

# CAMDEN COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PLAN

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2024 – 2027

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# Foreword

I am pleased to introduce the Camden Community Safety Partnership Plan for 2024 to 2027, which sets out the priorities of the Camden Community Safety Partnership Board. The plan takes a resident-centred approach, focussing on the community safety issues of most concern in Camden, ensuring that local voices are heard and responded to effectively.

Since its inception, the Partnership has worked diligently to reduce crime and antisocial behaviour to make Camden a safer place to live, work and visit. However, the nature of crime and antisocial behaviour, and its impact on our communities, are constantly evolving. As a Partnership we must also evolve in our response, by continuing to learn and develop new and innovative ways to tackle some of our most difficult problems.

We are committed to taking a preventative approach by intervening early to reduce the harm caused to our communities. Within this plan, we will continue to work on reducing crime and antisocial behaviour, tackling serious violence and addressing substance misuse, setting out how we can address the complex and challenging issues that impact our local communities. There is an increased focus on women's safety in the public realm, recognising the need to challenge misogynistic attitudes and to make public spaces safer.

We also remain committed to tackling hate crime in all its forms and will continue to ensure Camden is a place that stands against intolerance and extremism.

This plan describes how we can work together to make Camden a better borough, where everyone can lead safe, healthy and fulfilling lives. It is important we are all working towards the same goals, providing a safe environment for residents, businesses, and visitors. Recognising the complexities involved in keeping communities safe, the Community Safety Partnership will adopt a collaborative approach drawing on the collective efforts of different agencies.

The priorities and objectives outlined in this plan are informed by a comprehensive assessment of crime and disorder issues across the borough and reflect the views of the community. We hope this document helps you understand the work of the Community Safety Partnership and how we will achieve the aims set out through our priorities.



**Councillor Pat Callaghan**



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# Introduction

Community Safety Partnerships are a requirement of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The partnership is made up of representatives from the police, local authorities, fire and rescue authorities, health services, and probation services (known as the 'responsible authorities').

The responsible authorities work together to reduce crime and disorder in their communities and to help people feel safer. They work out how to deal with local issues including antisocial behaviour, substance misuse and violence. They assess local crime priorities and consult with partners and the local community about how to address them.

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 also introduced the principal aim of the youth justice system, which is to prevent offending and re-offending of young people under the age of 18.

The Camden Community Safety Partnership aims to:

- Create a safer borough for people to live, work, and visit;
- Work in partnership to deliver local priorities that address crime and disorder;
- Deliver local, regional, and national priorities.

Achieving these objectives contributes to the wider aims of the [We Make Camden](#) strategy and its overriding vision of creating safe, strong and open communities where everyone can contribute.

Community Safety Partnerships are also responsible for conducting an annual review, known as a Strategic Assessment, focussing on crime, antisocial behaviour and substance misuse. The findings from this assessment inform the objectives outlined in the Camden Community Safety Partnership Plan 2024-2027.

## Context – Camden in Profile



The estimated population of Camden is **218,000** with **92,758** households. **9.5 per cent** of households are overcrowded.



Average age in Camden is **37.2** years. 43 per cent of residents are aged under 30, 66 per cent are aged under 45 and 17 per cent are aged under-18.



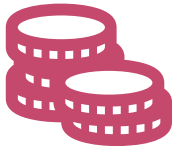
**51 per cent** of Camden residents think they are in very good health.



The total number of reported criminal offences in 2022/3 was **36,649** with Theft, Violence Against the Person and Vehicle Offences most common.



Average life expectancy is **87.7** for women and **83.1** for men.



The average annual earnings for full time working residents in Camden is **44,973**.



Camden's population is ethnically diverse with **40.5 per cent** attributed to Black, Asian or other minority ethnic groups.



**71 per cent** of Camden residents are employed. **4 per cent** are unemployed.



Camden is home to **11** higher education institutions and has the **3rd** largest student population in London.



