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### Safer Croydon

**Violence Reduction Unit** November's Cabinet meeting approved proposals to establish a Violence Reduction Unit as part of the council's commitment to a public health approach to tackling serious youth violence. Following an internal review of the council's investment in community safety, a Violence Reduction Unit will contribute to the council's role leading the Safer Croydon Partnership – bringing together statutory partners and – crucially – community sector partners to tackle this terrible risk to our young people. The volume of serious youth violence has been reducing this year and the work of the partnership is targeted at bringing that volume down even further. <http://news.croydon.gov.uk/driving-down-serious-violence/>

**National Domestic Violence Awareness Month – domestic abuse is everyone's business** October was National Domestic Violence Awareness month and Croydon marked the month by encouraging more people to come forward to get advice and support. Domestic abuse affects one in four women and one in six men and the council's FJC offers a range of services. So far this year the centre has helped 703 people who have experienced domestic abuse in all its forms including physical, emotional, sexual, financial and psychological. <http://news.croydon.gov.uk/seeking-help-against-domestic-abuse/>

Croydon's FJC used the month to appeal for more volunteers. The volunteer project started in January, and volunteers have already provided over 400 hours of support for the service, working with individuals and families experiencing domestic abuse. <http://news.croydon.gov.uk/help-people-to-take-a-stand-against-domestic-abuse/>

Croydon FJC also used the month to raise awareness of its children's services. In the past year 122 (87%) and secondary schools in the borough have identified anti-domestic abuse and sexual violence (DASV) leads. The DASV leads are a point of contact for anyone experiencing domestic abuse and are trained to offer advice and support to them and their families, as well as signposting them to relevant services, such as the LGBT+ anti-violence charity, Galop and Rape Crisis South London: <http://news.croydon.gov.uk/domestic-abuse-is-everybodys-business/>



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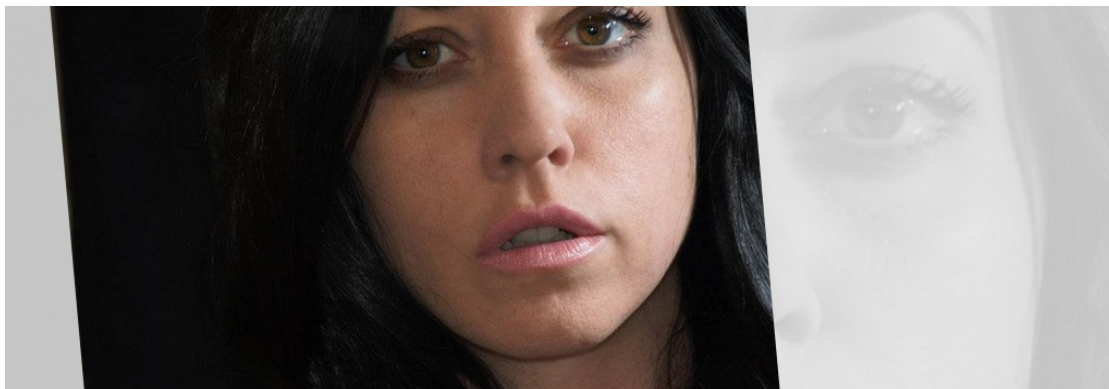
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**Using arts to help stop violence and abuse** An arts education charity has started work in four Croydon schools to help promote healthy relationships and prevent youth violence and domestic abuse. Tender is running a two-year pilot project at St. Mary's Catholic High School, Forestdale Primary School, Kingsley Primary Academy and Broadmead Primary Academy. Two workers from Tender will be in the schools weekly, engaging with year groups from 6-11 through whole-class drama workshops, more targeted group work, or developing school-wide campaigns that address violence-condoning attitudes. <http://news.croydon.gov.uk/using-arts-to-help-stop-violence-and-abuse/>



**Supporting women away from a life of crime** Croydon is benefiting from a new service that supports women to break the cycle of offending. Women in Prison is opening six women's hubs across south London in the coming months - the Croydon service started in October. It will help women involved, or at risk of becoming involved in the criminal justice system.

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**Raising awareness of hate crime** Croydon marked National Hate Crime Awareness Week with a range of events. Hate crime can target many people, including people from different ethnic or religious backgrounds, disabled people and LGBT+ people. The events included panel discussions throughout the week on the impact of hate crime on young women, faith groups, LGBT+ communities, older and disabled people.

