

**MAYOR OF LONDON**

OFFICE FOR POLICING AND CRIME

# **Building a Safer London**

Police and Crime Plan for  
London 2022-2025

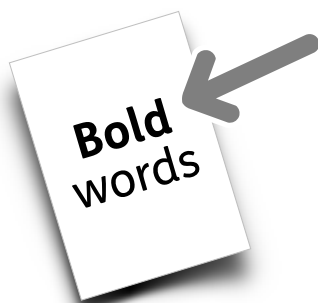


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# Introduction



The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, is responsible for the police in London.



He has written his Police and Crime Plan. It explains:

- The main things he wants to do in 2022 to 2025.



- How he will make sure the police service is working well.



- How he will plan how much the police can spend.



- How he supports work to stop crime from happening.



- How he helps people who have suffered from a crime.



# Priorities



**Priorities** are the main things that the Mayor wants to do.



The Mayor wants:

- To reduce and prevent violence.



- People to trust and have more confidence in the police.



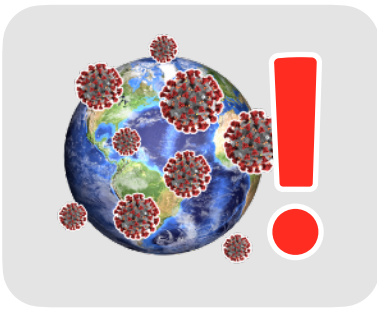
- To support the **victims** of crime.

A **victim** is someone who is harmed or injured because of a crime.



- To protect people from being harmed or from being treated badly.

# Recovering from COVID-19



COVID-19 was the biggest problem to affect London for many years.

Many people died, and certain groups of people were affected worse than others. These included:



- People from Black, Asian and **minority ethnic** communities.

**Minority ethnic** means you are part of a small group of people of the same race, in a place where most other people are a different race.



- People with disabilities.



- Women.



As we recover from COVID-19 we want to make sure that London is a better, fairer, safer place for everyone.

# Reduce and prevent violence



The Mayor wants to make London safer for everyone.



He will look at:

- Violence that affects young people.



- Making London safer for women and girls.



- Ways to stop people who have already been violent from being violent again in the future.



- Stopping **hate crime**.  
**Hate crime** is being harassed or attacked because people think you are different.

# Preventing violence



The Mayor wants to prevent violence by dealing with the reasons that people are violent.



He will:

- Look at what ways work well to reduce violence.



- Work closely with young people and local communities.



- Work with other organisations.



The Mayor has set up a Violence Reduction Unit. This group will work to reduce violence in the city.

# Violence that affects young people

The Mayor will:



- Stop organised crime groups from working and bring the most violent people to court.



- Catch people who use guns and take guns off the street.



- Work to catch more people who are violent.



- Help young people to stay safe.

## Illegal drugs

A lot of the violence comes from people who deal in illegal drugs.



The Mayor will:

- Work with experts to look at the best ways to deal with people who use and deal in drugs.



- Work with health services and other organisations to reduce the number of people who use illegal drugs.



- Stop criminal gangs from forcing young people to do illegal things.





## People who keep on committing crime



A lot of crime and violence is caused by people who have already been in trouble with the law.

We want to stop people who keep on committing crime by:



- Helping them to understand why they commit crimes.



- Working with other organisations to deal with people who keep on being violent.



- Improving the way we keep a check on people who have committed sexual crimes.



- Working with other organisations to make sure people get the right support when they leave prison.

# Making London safer for women and girls



Every woman and girl should be able to live their lives in safety and confidence.

We will focus on 4 main areas:



- Helping women and girls feel they will be treated properly when they report sexual crimes.



- Stopping and reducing the amount of violence against women and girls.



- Dealing properly with people who are violent towards women and girls.



- Supporting all victims and survivors.

# Working together to stop terrorism



**Terrorism** is where someone causes damage to people or belongings:

- Because of their beliefs or politics.
- To make other people scared in their daily lives.



The Mayor will:

- Work with the police and other organisations to understand and stop terrorism.



- Support projects that stop people wanting to become involved with terrorism.



- Work with other organisations to help stop people wanting to become involved with terrorism.



- Make sure there are good plans so the police and other organisations know how to quickly deal with terrorism.

## Dealing with hate crime



The Mayor will not put up with any hate crime at all.

He will:



- Stand up for all the different communities of people who live in London.



- Make sure that people who have suffered from hate crime get the support they need.



- Work with the communities who suffer most from hate crime to help more people to report any hate crime that happens to them.



- Work to make sure there is no hate crime on buses or trains.

# Trust and confidence



The Mayor wants:

- People to be able to trust the police more.



- The police to work with local people more and treat them fairly.



- The police and local councils to deal with **antisocial behaviour**.

