question submitted by Nick Davies), there has been a new investigation launched (Operation Weeting), a Judicial Review process and various Civil Actions. Any decision taken in respect of disclosure now has to take such matters into consideration.
- In addition, the recent Information Tribunal ruling regarding the use of Section 40 to protect statistical information [2011] UKUT 153 (AAC) undermined the MPS position on attempting to protect an individual's right to privacy and the MPS accepts that ruling.
- Accordingly, having considered all factors the MPS has decided to amend its initial stance.

- It should be noted that this decision is based on the fluid nature of this matter and should not be seen as setting any form of precedent. Each request, whatever level, is considered on a case by case basis.

### **Victoria Borwick**

Further to Oral response on the number of Child Arrests in London:

**Q. Could we be briefed on the background to these figures? For example, could we be given information on: Which parts of London these arrests took place; What these children in the two sets of figures (14-16 and under 14) were arrested for; How many were convicted; How many of those arrested, were then arrested again for another offence; How many of these children were considered 'at-risk' by authorities prior to their arrest**

### **Victoria Borwick**

**Q. I understand that Bush Hill Park Victim Support centre is to close due to changes in Ministry of Justice funding.**

- (a) Do you have more information about this issue?
- (b) How will this affect the way police handle victim management in Enfield?
- (c) How will you be working with other funding organisations of Victim Support to maintain this service?

- Bush Hill Park is closing but VS services will still be provided locally in at least two locations on the Borough with others being sought. This should limit impact on victims. Management is moving to Old Street.
- The merging of VS offices and the setting up of 'community bases' within the borough is in line with the business model for VS. The merging of the offices has therefore not been driven by the cuts but there is an element of reducing costs.
- We have also seen a cut to Local Authority (LA) funding as well as our Ministry of Justice (MOJ) funding being cut nationally by around 17%. The MoJ money funds our core services where as LA money funds enhanced services and projects (for example, DV Workers, Young Victim Workers, Hate Crime Workers). We also apply to any other relevant funds/grants that become available, for example I recently applied to the Communities against Guns, Gangs and Knives Fund with full support of Enfield Council. VS also applied to the governments Victim and Witness Fund but was unsuccessful.

- In Enfield we have Local Authority funding (£30,172) which enables us to provide a service to DV victims in the borough. This is a part time post and the funding is due to end 31st March 2012.
- VS in London are currently restructuring and we have recently come to the end of our consultation period. In the new structure the MoJ funding for our core services will enable us to fund a Service Delivery Manager (SDM) post and a Support Worker (SW) post in Enfield. The SDM and SW will hopefully be appointed around September 2011.
- Enfield staff are based at the North London Divisional Office at Old Street alongside Camden, Islington and Haringey. All referrals are received at this point and all victims of crime are contacted from here. We then arrange appointments with clients and are able to offer home visits as well as one-to-one support from our two community bases (Trinity-at-Bowes and Wheatsheaf Hall). We are also hoping to set up a further community base. Our business model is to reach out to victims of crime in the borough and enhance our services.

#### **Valerie Brasse**

**Q. In response to an FOI request the MPS have disclosed that for the three years 2008, 2009, 2010 the numbers of children arrested under 14 years of age were 5,761, 5,100 and 4,755 respectively. What proportion were subsequently charged and how does this compare with i) all children ie under 18 years olds arrested ii) all adults arrested? Can we have a similar comparison for a) the types of crime for which children under 14 have been arrested and b) the breakdown by ethnicity.**

- In relation to the questions received, MPS Performance Information Bureau (PIB) have provided a count of the number of these arrests that were disposed by means of charge. This is provided for the age groups of 13 and under, aged 14-17 and 18+
- Ethnicity information is also included within the report.
- Please note the various caveats contained on the report tab of the embedded spreadsheet (spread sheet attached)

#### **Steve O'Connell**

**Q. This month five of a panel of seven British Supreme Court judges said that police guidelines allowing forces to retain the fingerprints and DNA samples of innocent people are unlawful.**

