

# London CONTEST Board Meeting Note

18 January 2017

The London CONTEST Board meeting of 18 January 2017 was chaired by the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime. The Board is made up of members from MOPAC, MPS, Home Office, NHS England, City of London, National Probation Service (NPS) and London Councils. Also in attendance was a guest speaker from NOMS. Updates following actions from the previous meeting included confirmation that the 'London at Critical' meeting briefing paper was circulated to Council Leaders. A similar meeting exclusively for Leaders is being considered. Also, NHS England summarised the current position on the Health Service referral process.

Agenda Item 1: This covered the work and findings in brief of both the Lord Harris Preparedness Review and the Local Government Review. Lord Harris' positive comments on the openness of the agencies reviewed were cited as was the improvement of major incident readiness. There was also a brief update on the Local Government Resilience and Emergency Planning Review undertaken by the London Resilience Forum Local Authorities Panel. This was approved and will go to council leaders in February 17. This work builds on the Exercise Unified Response to ensure cooperation across borders and between boroughs

Agenda Item 2: The Board received an update from the Home Office member on the new Contest Strategy refresh. The strategy is due to be published in the first part of 2017.

Agenda Item 3: The Board was provided with a current threat briefing containing confidential information on recent attacks, investigations and the changing style and nature of the threat.

Agenda Item 4: The Board heard a presentation from the National Probation Service on the risk posed by TACT offenders prior to release and the kind of restrictions placed on them on release. This was followed by one from NOMS on extremism assessment and intervention within HMPS and NPS.

Agenda Item 5: Prevent Board and Prevent Funding. A short update on the strengthening of the Prevent process and workshops held with OSCT on priorities and key areas. An update was given on funding of Prevent by the Home Office and the options for cross-borough and pan-London co-commissioning were being explored.

Agenda Item 6: Updates. There were updates on the Police and Crime Plan progress and a US city exchange programme proposal

The next meeting will be held on 21 April 2017.