

Impact of the recession on Community Safety

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Impact of the recession

- The partnerships are **monitoring and responding** to the impact of the recession
- Different demographic groups to those affected in the 1980's, so comparisons not relevant
- **Perception** that the recession will lead to more acquisitive crime
 - Community Safety Partnership are closely monitoring this crime trend
 - Opportunity to refocus Operation Lockout if intelligence shows new trends

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- Partnership work on managing **ex-offenders** has identified need for education, training & employment – this will now be more difficult
- There are concerns the recession will lead to increased **domestic abuse**
 - The Domestic Abuse Forum will monitor levels & amend their work programme & services accordingly
- **Alcohol abuse** may also increase, yet the night time economy is already contracting
 - Alcohol abuse may take place in **private**
 - or **public consumption** of alcohol purchased in off licenses may increase

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- There are mixed thoughts on how the recession will affect drug markets
- The Community Safety Partnership is working with other partnerships across London to identify any emerging trends
- Services will be amended accordingly

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- Richmond council is also monitoring the impact on:
 - Housing & Council Tax Benefits
 - Businesses (vacant shops)
 - Health (PCT – alcohol/drugs, Richmond MIND)
 - Housing (homelessness, affordable housing)
 - Registered Social Landlords
 - Personal Finances
 - Schools
- Stakeholders to monitor & respond accordingly