

Local Policing Summary Westminster

A message from Kit Malthouse

When Boris was elected he promised to refocus the MPA and the Met on fighting crime. Our strategic plan, Met Forward, has done just that, and London has become safer as a result.



Overall crime has fallen by 100,000 offences over the last two years, reductions have been made in violence and murder, and serious acquisitive crime, which includes robbery, has fallen to the lowest levels in ten years.

But it doesn't yet feel better on London's streets. The capital still has serious problems, particularly knife crime. While the number of teenage killings have fallen, there are still too many young people dying or being injured. Each event is a shocking reminder of the mountain we still have to climb.

But there is a huge amount of effort now being brought to bear on these problems. We are making progress and Londoners are responding with increased confidence in local policing and more people feeling safe in their own neighbourhood.

So this policing summary is designed to give you a snapshot of how your local cops are doing and help you make up your own mind. If you have any issues you would like to raise please do let me know by writing or emailing kit.malthouse@london.gov.uk

There is much still to be done, and because of the economic climate the year ahead will be tough. We will need to work smarter, more efficiently and in closer partnership if we are to reduce crime yet further. With your help and support I know we can have an even better year.

You have my commitment that we will strain every sinew in the pursuit of your safety and that of all Londoners.

Kit Malthouse

Deputy Mayor for Policing and Chair of the Metropolitan Police Authority

Met Forward: the MPA strategic mission

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Met Forward

The job of the MPA is to fight crime by getting the best out of the Met. To ensure we make real progress the MPA has introduced Met Forward, a three year strategic mission setting out how we want the Met to develop and perform.

The key purpose of Met Forward is to provide clear direction and support the Met as it works to make London a safer city. Many priorities set out in Met Forward are based on what communities have told us and will ensure that victim care and customer satisfaction are at the core of our shared values.

Above all, increasing the public's confidence in policing is a key priority for Met Forward, working to ensure Londoners feel confident and safe in their neighbourhoods and shared public spaces. Met Forward reflects Londoners' concerns for policing and sets out our ambition to provide strong leadership, open and transparent accountability and effective working with partners and the community.

Making people feel safe is not just down to the Met; many others, including the public, contribute to an atmosphere of order and security and we must work together to deliver success.

Since Boris Johnson became Mayor of London there has been renewed action to tackle crime priorities, focussing on knife crime, safety on public transport, removing dangerous dogs from our streets and tackling gangs and violence in town centres. The MPA has also introduced crime mapping to inform local communities of what is actually happening in their neighbourhoods and overseen changes in leadership at New Scotland Yard to inject new vigour into the Met. Met Forward encapsulates all this work and more, reflecting our goal to make sure the police fight crime effectively.

It is hoped that if we get this right, people who live, work and visit London will:

- understand there is less crime and criminality;
- feel more confident about policing in London; and
- recognise that money is being well spent.

These outcomes might seem obvious at first sight, but they often become lost in the day-to-day activity of running our police force and reacting to events. Constantly reminding ourselves about the objectives of our collective mission will help us focus on what is important. Everything that we do must be directed to these three objectives.

To find out more visit www.mpa.gov.uk/publications/metforward

The MPA's work

Policing London Business Plan 2010/2013

The MPA sets the three year business plan that determines out how the MPS will deliver against the policing priorities of the government, the Mayor of London and the people who live and work in the capital. Targets are set and monitored throughout the year to ensure the MPS continues to reduce crime and increase public safety.

The strategic priorities in the plan are to:

- * convince communities we are on their side
- * crack down on violence
- * the right service at the right price
- * reduce crime and catch criminals
- * deliver security on the streets

For more information please visit www.mpa.gov.uk/publications/policingplans

The MPA and MPS carry out a great deal of community engagement work at ward, borough and pan-London level. When developing and assessing our community engagement work we must ensure it remains relevant to Londoners, so we have recently produced a joint '*Community Engagement Commitment*' which explains how we will improve the way we listen to and respond to the needs of Londoners.

For further information on our '*Community Engagement Commitment*' please contact review@mpa.gov.uk or call 0207 202 0202.

Looking back on 2009/10

Summary performance achievements

The MPS has achieved a number of successes against the objectives and targets set for 2009/10.

Some of the performance achievements between April 2009 and March 2010:

- a reduction in serious acquisitive crime (residential burglary, robbery and motor vehicle crime) of 3.5% or 6919 fewer crimes, exceeding the 2.5% reduction target;
- public confidence across the MPS was 53.1% against a 51.4 % target;
- a reduction in theft from motor vehicle crime of 7.9% or 6195 fewer crimes, exceeding the 2.5% reduction target.

However, some targets were not met, most notably:

- a target to reduce gun crime by 4.2%: there were 429 more crimes, a 14.2% increase;
 - a target to reduce serious youth violence by 4.7%: there were 105 more crimes, a 1.6% increase;
 - the gap between the satisfaction of White victims (78.8%) and Black and Minority Ethnic victims (73.9%) was 4.9 percentage points: this missed the target of a 3.8 percentage point gap.
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Westminster: local information

Message from Borough Commander Simon Bray

During 2009/10 Westminster reduced serious acquisitive crime so significantly that there were 1,000 fewer victims of this type of crime than during the previous year, and we achieved one of the highest detection rates for knife crime (461 offences). The borough also had the best domestic violence arrest rate of any borough (84%) and our sanction detection rate (that is the percentage of crimes for which someone is charged, summonsed, receives a caution or other formal sanction) for domestic violence stands at 60%, the overall best across London.



