

# A Who's Who of Safety, Police and related Local Government Bodies

The purpose of this document is to help anyone interested or involved in Community Safety including SNT Ward Panel members, Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators. It lists relevant government, police, voluntary, advice, training and funding bodies. The document should help to answer the following questions –

- What organisations are out there?
- What is the purpose of the organisation?
- How is it related to other bodies?

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## National Government Bodies

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**The Home Office** - <http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/>

The Home Office is the lead government department for immigration and passports, drugs policy, counter-terrorism and police.

**Ministry of Justice** - <http://www.justice.gov.uk/>

The Ministry of Justice is there to:-

- strengthen democracy, rights and responsibilities
- deliver fair and simple routes to civil and family justice
- protect the public and reduce reoffending
- ensure a more effective, transparent and responsive criminal justice system for victims and the public

**Crown Prosecution Service** - <http://www.cps.gov.uk/>

The Crown Prosecution Service is responsible for prosecuting criminal cases investigated by the police in England and Wales

## Local Government Bodies

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**GOL - Government Office for London** - <http://www.gos.gov.uk/gol/>

GOL represents central government across the capital, delivering policies and programmes for eleven central government departments in a coordinated way, as well as promoting London's needs to Whitehall. GOL plays an important role for London, delivering the Government's policies on various areas including leading the negotiation of thirty-three Local Area Agreements in London, ensuring the delivery of the Every Child Matters agenda in London, and delivering policies on crime reduction, reduction of drug misuse, as well as planning and neighbourhood renewal.

The **London Resilience Team**, set up after the 9/11 attacks, is working to make sure that London is prepared for any emergency, and the Resettlement Team is putting in place the first coordinated pan-London approach to reducing re-offending.

**GLA - Greater London Authority** - <http://www.london.gov.uk/>

The GLA is a unique form of strategic citywide government for London. It is made up of a directly elected Mayor and a separately elected Assembly and takes both the 'big-picture' view of the city as well as a borough by borough view.

**The London Assembly** - <http://www.london.gov.uk/assembly/index.jsp>

The London Assembly holds the Mayor of London to account and investigates issues that matter to Londoners

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**MPA - Metropolitan Police Authority** - <http://www.mpa.gov.uk/default.htm>

The Metropolitan Police Authority (MPA) exists to make sure that London's police are held to account for the services and actions they perform for and on behalf of Londoners.

## Police Bodies

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**MPS - Metropolitan Police Service (the Met)** - <http://www.met.police.uk/index.shtml>

The dedicated mainstream police force for the capital.

**SNT - Safer Neighbourhood Team** - <http://www.met.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods/>

Part of the Met police above, but also a section of the police that is replicated across the country, providing the following in each area:-

- A team of officers dedicated to every London neighbourhood
- A more accessible, more visible, more accountable police service
- The ability to gather intelligence at grass roots level and take appropriate action
- Facilitating local communities in getting a real say in deciding the priorities for the area in which they live, allowing the police to provide long-term local solutions to local problems, while maintaining a focus on reducing priority crime

**PSP - Problem Solving Process** - Form 302

Part of the SNT policing model – it is a form the police have to follow when addressing problem situations. It is designed to ensure both focus and wider thinking in relation to finding tailored and effective solutions to particular local problems.

**PCSO - Police Community Support Officers**

A vital component of the Safer Neighbourhoods Teams providing support and back-up for the SNT officers and establishing relationships with the general public.

## Community Partnership Bodies

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**CDRP - Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership** -

<http://www.crimereduction.homeoffice.gov.uk/regions/regions00.htm>

Responsible local authorities have a statutory duty to work with other local agencies and organisations to develop and implement strategies to tackle crime and disorder within their area. This includes anti-social behaviour and other behaviour that adversely affects the local environment as well as the misuse of drugs (s6, Crime and Disorder Act 1998 as amended by s97 & s98 Police Reform Act 2002 and s1, Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005) These statutory partnerships are known as Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRPs) or Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) in Wales.

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**JAG - Joint Action Group** - a partnership within a CDRP

**CPEG / CSB - Community Police Engagement Group.**

This is a group set up to provide a link between the general public, the local council, the police and other relevant local partners, with a duty to consult and represent the general public at local level and is funded by the Metropolitan Police Authority (MPA). The aims of this partnership are engagement, scrutiny, accountability, communication and influence over borough policing strategy. This group exists in every borough but has different names, such as the Community Safety Board in Hammersmith & Fulham and Islington and CPEG in other boroughs.

The chair of the H&F CSB is a member of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) of the Council and is also the Vice-Chair of the London Communities Partnership (LCP2) who represents and supports all CPEG's/CSB's

CSB members consist of representatives of voluntary and faith groups within the borough and the CSB supports all of these groups. The CSB is a membership organisation but our meetings are open to all.

**Ward Panels** - for example <http://www.ewp.org.uk/>

The ward panels are small groups of local people, whether residents or businesses or local organisations, who work alongside their Safer Neighbourhood Teams. They are designed to fit alongside the SNTs and their purpose is to feed through information (two-way) and to both communicate with and help direct their SNT. Ward Panel members should either be generally representative of their particular ward or they should in some way be able to represent a number of people, e.g. representatives of Tenant's Associations, community groups, etc.