**15 per cent** of the population have a disability or long-term condition that limits their day-to-day activities.

# Strategic Assessment 2023-2024

## Antisocial Behaviour



The Community Safety Team received 2276 reports of antisocial behaviour in 2023.

8% of reports were youth-related, a decrease from the previous year. 82% of reports were adult related, a significant increase from previous year.

Drug use is still the most reported type of antisocial behaviour and accounts for a third of all incidents.

## No Place for Hate



Hate crime offences fell by 7% in 2022 and increased by 20% in 2023.

Fluctuations in rates correspond to national and international events.

The most frequently applied hate crime flags were racism, homophobia and antisemitism which mirrors the overall trend in London.

## Women's Safety in the Public Realm



Resident feedback indicates that more than 70% of women feel unsafe at night.

A Women's Safety Public Realm Action Plan has been created to address VAWG focussing on offending behaviour, the night-time economy, and public space management

In 2022/23, 1470 referrals were made to Camden Safety Net, the borough's front-line domestic abuse service.

# Strategic Assessment 2023-2024

## Drug Related Activity



In 2023 there were 1227 drug offences, a decrease of 11% compared to the previous year.\*

Addresses of drug-related concern: achieved 11 closure orders; successfully resolved 68 cases; permanently relocated 15 vulnerable people.

Camden allocated a grant of £2.7 million to support the achievement of outcomes outlined in the National Drug Strategy, including increasing numbers in treatment for drug and alcohol misuse.

## Serious Violence



There is a correlation between violent crime and the night-time economy, with Saturday being the weekly peak.

Robbery rates continue to be high in Camden, placing it within the top 5 boroughs in London.

The Gangs Resettlement Panel and Multi-Agency Child Exploitation (MACE) panel continue to play crucial roles in safeguarding individuals and communities.

## Overall Crime



Crime levels in Camden have risen by 1.8%, slightly exceeding pre-pandemic levels, in line with the broader trend across London which has seen a 2.2% increase.

During 2023, Camden and Westminster saw the largest year on year increase in crime levels of any boroughs across London, driven by increased footfall and large night-time economies.

Violent Crime, Burglary and Theft all saw significant year on year increases with Robbery seeing the largest increase in Camden in percentage terms (28.3%).

\*N.B. decrease in drug offences may not be indicative of the levels of drug use.

# Resident Consultation

Consultation with residents told us what they thought would be best to address in the new local plan:

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Improve street lighting and signage	Quick and easy ways to report ASB	More CCTV in the streets	Tougher drug policies	Better action from council – prioritising victims of ASB more
Quick, appropriate and compassionate response for victims		More action to improve women’s safety		More visible police presence and security patrols
A safety hub that is open at weekends	More immediate and faster consequences for those who commit ASB	Clear up waste and litter to discourage antisocial activities	More reach out and prevention for those in situations that might lead them to commit crimes	

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# Community Safety Partnership Priorities 2024 - 2027

This plan sets out the five priorities for Camden Community Safety Partnership (CSP). They align with Camden’s broader strategic outcomes:

- Safe, strong and open communities where everyone can contribute;
- Everyone is safe at home and safe in our communities;
- Camden should be green, clean, vibrant and accessible.

The priorities are shared by all members of the CSP. By addressing issues that directly affect communities, we aim to build trust in local police and safety partners. This, in turn, helps make Camden a safer place for everyone.

The CSP priorities are also aligned broadly with the Metropolitan Police Service priorities as set out within the Mayor’s Police and Crime Plan. These are:

- Reducing and preventing violence;
- Increasing trust and confidence;
- Better supporting victims;
- Protecting people from exploitation and harm.

Working in partnership to address these issues, the CSP will also ensure it monitors and responds to other specific crime types that present an ongoing problem in the borough.



