

Report of: Director of Corporate Resources

Meeting of	Date	Agenda Item	Ward(s)
West Area Committee	7 January 2008		Holloway, Caledonian, Barnsbury and St Mary's

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Subject: Community Safety Performance**1. Synopsis**

- 1.1 This report provides a one year performance summary of crime & disorder in the West Area of Islington. The time period is 01 November 2006 – 31 October 2007 and covers the wards of Holloway, Caledonian, Barnsbury and St Mary's.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To note performance for community safety.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Safer Islington Partnership is currently producing a Strategic Assessment of all crime & disorder in the Borough. It will inform strategic and operational priorities, identify threats to public safety and security, and inform the commissioning process of the Safer Islington Partnership for the period of 01 April 2008 – 31 March 2009. The strategic assessment will steer the development and implementation of the Safer Islington Partnership Plan for 2008/09 and provide an evidence base for effective monitoring and evaluation.

4. Crime & Disorder Analysis

4.1 West Area Summary

Between November 2006 and October 2007 the Western sector of the borough, made up of Holloway, Caledonian, Barnsbury and St Mary's Wards, had a total of 9811 allegations of crime. This was a 12.4% reduction compared to the same period from the previous year. Priority crime in the Western sector mirrors the type of offending characteristic to the rest of the Borough. The main type of offending in this area is for theft related offences including theft from motor vehicles. The main location for theft related offending is Upper Street in St Mary's Ward. There has been an increase in burglary across most wards in the South sector minus Caledonian Ward.

5. Key Findings

5.1 Between November 2006 and October 2007 the Western sector of the borough, made up of Holloway, Caledonian, Barnsbury and St Mary's Wards, had a total of 9811 allegations of crime. This was a 12.4% reduction compared to the same period from the previous year.

5.2 Crime in this area is acquisitive and violent in nature ranging from theft offences to violence against the person offences such as assault and robbery.

5.3 The two priority crimes accounting for approximately 30% of Islington's crimes respectively were Other Theft and Theft from Motor Vehicles. (Other theft is defined as theft not classified elsewhere, removal of articles from places open to the public, theft of conveyance other than motor vehicle or pedal cycle).

5.4 Upper Street within St. Mary's Ward is the priority location for Theft Other within the West sector.

5.5 **Holloway Ward:** Experienced slight increases in Burglary, reductions in criminal damage, theft, and violence against the person.

5.6 **Barnsbury Ward:** Experienced increases in burglary and fraud, reductions in criminal damage, theft, and violence against the person.

5.7 **St.Mary's Ward:** Experienced an increase in robbery offences, burglary, drugs, fraud, theft, and violence against the person.

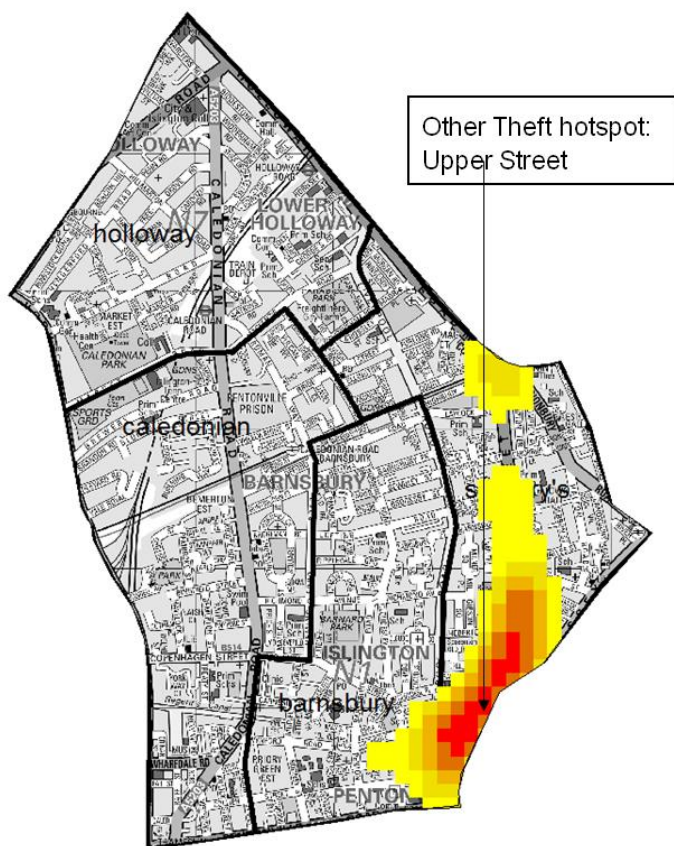
5.8 **Caledonian Ward:** Experienced an increase in criminal damage, reductions in fraud, robbery, theft, sexual offences, and violence against the person.

