

# Gun Crime Implementation Report

## Scrutiny recommendations

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| <b>Purpose:</b> To report progress against each of the recommendations in the MPA scrutiny report of February 2004  |             |                       |   |
| <b>Equalities impact:</b> Gun crime still disproportionately affects the black community as has been recognised by the creation of Operation Trident. The gun crime scrutiny seeks to maintain this focus while ensuring that other communities experiencing rising levels of armed criminality receive the appropriate level of attention. |             |                       |   |
| <b>Recommendations:</b>   | <b>Lead</b> | <b>Deadline /date</b> | <b>Performance measure/ milestone</b>   |
| 1. The MPA recommends that the MPS clarify the roles and responsibilities and terms of reference of central units and boroughs in tackling gun crime and drafts a working guidance manual covering operational procedures by June 2004  | MPS         | June 2004             | Guidance manual drafted   |
| <b>Current status</b>   |             |                       |   |
| 2. The MPA recommends that the MPS tactical assessment is supplemented by a continuing long term analysis of emerging trends in firearms offences, that this should become a fundamental part of any threat assessment and should be linked to the allocation of resources by December 2004   | MPS         | December 2004         | Long term analysis included in threat assessment<br>Revised resource allocation process |
| <b>Current status</b>   |             |                       |   |
| 3. The MPA recommends the MPS consider expanding the remit of Operation Trident to cover gun crime in other minority ethnic communities. The MPS should consult with marketing experts around the expansion of the Trident brand and the IAG structure should be extended in tandem with any changes  | MPS         | Ongoing               | Feedback from consideration   |

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| <b>Current status</b>  |     |               |   |
| 4. The MPA recommends that the level of serious firearm offences is considered as a factor in the borough budget setting process and that a process to assess the cost effectiveness of new gun crime operations is developed by December 2004   | MPS | December 2004 | New/revised processes in place                    |
| <b>Current status</b>  |     |               |   |
| 5. The MPA recommends an assessment of the resources available to Operation Trident both currently and taking predicted demand into account is carried out by June 2004  | MPS | June 2004     | Resource assessment complete                      |
| <b>Current status</b>  |     |               |   |
| 6. The MPA recommends that a feasibility study be carried out to explore the costs of linking the IT systems used to record drug and gun offences and should be reported back to the MPA by June 2005  | MPS | June 2005     | Completed feasibility study                       |
| <b>Current status</b>  |     |               |   |
| 7. The MPA recommends that an analysis of the links between the drugs and guns markets should be carried out by November 2004  | MPS | November 2004 | Completed analysis                                |
| <b>Current status</b>  |     |               |   |
| 8. The MPA recommends that the MPS ensure its response to drug crime is coordinated more closely with the response to gun crime and that consideration is given to setting up a joint focus desk by June 2004  | MPS | June 2004     | Feedback from consideration on joint focus desk   |
| <b>Current status</b>  |     |               |   |
| 9. The MPA urges the Government to provide sustained resources for a national publicity campaign to provide young people with alternative role models both on a national level and through a programme of active development of role models within the community                                       | MPA | Ongoing       | Government lobbied to set up role model programme |
| <b>Current status</b> The MPA has urged the Government to consider funding a programme aimed at developing alternative role models for young people as part of the MPA's response to the section on young people in the Government's recent firearms legislation consultation. <b>Status: Complete</b> |     |               |   |

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| 10. The MPA urges the Disarm Trust to expand its remit, becoming a national body co-ordinating a multi agency response to gun crime as soon as possible. If requested, the MPA will consider what resources it can provide to support this work   | MPA | Ongoing       | Relevant bodies lobbied to create national body   |
| <b>Current status</b> In response to pressure from the MPA and others the Home Office have taken on responsibility for co-ordinating and funding local responses to gun crime including providing lists of contacts, advice on securing funding and direct access to resources through the Connected project. <b>Status: Complete</b> |     |               |   |
| 11. The MPA recommends that the MPS facilitate the development of a pan-London gun crime working group as an expansion of existing work on the MPS gun crime strategy by June 2004  | MPS | June 2004     | Working group set up                              |
| <b>Current status</b>   |     |               |   |
| 12. The MPA strongly urges the Government to consider an outright ban on all replica weapons capable of being mistaken for real weapons as a matter of urgency  | MPA | Urgent        | Government lobbied to ban replica weapons         |
| <b>Current status</b> The MPA has recommended that the Government ban replica weapons as part of the MPA's response to the Government's recent firearms legislation consultation. <b>Status: Complete</b>   |     |               |   |
| 13. The panel recommends that a review of the long-term viability of witness protection following the introduction of the mobility scheme be carried out and reported to the MPA by December 2005   | MPS | December 2005 | Report to MPA                                     |
| <b>Current status</b>   |     |               |   |
| 14. The MPA urges the Government to consider a publicity campaign following the introduction of the minimum sentence, to deter potential offenders by pointing out the lengthy sentence they can expect and the new techniques open to the police to catch them   | MPA | Ongoing       | Government lobbied to consider publicity campaign |
| <b>Current status</b> The MPA has written to the Government as part of the recent consultation on firearms legislation to press for a publicity campaign around the minimum sentence and new police techniques to deter potential offenders and enhance the effectiveness of the new legislation. <b>Status: Complete.</b>            |     |               |   |
| 15. The MPA supports the Safer Clubbing Initiative and urges the MPS to continue to develop it and report progress to the MPA   | MPS | Ongoing       | Progress report to MPA                            |

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| <b>Current status</b>   |             |         |                                 |
| 16. The MPA supports the charity Miss Dorothy.com and urges the MPS to consider working with it more closely in future  | MPS         | Ongoing | Feedback from consideration     |
| <b>Current status</b>   |             |         |                                 |
| 17. The MPA recommends that the MPS report progress made on implementing the scrutiny recommendations, as well as other gun crime initiatives, to Co-ordination and Policing Committee every six months | MPS/<br>MPA | Ongoing | Six monthly joint report to MPA |
| <b>Current status</b> This report is the first six monthly update to members. <b>Status: Ongoing</b>  |             |         |                                 |