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Haringey Young People at Risk Annual Impact Report

2023 - 2024

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Haringey's Young People at Risk Action Plan

In 2019, Haringey launched a ten-year **Young People at Risk Strategy** that set out our long-term approach to reducing youth violence in the borough. We are now in the second half of the life cycle of the Strategy and one year into the second **Action Plan (2023-2026)** which highlights 24 priorities for action captured across five outcome areas:

- Communities
- Families
- Mental Health
- High Achievement and Opportunity (Education, Employment and Training)
- Reduction in Serious Youth Violence

This Impact Report captures the key data and some delivery successes of the past year since the new Action Plan was launched. This is the first of three annual Impact Reports that will capture progress of this current 2023-2026 Action Plan, following this learning from these impact reports will be used to develop the third and final Action Plan of the ten-year strategy.

Young People at Risk Partnership Network and Conference

The Young People at Risk Partnership Network is a critical new element in the second Action Plan and based on the need for a closer working together to protect children and young people from serious youth violence. The Network has now been meeting over the past 12 months to:

- Foster collaboration between those affected by, or working closely with residents affected by, youth violence. Including: children and young people, community practitioners, schools, council officers, health staff and police.
- Centre children and young people, families, and communities in our approach to youth violence.
- Share good practice, build on progress and celebrate success.
- Promote funding bids and encourage opportunities for organisations to do collaboration on bids.
- Build a sustainable and agile partnership approach to community/critical incidents, with the aim of reducing serious youth violence
- Share and gain an understanding of the relevant serious youth violence data intelligence within Haringey and identify specific hotspots and need for services.

In February 2024 the Young People at Risk Strategy was relaunched, we held a conference to

celebrate the key successes of the strategy and explain our plan for the next three years. The event aimed to provide the opportunity to hear more about the journey of the strategy and what the new action plan will focus on coupled by the understanding of operational challenges and opportunities at a national, regional, and local level. Key themes from the conference were:

Serious youth violence in regional and local contexts, A public health approach, Child exploitation, Targeted youth work, Workforce development, Haringey's Stop and search pilot project and introducing Haringey's missing app which allows children missing from home to self-report on their experiences.



The graphic below shows some of the models, approaches and interventions that intertwine to support the reduction in Serious Youth Violence.



Collaborative Funding

The Home Cooked Consortium was awarded £1,125,000 funding from March 2021-March 2024, by the Mayor of London's Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) to develop a local, impactful and inclusive partnership to tackle serious youth violence in Tottenham Hale Ward.

Following the successful funding for their work in Tottenham Hale, The Bridge Renewal Trust have secured additional funding of £800,000 from May 24 2024-May 2026 to deliver the MyEnds programme in Northumberland Park Ward with the council's support. The multi-skilled, experienced and passionate consortium partners who were originally part of MyEnds include The Bridge Renewal Trust, Godwin Lawson Foundation, Father2Father, North London Partnership Consortium, Mind in Haringey and newly added Tottenham Hotspur Foundation.

The partners involved in the project have come together to co-produce and co-deliver violence reduction interventions that:

- Increase young people's awareness of the impact of knife crime
- Support young people's engagement and learning at school through mentoring and wellbeing support offered to 12-15-year-olds at risk of exploitation or with wellbeing needs.
- Deliver trauma-informed training to support professionals working within the community to deliver services in a trauma-informed manner.
- Take a whole family approach to building resilient families and preventing conflict through personalised support, training and restorative approaches.
- Offer young people transitioning out of statutory services with ongoing support
- Engage young people in decision making concerning violence reduction initiatives
- Engage young people in positive sporting opportunities, accessing ongoing targeted support

Measuring Progress: The Key Indicators

The Young People at Risk Strategy sets out our commitment to use data to understand the scale of youth violence and the broader context that can drive young people towards and protect them from risk. The 2023-2026 Action Plan refreshed the key indicators used to track the success of the Young People at Risk Strategy. The 20 key indicators below form the basis for this annual report that records our progress.

Indicators by outcome area of the Young People at Risk Strategy

Outcome 1: Strong Communities

1. Percentage of secondary school pupils who rate their safety as 'good' or 'very good' when going out after dark
2. Percentage of secondary school pupils who rate their safety as 'good' or 'very good' when going out during the day
3. Percentage of secondary school pupils responding that they worry about the following 'quite' or 'very' often for: Gangs, Crime, Knives/ guns

Outcome 2: Strong Families and Healthy Relationships

4. Number of families where 'child criminal exploitation' was identified within a Child & Family Wellbeing Assessment
5. Number of families where 'socially unacceptable behaviour' was identified within a Child & Family Wellbeing Assessment
6. Number of young people on a Child in Need Plan

Outcome 3: Positive Mental Health and Wellbeing

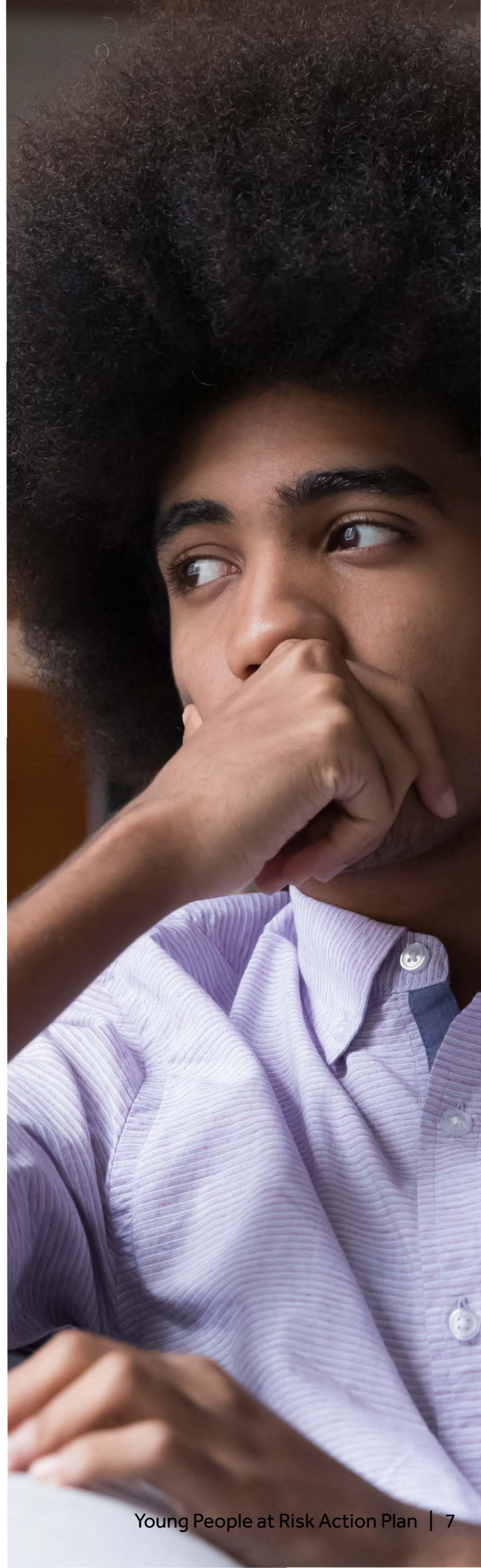
7. Percentage of secondary school pupils 'quite' or 'very' satisfied with their life at the moment
8. Percentage of secondary school pupils that 'always' have a trusted adult they can talk to if they were worried