Priority 1:  
Drug related activity

Priority 2:  
Serious Violence

Priority 3:  
Antisocial Behaviour

Priority 4:  
Women’s Safety

Priority 5:  
No Place for Hate

<p><b>Vision</b></p>	<p>To reduce the harm caused to young people and adults by drug misuse and take effective action against those who exploit others in the furtherance of drug markets in the borough</p>			
<p><b>Objectives</b></p>	<p>Reduce drug use and related harm</p>	<p>Reduce drug related crime</p>	<p>Disrupt drug supply chains</p>	<p>Improve access to and engagement with substance misuse services</p>
<p><b>Strategy</b></p>	<p>Increase education and awareness of drugs, their harms and support services.</p> <p>Develop diversionary pathways for arrested youth, prioritising support for vulnerable groups.</p> <p>Increase access to harm reduction interventions e.g. naloxone.</p> <p>Provide high-quality substance misuse treatment and recovery services.</p>	<p>Increase crime reporting: regular communication with residents and improved reporting mechanisms.</p> <p>Reclaim and maintain public spaces affected by drugs.</p> <p>Use a range of interventions and enforcement powers to tackle drug-related crime and protect communities.</p>	<p>Identify and target priority locations through multi-agency intelligence sharing.</p> <p>Implement measures against premises that condone or facilitate drug dealing and use.</p> <p>Target drug supply enablers, including illicit firearms money laundering.</p> <p>Strengthen County Lines Programme to dismantle the violent &amp; exploitative distribution model.</p>	<p>Enhance treatment accessibility and effectiveness through a 'No Wrong Door' approach, flexible appointments and enhanced outreach.</p> <p>Improve continuity of care for individuals with substance misuse needs.</p> <p>Ensure recovery support includes access to education, training, employment, benefit maximisation, social prescribing and signposting to community resources.</p>
<p><b>Outcomes</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Reduction in drug-related crime</li> <li>✓ Organised criminal groups and high harm offenders are brought to justice.</li> <li>✓ Communities have an improved awareness of drugs and their harms.</li> <li>✓ Communities are equipped with the knowledge to report concerns and access services available.</li> <li>✓ Increased numbers accessing and successfully completing substance misuse treatment services.</li> <li>✓ Recreational drug users are aware of the violence, harm and crime that their drug use perpetuates and supports.</li> </ul>			

<p><b>Vision</b></p>	<p>To reduce the harm caused by serious violence and exploitation</p>			
<p><b>Objectives</b></p>	<p>Improve analysis and enforcement</p>	<p>Prevention and education</p>	<p>Improve victim support</p>	<p>Enhance community engagement</p>
<p><b>Strategy</b></p>	<p>Conduct comprehensive data analysis for a public health approach to violence reduction, focusing on impact across demographics.</p> <p>Establish a multi-agency response to address individuals at risk of violence or exploitation through enforcement, prevention and diversion.</p> <p>Increase understanding of disproportionality in the impact of violence, intervention access and community outcomes.</p>	<p>Collaborate with parents/carers and schools to provide universal and targeted interventions.</p> <p>Develop a programme of actions to remove weapons and educate about the consequences of purchasing online.</p> <p>Ensure educational environments promote resilience and anti-violence measures, with accessible channels for addressing concerns.</p>	<p>Streamline assessment and referral processes, ensuring prompt access to specialists for at-risk youth.</p> <p>Provide comprehensive support packages for victims of youth violence and exploitation, for all victims of domestic abuse and for vulnerable adults who experience violence and exploitation.</p> <p>Ensure hospitals share safeguarding information with local partnerships to facilitate rapid support.</p>	<p>Increase community engagement and participation through collaborative violence reduction programmes.</p> <p>Involve communities in Stop &amp; Search procedures to increase trust and understanding.</p> <p>Build capacity and trust in hyper-local communities experiencing high levels of violence to support effective incident response and partnership building.</p>
<p><b>Outcomes</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Increased understanding of violence patterns, drivers, and vulnerable areas enabling the development of effective local action plans.</li> <li>✓ Community engagement and participation in violence reduction indicatives.</li> <li>✓ Those affected feel supported and are safeguarded.</li> <li>✓ Violence is reduced.</li> </ul>			

