

Future Meetings Schedule

3 July: 6:00 pm at the **Assembly Hall, Lambeth Town Hall**, Brixton Hill SW2 1RW

'Terrorism Revisited'

There is no CPCG meeting in August and we restart on 4 September.

CPCG AGM

The CPCG AGM will be held on Tuesday, 23 October 2007. Board members who have served on the Board for more than a year have agreed to voluntarily stand again for election.

Restorative Justice Sub-Group

Since being constituted at the Group's meeting on 3 April, the Restorative Justice sub-Group (RJG) has met twice (8 and 29 May) and has been looking at the points along the criminal justice system where restorative justice interventions might occur. As a result, draft process maps have been made for both the adult and youth systems. The RJG plans to recommend some priorities for the CPCG Board to consider with a view to making a presentation of its work to a CPCG meeting for further comments, before approaching the London Criminal Justice Board to ask about the possibility for inclusion in the Community Justice Court process in Camberwell.

The RJG meetings have been attended by Paul Andell (CPCG), Ivelaw Bowman (CPCG), Jai Jayasuman (Lambeth Mediation Service), Gill Kenealy (CPCG), Brian Parker (Stop and Search Monitoring Group), Cllr. Graham Pycock (LBL), Luke Roberts (LBL), Hazel Saunders (Victim Support Lambeth), Inspector Alistair Sutherland (MPS) Martin Wright (Lambeth Mediation Service).

Meetings Attended

Anna Tapsell, CPCG Chairperson, attended the following meetings during the course of last Month:

On 3 May, Anna Tapsell attended a Multi-agency Risk Assessment Committee (MRAC) on domestic violence (DV) cases with police Community Safety Unit and voluntary agencies. The MRAC dealt with three high risk cases of which two have now been removed from risk environment.

Anna has also had meetings with Laura Rawnsley, a researcher working on a DV project on behalf of the CPCG and can report that very good progress is being made. Laura is collating and analysing data from 124D forms which are used by police to record DV incidents.

On 5 May, Anna along with Wesley Stephenson, attended a briefing by Territorial Support Group before accompanying on an operation in Electric Avenue to act as Community Observers. During this time they talked with members of the public and gave out leaflets.

Again with Wesley, Anna attended 6am briefing on 16 May before observing the operation for bailiffs to take possession of Rastafarian Temple at St. Agnes Place. The Rastafarian Temple has since relocated in Brixton.

In after of the day Anna attended the Lambeth Older Persons' Forum's (formerley Lambeth Pensioners Forum) Annual conference at St. Thomas' Hospital, where she raised questions about Elder Abuse along with Abdull Sultan Virani (Lambeth Pensioners Action Group).

On 31 May, Canon Ivelaw Bowman and Cheryl Sealey attended a Gangs, Guns and Weapons seminar in Croydon organised by the Greater London Authority. The seminar was well attended by several pan-London organisations with an interest in this matter. During the workshops, Ivelaw and Cheryl were able to give of their experience and observations from the Lambeth perspective.

Canon Ivelaw Bowman represented CPCG at a Passing Out Parade at Hendon on Friday, 1 June where he had the oportuntiny to meet several of the new recruits who will be coming to Lambeth. He also spoke to the officers responsible for the training at Hendon. The Borough was represented by the Deputy Mayor Cllr. Angie Meader.

On 17 May Jim Toohill and Ben McKendrick attended a planting ceremony on Clapham Common in memory of Jody Dobrowski (who was homophobically murdered nearby on 14 October 2005) and other victims of homophobia.

On 3 rd May, Paul Reynolds a Herne Hill Forum meeting at which a Youth Crime report was given, a copy of which can obtained from the CPCG office. Paul also attended a meeting of Village Ward Safer Neighbourhood Panel on 25 May. Although in Southwark, Village Ward shares a border with Herne Hill, as does Thurlow Park Ward, and therefore share certain issues. A list of Lambeth Wards' priorities can be obtained from CPCG office

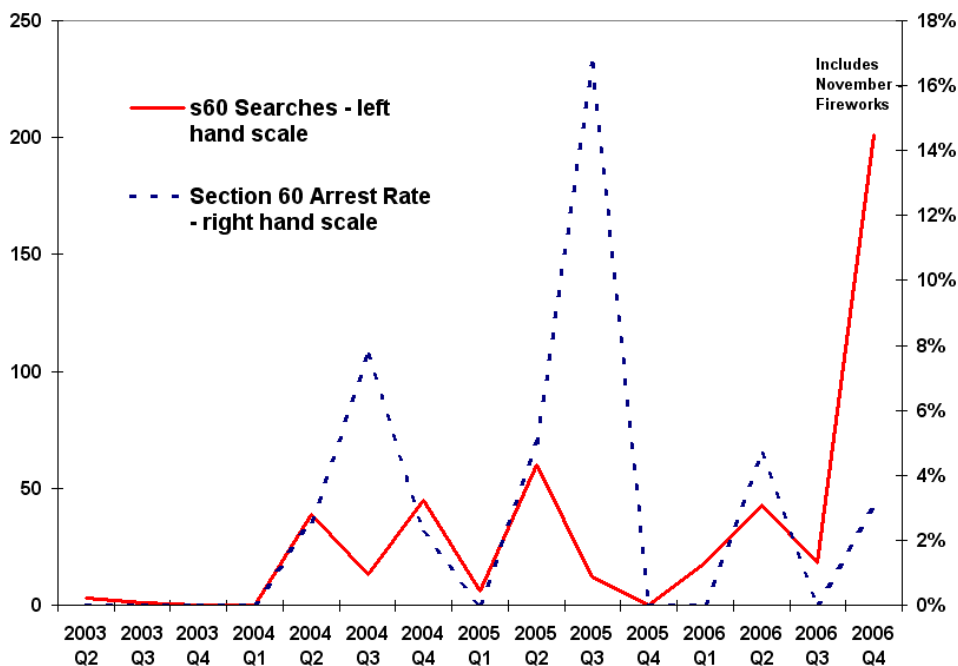
CPCG Youth sub-Group

In response to Lambeth Council's intention to undertake a new consultation of youth needs/opinions, Gill Kenealy contacted Cllr. Mark Bennett to ask about the possibility of offering young people paid work to assist in the process. Cllr. Bennett said he would pass the request on to the relevant Members/officers.

The CPCG Youth sub-Group (CPCGYG) met on 14 May and 4 June. Haley Littek, CPCGYG member, has now sent out a letter/flier to people who work with young people in Lambeth highlighting the role of the CPCGYG and seeking the involvement of young people work.

S 60 Stops and Searches.

A question was raised after last month’s presentation of whether s60 Stops and Searches were included in the data presented. They were. Below are figures for s60 alone.



The use of s60 in Lambeth is, relative to population, lower than across London as a whole.

Operation Blunt

Between 7 May and 21 May, Operation Blunt (an anti-knife crime initiative) was run MPS wide and was directed at a reduction in knife enabled crime. The Lambeth Stop and Search Monitoring Sub-Group was able to input into the Equalities Impact Assessment for the operation, in Lambeth, and to demonstrate that, in the use of ‘knife-arches’ (portable metal detectors), there was no evidential basis for there to be ethnic disproportionality in those directed through the arches. This was carried through into the police briefings.

Members of CPCG were able to attend one such briefing and to accompany officers, with the arch, into Brixton Town Centre. Whilst a malfunction of the (brand new) arch limited activity, it did provide an opportunity to canvass opinions and reactions on a busy Saturday afternoon. The public feedback was generally favourable and supportive of the objective of the operation and the use of the equipment.