



Payback Fortnight Success and Safer London Foundation

The Metropolitan Police Service seizes around £40,000 of money and property every day from criminals. Payback Fortnight, which ran from 25 February 2008 to 7 March 2008, demonstrated how criminals' illegal gains are being taken and put into local policing and community projects that benefit the public and work to reduce criminal activity.

Some of the assets seized paid for an extra 90 officers last year, whilst in addition, £500,000 was given to the Safer London Foundation (SLF) to fund community projects ranging from benefiting victims to diverting youths from pursuing crime. The SLF is the independent charitable arm of the Metropolitan Police Service, established in 2005 to support and promote crime reduction and community cohesion.

Every Child Matters

Every Child Matters (ECM), which supports the MPS Youth Strategy, comes into effect on 1 April 2008 and is the Government response to the Children Act 2004. ECM is designed to bring together services who deal with children and young people - including hospitals, schools, voluntary organisations and police – to ensure that all relevant agencies work together and share information to protect youngsters from harm and help them achieve in life.

The government has put forward five key outcomes for every child, whatever their background or their circumstances, to have the support they need to: be healthy; stay safe; enjoy and achieve; make a positive contribution; and achieve economic well-being.

Home Office Tackling Drug Supply Awards 2008

The MPS submitted 19 nominations for the Home Office Tackling Drug Supply Awards 2008. There were entries in all four categories, best practice against street level dealing, middle markets and asset recovery, and best example of enforcement linkages with the Drugs Interventions Programme.

This year the MPS won in two categories: best practice against middle markets category for dismantling a Somali gang distributing class A drugs; and in enforcement linkages for combating open-street based drugs markets, crack houses and, traffickers in Lambeth. The MPS also received a commendation in the asset recovery category for the Racial and Violent Crime Taskforce's work in securing landmark Financial Reporting Orders in the case of Gary Norman, who was involved in domestic violence on young children and drug supply in London and Kent. Norman is now obliged to declare all assets and income for the next 15 years.

Latest crime figures for the MPS [statistics cover the period of April 2007 to February 2008 compared to April 2006 to February 2007]

- ⇓ Total notifiable offences fell by 6.3%.
- ⇓ Robbery fell by 19.4% - and is at its lowest since 2000/2001.
- ⇓ Gun enabled crime fell by 0.5% - the lowest level in the last seven years – and Trident gun crime fell by 1.4%.
- ⇓ Motor vehicle crime fell by 7.6%.
- ⇓ Homicide fell by 8.8%.
- ⇑ Confidence in local policing has risen for the second year running and means the MPS remains the best performing force compared to other Metropolitan forces