



Crime Reduction in Entertainment Venues

London's West End

- The Entertainment District -

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Safer Neighbourhood Area








Profile of Area

- 15 Nightclubs
- 45 Bars / Pubs
- 10 Theatres
- 8 Cinemas (multi-screen)
- 75 Restaurants
- 23 Fast food outlets
- 3 Casinos

In an area measuring 400 x 300 metres

Safer Neighbourhoods Policing

- Engage & consult
- Identify problems
- Find solutions




Identifying problems

- Licensing product
- Crime products
- Ward panel
- Local community groups
- Business alliance (Heart of London)
- City Guardian reports
- Police reports




Partnerships

- Licensing tasking process
- Pubwatch
- Heart of London
- Civic Watch
- Venue managers
- Area managers





Baselines & Targets

Case study

- Leicester Square high crime venue






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Engagement process

- Identify appropriate stakeholder(s)
- Demonstrate problem
- Convince of need to change
- Agree process






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Identifying & Implementing Solutions

- CPO survey
- Recommendations
- Implementation schedule
- Accountability meeting cycle





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Tactical Options

- Management focus
- Access control
- Crime mapping
- Working practices of security staff
- Working practices of other staff
- CCTV / awareness signage
- ID Scanning
- Lighting
- Data sharing protocol
- Operation Puro



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Monitoring

- Meeting cycle
- Highlight progress
- Compare & contrast
- Debrief every crime / incident
- Adjust recommendations



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Ongoing engagement

- Identify / share best practice
- Environmental scanning
- Wider community focus





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