Outcome 4: High Achievement and Opportunity (Education, Employment and Training)

9. Percentage of pupils in Haringey persistently absent (missing more than 10%)
10. Number of pupils permanently excluded
11. Number of pupils suspended
12. Percentage of pupils achieving 5 or more GCSE (or equiv.) passes A* – C incl. English and Maths.
13. Percentage of 16/17 year olds not in education, employment or training (NEETs)

Outcome 5: Reduction in Serious Youth Violence

14. Number of recorded incidents of Teen Violence
15. Number of recorded incidents of Robbery of Personal Property
16. Number of recorded incidents of Knife Crime
17. Number of recorded Knife Injury Victims Under-25 (non-domestic)
18. Number of first-time entrants into the Youth Justice System
19. Rate of young people sentenced to custody
20. Percentage of young people that re-offend after one year of the original conviction or disposal



Key Insights from the Data

Since the launch of the strategy in 2019, the data has moved positively in support of the core objective of the Young People at Risk strategy: to reduce serious youth violence in Haringey. The data shows that between 2019 and 2021, the number of 'Serious Youth Violence', 'Robbery of Personal Property' and 'Knife Crime' incidents, all key crime statistics reflecting youth violence levels in the borough, fell significantly. There has also been a positive reduction in the number of knife injury victims aged under 25. This means that fewer young people are now coming to harm by youth violence than they were in 2019.

However, concerningly, these factors all reached their lowest point in 2021 and have either remained static since or, in some cases, have begun to increase steadily, all be it at a rate much slower than the decrease. This is likely because the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdowns resulted in an unprecedented decrease in serious youth violence. Reflecting the work done across the borough since the pandemic, increasing rates may peak below those in 2019.

Youth Justice statistics provide critical insight into the number of young people interacting with the criminal justice system for the first time and those reoffending. Since the start of the strategy, the number of first-time entrants into the youth justice system in Haringey has reduced by 25% but has been climbing steadily since summer 2021. In the last three years, the rate of Haringey young people sentenced to custody has more than halved, and the number to reoffend after one year has fallen by 20%.

In addition to the above indicators for serious youth violence and youth justice, the new action plan uses a wider range of contextual indicators based on community, family, mental health, education, employment, and training. This is essential to our broad approach in the

Young People at Risk strategy, where we seek to strengthen protective factors in communities, families, and educational settings.

High levels of trust in a neighbourhood can be a protective factor against serious youth violence. But despite falling levels of crime, the number of young people feeling unsafe in the borough has increased. In the School Health and Education Unit Survey (SHEU) 66% of secondary school pupils rate their safety as good or very good when going out during the day, down from 71% in 2023 and only 29% rate their safety the same after dark. Like in 2023, around 30% of pupils in Haringey say that they worry about Gangs, Crime, Knives/guns 'quite' or 'very' often, with rates again being slightly higher in boys.

A caring, supportive family home with parents able to manage challenging behaviour is a robust protective factor against serious youth violence. We know that challenging socioeconomic conditions, such as those that exist in parts of Haringey, have been exacerbated by the cost-of-living crisis and can significantly impact the level of stress within family households and drive complex needs. However, on a positive note, over the past year the number of children experiencing an open episode of need has fallen by nearly 200. Similarly, since 2023, we have seen a slight decrease in the number of families where 'child criminal exploitation' or 'socially unacceptable behaviour' was identified within a Child & Family Wellbeing Assessment

Young people having good mental health and a trusted adult to talk to are protective factors against youth violence. The aftereffects of the covid-19 pandemic and the ongoing cost of living crisis continue to directly impact many young people. Despite this though, the percentage of secondary school pupils who always have a trusted adult they can talk to continues to roughly

stay the same, at 60%. Additionally, the number of young people satisfied with their lives has increased slightly in the past year, and two-thirds of young people are now satisfied. This suggests that there are positive signs of resilience and recovery in the face of significant challenges.

Finally, data for engagement with education, training and employment – a critical protective factor for young people – is mixed. The legacy of the pandemic has impacted young people's education, and persistent absence rates continue to rise slowly. While suspensions have increased, but permanent exclusions have reduced, but both rates are lower in Haringey than the national average. Attainment remains strong, with over 60% of pupils achieving five or more GCSE passes in grades 9 – 5, including English and Maths, and 1.9% of 16- and 17-year-olds are not in education, employment or training, approximately the same as in 2023.



Case Studies: Impact Highlights

Haringey Vanguard and Project Future

Outcome 3 - Positive Mental Health and Wellbeing and Outcome 5 - Reduction in Serious Youth Violence

The Haringey Vanguard and Project Future service is a coproduced, community-based and youth-led mental health service that supports young people 0-25 who are impacted by youth violence, offending and social exclusion. The Haringey Vanguard has built on existing services Project Future and Gateway and a long-standing legacy of community involvement and partnership work in Haringey over the last 8 years.

“*The workshops make me feel happy, I made something by myself, I feel like a man!*”
Young person

The pilot service is a partnership between Barnet, Enfield and Haringey NHS Mental Health Trust, Haringey Council, St Giles Trust and Mind in Haringey. The it adopts a multi-agency integrated approach based on the understanding that no individual service has the solution for the complex issues facing some young people. The team is made up of Clinical Psychologists, Specialist case and youth workers and young people and community leaders employed as community consultants. The psychologically led service uses a 'blended approach' whereby caseworkers work side-by-side with psychologists, combining different skills and experiences to offer joint practical and emotional support interventions. The team draw on a collective of shared values that enable us to work collaboratively to support young people.