5.9 Rowdy/Inconsiderate behaviour was reported to the police most for Anti Social Behaviour

5.10 Respondents from Clerkenwell did not believe that people using drugs was a major concern – LAA survey.

6.0 Location of Priority Crime – Theft Other

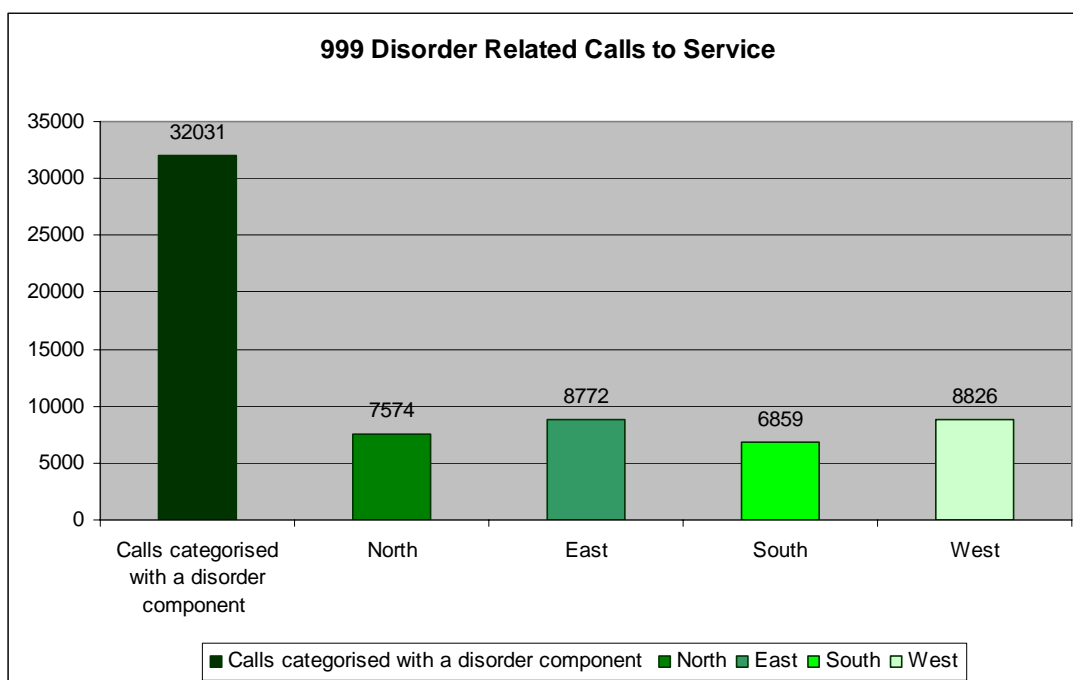
6.1 The West sector recorded Other Theft and Residential Burglary as their priority offences for the time period analysed. The priority location for Other Theft has been identified as the Upper Street area within the St. Mary's Ward.



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West Nov 06 - Oct 07	Total	%
Other Theft	2124	21.6
Theft From Motor Vehicle	792	8.1
Protection from Harassment Act Offences	584	6.0
Criminal Damage (#5,000 or less)	508	5.2
Theft Person Dip	507	5.2
Drugs - Possession	471	4.8
Burglary - Res	453	4.6
Common Assault	449	4.6
Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle	445	4.5
Theft of Pedal Cycle	422	4.3
Non Crime Book Domestic Incident	402	4.1
Actual Bodily Harm	343	3.5
Shoplifting	308	3.1

7.0 Calls to Service – Police 999 Area Comparisons



8.0 Crime Performance by Ward:

The following charts compare each Islington ward, Islington Borough, and the Metropolitan Police Force to their performance for 12 months to October 2006.

