

MAYOR OF LONDON

OFFICE FOR POLICING AND CRIME

A safer city for all Londoners



The draft Police and Crime
Plan for London 2017 - 2021



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About this document



The Mayor of London has to make a plan that explains how we can reduce crime in London.



This document is the draft Police and Crime Plan for London for the next 4 years.

The plan explains how:

- The Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) and other organisations will work together to tackle crime
- The Mayor is working to make London a safer city



We want to know what you think about this draft plan before we write the final plan.



The final plan will be produced in March 2017

What do you think?



Please tell us what you think of this plan by Thursday 2nd March 2017. There are some questions on page 21.

You can tell us what you think by:



- Completing the online questionnaire at:
Londonvoice.org.uk/policeandcrimeplan



- Writing to us at:
**c/o Police and Crime Plan Consultation
The Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime
City Hall
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London SE1 2AA**



- Sending us an email to:
consultation@mopac.london.gov.uk



We will also hold a number of public events where you can come and talk to us about the plans. We will publicise these on our website:
www.london.gov.uk/police-plan

Crime in London

London has about a fifth of all the crime for England and Wales.



Types of crime are changing

There are fewer burglaries and stolen cars.



But there are more violent crimes and more reporting of domestic violence and sexual abuse.



The new technology means that there are new types of crime. Two thirds of **fraud** now happens online.



Fraud is where a criminal gets money or personal information from you by telling lies, or pretending that they are someone else.



Most of all, Londoners want us to deal with terrorism.

Other things that affect crime in London



- In London, rich people are getting richer, and poor people are getting poorer.



- Not everyone trusts the police.

People from poorer backgrounds, or people who are from black and minority ethnic groups are less likely to trust the police.



- Court cases take longer than they used to – this costs more money and takes more time.

Policing across all of London



Some things need to be dealt with in the same way across the whole of London.

This is because they are very serious and require specially trained Police officers.

These are:

- **Terrorism**



This is where there is an attack on an area by someone that wants to harm our country and the people in it.

We have special Terrorist Officers to deal with this.

- **Serious and Organised Crime**



This is where criminals work in a gang to carry out very serious crime.

It might be dealing drugs, guns and knives.

Many organisations work together to tackle Serious and Organised crime.

● Civil Emergencies



Civil Emergencies are when something very bad happens that affects a lot of people, like extreme weather, flooding, explosions, train or plane crashes.

The police have to deal with **Civil Emergencies**.

● Cyber Emergencies



Cyber Emergencies are when a criminal breaks into our security systems on a computer.

We have a special team called the **Cyber Crime Unit** who deal with **Cyber Emergencies**.

● Tackling Child Sexual Abuse



It is really important that we protect children from being sexually abused.

We work closely with other organisations to deal with this.

A better police force for London



We want to make sure our police force works in a way that suits different people in different communities.



Our new plans give communities more control and they can tell us what are the important issues for the police to focus on.



Our aims are to make sure:

- Police officers can focus on preventing crime, protecting people and bringing criminals to justice



- Communities and the police work better together and trust each other more



- The police with other organisations can deal with the most harmful crimes, like domestic abuse and child abuse.

Our plan



We plan to:

- Have local police officers working in each ward, getting to know local people



- Agree the most important things for the police to do in each area



- Make sure we protect vulnerable children and adults



- Get new technology that helps the police do their jobs quicker and better



- Encourage more women and people from black and minority ethnic groups to join the police



- Support the work of the **Night Czar** to make London nightlife safe for everyone.

The **Night Czar** is a person who will work to make London's night life better and safer



- Work with the Metropolitan Police, Transport for London, British Transport Police, City of London Police to keep our transport and roads safe.



- Work with businesses to help protect them from crime.

We want to make our city a safer place to work and do business.



- Work to make sure the Metropolitan Police have the money to do their work and protect London.

A better Criminal Justice Service for London



The Criminal Justice Service means the courts and lawyers that deal with crime and punishment once the police have finished their investigation.

