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National Drugs Strategy

Aims to deliver:

- Robust enforcement
- Preventing harm to children
- Treatment
- Publicity / community engagement



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Corporate Plan MPS-wide objectives 2008-11

Working across boundaries, bringing different groups and teams together:

- Accessible service - improve people's experience
- Enhance our counter terrorism capability and capacity
- Reduce serious violence and protect young people
- Disrupt more criminal networks and reduce the harm caused by drugs
- Make our neighbourhoods safer: problem solving / partnership
- Plan for major events / prepare for the Olympics



Parallel Work - MPA Scrutiny

24 recommendations



- Performance framework
- Recognise the impact drugs have on overall crime
- Multi-dimensional enforcement strategies
- Sustained engagement by SNTs
- Ensure prioritisation of drugs within MIB
- Implementation - Proceeds of Crime Act



MPS Drugs Strategy 2007 to 2010

- Reduce Demand
 - DIP / PPOs
 - Focus on “harm”
- Reduce Supply
 - Working with partners
 - Worst affected Neighbourhoods
 - Focus on “harm”

Metropolitan Police Service
**Drugs Strategy
2007-10**

1994

2003

2004

1976-2004



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Key Activities

- Tackling class A trafficking
- Disrupting open markets – tackling blatant use in public places
- Closing crack houses
- Disrupting cannabis cultivation
- Diverting drug using Prolific Priority Offenders
- Working Together in Partnership – Supporting Communities
- Seizing assets / disrupting funds



Measurement

- Improve on the number offences brought to justice and monitor specifically cocaine and heroin supply
- Achieve a year on year increase in the number of identified drugs criminal networks disrupted
- To achieve a 100% increase of the MPS proceeds of crime activity



Headlines

- Cannabis
- Methamphetamine
- Heroin



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Cannabis Cultivation....

- UK produced high potency skunk on the increase
- 7.4 % 16-59 year olds used Cannabis in 2007/08

Response

- Reclassification – enforcement on the ground and higher up
- National baseline assessment / problem profile
- Practice guide advocating:
 - Level II Enforcement
 - Multi agency approach
 - Problem solving / Prevention



Meth.....

- Most Forces had intelligence about meth being sold in their areas
- Intelligence indicates meth labs, in small numbers, across the UK -
Meth lab discovered in Westminster
- Meth labs constitute a major Health & Safety concern requiring specialist equipment to deal with

Response

- ACPO Meth Working Group
- First responders SOP
- Work Plan continues – Intelligence development, training, precursors, SARs, Manuals of Guidance and Best Practice



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Heroin.....

- Increase in estimates of Afghan opium production
- UK had largest seizures of heroin in Europe

Response

- MPS via DIP bring more users into treatment
- Middle Markets Drugs Projects
- POCA



So.....

- Building on the past; solutions for the future
- Coherent partnership approach
- Tackling the supply of drugs and developing local enforcement strategies



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