8.1 Barnsbury

Offences per 1000 population	12 Months to October 2007 (year)			12 Months to October 2006 (year)		
	Barnsbury	Islington	Met Total	Barnsbury	Islington	Met Total
Burglary (Per 1000 Population)	16.4	20.1	13.1	15.3	22.1	13.6
Criminal Damage (Per 1000 Population)	18.1	16.9	14.5	22.2	19.2	15.8
Drugs Offences (Per 1000 Population)	16.4	10.3	8.2	16.8	8.9	6.5
Fraud or Forgery (Per 1000 Population)	6.4	6.7	4.8	5	3.6	5.2
Other Notifiable Offences (Per 1000 Population)	2.2	1.5	1.3	1.7	1.5	1.3
Robbery (Per 1000 Population)	5.1	7	5.3	5.1	7.5	5.9
Sexual Offences (Per 1000 Population)	1.8	1.5	1.1	1.5	1.7	1.2
Theft and Handling (Per 1000 Population)	82.6	79.7	45.8	110.7	92.4	48.7
Violence Against the Person (Per 1000 Population)	35.5	29.8	23.3	43.6	35.8	24.6

8.2 St. Mary's

Offences per 1000 population	12 Months to October 2007 (year)			12 Months to October 2006 (year)		
	St Marys	Islington	Met Total	St Marys	Islington	Met Total
Burglary (Per 1000 Population)	21	20.1	13.1	23.3	22.1	13.6
Criminal Damage (Per 1000 Population)	25	16.9	14.5	24.7	19.2	15.8
Drugs Offences (Per 1000 Population)	15.7	10.3	8.2	21.8	8.9	6.5
Fraud or Forgery (Per 1000 Population)	6.6	6.7	4.8	9.2	3.6	5.2
Other Notifiable Offences (Per 1000 Population)	2.8	1.5	1.3	2.9	1.5	1.3
Robbery (Per 1000 Population)	10.2	7	5.3	8.9	7.5	5.9
Sexual Offences (Per 1000 Population)	1.5	1.5	1.1	2.3	1.7	1.2
Theft and Handling (Per 1000 Population)	221.9	79.7	45.8	232.5	92.4	48.7
Violence Against the Person (Per 1000 Population)	53.1	29.8	23.3	69.6	35.8	24.6

8.3 Caledonian

Offences per 1000 population	12 Months to October 2007 (year)			12 Months to October 2006 (year)		
	Caledonian	Islington	Met Total	Caledonian	Islington	Met Total
Burglary (Per 1000 Population)	14.1	20.1	13.1	13.4	22.1	13.6
Criminal Damage (Per 1000 Population)	19.7	16.9	14.5	17.7	19.2	15.8
Drugs Offences (Per 1000 Population)	7.6	10.3	8.2	8.4	8.9	6.5
Fraud or Forgery (Per 1000 Population)	1.7	6.7	4.8	3.2	3.6	5.2
Other Notifiable Offences (Per 1000 Population)	1	1.5	1.3	1	1.5	1.3
Robbery (Per 1000 Population)	4.9	7	5.3	6	7.5	5.9
Sexual Offences (Per 1000 Population)	1.2	1.5	1.1	4.8	1.7	1.2
Theft and Handling (Per 1000 Population)	54.4	79.7	45.8	73.8	92.4	48.7
Violence Against the Person (Per 1000 Population)	28.1	29.8	23.3	38.9	35.8	24.6

8.4 Holloway

Offences per 1000 population	12 Months to October 2007 (year)			12 Months to October 2006 (year)		
	Holloway	Islington	Met Total	Holloway	Islington	Met Total
Burglary (Per 1000 Population)	20.9	20.1	13.1	19.5	22.1	13.6
Criminal Damage (Per 1000 Population)	15.3	16.9	14.5	18.9	19.2	15.8
Drugs Offences (Per 1000 Population)	5.8	10.3	8.2	6.2	8.9	6.5
Fraud or Forgery (Per 1000 Population)	1.5	6.7	4.8	2.4	3.6	5.2
Other Notifiable Offences (Per 1000 Population)	1.5	1.5	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.3
Robbery (Per 1000 Population)	6.3	7	5.3	6.2	7.5	5.9
Sexual Offences (Per 1000 Population)	1.5	1.5	1.1	1.2	1.7	1.2
Theft and Handling (Per 1000 Population)	43.4	79.7	45.8	67	92.4	48.7
Violence Against the Person (Per 1000 Population)	23.4	29.8	23.3	31.5	35.8	24.6

9.0 Caveats/Developments

- 9.1 Anti Social Behaviour information is not presently recorded in the same manner as crime. ASB is also difficult to compare across boundaries due to the variation in demographics as well as interpretation of behaviours.
- 9.2 Current performance monitoring structures do not allow for regional or national comparisons to be made for recorded crime for each area committee.
- 9.3 No temporal analysis (time & date) was conducted to determine causation.
- 9.4 Community safety interventions/projects are not always geographically specific which restricts the analysis of current interventions and recommendations for targeted activity.