## **What is your view on**

**(a) The role DNA plays in catching criminals**

**(b) The difficulty the MPS and CPS has in convicting criminals**

**(c) The Protection of Freedoms Bill?**

- Under current legislation all persons arrested for a recordable offence will have their DNA taken and the resulting profile will be searched against unidentified DNA profiles recovered from crime scenes and/or victims. This profile is retained on the National DNA Database and provides a line of enquiry in the identification of a potential offender by generating matches with material recovered from crime scenes or victims.
- The very nature of serious violent crime such as rape and murder and acquisitive crime such as burglary and vehicle crime is that DNA (and fingerprints) will be left at the crime scene or on the victim, giving one of the most robust and reliable methods of identifying the guilty and exonerating the innocent.
- DNA profiling has played a significant role in some of the most high profile murders across the country - for example Sally Anne Bowman & the Ipswich Prostitute Murders.
- 40% of detections in residential burglary in London are a result of the suspect being identified through the DNA or finger marks left at the crime scene.
- The evidence of a DNA match from the NDNAD alone cannot secure a charge or conviction for an offence committed, however without such a powerful investigative tool the identity of an offender may never be established.
- It is for Parliament to decide the appropriate balance between civil liberties and protecting the public - the MPS will implement whatever Parliament decides – we do not set the boundary of civil liberties.
- What I will say is that under the newly proposed DNA retention regimes of the Protections of Freedoms Bill, the power to search the DNA profile of all those who are arrested, regardless of whether they are convicted, is not affected.
- Therefore DNA profiles from arrestees will continue to be searched and reveal crimes committed in the past.

- However not retaining DNA profiles of persons acquitted or not proceeded against (except in the most serious of crimes, upon application) will deny the opportunity to detect crime they commit in the future.
- We will also be searching against a reducing database as we seek to detect crime, but as I said earlier it is a matter for Parliament to set the appropriate balance between civil liberties and protecting the public.

**Valerie Shawcross**

**Q. I am concerned about the growth of crime around areas with night life. Does the MPS have guidelines to Licensing Authorities about reducing crime and nuisance at night time? What advice has he given to boroughs across London?**

- There is no specific evidence to show that crime in the vicinity of licences premises is on the increase.
- Each borough has its own police licensing officer who is responsible for managing the way in which licensed premises operate. BOCUs also work closely with local authorities and any premises that comes to notice to reduce the problems being caused.
- Additionally, we have a central licensing unit which focuses on the most problematic premises and provides an urgent response capacity at peak times.
- Each area experiences different types of problems so there is not necessarily a one size fits all approach. However there are some good practises in approaches taken by BOCUs i.e. Newham which has recently undertaken 14 standard license reviews and two expedited reviews at premises where crime was a problem. (specific details below in blue)
- The new shift pattern enables us to weight our resourcing to periods of increased demand - such as the night time economy so that across London from:  
09:00 – 12:00 we have no significant change in officer numbers  
12:00 – 22:00 we have approximately 220 more officers available  
22:00 – 03:00 we have approximately 500 more officers available

**Valerie Shawcross**

**Q. Bromley's borough commander, Charles Griggs has warned the only way the Metropolitan Police Service will get through the spending cuts will be to merge services with other boroughs. I am aware of the major business reengineering in TP being carried out within the Met - for example on Control and Command centres and IBOs. Are you concerned about carrying out these large and complex multiple reorganisations in the immediate run up to the Olympics? Will the organisation be settled down and staff and police officers fully able to carry out their new and changed functions by May-June 2012?**

- Our current plans do not involve merging Boroughs but do involve looking at how we can provide operational support to every Borough in the most effective way. Boroughs will remain at the heart of the operational delivery of policing in London.
- We are quite rightly looking at the best possible way to support delivery through Boroughs - on a simple level we do not need 32 different ways of doing things. There are opportunities for Shared Services - as the Met is a region in itself - this is something that is common place across the public sector.
- The Olympics will be one of our biggest ever challenges, but likewise the financial challenge we face is significant. We therefore cannot stand still and TP are working closely with AC Allison to ensure that any changes we are proposing in the way services are delivered within Boroughs compliments the planning for the Olympics.
- AC Allison is confident that the changes we are proposing within the TP Development Programme will not undermine our operational capability in preparation for the Olympics.

**A number of members asked for further details on a number of crime areas *including street robbery, burglary, violence and anti-social behaviour* The subsequent briefing was circulated to members**

### **Operation Target**

Operation Target was announced in late May to "enhance public confidence by achieving significant and sustained reductions in crime in London". The main focus is to crack-down on offenders at key locations to cut street robbery, burglary, violence and ASB. The operation will begin on June 8th and last for at least six months.

Operation Target is one of the most significant ventures targeting volume crime ever conducted by the MPS. The sustained campaign brings together all the Met's specialist resources, skills and people to support boroughs tackle crime, allowing the public to go about their daily lives feeling more confident and safe.

