**Small Grant Project**

Tackling Youth Offending and Violence: Intensive Policing and/or Dispersal Orderst

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**Introduction:**

This research for Strathclyde Police was supported by a small grant from the Scottish Institute for Policing Research (SIPR). The research was requested by Strathclyde Police to examine two specific policing initiatives – The Enhanced Policing Plan and Dispersal Orders - for dealing with youth on-street disorder and violence in B Division; historically these neighbourhoods have been characterised by the endemic problem of youth on-street disorder, violence and gang activity.

It set out specifically to examine if there was evidence of any long-term benefits from the Enhanced Policing Plan (EPP), an innovative partnership approach to policing in BD sub-division - Shettleston, Baillieston and Greater Easterhouse - which ran in the 6-month period from October, 2007 to February, 20081; and to examine the implementation and efficacy of Dispersal Orders in the neighbouring BA sub-division – Dennistoun, Parkhead and Bridgeton.

The research aimed to establish what can be learned from these two diverse policing approaches and to identify any changes:

* in crime levels during the period when Dispersal Orders were implemented;
* in crime levels since the end of the period of implementation of the EPP;
* in the views of the police, community planning partners, youth workers and young people about what it is like living in the East End of Glasgow;
* in the effect gang and violent behaviour has had/is having on their neighbourhood;
* in the community views and perceptions of the effectiveness of the EPP and Dispersal Orders in tackling these behaviours, and in increasing public reassurance within the area;
* in what youths identify they need to encourage them to make attitudinal changes in making life choices; and
* in the working partnerships of the CPP and the police.

**For the Report prepared for Strathclyde Police Force, please see the link below:**

[**Report prepared for Strathclyde Police Force 2010: Tackling Youth Offending and Violence:Intensive Policing and/or Dispersal Orders**](https://web.archive.org/web/20130704125427/http%3A/www.sipr.ac.uk/downloads/Youth_offending_2010.pdf) Liz Frondigoun & Catherine Davidones, with Jan Nicholson, Glasgow Caledonian University  [Entered, January 2011]