“*Staff form a bond with young people during the creative process, the staff always stay cheerful...it opens their minds to the possibilities of the work.*”
Youth worker

Coproduction underpins all aspects of the service and is core to the safe and effective delivery of the service. Young people accessing the service are often exposed to significant deprivation, and experience multiple health, social and racial inequalities and adverse experiences. Coproducing the service alongside young people and the community has been central to overcoming barriers to engaging with mental health support, underpinned by the ethos that they are experts in their own lives and are best placed to know what would support their community.

The Haringey Vanguard work in partnership with the local authority and have embedded psychologically informed support for staff and young people in Haringey youth spaces. The team aim to transform how mental health services are delivered to young people by offering evidence-based and holistic mental health interventions in environments where young people feel in control and safe.

Clinical Psychologists and Specialist Youth workers participate in open session activities and offer creative workshops to get to know young people and build relationships. A focus of the work is to wrap therapeutic psychological support around all interactions with young people. The team's presence enables young people to seek help as and when they need it and the trusted relationships built create a therapeutic environment where over time young people feel safe to express the more vulnerable parts of their lives and to access more help.

“ *It helps get parental or home problems off your mind. Doing this might help someone change the world one day!* ”

Young person

Accessing support from the team is not shaped around being or having a problem and instead draws on young people's strengths to challenge stigma and narratives that young people themselves are the problem. An example of this is offering creative workshops in the youth space as an engagement tool opportunity to have well-being focused conversations with young people centring on topics that are important to them, their peers and their communities.

In line with trauma informed practice the team also offer support to youth club staff and help them to bring psychologically informed practice and skills to their interactions with young people. Our aim is to enable the delivery of basic mental health support through the existing strong relationships youth workers already hold with young people. We offer training, thinking spaces and formulation meetings to support staff make sense of the challenges and dilemmas that arise for young people using models and ideas from psychology and trauma informed practice.

“ *Staff members are all kind, I feel like I can talk to them when I have a problem.* ”

Young person

The aim of this work is to enhance mental health outcomes for young people in the local community through increased accessibility and offering long-term, sustainable impact. Co-production with the staff and young people has remained central to the project using the local expertise and knowledge that is already held within the youth centre to maximise impact and outcomes.



Awaken Genius

Outcome 4 - High Achievement and Opportunity - Education, Training and Employment

Awaken Genius is a grassroots community group funded under the Home Cooked programme. Their mission is to foster collaboration, creativity, and a sense of agency among students by providing a comprehensive creative arts curriculum within schools.

Despite their passion and a well-designed curriculum, Awaken Genius faced substantial challenges in gaining access to schools.

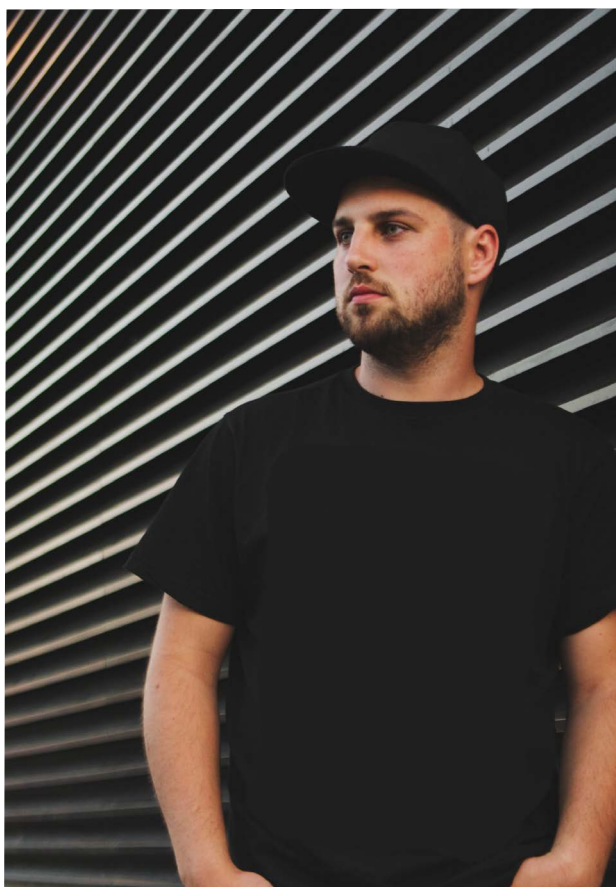
Understanding the obstacles the group faced, the Home Cooked team offered strategic advice, helping Awaken Genius refine their pitch and align their curriculum with the educational goals of the schools. They also facilitated introductions and meetings with key decision-makers at Ferry Lane Primary School, effectively serving as advocates for the group.

With the backing of the Home Cooked programme, Awaken Genius was able to secure a partnership with Ferry Lane Primary School. The Home Cooked team played a pivotal role in this success by leveraging their network and credibility to vouch for Awaken Genius, easing concerns, and building trust with the school.

Once embedded in the school, Awaken Genius quickly began making a positive impact. Their creative arts curriculum was enthusiastically received by the students, who engaged in activities ranging from community creative art. These sessions not only allowed students to express themselves creatively but also helped them develop essential skills such as teamwork, communication, and problem-solving.

Awaken Genius aims to expand their reach to more schools, with the continued support of the Home Cooked programme. The partnership with Ferry Lane serves as a blueprint for future collaborations, showing how community-driven initiatives can thrive with the right support and resources.

The case of Awaken Genius and the Home Cooked programme underscores the importance of supporting grassroots groups in their efforts to make a meaningful impact in their communities. By providing strategic guidance and advocacy, the Home Cooked team enabled Awaken Genius to bring their vision to life, ultimately benefiting the young people at Ferry Lane Primary School and setting the stage for broader change in the educational landscape.



Street Aunties

Outcome 5 - Reduction in Serious Youth Violence

Street Aunties is an all-female, Black-led, community group who assist young people at very high risk of being victims or perpetrators of serious violence. They are street-based in Haringey and funded by the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime's (MOPAC's) Violence Reduction Unit.

