LAMBETH GUN CRIME PROGRAMME

Defining our function

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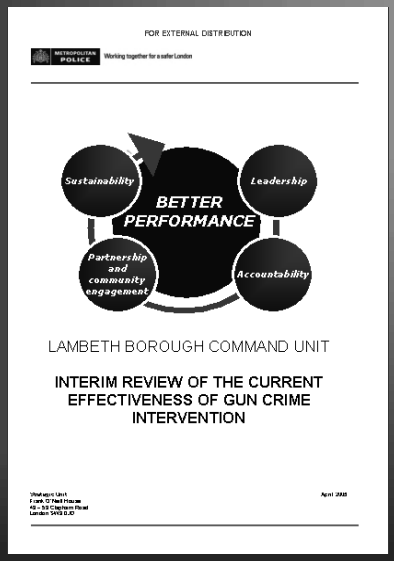

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INTERIM REVIEW OF THE CURRENT EFFECTIVENESS OF GUN CRIME INTERVENTION

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Introduction and rationale:

- ‘Mixed’ messages in terms of efficacy of local activities
- Examination (‘snapshot’) of police, council and community resources
- Examples of good <u>and</u> bad practice equals no impact
- Recorded crime data and intelligence corroborates this
- Criticism often based on ignorance

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Chaos approach to crime prevention (although applies to all strands):

- Little understanding of theory
- Diversion and intervention projects must meet the needs of young people not project leaders (not necessarily statutory targets)
- Excess of activity and growing (a lot of passion but little substance)
- Obsession with the strategic perspective – actually the ‘copout’
- Partnership – difficult to find

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Routine replication and mainstreaming of ‘success’ stories difficult:

- Superficial intervention and descriptions of interventions – dodgy rationale
- Cookbook replications; principles, process and context important
- Limited innovation
- Weak evaluations
- Lack of synthesis of results

