

HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM BOROUGH PARTNERSHIP

Partnership Performance Regime – year three report

Safer, Stronger Communities

Key progress:

- Whilst the number of recorded vehicle crimes rose slightly from 5,836 in 2003/04 to 5,957 during 2004/05, this remains almost 30% below the target for this indicator.
- Total recorded crime dropped again from the 2003/04 figure of 28,650 to a new six-year low of 27,139. This is the second consecutive year in which a reduction has been recorded.
- The rate of reoffending of young offenders dropped by ten percentage points in 2004 to 37%. Whilst this change was not enough to secure LPSA reward funding, it is nonetheless a noteworthy improvement.
- The number of domestic violence perpetrators sentenced to take part in the prevention programme increased to 22. Additionally, whilst the number of repeat victimisations rose slightly, the target threshold was met comfortably. Two of the three LPSA sub-targets for domestic violence were met.
- There were 1,125 CAD calls relating to disorder in the Shepherds Bush Green area in 2004/05, a slight improvement on our performance in 2003/04 but enough to ensure that the final LPSA sub-target was met.
- The percentage of night-time noise calls responded to within 45 and 60 minutes has remained comfortably above target all year in both cases. The final LPSA sub-target has therefore been met.
- Strong performance in the final quarter of 2004/05 means that the target number of abandoned vehicles to be removed by the council has been exceeded by 14 vehicles. The advertising campaign for abandoned vehicle removals started in April 2004. The campaign, associated press coverage and incentives led to a greater uptake for this service.
- In 2004/05 the amount of the Borough Principal Road Network with a structural condition index of over 70 was down from 12% to 9.3%, another year of strong performance. The PSA target has therefore been met. Performance of this indicator is strongly linked to funding. During the past two financial years there was a reduction in funding from TfL for principal roads, leading to concern that the LPSA target would not be met. The funding allocated by TfL in 2004/05 of £950k offset the shortfall from 2003/04. Had funding not been provided at this level, there would have been a significant risk to achieving the LPSA target.
- The average number of days that air pollution by PM10 is recorded as moderate or higher fell from 40 in 2003/04 to 31 in 2004/05.

Progress slower than expected:

- Total robberies: In 2004/05, the number of street robberies rose to 1,386, 32.5% (or 244) higher than the previous year.
- Domestic Burglaries: In 2004/05 domestic burglaries rose by almost 7%, reversing the 5% decrease seen in 2003/04. The Local PSA target was missed; indeed, the number of burglaries was higher than in the baseline year 2000/01.
- The number of police officers per 1,000 fell to 3.02 in 2004/05 from 3.18 in 2003/04. However, the average vacancy rate of officers in 2004/05 was again 0%, the same as the previous year.
- The annual mean of air pollution by NO₂ fell from 45ppb in 2003/04 to 39ppb in 2004/05. The target (of 21ppb) was not achieved.
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Actions for 2005/06:

- A CDRP burglary group to reduce domestic burglary and undertake a range of preventative publicity work in high priority areas.
- Improving services for victims (or potential victims) of racial harassment by training school staff on how to handle and report racial harassment incidents, and running focus groups with victims of racial harassment to identify needs and improve services. We will also address homophobic crime, crime against the elderly, and crime against disabled people.
- Further development and implementation of the Drug Interventions Programme in the borough to deliver more people into treatment from the Criminal Justice System.
- Improving the recording and mapping of Anti-Social Behaviour incidents to help target action in hotspots and make efficient use of all available enforcement resources.
- Looking at ways to improve the design and surveillance of public spaces, especially in the town centre areas, to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour in known "hotspots".
- Develop more joined up approaches (e.g. with the Children's Trust and Adult Social services) to providing accommodation and support for vulnerable adults and increase housing options for priority and non priority need households by expanding the Direct Letting Scheme
- Look at a range of alternative funding options including the viability of temporary-to-permanent schemes that increase the level of affordable housing and makes intermediate housing more affordable

Healthier Communities and Older People

Key progress:

