



Briefing Note

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London CJB becomes the London Criminal Justice Partnership

The London Criminal Justice Board today (January 4, 2010) becomes the London Criminal Justice Partnership in recognition of its wider remit and the many agencies now working together through the organisation to make the capital safer.

When it was formed in 2003 as the largest of 42 boards nationally, the London CJB had a core membership of criminal justice service (CJS) agencies. The new Partnership Board, chaired by Metropolitan Police Service Deputy Commissioner Tim Godwin, now has much wider membership and includes representatives from the Mayor's office and London Councils, the membership body for all local authorities in London.

The Partnership's aim is to deliver a world class CJS and raise confidence in the service, already the highest of any UK local criminal justice area. It will continue to deliver the core responsibilities of a Local Criminal Justice Board, including monitoring the performance of criminal justice agencies against locally and nationally agreed targets.

The work programme will be laid out in a Partnership Plan, which will be published later this year. This will build on the existing drive to transform and modernise the CJS, which includes trialling innovative new schemes such as the Diamond Initiative and Virtual Courts, ensuring Londoners are more engaged in the criminal justice process and reducing bureaucracy.

Crucial input will continue from a ministerial level via the Ministerial Steering Group, which is chaired by the Attorney General, and from the Independent Advisory Group, which provides independent scrutiny. Local criminal justice groups will continue to operate in the same way.

Andrew Morley, Chief Executive of the Partnership, said: "The name change is significant in that it is not only makes the organisation more accessible to members of the public, but it also better reflects the broader representation we now have at board level and our wider remit.

"We have a huge programme of work ahead, work that will continue to transform key services within the CJS in London. Having such a strong representation is an indication of just how important our work is to making London safer."

Further information:

- Our website has now been updated to reflect these changes, and also contains the new governance structures. Follow this link: <http://lcjb.cjsonline.gov.uk/London/home.html>