The local community is growing more satisfied and confident with the way we police Westminster and we aim to improve the way we update victims about case progress within 28 days, for which we have already achieved an outstanding 99.4% compliance level. In addition, the recent Public Attitude Survey data indicates a significant rise in public confidence.

Over the coming year, the dedicated Westminster smash and grab team will continue its crackdown, working closely with the local business community to prevent further offences. This has been an ongoing challenge for the borough and a priority for West End businesses, but the good news is that over the past two years there has been a 61% reduction. We will also continue to tackle terrorism and drug related offences as matters of priority. Both are of particular importance given the borough's location in central London and the constant transient community.

My officers and staff aim to cut overall offences in Westminster by 10% this year - this means having at least one crime less every day on every ward. Our intention remains to make our borough safer for everyone.

Westminster: local police initiatives








We carried out a number of successful projects over the last year to make Westminster safer. To tackle serious violence and alcohol related disorder in the West End we ran Operation Alba over a seven-week period. It involved deploying more officers on the streets on Friday and Saturday nights and entering licensed premises to ensure licensees were watchful of anyone who was intoxicated. We successfully delivered a 6.8% reduction in serious violent crime.

'Swap a Knife for a Life' is a local project, targeting 11-12 year-olds who have recently

started secondary education, to make children aware of the consequences of carrying a knife and becoming involved in violence, and is designed to help them make the right life choices. It was devised by a Westminster Police Community Support Officer whose daughter had been a victim of knife crime and was launched in conjunction with the Met's ongoing anti-knife crime operation, Blunt 2, and the Suzy Lamplugh Trust. It has been running for over a year in schools throughout Westminster, as well as in two other London boroughs.

Information received from the local community suggested that a flat was being used as a cannabis factory. Local Safer Neighbourhoods officers searched the premises and discovered it had indeed been converted for large scale cannabis production, the basement rooms housing over 100 mature plants, supported by sophisticated technical equipment.

How did Westminster perform during 2009/10?

Residential burglary		174 offences or -11.7%	Target achieved
Total robbery		142 offences or -7.6%	Target achieved
Theft from vehicles		692 offences or -21.6%	Target achieved
Theft or taking of vehicles		4 offences or +0.7%	Target missed
Serious youth violence		25 offences or -11.1%	Target achieved
Knife crime		68 offences or -12.9%	Target achieved
Gun crime		11 offences or +15.3%	Target missed

Looking forward

Borough priorities are set through consultation with the public (Safer Neighbourhoods events, 'Have your say' public survey), the police, and other agencies involved in crime reduction in your area.

Priorities for 2010/11

- 1.0% reduction in serious acquisitive crime
- 2.0% reduction in most serious violence, 2.5% reduction in serious youth violence
- 4.0% reduction in gun crime, 1.0% reduction in knife crime
- challenging targets for sanction detection rates across specific crime types.

Have your say on policing in London

How you can help to set London's policing priorities

Public consultation plays an important part in setting the annual policing priorities for London and we want to encourage more and more Londoners to participate. All organisations do best when they listen to the people they serve and the police are no different.

Participating in this annual consultation is a vital tool to help restore the vital link between our local communities and their police service.

Have your say on policing in London by logging on to the MPA website:

www.mpa.gov.uk/publications/policingplans/haveyoursay

This year we also want to hear from more members of London's business communities. If you own or work in a business in London please log on to:

www.mpa.gov.uk/publications/policingplans/haveyoursay-businesses

Alternatively, please call 020 7202 0063 to receive a paper version or to participate in a telephone questionnaire.



Partnership working: CPEGs

Help us to understand the community's views on policing in your area

The MPA has a duty to consult and engage with London's communities and give a voice to local people on policing priorities, their concerns and the future direction of the Met. To facilitate this, Community Police Engagement Groups (CPEGs) - in some areas known as Community Safety Boards or Community Police Consultative Groups - exist in each borough.

The primary aims of CPEGs are to consult with local police, Safer Neighbourhoods Panels, the MPA and key stakeholders in Community Safety Partnerships about strategic policing. This can include consultation on developing the annual policing plan, the implementation of neighbourhood policing, and crime and disorder reduction. Their activities also include active community engagement in neighbourhoods and with local groups.

CPEGs are intended to be representative of the local population and we would particularly like to encourage greater representation from across the diverse range of black and minority ethnic communities, young people, the disabled community and from local businesses and chambers of commerce.

If you would like to get your voice heard, get involved in your local CPEG. Visit our website for more information at www.mpa.gov.uk/partnerships

Useful contacts

Metropolitan Police Authority

tel: 020 7202 0202

Minicom: 020 7202 0173

www.mpa.gov.uk

Metropolitan Police Service

Westminster police stations

tel: 0300 123 1212

www.met.police.uk/westminster

Safer Neighbourhoods information

www.met.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods

Victim Support

tel: 0845 303 0900

www.victimsupport.org.uk

Crimestoppers

tel: 0800 555111

www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Talk to Frank (Drug abuse helpline)

tel: 0800 776 600

www.talktoFRANK.com

National Domestic Violence helpline

tel: 0808 200 0247

www.nationaldomesticviolencehelpline.org.uk

In an emergency always dial 999
Non-emergency dial 0300 123 1212