10. Methodology

- 10.1 Geographical Information Systems and the CRIS crime recording system was used to determine the scale and extent of crime for each area committee. Crime incidents were extracted for each area committee and presented as a comparator for Islington as well as London where possible.
- 10.2 The time period 01 November 2006 – 31 October 2007 was chosen for analysis to present the most up to date crime figures and allow for variables such as seasonality to be taken into consideration.

11.0 Conclusion

- 11.1 The West area sector is experiencing similar crimes to the rest of the London Borough of Islington. Violence Against the Person and acquisitive crimes have been identified in the Strategic Assessment as a priority for the entire Borough.

12. Background papers:

West Area Crime Table – attached in appendix
Local Area Agreement 2007 Resident Consultation
2008/09 Safer Islington Partnership Strategic Assessment

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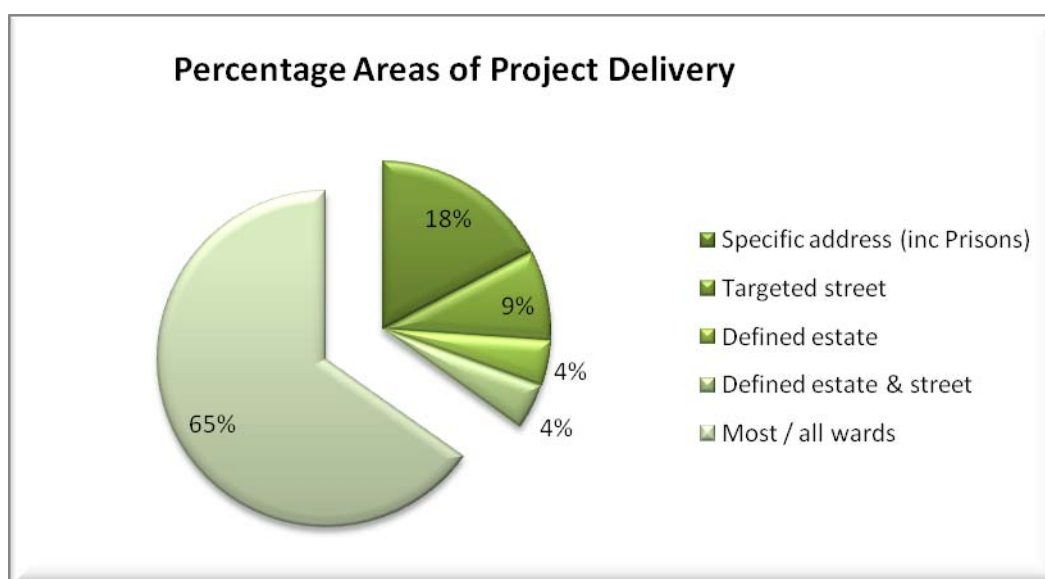
13.0 Appendix

