

Questions Requested for Written Response at the FA

Steve O'Connell

Ending Gang and Youth Violence money

What actions are being taken in Croydon to tackle youth violence using the Ending Gang and Youth Violence money?

This money is allocated to Community Safety Partnerships, not directly to police and is to be spent in enhancing partnership and diversionary opportunities. A multi agency meeting is due to take place tomorrow (Fri 13 January) where the funding will be further allocated within the Borough of Croydon, and set up costs for 'Croydon Connected' - the partnership approach to tackling gang activity - will be negotiated.

The Borough Commander has set tackling gang activity as a priority and to that end has reorganised the profile of the police establishment to ensure even more staff are available for frontline policing. He is working closely with other police units (TP Crime Squad, SCD9, Op Bite) to direct his activity to those gang members who are the most harm/risk and who are influential with their peers.

Croydon have engaged with an organisation called LEAP, part of REACH (**R**ole models **E**ducating **A**dults and **C**ommunities **T**oget**H**er), and has been identified as a pilot site working jointly with the local authority.

Later this month I will be launching a renewed gang and youth violence strategy which will elaborate some more on the wider approach across the Met to tackling gangs.

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Police Academies

How many Police Academies are there in London? Which boroughs are these in?

The schemes have been run at five primary schools within Sutton Borough Operational Command Unit (BOCU). They have been run by staff from two SNTs and have been well-received. A number of other BOCUs are interested in the concept. The schemes have yet to be evaluated but once this has been completed, consideration will be given to co-coordinating and developing them through the MPS schools team and the Safer Learners partnership.

James Cleverly

Crime Rates Since 2008

Has there been a decrease in the number of total notifiable offences in the 44 months since May 2008 and by what percentage?

Has there been a decrease in the number of homicide offences in the 44 months since May 2008 and by what percentage?

TNOs have reduced from 857,979 to 816,235 - a decrease of 4.9%

Homicide offences have reduced from 169 to 118 - a decrease of 30.6%