

Drug related ASB

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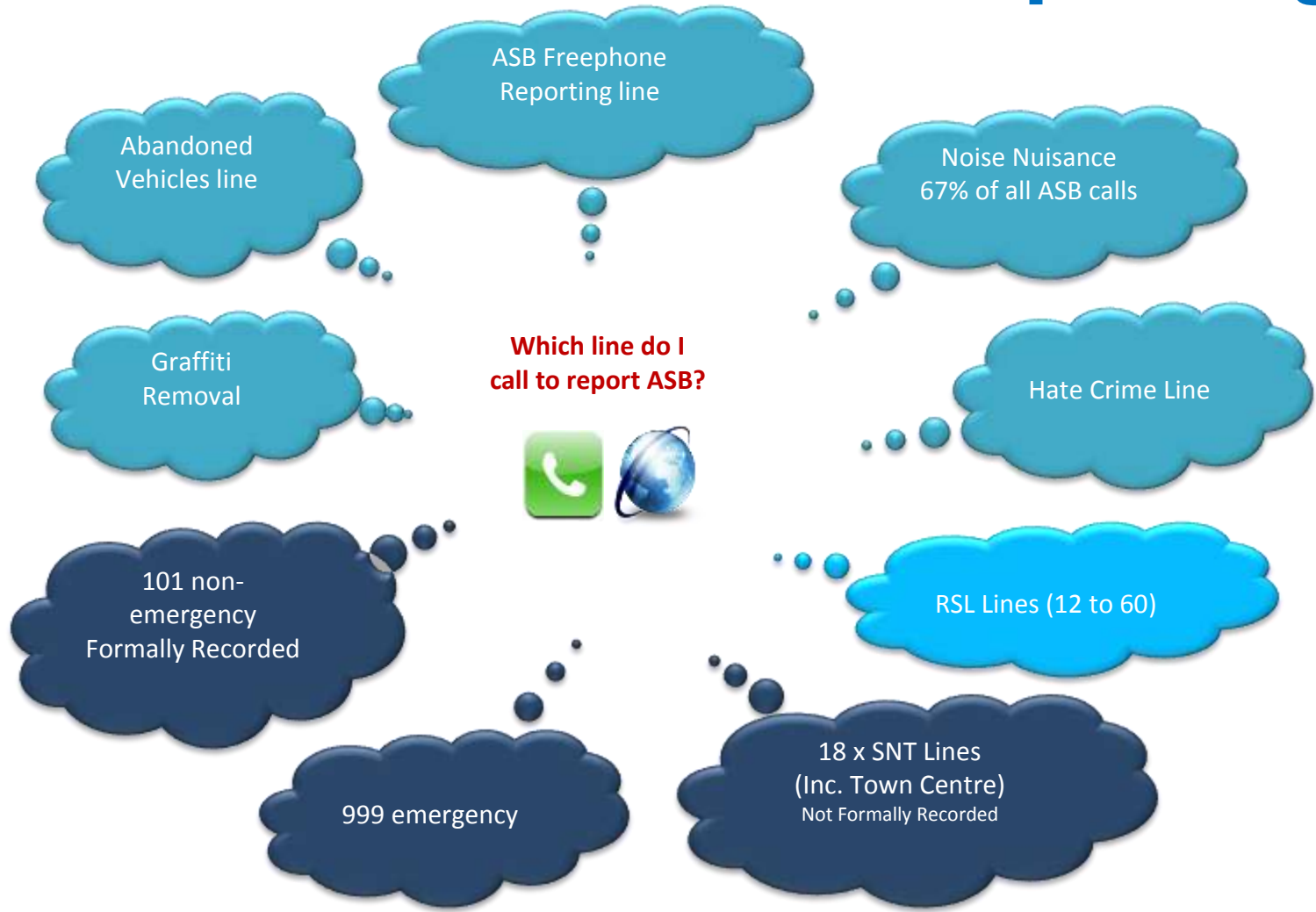
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National Research & Guidance

Calls for changes to the way ASB was handled in 2012:

- ACPO: Focus on the Victim – Summary Report on the ASB Call Handling Pilot 2012
- HMIC: A Step in the right direction – The policing of ASB
- HMIC: ASB – Stop the rot
 - Pilkington
 - Newlove
 - Askew

Previous Methods of Reporting



Confused?

- Was it a crime or ASB?
- Too many reporting methods
- Residents don't know who to report to
- Duplication of reports
- Lack of confidence in agencies
- Lack of confidence in data
- No clear picture / map of incidents
- Unable to task resources effectively

Responsibility to Tackle ASB

Reporting ASB to the Police can be done in a number of ways, either via 101 or by contacting your local Neighbourhood Policing Teams. You can also report incidents at your local Police station or Contact Point. Where there is a potential danger to life or property you should dial 999.

Source: Metropolitan Police Website

Police ASB Qualifiers

13 qualifiers used by the Metropolitan Police for reporting to them:

- Vehicle nuisance
- Rowdy or inconsiderate behaviour
- Rowdy or inconsiderate neighbours
- Animal problems*
- Dangerous Animals
- Trespass

- Prostitution related activity
- Nuisance Calls
- Street Drinking
- Noise*
- Begging/Vagrancy
- Fireworks
- Abandoned Vehicles

* Directed to report to Council initially instead of Police 101

Some ASB is actually Crime!