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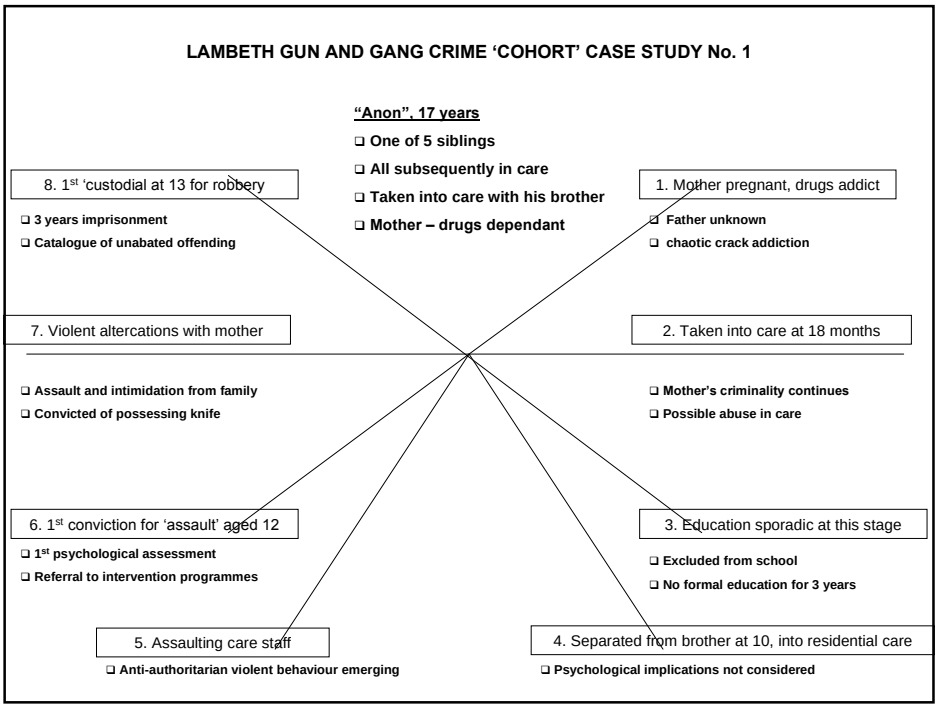
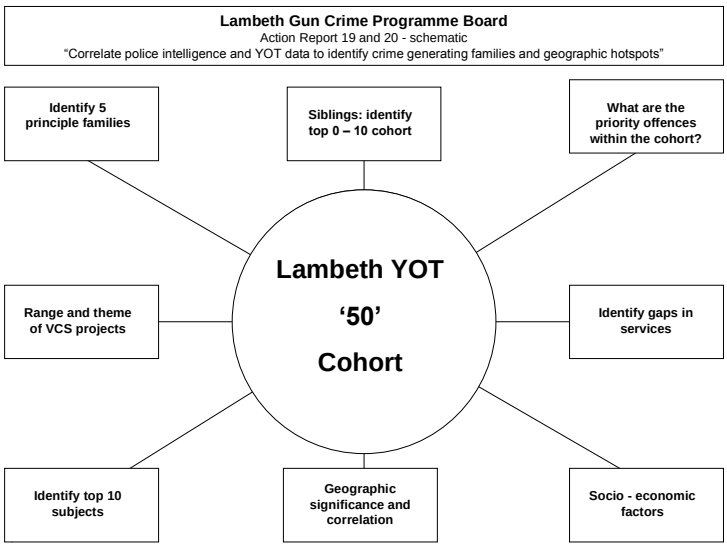
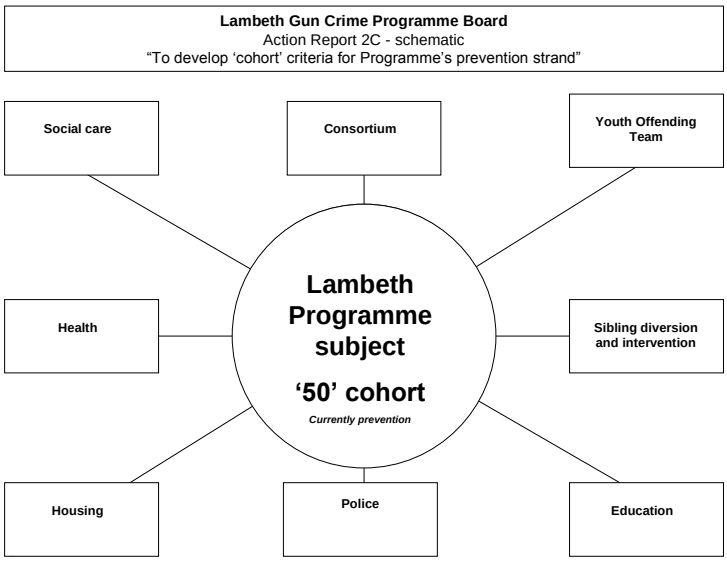
The approach adopted so far:

- Know crime
- Know about crime problems
- Know what works to reduce crime
- Know how to put it into practice
- Know who to involve
- Know where to distribute resources
- Know why – values, politics,ethics


LAMBETH GUN AND GANG CRIME 'COHORT' CASE STUDY No. 1
"Anon", 17 years
❑ One of 5 siblings
❑ All subsequently in care
❑ Taken into care with his brother
❑ Mother – drugs dependant
8. 1st 'custodial at 13 for robbery
❑ 3 years imprisonment
❑ Catalogue of unabated offending
1. Mother pregnant, drugs addict
❑ Father unknown
❑ chaotic crack addiction
7. Violent altercations with mother
❑ Assault and intimidation from family
❑ Convicted of possessing knife
2. Taken into care at 18 months
❑ Mother's criminality continues
❑ Possible abuse in care
6. 1st conviction for 'assault' aged 12
❑ 1st psychological assessment
❑ Referral to intervention programmes
3. Education sporadic at this stage
❑ Excluded from school
❑ No formal education for 3 years
5. Assaulting care staff
❑ Anti-authoritarian violent behaviour emerging
4. Separated from brother at 10, into residential care
❑ Psychological implications not considered


Lambeth Gun Crime Programme Board
Action Report 19 and 20 - schematic
"Correlate police intelligence and YOT data to identify crime generating families and geographic hotspots"
Identify 5 principle families
Siblings: identify top 0 – 10 cohort
What are the priority offences within the cohort?
Lambeth YOT
'50'
Cohort
Range and theme of VCS projects
Identify gaps in services
Identify top 10 subjects
Geographic significance and correlation
Socio - economic factors



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The emerging constants:

