

Working Groups

The **Mental Health Working Group** (MHWG), sub-group of Lambeth CPCG, has met twice recently, on 21 and 28 April. The members to date are: Anna Tapsell, who has been elected as Chairperson, Rev. Canon Ivelaw Bowman, Bushy Kelly, Gill Kenealy, Cllr. Angie Meader and Rev. Rosemarie Mallet. The MHWG, which is administered by Ben McKendrick, will expand its membership to include representation from Lambeth Police, Panel of Independent Custody Visitors, Appropriate Adults and Victim Support Lambeth. Furthermore, it has agreed to adopt a terms of reference, draw up an action plan and undertake research with the aim of responding to the MPA and NHS Joint Review of Mental Health and Policing. Terms of reference are:

1. To effectively engage with statutory and voluntary organisations, agencies, community groups and other stakeholders in Lambeth to identify issues of concern and local priorities in relation to mental health and policing.
2. To identify resources, funding, partnerships, initiatives and training programmes already in existence, as well as gaps, through qualitative and quantitative research, including consultation with, and interviewing of, stakeholders.
3. To promote linkages between various stakeholders to increase awareness and knowledge of mental health issues in relation to policing in order to foster greater collaboration and understanding.
4. To produce written reports of the MHWG's work to be presented to the Community-Police Consultative Group for Lambeth and other relevant organisations.

The **Children out of School Group** (now termed Children Missing Education -CME), comprising three Councillors, three Council Staff together with John Wainwright and Ben Mckendrick from CPCG, has met once and is due to meet again on 25 May. Agreed actions are that John and Diane Burton (Head of Social Inclusion) should work together to firm up estimates of CME, that there be a police involvement and that the group should investigate greater flexibility in conducting truancy sweeps. Minutes are available from the Group Office.

For the **Stop and Search Monitoring Group**, Paul Andell and Jim Toohill attended, with Supt Andy Tarrant, a conference at Hendon on April 19th on progress with implementation of the MPA scrutiny report on Stop and Search. The conference heard presentations from DAC Paddick and Cmdr Bob Broadhurst, as well as the MPA and Dr Marion Fitzgerald. Some of the learning from that event has been incorporated into the May SSMG presentation. It was clear from the presentations that there is much that other boroughs can learn from Lambeth.

Speak Out!

Peter Clapton held a 'stall', on the Group's behalf, at this event held by Lambeth LGBT Forum on 19 April. The event was an opportunity for statutory agencies and others, including the MPS, to engage with the LGBT community. Minutes of the meeting are available from Group Office.

Constitutional Change

We are now on a second draft of the Memorandum and Articles for our new constitutional form. This has been arrived by Group Officers working with Interchange, but also by taking soundings with members. We hope to hold a workshop towards the end of May and an EGM in June to adopt these changes.

Victim Support: Joanna Woodd's Leaving

CPCG was well represented at a function to mark Joanna's departure from her role as Director of Lambeth Victim Support, and the Group's good wishes were extended to her formally and informally.

Funding

The Group funding for 2005/6 is still subject, at the margin, to discussion with MPA officials. The year end position for 2003/4 was pretty much as forecast. The **cash** position is shown below (for information) which will be slightly different from the financial accounts, since the Group works on an accrual basis. Allowing for spending in April which will accrue into 2004/5, the year end balance sheet figure will be close to £3,500.

Cash in Hand and at Bank, 31 March 2004	£7,959
<i>Spending 31/3/04 to 31/3/05</i>	<u>£21,177</u>
<i>Income 31/3/04 to 31/3/05</i>	
MPA	£15,854
LPICV	£1,328
Sundry	£18
Donation	£100
	<u>£17,300</u>
Net Movement in Funds	<u>-£3,877</u>
Cash position 31 March 2004 plus Net Movement	£4,081
Cash in hand and at Bank, 31 March 2005	£4,081
Outstanding Cheques and Cash Vouchers	£100
Cash Funds at 31 March 2005	<u>£3,981</u>