All the Street Aunties are trained in safeguarding and mental health first aid. What is unique about Street Aunties is that they are local women – not youth workers or mentors. They care about young people in Haringey, not because it is their job, but because they are part of the same community and have direct lived experiences of adversity, disadvantage and discrimination. Their ethos is that no child is intrinsically 'bad' and will work with young people for as long as it takes to ensure that they are no longer a danger to themselves or others by giving them the practical help they need to help keep them safe, and the emotional tools to enable them to make good decisions and achieve their goals in life.

Street Aunties offer non-judgmental assistance to young people they meet 'on the roads' aged 13-25. This can be one-off help or intensive long-term support. Street Aunties work from 3pm-12 midnight seven days a week and respond to emergency calls after midnight, via their helpline.

Emergency assistance: Micheal

Street Aunties received a call from 16-year-old Michael at 3am on their helpline. Michael was involved in 'county lines' drug dealing. He was stranded outside London after being thrown out of the place he was supposed to stay in the middle of the night. He had no money to get back to his home in Haringey and felt unable to use the cash he'd obtained selling drugs, for fear of being harmed by his handlers if he came back 'short'. The Auntie on duty discussed and agreed a safe place to meet and personally accompanied him home. Michael had two caring parents who were unaware that he was involved in a dangerous lifestyle, but he was unwilling to confide in them. Since taking him home, Michael has received

follow-up, confidential guidance from the Street Aunties to make better choices and end his involvement in crime.



Long term support: Tyrell

Tyrell is a young person who continues to receive intensive support from Street Aunties. Tyrell suffered many adverse experiences as a child and teenager. His mother was a drug addict. His father was violent to his mother and to him. As a child, Tyrell often went hungry. He spent periods in and out of care. By the age of thirteen, Tyrell had joined a well-known gang in Haringey and was selling drugs and carrying out street robberies at knifepoint. Tyrell was both the victim and perpetrator of very serious violence. He had been stabbed three times (narrowly surviving on two occasions) and he himself had stabbed other young people more than once.

Street Aunties met Tyrell 'on the roads' in November 2023. He had just left a young offender's institution after a two-year sentence for grievous bodily harm and was on one year's probation. Unknown to his probation officer, Tyrell was making money by forcing younger boys to sell drugs for him. He wasn't making a lot of money – he often went hungry. Two days previously, he'd been stabbed by a member of a rival gang and needed hospital treatment. Tyrell was on a trajectory to death or long-term imprisonment with a 'kill or be killed' mentality.

To make matters worse, Tyrell was homeless. He had no good influences in his life. His mother

had recently passed away and he had no other family living nearby. At first, Tyrell was hostile and mistrustful of the Aunties. Nevertheless, they called him regularly just to ask if he was ok. Sometimes he answered his phone, sometimes he didn't. After around two months, Tyrell trusted the Aunties enough to accept some practical help. The Street Aunties helped him find accommodation, registered him with a GP (which led to a mental health diagnosis of complex PTSD) and bought him meals when he was hungry.

After around six months, Tyrell was able to trust the Street Aunties enough to accept more intensive support – twice weekly one-to-one meetings. Street Aunties have learned that the right conversations at the right time can save lives. Over the last 9 months, Street Aunties have had numerous conversations with Tyrell – offering guidance on a wide range of issues, including what to do if feeling angry or depressed. Now, if Tyrell experiences pent up rage and feels the urge to go out and stab someone, he will call his Auntie. Together, they discuss ways to prevent him taking his 'default' position of reacting violently, when someone has angered or threatened him and they regularly meet up for chats, meals and fun activities when he is lonely or depressed.

When the Aunties first met Tyrell he had no goals, other than to survive from day to day, by whatever means necessary. Ten months on, Tyrell is no longer in constant 'fight or flight' mode. He is no longer violent or exploiting other young people. He no longer thinks it is ok to slap his girlfriend, if she does something to displease him. On the contrary, Tyrell is becoming a good role model for other young people – discouraging them from making the same mistakes he did. Since meeting Street Aunties, Tyrell has not re-offended and only has two months to go before his period of probation ends. Although still in danger from others, Tyrell has learned the tools to build resilience and avoid conflict situations. Although he still suffers from bouts of deep depression, there are many more days when Tyrell can enjoy life. His next goal is to get training and find a job – something that Tyrell could never have contemplated a year ago. Street Aunties are very proud of Tyrell and Tyrell now has an Auntie who truly cares for him and is a constant in his life for as long as he needs.





The Godwin Lawson Foundation

Outcome 4 -High Achievement and Opportunity (Education, Training and Employment) and Outcome 5 -Reduction in Serious Youth Violence

The Godwin Lawson Foundation is a registered charity founded in 2012 by Yvonne Lawson MBE and her husband, Calvin Lawson, to commemorate the life of their son, Godwin Lawson. Godwin was tragically stabbed in the street in Stamford Hill, trying to prevent two of his old school friends from being attacked by four young men. He was just 17. They aim to reduce gun and knife crime by encouraging young people to identify their talents and fulfil their potential by providing positive opportunities to avoid gang life and develop their capabilities as members of a tolerant and productive society.

Working with Home Cooked, the foundation has established an Early Intervention Prevention Programme at Harris Academy Tottenham and Ferry Lane Primary School. The project

aims to understand the real-life impact of knife crime on individuals and the community, build young people's confidence, reduce the risk of exclusion in schools and reduce the risk of involvement in criminality. School staff identify at-risk students from years 8 and 9; they then attend an introductory workshop focusing on Godwin's story, followed by workshops from the Tottenham Hotspur Foundation and ten weeks of 1-2-1 mentoring. The workshops focus on interpersonal skills, decision-making, conflict resolution and anger management. The outcome for students has been a reduction in exclusions for those involved and improved school attainment. Most attendees agreed that the project had improved their ability to reflect on their actions and future choices and helped them to interact more positively with others, develop healthy relationships and manage and communicate their emotions better.

In August, the Tottenham Hotspur Foundation hosted its annual event, the Godwin Lawson Memorial Tournament, a football tournament that aims to bring young people from any postcode together. The event at Aylward Academy in Enfield was attended by 160 teenage boys and girls from the local area and beyond, serving as another significant opportunity for education about the consequences of knife crime.

Youth Justice Service workshops

Outcome 5 - Reduction in Serious Youth Violence

Haringey Council has worked with partner agencies to provide several interventions and keep children and young people engaged and motivated with the youth justice service while on pre and post court disposals. The council and partners have advocated and co-ordinated group activities to benefit our children and young people's overall development, wellbeing and inclusion as well as addressing their offending behaviour.