<p><b>Vision</b></p>	<p>To improve women's safety in public spaces and take effective action to address gender-related crime</p>		
<p><b>Objectives</b></p>	<p>Tackling offending behaviour</p>	<p>Enabling a safer evening and night-time economy</p>	<p>Making public spaces safer</p>
<p><b>Strategy</b></p>	<p>Target offending behaviour in priority areas through a high-profile, intelligence driven enforcement operation.</p> <p>Deliver a range of women's safety initiatives including the Safety Hub, Safety Bus, 'Ask for Angela' scheme and comms campaign.</p> <p>Understand the experience of women living, working and visiting Camden to inform operational and strategic activity.</p>	<p>Establish a framework for women's night safety through the adoption of the London Mayor's Women's Night Safety Charter.</p> <p>Prioritise women's safety in licensing policy and work in partnership with licensed premises to improve safety conditions.</p> <p>Regular engagement with women to ensure experiences and concerns within the night-time economy are addressed.</p>	<p>Consideration for women's safety and security integrated into the design of public spaces, ensuring that urban environments are welcoming, accessible and safe.</p> <p>Intelligence-led approach to identify priority locations and develop design-out crime processes.</p> <p>Engagement with stakeholders to foster a collective commitment to women's safety.</p>
<p><b>Outcomes</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Increased level of enforcement action taken to address gender-related crime and anti-social behaviour.</li> <li>✓ Reduced incidents of violence against women and girls in public places.</li> <li>✓ Women and girls feel safer in public spaces.</li> <li>✓ Increased confidence of women to report safety concerns to police and partner agencies.</li> <li>✓ Clear message across the borough that harassment and misogyny is not acceptable.</li> </ul>		

<b>Vision</b>	<b>To reduce hate and intolerance, creating a safe, strong and inclusive community</b>			
<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Increase hate crime awareness</b>	<b>Improve support for victims</b>	<b>Build community resilience</b>	<b>Prevent extremism and radicalisation</b>
<b>Strategy</b>	<p>Develop a better understanding of hate crime through research, data analysis and community engagement.</p> <p>Increase the reporting of hate crime through awareness campaigns, training and third-party services.</p> <p>Promote positive outcomes arising from hate crime investigations to encourage reporting.</p>	<p>Provide a range of hate crime reporting mechanisms.</p> <p>Improve communication of investigative processes and case updates to victims.</p> <p>Training for front-line staff enabling them to confidently support victims.</p> <p>Dip-sampling of hate crime and hate incidents to inform practice and improve partner response</p>	<p>Promote inclusive and tolerant communities by supporting community engagement events and cohesion programmes.</p> <p>Work with schools and community groups to deliver prejudice, hate and extremism awareness training and resources.</p> <p>Enable and support communities to counter hateful speech and actions.</p>	<p>Develop understanding of spaces, online and offline, where harmful narratives may spread and take steps to reduce permissive environments.</p> <p>Work with partners to ensure activity to reduce radicalisation is specifically targeted at identified risk.</p> <p>Safeguard individuals at risk of radicalisation through the Prevent process.</p>
<b>Outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Improved confidence to report hate crime.</li> <li>✓ Increased support for victims of hate crime.</li> <li>✓ Increased awareness of hate crime within communities.</li> <li>✓ Increased cohesion and resilience within local communities.</li> <li>✓ Increased community confidence to recognise, report and challenge hate and radicalisation.</li> <li>✓ Community organisations play an active role in keeping Camden safe from hate and radicalisation.</li> </ul>			





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## Partnership Working

The Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is responsible for delivering the priorities outlined in this plan. There are, however, a range of strategic boards and delivery groups that support the CSP to meet its priorities and statutory duties. This requires partners to work together to share skills, knowledge and resources to effectively reduce crime and antisocial behaviour in Camden.