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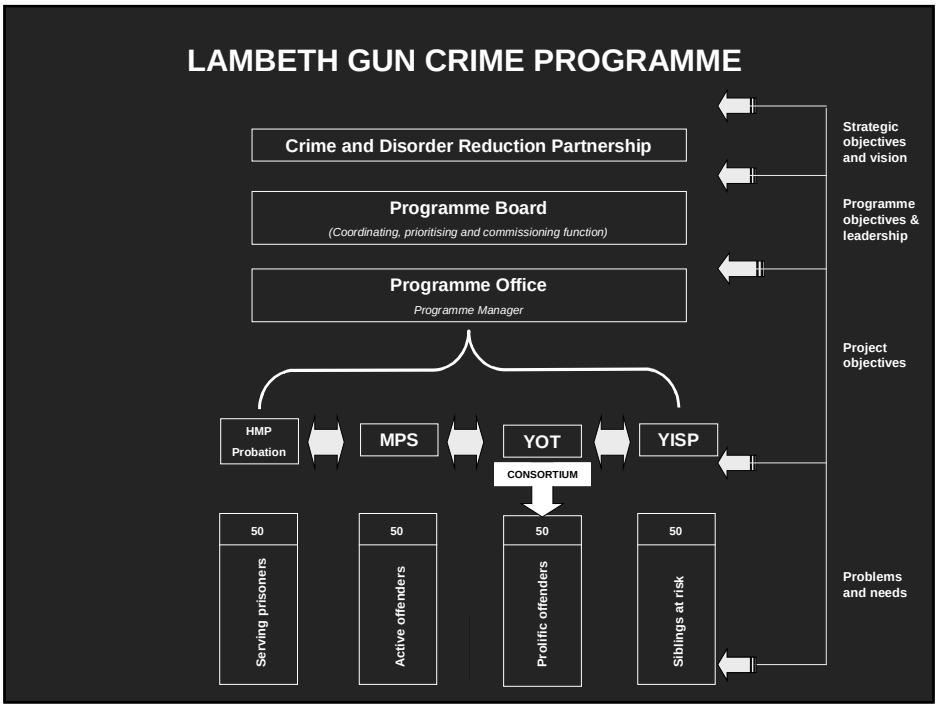
LAMBETH GUN CRIME PROGRAMME
Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership
Programme Board
(Coordinating, prioritising and commissioning function)
Programme Office
Programme Manager
HMP Probation
MPS
YOT
YISP
CONSORTIUM
50
Serving prisoners
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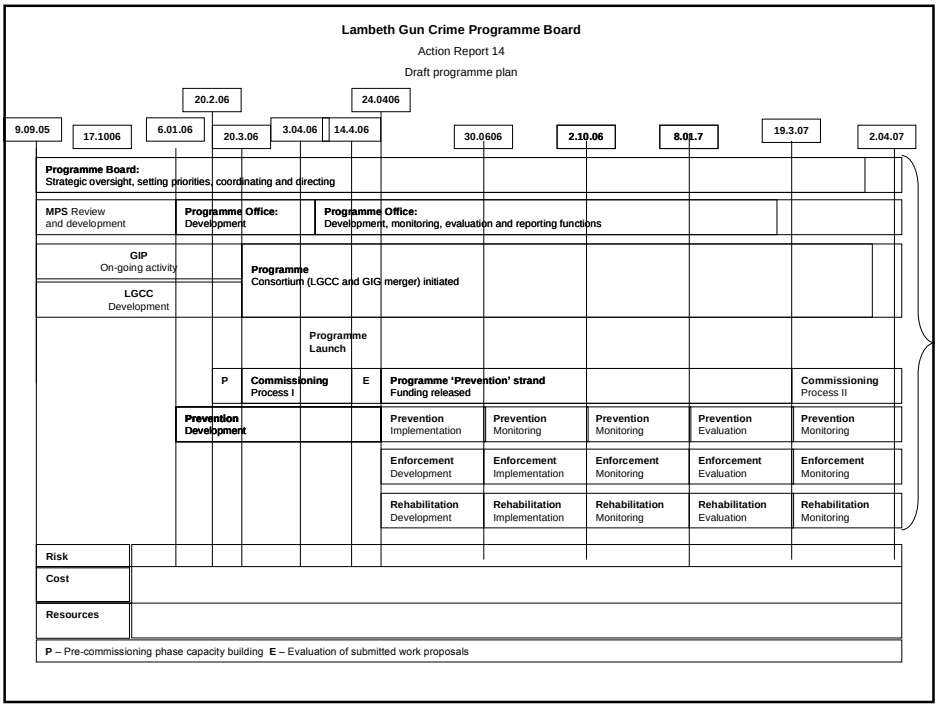
Active offenders
50
Prolific offenders
50
Siblings at risk
Strategic objectives and vision
Programme objectives & leadership
Project objectives
Problems and needs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Action Report 14
Draft programme plan
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17.1006
6.01.06
20.2.06
20.3.06
3.04.06
14.4.06
24.0406
30.0606
2.10.06
8.01.7
19.3.07
2.04.07
Programme Board: Strategic oversight, setting priorities, coordinating and directing
MPS Review and development
Programme Office: Development
Programme Office: Development, monitoring, evaluation and reporting functions
GIP On-going activity
LGCC Development
Programme Consortium (LGCC and GIG merger) initiated
Programme Launch
P
Commissioning Process I
E
Programme 'Prevention' strand Funding released
Commissioning Process II
Prevention Development
Prevention Implementation
Prevention Monitoring
Prevention Monitoring
Prevention Evaluation
Prevention Monitoring
Enforcement Development
Enforcement Implementation
Enforcement Monitoring
Enforcement Evaluation
Enforcement Monitoring
Rehabilitation Development
Rehabilitation Implementation
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Rehabilitation Evaluation
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Risk
Cost
Resources
P – Pre-commissioning phase capacity building E – Evaluation of submitted work proposals