Analysis shows the initial 'Target' areas constitute around nearly a third of all London's street robberies and most serious violence; 15% of residential burglaries and 20% of non-res burglaries.

By bringing together borough based knowledge and expertise with the skills of specialist units, the MPS will be able to more effectively target these specific locations.

As well as achieving immediate crime reductions, the operation intends to embed a number of effective long term crime prevention strategies to ensure there is sustained crime reduction in these areas. The overall result will be an improvement in public confidence and feelings of safety in the targeted areas.

### **Operational approach**

The strategic operational approach will be the "relentless deployment of effective tactics" and will see the MPS drawing together specialist and support resources from across the organisation and using them smartly to find bespoke solutions to particular community problems. For example there may be increased hi-visibility patrols using CO resources in street robbery areas; proactive efforts to target prolific burglars or robbers; or using SCD teams to use legislation to close licensed premises where anti-social behaviour or violence is a problem.

Covert and overt tactics, and intelligence-led interventions will be utilised, while increased presence on the streets will be achieved through extra patrols at key areas.

Existing operations such as Operation Blunt 2 will continue with asset tasked under the Operation Target umbrella. Artificial boundaries such as business groups, OCUs and BOCUs will be bridged as specialist assets from SCD, SO and CO will work with TP to help tackle volume crimes in the areas most affected.

### **MPS resources**

Approximately 2000 officers and staff from across the MPS will be involved at different times in delivering Operation Target over the next six months. Commander Maxine de Brunner will be Gold commander, supported by Supt Dave Chinchin (Silver).

The Commissioner and Management Board have made Operation Target a key priority. AC Ian McPherson, TP is leading the corporate response on behalf of management board.

### **Communications approach**

The main audience for communications activity will be Londoners. However, more specific audiences will have to be reached in order to make communications as effective as possible. They include:

- London's communities in the Op Target areas so they are informed of our actions to tackle the issues and showing tangible results, while receiving our crime prevention advice
- Police officers and staff involved or who are directly or indirectly supporting the operation and communicate its key messages
- Partners and stakeholders to inform them of the actions being taken and utilising their broad network of contacts to reassure communities

The key messages that the MPS will be communicating externally are:

- The MPS is here for London and to help keep communities safe we are enhancing our efforts to tackle crimes against people and property.
- We are bringing together all our specialist units and knowledge from across the MPS to address local crime and safety problems.
- While robbery and burglary are still relatively low in comparison to previous years we are determined to cut these offences further.
- The public can support this operation and help themselves from becoming a victim of crime by taking some basic prevention measures.



- Call to action: To find out more or to get advice on keeping you or your home safe contact your local Safer Neighbourhood Team or visit our website: [www.met.police.uk](http://www.met.police.uk). If you have information about crime you can call Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

## **Evaluation**

Review meetings will take place on a daily basis looking at Operation Target activity. On a weekly basis this will be reviewed at a senior level by the DAC / Commander. The TP performance team will be analysing performance, identifying longer term trends and linking in with the overall MPS performance framework. They will also be looking to identify effective practice from the tactics used in the delivery of Operation Target.

## **Dee Doocey Human Trafficking**

### **1. Members to be provided with details of how many of the 37 dedicated team in Human Trafficking are involved in working specifically on the trafficking of children.**

Within SCD9 there are 37 officers dedicated to all aspects of human trafficking. The team deals with both adult and child trafficking investigations. All officers are experienced specialist investigators able to provide comprehensive support to both adults and children. Operation Paladin is a dedicated team that works within SCD5. Operation Paladin comprises of 1 Detective Sergeant and 4 Detective Constables and is overseen by a Detective Inspector. Paladin is a joint SCD5 and UKBA team whose role is to safeguard children at Ports. The team is based at Heathrow Airport and Lunar House in Croydon but conduct operations in ports across London including working with British Transport Police. SCD9 and SCD5 work closely together to ensure operational join up within these areas.

### **2. MPS input into the Government's Human Trafficking Strategy to be published in Spring this year.**

Both SCD5Paladin and SCD9 were part of the consultation process in relation to the Government's Trafficking Strategy. The OCU Commander for SCD9 was invited by the Home Office to take part in a discussion group, with other stakeholders. to look at some of the proposals that the Strategy contained. As a consequence SCD9 and the MPS were able to provide feedback on the Strategy.