- Drug Dealing and Possession
- Criminal Damage
- Threats and intimidation
- Prostitution
- Hate Crime

101 Promotion Campaign 2013

Aim: launch of 101 ASB reporting campaign from the Aberfeldy Estate.						
Item	Method	Message	Audience	Action	Resources	Completion date
1	Launch Press	Inform wide range of press on reporting all ASB to police 101 line Front Counter reporting	Residents reading EEL BME papers BME Channels	1. Press launch/photo call of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Borough Commander on the Aberfeldy Estate. 2. Invite local and BME press media and BME TV channels to promote this event.	Within current TH staff resources	Beginning of Nov 2013
2	101 successes Press	Inform wide range of press on recent ASB reduction and operations success using 101 reporting	Residents reading EEL BME papers	1. Prepare case study from Police tasking. 2. Press release to EEL and BME press media	Within current TH staff resources	End of every quarter
3	EEL & BME Press Adverts	Publicise 101 reporting including what constitutes ASB Front Counter reporting	Residents reading EEL	1. Design adverts using MPS art work, Tony Gowan to sign off. 2. Book out adverts in EEL & BME papers.	Budget to be confirmed Amend adverts x 2 £250. £303.87 x 4 quarter page adverts, total £1,465.48. 1. Jonomot £400 2. Surma £500 3. Potrika £500 6. Bangla Times £250	Quarter Page Advert every 2 month this FY. End of Sept 13 End of Nov 13 End of Jan 14 End of Mar 14
4	101 Calling Cards	Info about Police station front counter opening times, 101 reporting	Residents concerned about ASB on THEO/police patrols	1. Produce borough wide calling cards (business card size) 2. Hand-out on THEO and local Police Patrols and Operations	Calling cards Print 5,000 copies Single sided = £144 Double sided = £205 Design = £50	Ready for circulation by start of Oct 13
5	101 Success case study Leaflets	Info about actions, stories and encourage reporting	Local businesses Community centres Door knocking/post to Safer Communities tasked residential areas	1. Produce borough wide leaflets using existing MPS artwork. 2. Distribution by EEL	1,000 copies double sided x 3 kinds = £292 Design = £75-£125 (depends if they are 3 completely different or minor changes for each version)	Early April 2014 before Purdah

What are we doing about it?

- Responsible Drinking Borough
- Saturation Policy
- Test Purchases (fireworks, alcohol)
- Street drinking
- Dedicated Council ASB analyst
- Community Trigger
- Rough sleepers

What are we doing about it?

Council Funded Police Team to tackle key community concerns of:

- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Drug dealing/use related ASB
 - ‘Dealer a Day’ drug warrants
 - Covert Drug Dealer Operations
- Gangs and Youth Violence
- Prostitution

All of the above are inter-related with Drugs

What are we doing about it? cont'd

Introduced the THEOs to tackle low level ASB and address community concerns inc. fear of crime.

To free up Police Officer time so that they can tackle the crimes that concern the community most. THEOs can tackle the following:

- Alcohol related ASB
- Youth related ASB (with Rapid Response Team)
- Littering, graffiti, flyposting, fly-tipping, dog fouling
- Noise
- Gather Evidence

What are we doing about it? cont'd

Partnership Working:

- Partnership Operations inc. Drug Warrants, Drugs Sweeps and Drug Sniffer Dog Patrols
- Summer Light Nights events – Police and Council events building sense of community and increasing community confidence to work with partners to address concerns
- Days of Action with Police, Council, RSLs and Fire Service
- Joint patrols of hotspots for drug use/dealing, street drinking, loitering, rough sleeping
- Community Clean-ups and deep cleans
- CCTV to gather evidence

ASB Investigation Team

- Council ASB Investigation Officers
- Evidence gathering inc. interviews and cctv (where appropriate)
- Send Warning Letters
- Work with Partner Agencies and other council teams inc. THEOs, Licensing, Drug Outreach
- Action Planning
- Request RSL Action against tenants
- Use appropriate Tools, Powers, Legislation inc. Civil Injunctions, Community Protection Notices, Closure Powers, Public Spaces Protection Orders, Anti-social Behaviour Contracts

Ward Walkabouts

- Cabinet Member, Police Borough Commander, Local Police Team, RSLs and Council Community Safety Officers (inc. THEOs & ASB Investigator) and Drugs Outreach Team, elected members and local residents in attendance
- Gather valuable community intelligence at the scene of the issues
- Allow partners to problem solve and action plan onsite
- Update community and agencies on action taken
- Build relationships/links between community and agencies

Ward Walkabouts Programme

- Currently conducting 3rd rounds of walkabouts
- Drug Dealing and Drug Use related ASB have been issues across all 20 wards during the 3 rounds of walkabouts
- Significant action taken in response to these community concerns inc. covert operations, warrants, security improvements, increased patrols, replacement lighting, arrests, ASBOs, Dispersal Zones, drugs seizures etc.
- Action taken communicated back to community

Communicating Action Taken

- LBTH Corporate Communications lead on all Community Safety Communication
- Informing victims and witnesses verbally / in writing
- Signage, Public Notices and Posters in communal areas
- Ward Walkabouts – verbal updates and Action Taken Leaflets and Council Website updates
- You Said, We Did Leaflets
- Press Releases
- Informing local groups (Residents Associations/Groups, Neighbourhood Watch, Ward Panels) at meetings
- Informing local elected members
- During Partnership Operations to tackle local issues
- Community Events inc. Summer Night Lights, Action Days]
- Responsible Drinking Borough & Community Trigger