

# Grenfell **Community Assembly**

Community Safety



THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF  
KENSINGTON  
AND CHELSEA

## RBKC's Action Response

### Serious Youth Violence

Themes: What you said	Outcome: How we have responded
<p>There has been 30 young people who have been murdered in London in the last 12 months. It's a very serious issue and the community would like to know what the statistics are for RBKC.</p>	<p>➡ No young people have been murdered in RBKC in the last 12 months.</p> <p>However, a young resident from RBKC was murdered outside of the borough in October 2021.</p>
<p>Attendees pointed out the lack of funding for youth services and youth programmes, and how the lack of youth services on offer increases the risk of serious youth violence.</p> <p>How does the Council's plan to make funding available for youth services?</p>	<p>➡ The Council currently commissions a robust youth offer, as set out below:</p> <p>Youth clubs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seven local youth clubs are currently being commissioned to deliver engaging activities in the evenings and at weekends for children and young people aged 11 - 19. These youth clubs also often run workshops, events and activities that help to educate young people about staying safe and tackling youth violence. These include:</li> <li>• Harrow Club</li> <li>• Rugby Portobello Trust</li> <li>• Dalgarno Neighbourhood Trust</li> <li>• Earls Court Youth Club</li> <li>• Al-Manaar Youth Club</li> <li>• The North Hub and the South Hub</li> </ul> <p>Youth Hubs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth Hubs are run by Council staff and have been established to bring together organisations working with young people to collaboratively identify and address the needs of young people in the area. One of the priorities for members of the Youth Hub Partnership is serious youth violence and partners plan their activities accordingly</li> </ul>

- Youth Hubs are based in the north (Lancaster Road) and south (Chelsea Worlds End) of the borough
- Hubs offer activities during the day from Monday to Friday each week that are coordinated with local organisations to support young people
- The Hubs also maintain the Hub Partnership Network that brings together services and organisations to meet local need

#### Water sports and outdoor education

- Water sports and outdoor activities are delivered by London Sports Trust at the Canalside Activity Centre in the north of the borough and Cremorne Riverside Centre in the south
- Cremorne is open six months of the year due to tidal safety
- Activities from both sites include kayaking, canoeing, raft building and team challenges
- London Sports Trust also runs weekly sessions during term time, as well as holiday activities, weekend day trips and seasonal residentials and expedition experiences

#### London Youth Games

- London Youth Games are delivered and coordinated by London Sports Trust. This is a programme of events, competitions and trials with schools, clubs and leisure centres offering competitive sports opportunities for young people

#### Community-based sports

- London Sports Trust also delivers community-based sports which is run from various locations, including on local estates, youth clubs, and neighbourhoods across North Kensington
- These sessions include a variety of mainstream sports, as well as taster sessions from a range of less

mainstream sports chosen by young people. They also provide a pathway towards the London Youth Games

#### Young K&C

- The Council and John Lyons established Young K&C - a membership organisation that has over 40 members working with young people
- The key focus of Young K&C is to support organisations to develop capacity, generate income, provide advice and information, as well as work in partnership with businesses and public sector partners to facilitate and broker funding
- Young K&C is a strategic partner and works with its members to address serious youth violence

Within the Council, these services are available and form part of the youth offer:

#### The Detached and Outreach Team in Early Help

- To help tackle serious youth violence, the Detached and Outreach Team delivers targeted street-based engagement (detached work) with young people. This includes providing meaningful programmes and activities and assisting young people to access support and opportunities
- The service is aimed at young people aged 11 – 19 who may be vulnerable to exploitation and crime. The service will work directly with young people, their parents and the communities in which they live

#### Targeted Prevention Team (TPT) in Early Help

- The TPT provides support for young people that are Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET). It delivers regular one-to-one support using life coaching to help young

		<p>people gain skills, grow in confidence, and overcome barriers to accessing employment or training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The TPT works closely with schools and colleges, as well as local employers to give young people access to a wide variety of opportunities</li> <li>• It also supports young people at high risk of becoming NEET during their transition from post-16 learning and follows up with them once they secure an education or employment opportunity to ensure they can sustain their placement</li> </ul> <p>Family Hubs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children’s centres and Early Help Family Support Teams are now integrated into two Family Hubs - North and South</li> <li>• In RBKC, our Family Hubs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provide and co-ordinate access to universal and targeted family support within a range of welcoming and accessible settings</li> <li>- Support families to be resilient, self-reliant, and independent while offering help when they need it in a timely and appropriate way</li> <li>- Lay the foundation for future integration across the community and voluntary sector, as well as collaborating with our partner agencies</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Youth Participation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The aim of the Youth Council is to coordinate the youth voice across the borough and ensure that young people have a say and can meaningfully influence decisions that affect them</li> <li>• The current Youth Council and Youth Mayor were elected in May 2020</li> </ul>
<p>What are the rates of serious youth violence in RBKC?</p>	<p>➡</p>	<p>In the last three years, there have been 87 young people under the age of 25 injured by a knife.</p>