13.1 West Area Crime Table - 01 November 2006-31 October 2007

	West Crime Nov 05_ Oct 06	%	West Crime Nov 06_Oct 07	%	Yr on Yr Diff	% diff
Actual Bodily Harm	512	4.6	343	3.5	169	33.0
Affray	29	0.3	32	0.3	3	10.3
Aggravated Burglary - Non Res	1	0.0	1	0.0	0	0.0
Aggravated Burglary - Res	4	0.0	4	0.0	0	0.0
Animal Offences	4	0.0	5	0.1	1	25.0
Assault by Penetration	5	0.0	3	0.0	2	40.0
Assault on Police	36	0.3	29	0.3	7	19.4
Assault S.18	70	0.6	43	0.4	27	38.6
Begging	6	0.1	1	0.0	5	83.3
Blackmail	2	0.0	1	0.0	1	50.0
Bomb Hoax	4	0.0	9	0.1	5	125.0
Burglary - Non Res	283	2.5	305	3.1	22	7.8
Burglary - Res	491	4.4	453	4.6	38	7.7
Burglary with Intent - Non Res	5	0.0	1	0.0	4	80.0
Burglary with Intent - Res	1	0.0	0	0	1	100.0
Causing Harassment/Alarm or Distress S5 POA 1986	4	0.0	0	0	4	100.0
Child Abduction	0	0	3	0.0	3	N/A
Child Neglect	10	0.1	8	0.1	2	20.0
Common Assault	503	4.5	449	4.6	54	10.7
Criminal Damage (#5,000 or less)	587	5.2	508	5.2	79	13.5
Criminal Damage (over #5,000)	4	0.0	2	0.0	2	50.0
Criminal Damage by Fire	22	0.2	18	0.2	4	18.2
Criminal Damage by Fire to Motor Vehicle	6	0.1	2	0.0	4	66.7
Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle	380	3.4	445	4.5	65	17.1
Dangerous Dogs Act offence	8	0.1	14	0.1	6	75.0
Deception	238	2.1	206	2.1	32	13.4
Disqualified Driving	2	0.0	3	0.0	1	50.0
Drugs - Possession	481	4.3	471	4.8	10	2.1
Drugs - Supply	75	0.7	74	0.8	1	1.3
Firearms Offences	28	0.2	29	0.3	1	3.6
Forgery	8	0.1	5	0.1	3	37.5
Going Equipped to Steal	22	0.2	20	0.2	2	9.1
Handling Stolen Goods	55	0.5	53	0.5	2	3.6
Indecency with Children	0	0	1	0.0	1	N/A
Indecent Exposure	13	0.1	12	0.1	1	7.7
Interference With Motor Vehicle	10	0.1	8	0.1	2	20.0
Kerb Crawling	10	0.1	0	0	10	100.0
Kidnapping / False Imprisonment	4	0.0	5	0.1	1	25.0
Making off w/o payment	97	0.9	48	0.5	49	50.5
Malicious Comms-Telephone/Text/Voice Messages	8	0.1	0	0	8	100.0
Malicious Communications - Letter	11	0.1	9	0.1	2	18.2
Murder	4	0.0	3	0.0	1	25.0
Non Crime Book Domestic Incident	426	3.8	402	4.1	24	5.6
Non Crime Book Homophobic Incident	3	0.0	10	0.1	7	233.3
Non Crime Book Racial Incident	4	0.0	7	0.1	3	75.0
Other Beat Crime	4	0.0	0	0	4	100.0
Other Drugs Offences	7	0.1	4	0.0	3	42.9
Other Major Crime	43	0.4	49	0.5	6	14.0

Other Motor Vehicle Crime	5	0.0	6	0.1	1	20.0
Other Theft	2212	19.7	2124	21.6	88	4.0
Perjury	1	0.0	0	0	1	100.0
Possessing an Offensive Weapon	98	0.9	80	0.8	18	18.4
Protection from Harassment Act Offences	652	5.8	584	6.0	68	10.4
Rape	15	0.1	17	0.2	2	13.3
Robbery of Commercial Premises	20	0.2	16	0.2	4	20.0
Robbery of the Person	237	2.1	256	2.6	19	8.0
Sexual Assault	40	0.4	44	0.4	4	10.0
Shoplifting	454	4.1	308	3.1	146	32.2
Soliciting / Loitering	5	0.0	0	0	5	100.0
Taking Conveyance	2	0.0	0	0	2	100.0
Theft From Motor Vehicle	1024	9.1	792	8.1	232	22.7
Theft in Post	97	0.9	13	0.1	84	86.6
Theft of Motor Vehicle	406	3.6	260	2.7	146	36.0
Theft of Pedal Cycle	519	4.6	422	4.3	97	18.7
Theft Person Dip	499	4.5	507	5.2	8	1.6
Theft Person Snatch	203	1.8	133	1.4	70	34.5
Threatening/offensive etc. telephone calls	69	0.6	77	0.8	8	11.6
Threats to cause Criminal Damage	7	0.1	6	0.1	1	14.3
Threats to Kill	73	0.7	55	0.6	18	24.7
Uttering a forged document	15	0.1	4	0.0	11	73.3
Violent Disorder	1	0.0	0	0	1	100.0
Witness intimidation	17	0.2	9	0.1	8	47.1
Grand Total	11201	100.0	9811	100.0	1390	12.4

13.2 Percentage Areas of Project Delivery – Community & Enforcement Subgroup: The geographical location of project delivery was analysed in order to determine if current service delivery correlated with priority areas or ‘hot spots’ for crime & disorder. As the chart depicts, the majority of projects from the C&E subgroup were not designed to target specific geographical locations. Examples of Borough wide projects include interventions for anti social behaviour and criminal damage.