**Antisocial behaviour** is when you do things which upset and annoy other people.



- The police to deal with crime better and arrest more criminals.



- To deal with **racism** in the police.

**Racism** is unfair or nasty treatment of someone because they belong to a particular race.



## The Mayor will:



- Involve more people from different communities in checking what the police do.



- Make sure police officers behave in the right way.



- Punish police officers who are not behaving in the right way.



- Help the police to learn from what has happened so they can work in better ways in the future.



- Help the police to be better at explaining how they work.





- Make sure the police bring in new officers and staff from different communities and backgrounds.



- Carry on listening to people from the **LGBTQ+** community and to people who are deaf and disabled to help understand what these groups need from the police.

**LGBTQ+** means people with different sexual preferences, like gay and bi-sexual. It also includes people who have changed their gender or feel themselves to be a different gender.



- Help the police to use new computers, phones and the internet better.



- Help people to understand how the police are dealing with violent gangs.



- Make sure the police listen to people in London, especially young people.

## **Creating safer communities**



The Mayor wants to reduce neighbourhood crimes like robbery and antisocial behaviour.

# Supporting victims of crime



The Mayor has already done a lot to help victims of crime.



He has:

- Created the Victim's Commissioner - this is a person who can speak up for victims of crime.



- Supported many services for victims of crime.



But people are having to wait a long time before a case goes to court. The Mayor has no power over the courts.



So, the Mayor wants:

- To improve services for victims of crime.



- Cases to go to court quicker.



- To deal with situations where someone keeps getting attacked by the same person.

# Protecting people from harm



The Mayor is working so that:

- Fewer young people are in danger of being used by criminals to do illegal things.



- Fewer young people and adults are harmed.



- Young people who have got into trouble with the police are supported and kept safe.



- Local people are protected when they are:
  - Out and about.
  - At home.
  - Online.

The Mayor will protect young people by:



- Improving the way that child protection services work.



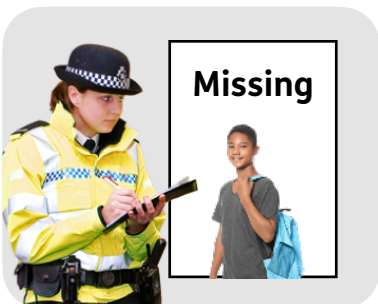
- Working with other organisations to keep children and young people safe.



- Working with other organisations to deal with situations where young people are being used by criminals.



- Supporting young people who have recently been looked after by their local council.



- Working harder to find young people who go missing.





- Working with bus and train companies to keep people safe on the buses and trains.



- Making sure that police records show if someone is a **vulnerable** person.

**Vulnerable** means you might need help and support to stay safe and well.



- Having better ways of keeping information about people who commit crimes.



- Having teams of police looking at keeping children and young people safe online.



- Looking for ways to help victims who have mental health problems caused by crime, and who then go on to commit a crime themselves.



- Stopping organised criminals who treat people as slaves.



- Working with parliament to make better laws to keep people safe online.

# Making this plan work



The Mayor checks the work of the police for the people of London.



He will:

- Make sure the police are working on the issues in this plan.
- Involve people from many different communities in London in checking that the police are working properly.
- Set up a better way of keeping information about the way the police are working.





- Provide information to local people about:
  - How well the police are working.



- How the police are spending their money.



- Make sure that the police are keeping information about people in a safe and secure way.



- Make sure the police are dealing with complaints properly.



- Make sure that independent people are able to come and check how the police are looking after people who are kept in a cell at a police station.

## Supporting the police



The Mayor will carry on supporting the police.



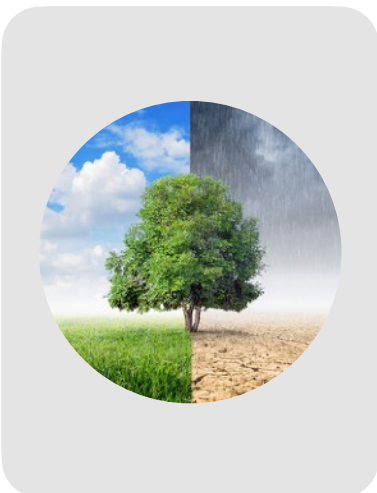
He will work to make sure the police get the money they need to bring in more police officers.



He is giving money to the police so they can improve their computers.



He is helping the police to have fewer, but better buildings.



He is helping the police to protect the environment and not make too much pollution that causes **climate change**.

**Climate change** is big changes in the weather. For example, storms getting worse than they used to be. Or having less rain in some places.

# For more information



You can get more information on this webpage:

[www.london.gov.uk/mopac-publications/londons-police-and-crime-plan-2022-25](http://www.london.gov.uk/mopac-publications/londons-police-and-crime-plan-2022-25)



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