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The mandatory requirements: its meeting the needs of young offenders not the needs of projects!

- Numeracy and literacy
- Parenting and relationships
- Education, training and employment
- Life skills and social skills
- Offender behaviour group work
- Substance misuse

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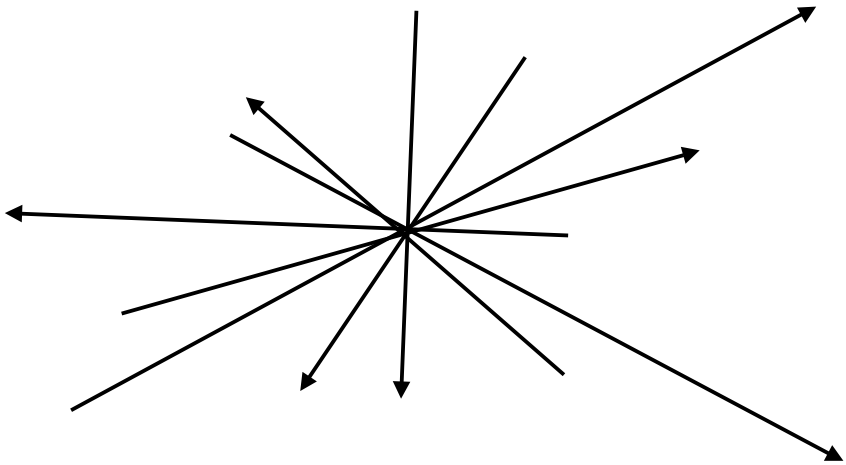
Methodology: explain how you're going to do it and why it will work!

- Residential and outward bound courses
- Sport and other physical pursuits
- Creative arts and crafts
- Multi-media
- Cultural and ethnic education and awareness

"CLAPHAM JUNCTION"



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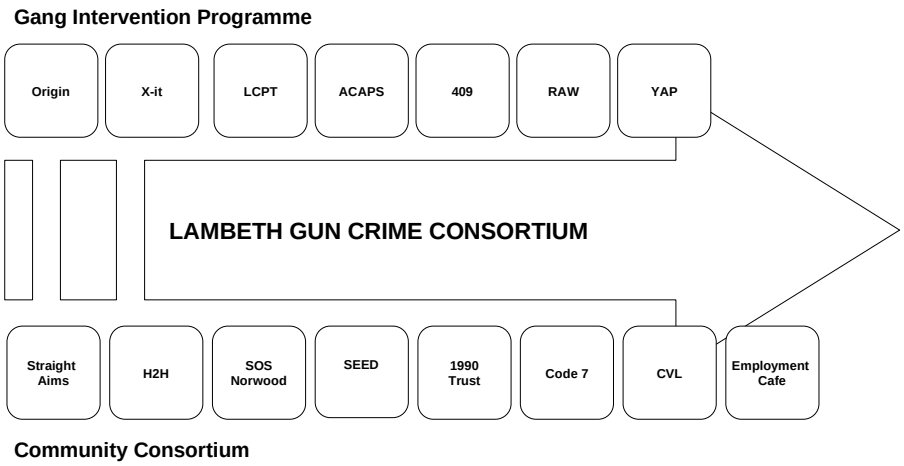

