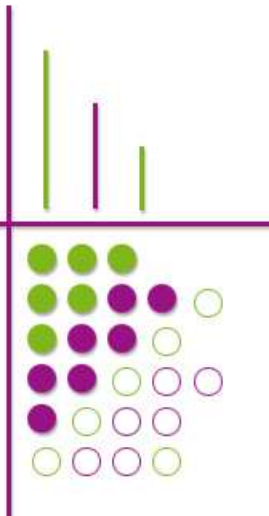


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Knife and Gun Crime in London



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History of PPP

- Southall Riots
- Small Fragmented Local Authority Response
- Expansion of Services in West London
Educational and multi-disciplinary support for children, families, and communities
- Registered Not-for-profit Social Enterprise
- International work and partnerships
EUROPEACE :
 - Pupil Parent Partnership (PPP Ltd.) - England, UK
 - Wide Open School Foundation (NSD) - Slovakia
 - Grupa 484 - Serbia
 - Midt-Norsk Kompetansesenter for Atferd (MKA) - Norway
 - Stichting Mondiale Samenleving - The Netherlands
 - Step-by-Step - Bulgaria
 - e-ISOTIS - Greece
 - Theatr Fforum Cymru - Wales, UK





What is the Situation?

- Police figures show that people involved in gang violence are getting younger, and the offences more serious. Between January 2005 and January 2006, gun-related offences went up by 5%, and recent research by 'Communities that Care' found that 1 in 10 schoolchildren in the UK has carried a knife.

London against Gun & Knife Crime





- Gun and knife enabled offences are uncommon. In London during 2004/05, only 2 percent of all recorded violent crime involved a gun and 5 percent involved a knife.

This said, in 2003/04 more gun-enabled crimes were recorded in London than any other region in England and Wales: around 40 percent of the national total. This may seem a large figure but it equates to around 6 offences per 10,000 Londoners per year.

*Source: MPS recorded crime and Povey, D (2004)
Home Office*





- The probability of serious injury is four and a half times greater when a knife is used to assist a crime. The risk of serious injury is more than twice as great for knife-enabled crimes than for gun-enabled crimes.

*Source: MPS recorded crime and MPA report
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Who is Committing Gun and Knife Crime?

- In the three months to September 2005, those legally proceeded against for a gun or knife enabled crime tended to be male (90 percent), predominantly aged between 18 and 25 (53 percent) and were mostly either Black (47 percent) or White (38 percent). Those aged between 10 and 17 accounted for over a quarter of those accused (28 percent).

Source: MPS recorded crime





PPP Experience

- Young males are ‘recruited’ into gangs through intimidation – violence, kidnapping, debt etc.
- They are used to carry weapons, store stock, perform acts of violence.
- Young females are ‘recruited’ into prostitution through intimidation etc.
- ‘Happy Slapping’ & Humiliation
- Senior members of gangs have little or no empathy with victims.





'Therapeutic Observations'

- Terror
- Calm to traumatic without passing anxious
- Violence is about self-preservation or sado-masochism
- Cannot display vulnerability
- Independence & Interdependence skills very fragile
- Cannot reconcile conflicting feelings
- Perpetrator AND Victim





Some Important Words

- **Shame / Humiliation**
- **Debt – emotional, loyalty, financial, family**
- **Repetition**
- **Safety**
- **Empathy**





Some Useful Theories

- **Winnicott: Infringements in Early Years**

“The power of love to bind hatred is crucial”

- **Bowlby: Attachment**

“Mother love in infancy is as important for mental health as are vitamins and proteins for physical health”

- **The Wave Trust: Attunement**

“Children who are loved well in infancy do not become violent teenagers or adults”





What Can We Do?

- **Develop and sustain trusting relationships**
- **Encourage an initially dependant relationship**
- **Strategies for dealing with frustration**
- **Teach Young People how to deal with conflicting emotions**
- **Help Young People to manage emotions rather than reward/punishment**





What Can We Do?

- Practitioners to demonstrate expression of aggression through language etc.
- Help develop a 'shame shield'
- Develop empathy
- Create a safe environment, along with other agencies
- Encourage reflection, to combat debt/repetition culture





Thank You!

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