Group workshops and sessions have included:

- Ether Project – The continuation of the Ether Programme, a group-based intervention specifically for Black and Mixed Heritage boys
- Venturous Project – Specifically focusing on Robbery and Knife Crime
- Street Doctors – First Aid which focuses on how to deal with unconsciousness, stabbings and gunshot wounds
- Stop and Search workshops - Facilitated by the YJS police who provide advice and guidance covering the law and procedures around stop and search.
- Houses of Parliament Workshops - Consultation events
- Old Bailey (No Lives/Better Lives) – Weapons awareness workshop based at the old bailey court
- Social Prescribing – Key focus on emotional and health wellbeing activities
- Health is Your Wealth – Gym Induction and access to free gym sessions at Fusion Lifestyle Gym
- Creative Arts Project – Focusing on self-identify and consultation designs for the YJS building.
- Exploitation workshop – A social impact short film called 'Save me', questions and answers

workshop focusing on exploitation

- Storyboard workshops – This focused-on consultation and co-production in order to develop the YJS storyboard on 'Turnaround programme' and 'Overview of YJS'



Serious Youth Violence Training Programme

Outcome 1 - Strong Communities and Outcome 5 - Reduction in Serious Youth Violence

In December 2023 we completed a tendering process for a provider for serious youth violence training. SOLVE The Centre for Youth Violence and Conflict (CYVC) were the successful organisation following the panel interview and are a leading organisation committed to critically examining and addressing the causes of violence through research, training, consultancy, and advocacy.

Haringey Children's Academy will coordinate the training programme. The SYV working group agreed for a champion practitioners' model which will focus on specific staff members across the partnership to participate in all of the SYV training programme over the next year. This will support the council to have a core staff group (can be

managers as well) across different departments and services to have more specialist knowledge in SYV. We all agreed that these staff need to be permanent staff and that this will naturally develop into a SYV champions working group.

So far twenty staff have accessed some element of the training offer to date.

Hope in Haringey

Outcome 1 - Strong Communities and Outcome 5 - Reduction in Serious Youth Violence

Hope in Haringey – rooted in Tottenham enhances the lives of local young people between the ages of 4 and 24 through its four core programmes of short term, early intervention Counselling, employability Mentoring, Youth projects and Police Engagement. The Police Engagement has allowed for bringing young people in neutral spaces with local police officers for mutual learning and understanding. Giving young people an education on police activity and their rights when interacting with local police. Their annual reports suggests that:

- On average 100 students engaged per month
- 87% average positive workshop feedback
- 10 participating education partners
- 21 average number of students per workshop
- 140 positive responses from 160 surveyed
- 6-24 age range of children and young people participated in Hope for Haringey police engagement sessions

Other council initiatives

Outcome 1 - Strong Communities and Outcome 5 - Reduction in Serious Youth Violence

The council has just secured additional funding from the Violence Reduction Unit until March 2026 this will support the following:

- The After School Mobile Youth Hubs Initiative will bring essential services directly to young people across key locations in Haringey along key afterschool travel-routes. By utilising portable canopies as resource centres/mini youth-hubs, we seek to foster engagement, empowerment, improved feelings of safety.
- The Active Role Models project will use locally trusted organisations and community leaders to engage young people 12 – 18 years old (25 for SEND), in places familiar to them which are easy to access. Activities will take place in the after-school period, from 3pm to early evening. A range of partners will use the positive experience of sport and physical activity as a tool to engage with participants, develop a rapport with the young people and provide positive role models.
- The North Area Violence Reduction Group (NAVRG) leads on the development, coordination, and delivery of an action plan to reduce non-domestic violent crime, especially knife crime and serious youth violence, across the Police Basic Command Unit (BCU), covering Enfield and Haringey Boroughs. They take a cross-border Public Health approach in line with new police boundaries, focussing on integrated partnership working. Over the past 9 months they have completed detailed analysis focusing on a few children that have been convicted of 'homicide' offences and GBH. This was a joint analysis with Enfield Youth Justice Service where we were able to identify hotspots and compare key characteristics of the cohort. The second joint analysis was based on the SEND cohort, this allowed both Haringey and Enfield to compare SEND cohorts, characteristics and offence types.

SAFE Taskforce

Outcome 4: High Achievement and Opportunity

Overview

In 2022, Haringey was one of 10 local authorities selected by the Department for Education to take part in the SAFE (Support, Attend, Fulfil, Exceed) Taskforce programme, which aims to increase engagement in education, and to reduce the number of children and young becoming either a victim or perpetrator of violence. We are currently in the final year of the programme which ends August 2025.

Haringey local authority worked in partnership with local schools and local organisations to plan and commission evidence-based interventions aimed at re-engaging at-risk individuals' back into education. The schools-led approach enabled interventions to be targeted at, and accessed by, those children most in need.

Referral

Children were referred to one of four SAFE Taskforce interventions if they met the threshold of having at least one attitudinal and behavioural indicator, and one educational indicator.

Key attitudinal and behavioural indicators: challenging behaviour, low levels of self-control, aggressive behaviours, low self-esteem and low prosocial attitudes.

Key educational indicators: unauthorised absence (truancy), suspensions, exclusions and low academic attainment.

Interventions

Within Haringey, four interventions were commissioned:

- Mentoring - Upskill U (20 rolling places)
- Outreach - Haringey Learning Partnership (120 places)
- Social Skills - Football Beyond Borders (15 places)
- Cognitive Behavioural approaches – delivered by

Think & Connect programme social worker in 3 school (collectively 24 places per year)

Impact

We collect information from our providers on a monthly basis. The most powerful has been via case studies, which illustrate the complex lives young people in Haringey are navigating during their teenage years, the barriers practitioners face when trying to engage a young person in this intervention and the level of positive engagement required from required for an intervention to have significant positive impact.

What came through in the case studies was that when there was strong engagement and support from all agencies including the family, the intervention had more likelihood of success. For some children, their family context was more complicated and challenging.

Case Study 1

YP had a successful start to secondary school. The SENCO and HOY were aware of the concerns surrounding the YP so would check in with him on a daily basis. He was encouraged to participate in the sports teams, and he was given an in-school mentor to support him when needed.