14.0 Local Area Agreement Ward Profiles

- 14.1 This research evidences the degree in which ASB concerns differ geographically across Islington. The same research also emphasises the importance of context and the specific demographics relative to each ward.
- 14.2 Interviews were conducted across the 16 Islington wards with 41 – 53 interviews being carried out in each. In total, 792 interviews were carried out across the wards. These interviews were supplemented with 240 interviews carried out within specific super output areas. In total, 1,032 adult interviews were carried out.
- 14.3 93 per cent of respondents stated feeling safe in their own home during the day and 82 per cent felt safe in their own home after dark.
- 14.4 In terms of their neighbourhood, 81 per cent said they felt safe during the day, dropping to only 49 per cent after dark. Those in Highbury East (36%) Bunhill (35%) and Holloway (33%) were least likely to feel safe.
- 14.5 Only 36 per cent of residents felt informed concerning what was being done in their local area to deal with antisocial behaviour.
- 14.6 59 per cent confirmed being aware of Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) patrolling in their area. Those in Finsbury Park (74%), Clerkenwell (71%) and Holloway (68%) were most likely to be aware. Those in Canonbury (40%), St George's (42%) and Highbury West (46%) were least likely to be aware.
- 14.7 31 per cent confirmed being aware of the Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Initiative. Those in Finsbury Park (54%), Clerkenwell (51%) and Hillrise were most commonly aware. Those in Holloway (9%), St Mary's (14%), Bunhill (16%) and Canonbury (16%) were most commonly not aware.
- 14.8 79 per cent agreed that PCSOs and SNTs helped to reduce antisocial behaviour and 72 per cent felt they helped to reduce fear of crime.
- 14.9 Less than a third (29%) were aware of the Safer Islington Partnership. Awareness was highest in Finsbury Park (54%) and Clerkenwell (50%), and lowest in Holloway (2%), Mildmay (11%) and St Mary's (12%).
- 14.10 69 per cent were satisfied with the cleanliness of the Islington area.

15. Location - Ward breakdown

- 15.1 People not treating each other with respect and consideration: respondents from Highbury East were significantly more likely to think that this was not a big problem (76%) than respondents from Canonbury (59%), Finsbury Park (59%), Hillrise (42%), Holloway (56%), Junction (56%), St. Mary's (49%), St. Peter's (52%) and Tollington (56%).
- 15.2 Noisy or loud neighbours: respondents from Highbury East were significantly more likely to think that this was not a big problem (91%) than respondents from Bunhill (77%),

Caledonian (78%), Canonbury (78%), Clerkenwell (71%), Hillrise (64%), Junction (70%), St. George's (69%), St. Mary's (75%), St. Peter's (71%) and Tollington (74%).

- 15.3 Teenagers hanging around on the street: respondents from Canonbury, Hillrise and Holloway were significantly more likely to highlight this as a big problem (65%, 68% and 68% respectively) than respondents from Bunhill (32%), Clerkenwell (38%), Finsbury Park (46%) and Highbury East (33%).
- 15.4 Rubbish and litter lying around: 59% of respondents from Highbury West, 66% of those from Hillrise, 62% of those from Barnsbury, 57% of those from Mildmay and 63% of those from Tollington thought that this was a big problem; these results are significantly higher than for respondents from Bunhill (34%) and Caledonian (41%)
- 15.5 People being drunk or rowdy in public spaces: respondents from St. Mary's were significantly more likely to think that this was a big problem (64%) than respondents from Barnsbury, Bunhill, Caledonian, Canonbury, Clerkenwell, Finsbury Park, Highbury East, Highbury West, Holloway, Mildmay, St. George's and Tollington.
- 15.6 Abandoned or burnt out cars: 32% of respondents from Hillrise thought that this was a big problem; this is significantly higher than for respondents from every other ward.
- 15.7 Vandalism and graffiti: 83% of respondents from Highbury East thought that this was not a big problem; this is significantly higher than for respondents from every other ward.
- 15.8 People dealing drugs: 67% of residents from Holloway thought that this was a big problem; this is significantly higher than any other ward.
- 15.9 People using drugs: Respondents from Clerkenwell and Holloway were significantly more likely to think that this was a big problem (55% and 58% respectively), than respondents from any other ward other than Hillrise.

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