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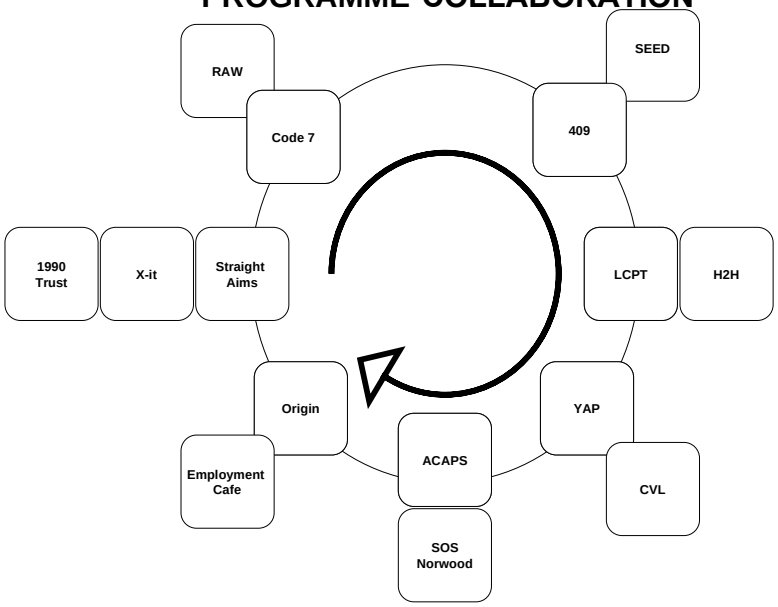
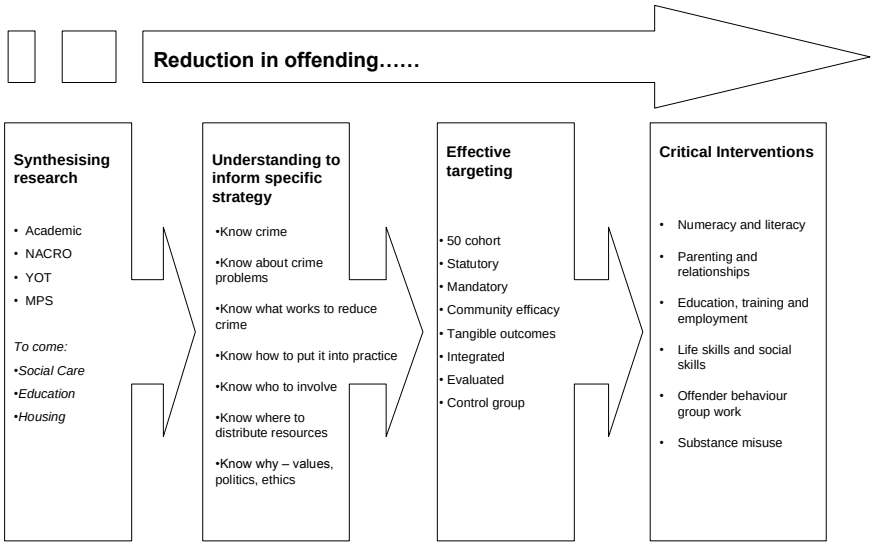


Development of Gun Crime Programme ‘cohort’ intervention 2006



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If not addressed now it will inhibit:

- Doing prevention well (and the other strands)
- Exchange of ‘what works’ information
- Communication and collaboration
- Strategic thinking
- Links between theory and practice
- Organising knowledge for education and training; practitioners remain technicians not consultants
- Sustained crime reduction