At a service level, it was made clear that including the family in the work is crucial to the overall success of the YP as this promotes much greater understanding of the YP's needs (and the resulting accommodations) in the home.

Case Study 2

The YP's family were supportive. His older sister who is in year 10 helped remind him of strategies and is a good role model. She would communicate with outreach practitioner on a regular basis...

Mum was happy to support YP with emotional and academic support, community engagement and extracurricular activities that he showed an interest in, such as music and boxing.

School staff – particularly HOY and mentor were fully supportive of HLP's asks and recommendations... The whole intervention felt collaborative, including with the family who HLP practitioner met with multiple times.

Violence Against Woman and Girls

Outcome 5: Reduction in Serious Youth Violence

Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls is a strategic priority for Haringey Council. The Public Health VAWG Team work to implement our 10 year VAWG strategy, to achieve the VAWG commitments in the Haringey Labour Manifesto, and to respond to arising needs.

The Youth Justice Service are members of our Haringey VAWG Strategic Board and the VAWG Operational Forum, both of which meet quarterly.

There are a range of specialist services available to Children and Young People within the borough:

- Young Women and Girls Independent Domestic and Sexual Violence Advocate (IDSVA) Services [Nia]: 1-1 support available to those aged 11-25 who have been affected by DA within their family units or their own intimate relationships (co-located within the Haringey MASH)
- Bambu [Rise Mutual]: trauma informed, holistic support for CYP aged 11-24 affected by DA in the home including play or art therapy, CBT, and family therapy
- Child and Adolescent to Parent Violence and Abuse (CAPVA) [Rise Mutual]: interventions for CYP aged 11-17 who have been identified as displaying abusive behaviour towards their parents, siblings, or other family members, as well as support for their family members – including Non-Violent Resistance and CBT

Some key workstreams over the past year include:

- Recommissioning our specialist services, ITT due to go out December 2024
- Updating our staff DA policy
- Developing a new VAWG & DA policy for residents
- Creating a new training offer for Council staff and multi-agency partners
- Working towards Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance (DAHA) Accreditation
- Implementing the externally funding CAPVA Project
- Awareness raising campaigns, including our UEFA Men's Euro's Beermat campaign and our flagship event for the UN's 16 Days of Activism, The Walk for Women with Tottenham Hotspur FC

Progress against Key performance Indicators 2019 – 2024.

Note: This represents the most up to date data available at the time when this report was written. Data will either be from 2023 or 2024, this varies due to when in the year the data is reported on.

Strong Communities (Strategy Outcome Area 1)

Key Indicator 1

Percentage of secondary school pupils who rate their safety as 'good' or 'very good' when going out after dark

29% (30% in 2023) of secondary school pupils rate their safety as good or very good when going out after dark.

Source: SHEU

Key Indicator 2

Percentage of secondary school pupils who rate their safety as 'good' or 'very good' when going out during the day

66% (71% in 2023) of secondary school pupils rate their safety as good or very good when going out during the day.

Source: SHEU

Key Indicator 3

Percentage of secondary school pupils responding that they worry about the following 'quite' or 'very' often for: Gangs, Crime, Knives/guns

Gangs	27% (28% in 2023)
Crime	28% (27% in 2023)
Knives/guns	27% (26% in 2023)

Source: SHEU

Strong Families and Healthy Relationships

(Strategy Outcome Area 2)

Key Indicator 4

Number of families where 'child criminal exploitation' was identified within a Child & Family Wellbeing Assessment

The number of families where 'child criminal exploitation' was identified within the Child & Family Wellbeing Assessment as part of their Early Help intervention decreased from 38 (2022) to 7 (2023). In 2021 this figure was 12 showing significant year on year fluctuation with no general trend.

Note

The child criminal exploitation factor reflects a child who is at risk of, is being or has been criminally exploited. Child criminal exploitation is common in 'county lines' and occurs where an individual or group takes advantage of an imbalance of power to coerce, control, manipulate or deceive a child or young person under the age of 18. This measure was introduced in national recording in 2021. The increase may be due to a growing awareness of child criminal exploitation and how it manifests but may also indicate a growing number of families where young people are at risk of criminal exploitation.

Source: Haringey Council Early Help data

Key Indicator 5

Number of families where 'socially unacceptable behaviour' was identified within a Child & Family Wellbeing Assessment

The number of families where 'socially unacceptable behaviour' was identified within the Child & Family Wellbeing Assessment as part of their Early Help intervention has decreased from 109 (2022) to 51 (2023). Again in 2019 this figure was 9 so there is considerable fluctuation.

Note

The socially unacceptable behaviour factor should be recorded where the child's behaviour impacts detrimentally on the community. This includes children who require services because they offend, are considered to be at risk of offending, young people putting themselves at unacceptable risk, or those attending Youth Justice¹.

Source: Haringey Council Early Help data

Key Indicator 6

Number of Children in Need

The number of Children experiencing an open episode of need in Haringey by year, since 2019, presented as a snapshot on March 31st of each year:

Year	Total Number of Children in Need	Children in Need per 10,000 Children
2018-19	2073	343
2019-20	2284	382
2020-21	2245	378
2021-22	2151	396
2022-23	2225	410
2023-24	2078	384

Note

Of young people who attend school in Haringey 22% of those who commit SYV were at one point a Child in Need. It should be noted though that (a) only 8% of Children in Need commit an SYV offence and

(b) a young person may become a Child in Need after an SYV offence², meaning that being a Child in Need is not necessarily an indicator of future risk.

1 [CIN Additional guide on the factors identified at the end of assessment \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

2 [Education, children's social care and offending: A focus on Haringey \(Descriptive Statistics\) \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

Positive Mental Health and Wellbeing

(Strategy Outcome Area 3)

Source: Haringey Council Children's Social Care data

Key Indicator 7

Percentage of secondary school pupils 'quite' or 'very' satisfied with their life at the moment

62% (60% 2022/23; 68% 2019/20; 65% 2016/17) are 'quite' or 'very' satisfied with their life at the moment.

Source: SHEU Survey

Key Indicator 8

Percentage of secondary school pupils that 'always' have a trusted adult they can talk to if they were worried

60% (59% 2022/23; 63% 2019/20; 44% 2016/17) of pupils said that they 'always' have a trusted adult they can talk to if they were worried.