- In 2004/05, 100% of patients were able to be seen by a General Practitioner within 48 hours and 100% of patients were able to be seen by a primary care professional within 24 hours.
- Male life expectancy in Hammersmith and Fulham is now 75.8 years increasing from a baseline of 73.5. Although life expectancy for both London (76 years) and England (76.2 years), are marginally higher both started from higher baselines. This indicates that Hammersmith and Fulham has made a greater improvement.
- Female life expectancy is now 81.6 years compared with 80.8 years for London and 80.7 years for England. This has increased from the baseline of 80.1 years. As the baseline for London was 80.37 years and 80.1 years for England, it can be seen that Hammersmith and Fulham has improved performance in relation to London and England.
- The under 18 conception rate is now 51 per thousand which represents a 25% decrease on the 1998 baseline. Teenage conception rates at borough level can fluctuate widely year on year and the three year average is probably more representative of the underlying trend. This currently shows a 15.3% decrease.

Progress slower than expected:

- The percentage of people taking moderate exercise at least 5 times a week fell sharply from a high point of 34% in 2002 to 21.4% in 2004.

Actions for 2005/06:

- To establish surveillance systems in primary care to assess and monitor health and compare sub-areas and populations
- To undertake a baseline assessment and set targets for improving health and reducing inequalities in at least the following areas
 - Blood pressure
 - Cholesterol
 - Smoking quitters
 - Smoking status
 - Obesity
- Development of plan to identify and agree health priorities for housing improvement within the private sector
- To produce 3 year injury reduction action plan
- To implement the sexual health strategy and action plan

Children And Young People

Key progress:

- There were 34 permanent exclusions from secondary schools in 2001/02 and 32 exclusions in 2002/03. We were not allowed to exceed 30 exclusions in 2004/05 in order to achieve the final PSA target. Only 14 permanent exclusions were made. The target has therefore been achieved.

Progress slower than expected:

- The percentage of pupils gaining 5 or more GCSE passes at grades A* to G was provisionally 88.6% against a LPSA target of 92%. The target has therefore been missed. The total percentage of pupils gaining 5 or more A*-C GCSE passes (not necessarily including English and Maths) was 90.3%
- The percentage of 11 year-old pupils reaching Level 4 in Key Stage 2 in Mathematics, English and IT were all below the national level. However, the target percentage for Science was exceeded.
- The number of schools where the percentage of 16-years-olds achieving 5+ GCSEs at A*-C or equivalent is smaller than 20% continues to be zero.
- 7 children leaving care achieved 5 or more GCSEs at grades A*-C. This is up from the year before but only as good as performance for the two years previous to that. The LPSA target was missed. Caution should be exercised when analysing these results as the numbers involved are very small.

Actions for 2005/06:

- To improve quality of teaching and learning in core and foundation subjects and help schools identify and tackle areas of weakness at Key Stage 4
- 56% of pupils achieving five or more GCSEs at grade A*-C or equivalent in 2006
- Decrease in the achievement gap between boys and girls in reading and writing at KS2 and KS3.
- A target of 0.5% unauthorised absence in primary schools and 1% unauthorised absence in secondary schools
- Work with learning mentors, parents, foster carers and social workers to promote a better understanding of the support needed by looked-after children in order to improve their educational attainment. This will include improved delivery of Personal Education Plans.

- To increase the numbers of children in care placed permanently (residence, adoption and special guardianship orders) and to reduce the average distance for children in care placed out-of-borough

Economy and Opportunities

Key progress:

- Strong performance was recorded for job entry and retention rates in the four northern wards throughout 2004/05 and consequently both LPSA sub-targets were met.
- The steady decrease in the numbers of registered unemployed (Jobseekers Allowance) continued throughout 2004/05. Unemployment in Hammersmith & Fulham fell at a greater rate than the London and UK averages, with claimant unemployment at its lowest level for over 20 years.
- New businesses continue to flourish in Hammersmith & Fulham with a continued increase in the number of vat registered businesses and higher than London average levels of sustainability amongst new businesses.

Actions for 2005/06:

- To advise 800 residents through the Council's employment teams and to assist 70 new businesses to be established in the borough.
- Promote training, apprenticeship and employment opportunities for lone parents
- Promote sustainable transport to support economic regeneration by lobbying TfL for new bus services for White City, Park Royal, and Shepherds Bush; linked to the Westfield (formerly Chelsfield) development.
- Currently in negotiations on LPSA2 to improve job entry and job retention rates for new deal clients.