<http://news.croydon.gov.uk/raising-awareness-of-hate-crime/>



**Modern Day Slavery** 18 October was Anti-Slavery Day and the town hall was lit up in red to mark the day and highlight modern day slavery. On 16 October an annual conference was held with 130 Croydon professionals across statutory and community sector partners covering a vast range of issues including county lines, rape and sexual abuse and domestic servitude. The multi-agency Modern Slavery Committee has overseen:

- Training for 93 professionals across the board partnership (Council, Board partners, 3rd sector) with an aim to deliver close to 200 by the end of March.
- Increased links and events planned with the Croydon BME Forum and Faiths Together Croydon
- 8 Modern Day Slavery (MDS) prevention champions in place in Adult Social Care and 3 in Children and Families
- Increased buy in from commissioning and supply chain management to help ensure safety in Council's supply chains
- Speech on Modern Day Slavery at the Croydon business breakfast in November to encourage compliance with the law
- Building relationship with the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority and Adult Social Care



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#Croydon Town Hall is turning red tonight to highlight #AntiSlaveryDay and #ModernSlavery



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**Injunction protects Croydon from illegal encampments** The three-year injunction bans anyone from occupying land or disposing of waste on 213 of the borough's parks, open spaces, council land and 12 highways. The council initially used evidence of large-scale fly-tipping and the cost of clearing it, damage to gates and barriers and a high number of incidents to secure a 3-month interim injunction – now secure for a three year period.

<http://news.croydon.gov.uk/long-term-injunction-protects-croydons-green-spaces-and-highways-from-illegal-encampments/>

**Animal Welfare legislation** The Council has begun implementing new animal welfare legislation which came into force on 1 October 2018 including a revised licence fee structure that has been agreed by the licensing committee. The changes to the legislation apply to pet shops and cat & dog boarding premises. The new regulations are intended to raise the standards of animal welfare at licensed premises across the country and also introduce a risk rating system, whereby premises with higher standards will be issued with longer duration licences (up to 3 years) whereas those premises that are suitable to be licensed but which do not meet the higher standards will generally only be given a one year licence:

<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/business/licences/animals>

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## Communities

**Celebrate Croydon's Volunteers** Volunteers across Croydon were recognised at the Mayor of Croydon's Civic Awards ceremony organised by the council – celebrating their vital service to others. The evening highlighted the contribution made by 29 nominees and the 11 winners on the night:  
<http://news.croydon.gov.uk/special-evening-to-celebrate-croydons-unsung-heroes/>



**Community Grants** The latest round of community grants has recently closed and we have awarded £12,000 to nine local community projects that will benefit communities across the borough. The Community Fund allocates £100,00 each year over 3 years for micro grants of up to £5,000 for projects that support the outcomes highlighted by the Community Fund – which were driven by the report of the Croydon Opportunity and Fairness Commission.

The process is quick and easy, with a very simple online form to complete. The only requisite is that the project is based in Croydon, and that the activity is not-for-profit. Further details and the online form can be found here:  
<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/community/advice/community-grants>

**Community Ward Budgets**. Every Croydon councillor is allocated £8,000 per financial year to benefit their local wards. Ward budgets are a dedicated and flexible resource that councillors can use to support local priorities. The funds are intended to encourage independent resident-led activities.

We have also recently launched an online form to make this process even easier for communities keen to pitch for support. Further details, guidance and the online form

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## Holocaust Memorial Day – save the date - 28 January 2019

The Worshipful the Mayor of Croydon, Councillor Bernadette Khan, will host the borough's civic event to mark Holocaust Memorial Day at the Town Hall on Monday 28 January – which will feature presentations and music from local schools.

## Financial Inclusion

**Croydon Credit Union** continues to grow its membership with almost 6,000 members and over 300 members now have *Engage Accounts* giving them a debit card, ability to set up standing orders and make faster payments and all the benefits of online banking. Just under 200 members are receiving their Universal Credit payments through their Croydon Plus account



## Community Resilience

### Croydon Council learning from the tram incident

The tragedy of the Croydon tram incident remained at the forefront of communities' minds during the second anniversary commemorated on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018 in New Addington. The Council published a report at November Cabinet outlining the key learning the Council has identified following the derailment.

Lessons reports are a routine part of the emergency response process as agencies seek to identify good practice and areas for improvement. The Council has identified a number of recommendations, which they have been working on implementing. Many of these reinforce the positive work during the response for which the Council was widely recognised.

<https://democracy.croydon.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=183&MIId=1549>



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### **Response partners come together for Exercise Houndstooth**

Borough Resilience Forums are responsible for multi-agency emergency planning locally. This includes collectively exercising plans and implementing learning from exercises and emergencies. Exercise Houndstooth was held on the 12<sup>th</sup> October. It was Croydon Resilience Forum's tabletop exercise testing the animal disease plan. 8 agencies came together to discuss a rabies outbreak affecting Croydon.

Although the overall risk is low, as an outer London borough with a large amount of green space and borders with Surrey, it is important to understand the response and recovery aspects of an incident like this. The forum worked through a scenario which explored infected animals such as dogs and foxes and what implications that may have on the borough.

