

'No Deal' in Brixton

The monthly monitoring group will meet this month on 5 April (the day after the CPCG monthly meeting). Their report will be posted on the website and mailed out.

Rachel Gailey (LBL Community Safety), Supt Stewart Low (MPS Lambeth) and Jim Toohill (CPCG) gave an account of No Deal to 'Tackling the Dealers', a one day conference in Central London on 29 March. Other contributions included:

- a summary of research findings on the interactions between communities and drug dealing by Tiggy May of King's College (this work has also been published by Rowntree Foundation and is available on their website);
- a presentation looking at the motivations and profiles of dealers in the East Midlands by Kate Broadhurst of the Perpetuity Group (see CCTV below);
- a novel analysis of dealing as business model and implied opportunities for intervention from Peter Mason of the Centre for Public Innovation;
- an account of the formation and activities of 'Middle Market' team within SOCA.

Copies of these and other presentations are available from the Group Office.

CCTV Strategy Event

Lambeth Borough Council have engaged Perpetuity Group to devise a CCTV Strategy for the borough. CPCG will be hosting an evening event on 20 April at Lambeth Accord, so enabling Perpetuity to garner community views on CCTV in Lambeth. If you would like to attend this event, please contact the Group office.

Jean Charles de Menezes

The Crown Prosecution Service are now indicating that they are now unlikely to conclude with this case until 'early summer', and not by Easter as earlier indicated.

Closure of Maudsley Emergency Clinic

SLaM's decision to close the Emergency Clinic at the Maudsley as part of a service reconfiguration has caused a furore amongst service users and voluntary organisations representing their views. Most of the local statutory bodies have now joined the objectors and at the end of March Lambeth and Southwark Statutory Joint Health Scrutiny Committee published it's response to SLaM's consultation process (copies available from the Group Office).

Chaired by Councillor Angie Meader, the two Councils, for the first time, formed a cross borough joint committee to scrutinise mental health provision and the reconfiguration proposals in particular. Evidence was heard from a wide range of users and organisations, including the police.

Anna Tapsell, Chair of the CPCG Mental Health Sub-Committee gave evidence in February and was robust in her defence of what is the only self-referral unit available to mental health users, many of whom are not in touch with GPs and community services, (which in any case, are not open to them on a twenty-four hour basis.).

Whilst supportive of some aspects of SLaMs wider proposals, the Joint Scrutiny Committee has joined others to call upon the Trust to keep and indeed improve it's Emergency Clinic. Given the strength of feeling, notably from other Health Trusts and the Police, it will be interesting to learn whether 'consultation' on vital closures in the health service has any meaning or not. Watch this space.

Domestic Violence One Stop Shop

Lambeth's new One Stop Shop for victims of domestic violence has met with a giant hiccup, thanks to over-zealousness by Lambeth Council who managed to promise the same premises to two organisations at the same time! Both groups entered negotiations and both groups thought they had secured the deal and had discussed how they wanted the building refurbished to meet their particular and very opposite needs.

Now, whilst this is being sorted out, the DV One Stop Shop will have to delay its full opening to women and operate the phone referral system only until it can safely accept callers, as its cover has been compromised. Anna Tapsell attended a meeting of all parties on behalf of the CPCG and the Domestic Violence Forum and hopefully none of the two community groups involved feels aggrieved at the other!

Forward Planning of Monthly Meetings

The CPCG Board meeting on the 21st of March agreed to work to the following schedule for future meetings, reflecting expressed areas of concern from members.

May	End of financial year review To cover policing and community safety and also CPCG's own position and plans.
June	Youth
July	Elders
September	(tentative) Crime and the Fear of Crime, including the issues behind violent crime

The new format for the monthly police report, about which there has been favourable feedback, should enable us to give proper time to the issues flagged up for each meeting and to allow a wider participation. If you have a particular contribution to make on any of these issues, or would like to recommend a person or organisation who you feel should be invited to contribute, please contact the Group Office and you will be put in contact with the people taking the lead for each event.

CPCG Development.

Good news.....Supt Paul Wilson (Community and Partnership, Lambeth MPS), Chris Lee (Assistant Chief Exec, LBL) and Sue Jacobs (District Crown Prosecutor, Crown Prosecution Service) have agreed to join the CPCG Board to represent the Statutory Members. They will all bring singular skills and commitment.

Bad news.....Sue Jacobs will be moving to another post within CPS and will be unable to take up her Board position. We shall therefore seek another Board member from the Statutory Membership.

We have held back from charity registration given the proximity to the financial year end (to avoid producing two sets of accounts for the sake of a month) but this will go ahead in April.

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