Camden's CSP is one of several statutory partnerships within the borough including the Health and Wellbeing Board, the Safeguarding Children Partnership and the Safeguarding Adults Partnership Board. Issues impacting on community safety cut across these boards, including safeguarding and underlying social and health challenges that impact on the level of crime, such as substance misuse and mental health. The CSP will work with these and other partnerships to ensure a cohesive approach.

Safer Neighbourhood Boards (SNBs) operate in every London borough, bringing police and communities together to decide local policing and crime priorities, solve problems collaboratively, and make sure that the public are involved in a wide range of community safety decisions. The SNB operates alongside the CSP so that local community is considered and can contribute when making strategic decisions.

### Structure of the CSP

The CSP has an executive board which meets bimonthly to set the strategic direction and monitor progress of the partnership's priorities.

There are several strategic sub-groups which coordinate and deliver activity on specific areas including:

- VAWG Board
- Women's Safety Working Group
- Combatting Drugs Partnership
- ASB Review Working Group
- Youth Safety Taskforce
- Robbery Focus Group
- Prevent Steering Group
- Tension Monitoring Group

Crime and ASB issues are also discussed at the following community forums:

- Safer Neighbourhood Board
- Independent Advisory Group
- Ward Panels

The Community Safety Partnership Board and its subgroups meet regularly to review delivery of this strategy and related delivery plans, monitor and scrutinise progress and ensure coordination between partners.

# Information and Advice

## Police

- Phone: 999 (in an emergency or when a crime is happening)
- Phone: 101 (non-emergency and to report ASB)
- Web: [www.met.police.uk/report](http://www.met.police.uk/report) (Report ASB and crime online to the police - for drug dealing select antisocial behaviour)

## VAWG Services

- Web: [Camden Safety Net](#)
- Email: [camdensafetynet@camden.gov.uk](mailto:camdensafetynet@camden.gov.uk)

## Drug and Alcohol Services

### **Change Grow Live:**

- Web: [Adult Drug and Alcohol Services - Camden | Change Grow Live](#)
- Phone: 020 7485 2722
- Email: [camden.referrals@cgl.org.uk](mailto:camden.referrals@cgl.org.uk)

### **Via Care – Drug and Alcohol Support for people who sleep outside (InRoads):**

- Web: [InRoads Camden](#)
- Phone: 0300 303 4545
- Email: [inroads.camden@viaorg.uk](mailto:inroads.camden@viaorg.uk)
- Online referral: [InRoads Camden Referral](#)

### **Routes off the Streets:**

- Web: [Camden Routes off The Streets](#)
- Phone: 0207 846 3535 (or freephone 0808 800 0005)
- Email: [streetsafe@cgl.org.uk](mailto:streetsafe@cgl.org.uk)

## Youth Services

- Web: [Youth clubs and support services - Camden Council](#)
- Email: [info.youth@camden.gov.uk](mailto:info.youth@camden.gov.uk)

## Antisocial behaviour

- Web: [Camden Council website and reporting online](#)
- Email: [communitysafety@camden.gov.uk](mailto:communitysafety@camden.gov.uk)

## Hate Crime and Prevent

- Web: [Camden Council Hate Crime](#) and [Camden Council Prevent](#)
- Web: [Children's Safeguarding Partnership Radicalisation and Extremism](#)
- Phone: 999 (in an emergency); 101 (non-emergency)
- Stop Hate UK: 0800 138 1625 (24 hours/day) or text 07717 989 025
- Report hate online: [www.report-it.org.uk](http://www.report-it.org.uk)
- Prevent Safeguarding Referral:
  - For children email [LBCMashadmin@camden.gov.uk](mailto:LBCMashadmin@camden.gov.uk)
  - For adults email [asc.mash.safeguarding@camden.gov.uk](mailto:asc.mash.safeguarding@camden.gov.uk)

## Victim Support

Phone: 0808 168 9291 or 0808 168 9111 (out of hours)  
Web: [Victim Support](#)

## Health and Wellbeing

- Web: [Your health and wellbeing - Camden Council](#) (useful contacts and links to NHS services, physical health, mental health, sexual health, addiction, children, young people and families)