Source: SHEU Survey

High Achievement and Opportunity: Education, Employment and Training

(Strategy Outcome Area 4)

Note: COVID-19 disrupted schooling in the 20/21 academic year and impacted this data.

Key Indicator 9

Percentage of pupils in Haringey persistently absent (missing more than 10%)

The percentage of pupils in Haringey persistently absent (missing more than 10%) has sharply increased since the pandemic.

In 2022/23, 22% of pupils in all Haringey schools were persistently absent. This is up from 21% in 2021/22. In 2018/19, the rate was 10.6%.

75% of those committing an SYV offence have been persistently absent, though only 5% of those who are persistently absent commit an SYV offence³.

Key Indicator 10

Number of permanent exclusions

The number of permanent exclusions decreased from 22 in 2018/19 to 6 in 2021/22.

The permanent exclusion rate in Haringey in 2021/22 was 0.02, lower than the national rate of 0.08.

Note

Only 16% of Haringey young people who commit an SYV offence were permanently excluded, 39% of those permanently excluded commit SYV.

The majority of children who had been cautioned or sentenced for a serious violence offence who had received a suspension or permanent exclusion received their first suspension or permanent

3 Ibid.

exclusion before the offence (88% and 64% respectively)⁴.

Source: Department for Education statistics, Gov. UK⁵

Key Indicator 11

Number of pupils suspended

The number of suspensions increased from 1,479 in 2018/19 to 1,879 in 2021/22.

The suspension rate in Haringey in 2021/22 was 4.96, lower than the national rate of 6.91.

Note

This statistic is important as 89% of Haringey young people who commit SYV have ever been suspended, though only 12% of those ever suspended commit SYV.

74% of children cautioned or sentenced for a serious violence offence received their first suspension over a year before their first serious violence offence, with 59% receiving their first suspension over two years before their first serious violence offence. Just 2% received their first suspension in the two months prior to their first serious violence offence, and just 5% received their first suspension in the three months after. Although a high proportion of suspensions occur prior to the offence, there is a significant length of time between the first suspension received and the first serious violence offence⁶.

Source: Department for Education statistics, Gov. UK⁷

Key Indicator 12

Percentage of pupils achieving 5 or more GCSE (or equiv.) passes grade 9 - 5 incl. English and Maths

In 2023 62% of pupils achieved 5 or more GCSE (or equiv.) passes grade 9 - 5 incl. English and Maths

In 2022, 67% of pupils achieved 5 or more GCSE

(or equiv.) passes A* – C incl. English and Maths, up from 58% in 2018 before the strategy started.

The discrepancy between 2023 and 2022 is likely because the new number system and old letter system do not directly line up, grade 5 now is higher than the old grade C. Additionally there has been a 5% drop in attainment nationally from 2022 to 2023 so the drop is not specific to Haringey.

Explainer

Attainment rates in Haringey (62%) are above the national average (60%) and have improved at a better rate in the years since the strategy started.

This statistic is important as those who commit SYV are far less likely to achieve at school than their peers - only 9% of Haringey young people who commit an SYV offence achieve 5 or more GCSE (or equiv.) passes A* – C incl. English and Maths compared with 55% of all pupils⁸.

Source: Haringey Council Education data

Key Indicator 13

Percentage of 16/17 year olds not in education, employment or training (NEETs)

1.9% of 16- and 17-year-olds are not in education, employment or training, approximately the same as in 2019⁹.

Explainer

Reducing the number of NEETs is an important indication of young people with protective factors against SYV involvement.

Source: LG Inform

4 [Education, children's social care and offending \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

5 [Create your own tables, Table Tool – Explore education statistics – GOV.UK \(explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk\)](https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk)

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8 [Education, children's social care and offending: A focus on Haringey \(Descriptive Statistics\) \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)

9 [Proportion of 16 and 17 year olds who were not in education, employment or training \(NEET\) in Haringey | LG Inform \(local.gov.uk\)](https://local.gov.uk)

Reducing Serious Youth Violence (Strategy Outcome Area 5)

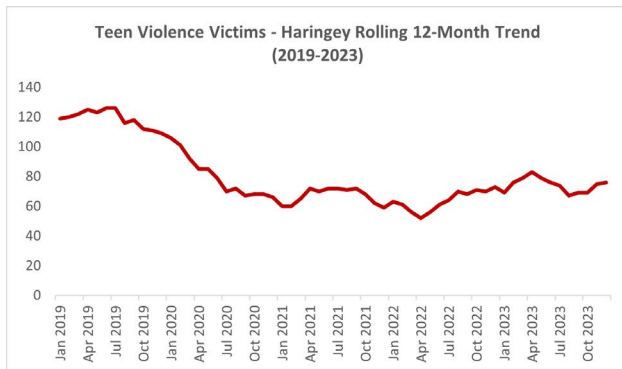
Key Indicator 14

Number of Teen Violence Victims

The number of Teen Violence victims was 36% lower in October 2023 compared with pre-Strategy but has been static since figures declined during the pandemic.

Since 2022, Haringey has recorded a lower volume of Teen Violence victims as compared to our similar boroughs group.

Source: Met Police Data



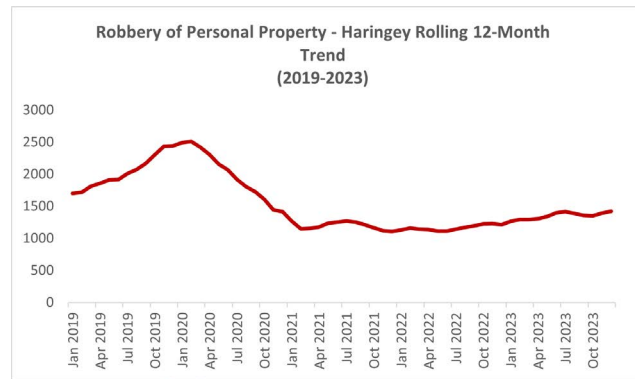
Key Indicator 15

Number of recorded incidents of Robbery of Personal Property

While still lower than 2019, Robbery of Personal Property has been steadily climbing since 2021.

Robbery has been a longstanding challenge for Haringey, with rates in the borough generally being some of the highest in London.

