

**Written Update from Safer Neighbourhood Team for Sutton South Cheam and Belmont Local committee meeting 19 September 2019**

Stop and searches – Stop and searches are always a hot topic and touchy subject. This is because on one hand, the police are getting told that they are searching too many people and the wrong people and on the other hand, the police are being told that they are not searching enough people. It always seems if the police are in the firing line when it comes to this subject.

We as the West Cluster SNT are always out and about patrolling in what we call our 'hotspot' areas. Some of the time, these patrols do lead to stop and searches of people for various things whether it be drugs, weapons etc...

I would say there is an even amount of stop and searches between the four clusters and within the last 2 months, there have been 32 stop and searches. This includes stop and searches from other officers based in Sutton as well as the DWO's on the wards.

Rough sleepers in local area – Unfortunately, with regards to the rough sleepers in the area, there only so much that police can do if there hasn't been any criminal activity. We are aware of the rough sleepers/street drinkers outside of the train station and also in communal areas of nearby blocks of flats and the ward team's work closely together to tackle this. The majority of them have now been issued with what we call CPNW's which are community protection notice warnings.

These warnings outline that they are not to be found loitering within the area and not to be drinking in the area. Whilst we understand that these warnings may be not be adhered to, but community protection notices are being given to those who are not adhering to the warnings which then means that they are liable for arrest.

Grosvenor Court – Grosvenor Court falls under Sutton South SNT and the officers have been made aware of the issues round the back in some of the garages. Now unfortunately, whenever the team have patrolled the area, nothing or no one have been found, although there has been evidence of people living in some of the garages.

With regards to the drug use on the front steps of Grosvenor Court, officers have patrolled in the stairs and front of the blocks in both full uniform and plain clothes and have not yet discovered anything. This is not to say that it is not happening, it is just that the officers need to be in the right place at the right time. There have been recent talks with regards to getting gates fitted at the front of Grosvenor Court in attempts to prevent/stop the drug use occurring on the stairs.

Beauclere House – Beauclere House falls under Sutton South SNT as well. The officers of Sutton South SNT are very aware of the issues regarding this particular block of flats. Just recently, 2 misuse of drugs act warrants were executed simultaneously. This lead to multiple arrests.

The team are very aware of the people that are sleeping in the communal areas of the flat and these people have been dealt with by ways of CPNW's as mentioned before. Since these have been issued, there has been a decrease in the number of calls that the team are receiving regarding these people.

Inspire – Inspire, the drug rehab centre also falls under Sutton South SNT. The team have very little report in the way of any issues that arise from the centre, however, there are

always regular patrols that occur around the centre just to be on the safe side and make sure that there are no issues when service users are leaving/entering the centre.

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