	<p>The impact of youth violence and exploitation extends beyond the number of stabbings, but there is no single statistic that provides an understanding of the level of harm caused. On some occasions, incidents can go unreported and are therefore not included in local statistics. Inconsistent data recording also has an impact on the information that is used to understand youth violence locally, across London, and across England as a whole.</p> <p>For more data on youth violence and exploitation in RBKC, please read the new RBKC Strategy on our website by following this link: <a href="https://www.rbkc.gov.uk">Document (rbkc.gov.uk)</a></p>
<p>Is it possible to tailor certain youth club sessions to secondary school students to keep them interested in attending?</p>	<p>→ In 2019, we consulted over 1000 young people and carers across the borough. As a result, we completely recommissioned our youth provision – expanding the locations we operated from, the type of provision and the number of providers.</p> <p>We created two youth hubs in the north and south of the borough to give way to new providers and spaces. Providers such as Harrow Club offer services for older teenagers, including late night sessions that are regularly attended.</p> <p>We also have a Detached Team to support young people through community outreach into youth and NEET opportunities.</p> <p>Young K&amp;C has also heralded greater connections, funding, marketing, and training opportunities across the local sector.</p> <p>Young people also attend the Youth Hub forum and have a say in decisions that affect them, including the types of activities that take place throughout the sessions.</p>



## Modern Slavery

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<p>During the discussions, it was raised that women who feel embarrassed to talk about modern slavery and their experiences are often the ones to access the support available. However, the system does not work fast enough to support and protect them. How can the Council address this?</p>	<p>→ The Council's Moderns Slavery Services Coordinator has offered to deliver Modern Slavery training at the Space and at North Kensington Community Kitchen.</p> <p>The Council recognises that the government's National Referral Mechanism presents challenges for victims. Officers will continue to work in partnership with the police and local charities to ensure that victims can access support.</p>
<p>Are there any safe houses for victims of modern slavery in the borough?</p>	<p>→ Yes. Safe houses are accessible via both the National Referral Mechanism and via local charities.</p>

## Anti-Social Behaviour

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<p>What can the Council do about adults and young people gathering in or around residential blocks causing anti-social behaviour?</p> <p>Locations identified included Dixon Close (owned by Kensington and Chelsea Council), Waynflete Square, Freston Road and Lockton Street.</p> <p>Can the Council work with other social landlords to improve safety on residential blocks?</p>	<p>→ Housing Management and the police have regular meetings to share information to identify individuals who are causing ASB on our estates. If the individuals are known, as a partnership we will look at what tools and powers we can utilise to resolve these issues. An example of this is that we obtained a partial closure order in Waynflete Sq to prohibit non-residents attending the property and block. Following this housing management obtained a possession order from the court.</p> <p>The Council's target hardening scheme secures the homes of vulnerable tenants against repeat criminal victimisation. The service also works to improve security in public spaces by designing out crime opportunities where this is possible. The Council has previously worked with L&amp;Q (London Quadrant) at Waynflete Square, installing a CCTV system within the last 18 months.</p>
<p>How can the Council be more proactive in tackling anti-social behaviour?</p>	<p>→ The Council will extend the number of Community Wardens patrolling the borough streets from 14 to 18.</p> <p>The Council will also look at ways in which its existing CCTV system can be extended and improved.</p> <p>Partnership work lies at the centre of the Council's approach to tackling anti-social behaviour and the Council will continue to work with the police, other agencies and residents to find ways to address anti-social behaviour and crime.</p>



<p>Residents were concerned that anti-social behaviour from young people might increase when The Curve community centre closes and there is less for them to do in the local area.</p> <p>What is the Council's plan for the young people who were using the centre? The Council wanting to wash their hands off the need for these services, space and accessibility are an ongoing issue</p>		<p>The Council will be supporting youth and sport providers with a nine-month transition plan that will see the majority of youth activities relocated to Freston Road from 1 April 2022. Alternative locations for the youth activities not delivered from Freston Road will be confirmed by the end of the March.</p>
<p>Residents reported cars speeding up and down Freston Road and congregating. Has this been reported to the Council and its Community Safety Team?</p> <p>What is being done to prevent harm to residents - particularly young children, the elderly and vulnerable residents?</p>		<p>The Council's Community Safety and Highways Teams have not had any reports of speeding cars on Freston Road. We have passed this matter on to the police for their attention.</p>

## General Community Safety

Themes: What you said	Outcome: How we have responded
<p>What funding is there for Community Safety?</p>	<p>→ For the period 2022-23 the Council's Community Safety Team will commission a range of projects and services which reduce crime and anti-social behaviour and support victim to recover to the value of £486,300.</p> <p>These services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) services to support victims of these crimes</li> <li>• Services which reduce the impact of anti-social behaviour and hate crime</li> <li>• Target Hardening and crime prevention security measures to victims of crime, including Sanctuary for vulnerable residents impacted by hate crime, anti-social behaviour, domestic abuse and youth violence</li> <li>• Services to tackle youth violence with a focus on knife crime and criminal exploitation for drug supply</li> </ul> <p>A small grants scheme will also be established via the Safer Neighbourhood Board- application process will be launched in April 2022.</p>