Source: Met Police Data



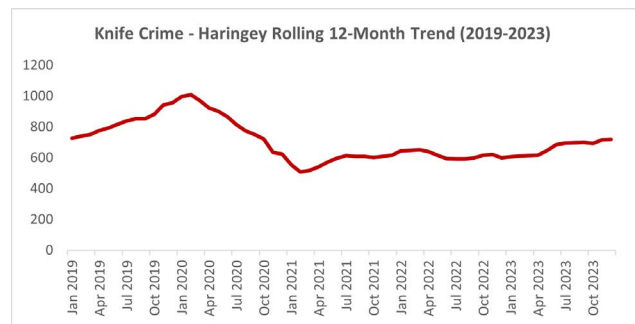
Key Indicator 16

Number of recorded incidents of Knife Crime

Knife crime has been steadily climbing since its trough in 2021.

Knife crime and robbery are closely linked and tend to demonstrate a similar long term trend.

Source: Met Police Data

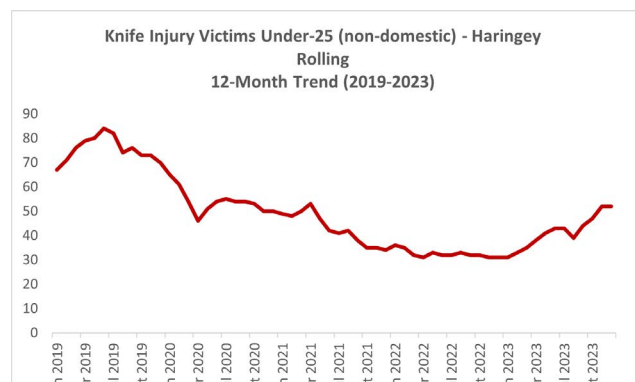


Key Indicator 17

Number of recorded Knife Injury Victims Under-25 (non-domestic)

The number of knife injury victims aged under 25 (non-domestic) has been increasing since its trough in 2022.

Source: Met Police Data

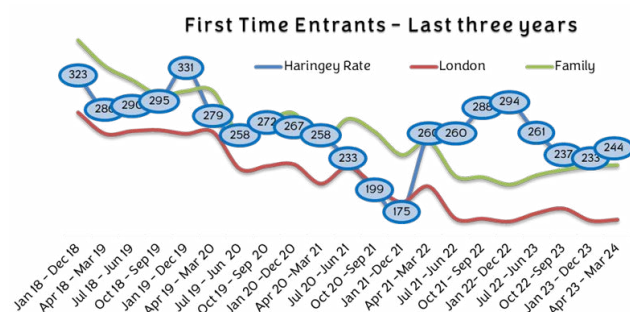


Key Indicator 18

Number of first-time entrants into the Youth Justice System

Since the start of the strategy, the number of first-time entrants into the youth justice system in Haringey has reduced by 24% but has been climbing steadily again since summer 2021 up until March 2024.

Source: Haringey Council Youth Justice data



Key Indicator 19

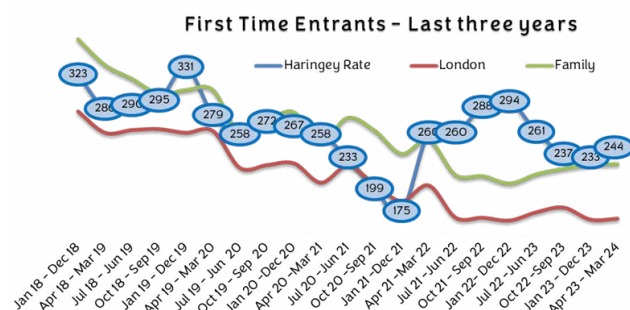
Rate of young people sentenced to custody

In the last three years the rate of Haringey young people sentenced to custody has more than halved.

Haringey has seen a dramatic fall in the rate of young people sentenced to custody to align with boroughs with a similar profile, although this has ticked up more recently.

This statistic measures the rate of young people sentenced to custody. The rate applied is per 1,000 of 10- to 17-year-olds residing in Haringey (2011 census)

Source: Haringey Council Youth Justice data



Key Indicator 20

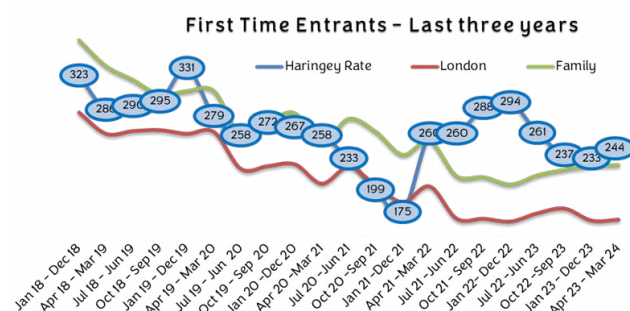
Percentage of young people that re-offend after one year of the original conviction or disposal

31% of young people in Haringey in the youth justice system re-offend after one year of the original conviction or disposal.

This statistic shows that re-offending is now far lower than the peak of 50% in 2018 (before the launch of the strategy).


This statistic shows the percentage of young people that re-offend after 1 year following the original conviction/disposal.

Source: Haringey Council Youth Justice data




Young people at Risk network key contacts

Youth Justice Service

 [Haringey Youth Justice Service](https://www.haringeyyouthjustice.org.uk)

Thru Life CIC

 www.thrulife.uk

 07944854718


Homecooked

 <https://thebridgerenewaltrust.eu.rit.org.uk/homecooked>

 sheryl@bridgerenewaltrust.org.uk


Tottenham Hotspur Foundation

 www.tottenhamhotspur.com


 02083655138

Godwin Lawson Foundation

godwinlawsonfoundation.org

 07852976261

Project Future and Haringey Vanguard Service, North London NHS Foundation Trust

 07502225707

 Isabelle.cullis1@nhs.net

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Early Help


[Early Help Offer](#)

[Parenting Programmes](#)

[VCS Early Help Offer](#)

Street Aunties


 sara@streetaunties.org

 07402 405234

Hope in Haringey

 www.hopeinharingey.com

 engagement@hopeinharingey.com

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For further information on local strategy, services, and training opportunities please visit:


→ [Haringey Council's VAWG Page](#)

→ [Padlet: VAWG services available to Haringey residents](#)

→ To access specialist help and support via phone, please call:

→ Haringey Domestic Abuse Helpline 0300 012 0213 (Mon-Fri, 10am-5.30pm)

Violence Against Woman and Girls

 0208 489 3411 (Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm)

To contact the Public Health VAWG team please contact

 VAWG@Haringey.gov.uk