We need to improve our Criminal Justice Service because:



- Court cases take longer than they used to. This costs more money and takes more time



- Lots of people do not have confidence in the way it is working

- It doesn't support the victims of crime enough



- Sometimes people from black or minority ethnic backgrounds are treated differently and this is unfair



- We often treat all criminals in the same way - which means that some people are not treated in the best way.
- The police, prisons and courts don't always work together well

We want:



- The Mayor of London to be responsible for the Criminal Justice Service. This may mean moving the responsibility for parts of service from the Government to the Mayor



- A new **Victims Commissioner** for London who will help victims of crime

- To increase the amount of **Restorative Justice**



Restorative Justice is when the criminal meets the victim and the community to show they are sorry for the crime and understand how much harm has been done.



- To improve the way that the police keep records and work with the courts



- To look at how we can get a better service for victims of crime over the whole of London



- All the different organisations in the Criminal Justice Service to work together better so that people stop committing crimes

Supporting young victims of crime

We want to make sure young people feel safe.



We want to:

- Reduce knife crime
- Work with other organisations to support children when they are most vulnerable
- Set up two child houses to provide medical and emotional support to young victims of sexual violence
- Look at how we tackle gang crime
- Work with other organisations to reduce the number of children who live in care who get into trouble



Violence against women



We want to make this better because:

- Only one third of women feel safe in London
- There are more reports of violent crimes against women now
- People who commit violent crimes against women, like rape, are not being dealt with by our Criminal Justice Service
- We want women to feel in control and equal to men



Crimes against women can be:

- **Rape or other sexual assault**
- **Domestic abuse.** This is abuse that happens at home often by your partner.



Most sexual assaults and rapes are committed against women or girls.

But men and boys can suffer these attacks too.



We want to:

- Produce a new plan to stop Violence Against Women and Girls.
- Lead a public campaign against the violence, abuse and harassment of women and girls
- Keep supporting organisations that help women who have been raped or sexually assaulted
- Find new, better ways to support women who have suffered sexual assault
- Look at how we can better support advocates for women who have suffered sexual assault
- Look at how we can get more safe places for women to stay who have suffered sexual assault
- Work with Transport for London and the Police to deal with unwanted sexual behaviour on the transport system

Hate crime, intolerance and terrorism



Hate crime is where people become victims of crime because of something to do with who they are - this might be their religion, or sexual orientation, or because they have a disability.



Intolerance is where people are not treated fairly because of their race, gender, sexual orientation, religion or because they have a disability.



Being the victim of a hate crime makes you frightened and unsafe in London.



We want to make sure that everybody feels safe and free from harm in London.



We want to:

- Have less hate crime in London



- Work with the Police and Transport for London to reduce hate crime on the buses and trains.



- Have more advocates for the victims of Hate Crime.



- Improve the way we deal with hate crime that happens online.



- Look at the way we deal with people who we think might become terrorists



- Work with the Deputy Mayor to stop racism and help people from different backgrounds live together happily

CONTEST

CONTEST is the Government's plan to reduce the risk from terrorism, so that people can go about their lives freely and with confidence.

There are 4 parts:



Pursue: to stop terrorist attacks



Prevent: to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism



Protect: to strengthen our protection against a terrorist attack



Prepare: so that terrorist attacks don't have such a big impact

Some questions



Please answer these questions and send your answers back to us by Thursday 2nd March 2017.

Details are on page 4.

Question 1: Do you think this plan will make London a safer city?

Question 2: Do you think the priorities are the right ones?

Question 3: Are the plans and clear and easy to understand?

Question 4: How do you think we should check that the plan is working?

Question 5: What do you think this plan will achieve?

Question 6: What do you think are the most important things in the plan?

Question 7: Is there anything else you think the Mayor should take into account when creating his plan?



What happens next?



We will read everyone's comments and then write the final version of the Police and Crime Plan for London.

The Plan will be published by the end of March 2017.



Thank you for reading this draft document. We look forward to hearing your views.

For more information

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