

Partnership & Place Overview & Scrutiny Feedback

In respect of: Services for Women in & Exiting Prostitution

Membership: Cllrs John, Clues, Mistry, Andy Brown PCT, DCI Kevin Concannon, Christine Topping Brent Police

Date: Lead Member: Cllr Beswick

Lead Officer: Genny Renard for the Community Safety Partnership

Recommendation	Has or will this be Implemented / Not Implemented	If not Why not	Timescales for implementation	Officer Responsible
<p>1. That the Brent police make the tackling of prostitution in Brent a higher and more co-ordinated priority.</p>	<p>This issue now has a higher profile within Brent Police. Being involved in the task group from its inception has highlighted the key issues</p> <p>As a direct result Brent police now have a Borough Champion in relation to Prostitution and Vice issues. This role has taken responsibility for better intelligence gathering and training</p>			<p>Brent Public Protection DCI DCI Matt Bonner</p> <p>Christine Topping, Brent Police</p>
<p>2. That Brent Police:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance the awareness of Brent police officers and staff about the issues faced by women involved in prostitution and those who 	<p>Training package has been created and will be delivered to all SNT sergeants across the Borough.</p>	<p>Training has not been delivered as yet. This delay is due to the loss of</p>	<p>Implementation is expected to be completed within the next 6</p>	<p>Christine Topping, Brent Police</p>

<p>have been potentially trafficked.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide appropriate training to selected police staff around how to support and deal with women affected by these issues. (This is to include for example advice about tactical options in relation to dealing with a report of a local brothel). • Provide clear guidance as to partner staff and the public about how to report a crime against a woman affected by these issues and/or other concerns. 	<p>As above</p> <p>Leaflets to be designed and created and then circulated to relevant parties</p>	<p>the Training Room availability.</p> <p>As above</p> <p>Not completed as yet</p>	<p>-9 months. There are likely to be a series of 5 or 6 sessions to ensure numbers attending are kept low - each of these sessions will be opened personally by the Borough Commander</p> <p>As above</p> <p>To be completed within the next 6-9 months</p>	<p>Christine Topping, Brent Police</p> <p>Christine Topping, Brent Police</p>
<p>3. That Brent Council and partners, via the Crime Prevention Strategy Group, continue the work the task group has started in relation to the Olympics with the CO14, Safe Exit and other Olympic boroughs to reduce the opportunities for organised crime, trafficking and prostitution associated with major sporting events.</p>	<p>The chair of the task group attended a meeting at City Hall aimed at starting to develop a pan London approach to tackling this issue in the run up to the Olympics</p>			

4. That the council and partners lobby the Mayor of London to ensure a pan London strategy / approach is developed prior to the Olympics	The chair of the task group attended a meeting at City Hall aimed at starting to develop a pan London approach to tackling this issue in the run up to the Olympics			Genny Renard, head of Community Safety Partnerships
5. That the council and partners continue the task group's work and keep lines of communication open with the press to influence them to keep to their own guidelines and ensure that adverts relating to the sex industry do not include, for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photographs • Information on ethnicity • Information on age 	See main report			
6. That local newspaper groups operating in Brent agree to carry a prevention and deterrent advert next	Police - This is an ongoing piece of work.			

<p>to sex industry related adverts, the contents of which will be agreed by partners but will include useful contact numbers.</p>				
<p>7 That the task group's report and the issues it raises are included in an article in Brent Magazine.</p>				
<p>8. That it is a priority for all front line local authority and partner staff to remove cards advertising sex services from public areas.</p>	<p>Police - I have arranged for SNT officers to remove and submit any cards found for further intelligence to be conducted on the numbers to identify relevant brothels for further activity</p>	<p>. Police - Is already in place and continuing</p>	<p>. Police - ongoing</p>	<p>Christine Topping, Brent Police</p>
<p>9. That a Partnership Strategy on prostitution is produced which includes the development of services to help women exit.</p>	<p>See main report</p>			
<p>10. That a Stakeholder Event is held to</p>	<p>See main report</p>			

<p>bring together all relevant agencies in the borough to help develop the Partnership Strategy.</p>				
<p>11. That a Partnership Group be set up to take this work forward. This should be the responsibility of the Crime Prevention Strategy Group and include some of the task group membership to ensure continuity of developing expertise. The work of the group should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying resources available to provide services and assistance for women exiting prostitution • Ensuring all relevant agencies know how to identify and respond to women in need of assistance. • Continue to gather and examine evidence about the scale and nature of prostitution in Brent • Develop and update a list of policy and tactical leads from partner organisations, and a map 	<p>See main report</p>			

<p>of services and pathways available to women within Brent and nationally</p>				
<p>12. That NHS Brent develops a treatment and care pathway for those women who are involved in or want to exit prostitution.</p>	<p>Priority highlighted in the 2010/11 Adult Treatment Plan</p> <p>Development of a 72 hour turnaround time and direct access care pathway to enable rapid access health and social care services including access to emergency accommodation and sexual health services for those involved in <i>on street</i> sex work and at immediate risk from violence.</p> <p>New service leaflets developed in <i>travelcard</i> format which carries details of 24/7 helpline</p> <p>CRI Outreach Team undertaking monthly outreach sessions with sex workers in Harlesden SNT evenings and weekends,</p>		<p>1..04.10</p> <p>1.06.10</p> <p>1.09.10</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Andy Brown. Head of Substance Misuse. NHS Brent.</p>

<p>13. That action against landlords is taken when a brothel is identified - eg letter to tell them they are breaking the law, and checks against council tax</p>	<p>Police - Brothel visits are continuing on the Borough - relevant notifications to occupants and landlords are done where relevant and closure of premises sought</p> <p>Council - Should properties which are rated for council tax be identified as a brothel the Revenues service on receipt of that information will inform the valuation office (VO) so that the property can be assessed and considered by the VO for NNDR rated than Council Tax.</p>	<p>. Police - Is already in place and ongoing</p>	<p>. Police - Ongoing activity</p>	<p>Brent SNT's in partnership with Christine Topping</p> <p>Paula Buckley, Head of Client Team, Brent Council</p>