**Neighbourhood Watch.** <http://www.nwinfo.co.uk/> - <http://www.neighbourhoodwatch.net/>

**Neighbourhood Watch Borough Association**

NHWBA is an organisation of Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators set up to support, communicate and coordinate between the various NHW schemes. It's principal aim is to share best practice and to extend the coverage of NHW within the borough. The current model for NHW is for the schemes to communicate with the Ward Panels and to work closely with their local SNT.

**Hammersmith & Fulham Tenants and Residents Association (HAFFTRA)**

An umbrella organisation that serves the residents on most estates or large blocks of flats.

## Council Bodies

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**CSU - Community Safety Unit** [http://www.lbhf.gov.uk/AZofServices/C/35474\\_Community\\_safety\\_unit.asp](http://www.lbhf.gov.uk/AZofServices/C/35474_Community_safety_unit.asp)

The Community Safety Unit was established to work to improve the quality of life within the Borough and to keep residents, visitors and employees in the borough of Hammersmith and Fulham safe

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**BARK - Borough Action for Responsible K9's**

[http://www.lbhf.gov.uk/Directory/Environment\\_and\\_Planning/Animal\\_health\\_and\\_welfare/Dogs/85930\\_BARK.asp](http://www.lbhf.gov.uk/Directory/Environment_and_Planning/Animal_health_and_welfare/Dogs/85930_BARK.asp)

BARK is a multi-agency group which proactively tackles irresponsible dog owners – it is a collaborative partnership between the council and the police and other agencies.

## London-wide Partnerships

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**LCSP - London Community Safety Partnership** - part of GOL Government Office for London:

[http://www.gos.gov.uk/gol/Community\\_safety/LCSP/](http://www.gos.gov.uk/gol/Community_safety/LCSP/)

LCSP is a regional partnership for London comprising those agencies that jointly seek to reduce and prevent crime, anti-social behaviour, drug addiction and the impact of terrorism in the capital.

**LASB- London Anti-Social Behaviour Board (Part of LCSP)**

[http://www.gos.gov.uk/497417/docs/247610/722378/LASB\\_Newsletter\\_issue1.pdf](http://www.gos.gov.uk/497417/docs/247610/722378/LASB_Newsletter_issue1.pdf)

**London ASB JAG Joint Action Group** - part of LASB

**LCP2 - London Community Police Partnership**

Represents the concerns of all the CPEG Community Police Engagement Groups and communicates them to senior Met staff

## Monitoring Bodies

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**IPCC - Independent Police Complaints Commission** - <http://www.ipcc.gov.uk/>

The IPCC's job is to make sure that complaints against the police are dealt with effectively.

**ICV - Independent Custody Visitors** - <http://www.mpa.gov.uk/partnerships/icv/default.htm>

Independent Custody Visitors (ICVs) are ordinary members of the local community, volunteers, who are appointed to observe the treatment of people detained in custody to ensure that their welfare is maintained and their rights observed.

## Voluntary Sector Bodies

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**Victim Support** - <http://www.victimsupport.org.uk/>

Victim Support is the independent charity which helps people cope with the effects of crime. We provide free and confidential support and information to help you deal with your experience.

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**CaVSA, H & F/CVSN/VC, H & F/Refugee Forum, H & F/BME, H & F**

Network of local partners, working within the Voluntary & Community Sector in the Borough, providing a wide range of services and building the capacity of voluntary and community groups to deliver effective services to local people.

**Safer & Stronger Communities Forum** – part of the CVSN.

This forum meets to discuss, form links and establish actions relating to community safety issues and well being of residents of the borough, particularly those who may be under-represented, isolated or vulnerable due to a range of circumstances.

## Training Bodies

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**CSAS - Community Safety Advisory Services** - <http://www.csas.org.uk/>

CSAS works to reduce crime through voluntary sector capacity building. We co-ordinate, capacity build and develop voluntary sector and community organisations to enable their participation in crime reduction across London. We support groups working in all areas of community safety, offering training, consultancy, and support to over 3,000 groups every year

**SLF - Safer London Foundation** - <http://www.saferlondonfoundation.org/>

The Safer London Foundation aims to reduce crime, promote community cohesion, and develop safer neighbourhoods through innovative community led crime reduction projects, education, information and support.

## Funding

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**UK Neighbourhood Watch Trust** <http://www.neighbourhoodwatch.net/index.php?func=PageUKNWT>

The UK Neighbourhood Watch Trust is a new charitable trust (Registered charity number 1119390) whose primary purpose is to support and promote the neighbourhood watch movement by providing an effective and informative two-way communications channel through its website, [www.neighbourhoodwatch.net](http://www.neighbourhoodwatch.net). The website was originally launched by the National Neighbourhood Watch Association. Ownership has now transferred to the UKNWT. The key aims of the Trust are to:

- Promote best practice throughout the neighbourhood watch movement by providing a range of downloadable resources on home security and community involvement;
- Encourage the exchange of views and ideas through a range of online forums, bringing together people with a common interest in creating community cohesion;
- Broaden the appeal of neighbourhood watch through an editorial approach on the website that reflects the concerns and interests of all sections of society, ethnic groupings and age ranges.

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**Community Liaison Unit (LBHF)** provide funding for some groups and projects of benefit to the voluntary & community sector and local residents in the Borough.

## Policy

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1. GOL Government Office for London uses these to draw up LAA Local Area Agreements on community safety
2. Councils and their CDRP Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships draw up plans to implement the LAA
3. The CDRP JAG Joint Action Groups, the Met, the Council's CSU Community Safety Unit and other partners implement the plans

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