

## Press release

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### **Talking cure helps make estates safer**

The Hackney Homes Estate Safety Team are engaging with residents across the borough to raise awareness about how they can report suspicious behaviour and assist with reducing anti-social behaviour in their neighbourhoods.

Problems in neighbourhoods are not widespread and usually involve a very small number of people. However, where they do happen, they can have an enormous effect on people's lives.

Over the summer, the team have been talking to residents of all ages across fifteen fun days on estates in the borough explaining what they do, how residents can get in touch and importantly, to find out if there are any issues on the estates concerning them.

Information leaflets and promotional material telling residents how they can report incidents in confidence as well as fun and interactive sessions highlighting the importance of respecting your neighbourhood were all available at the fun days.

Wayne Hylton, Hackney Homes Estate Safety Manager said: "We spoke to hundreds of people over the summer at these fun days and many of them told us how much safer they feel on their estate. These fun days were a great opportunity for us to meet with residents, talk to them one-to-one and develop relationships that will be beneficial for improving their estates".

### **Ends**

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### **Notes to Editors**

- Hackney Homes is an Arms Length Management Organisation (ALMO) launched in April 2006 to manage the Council's social housing stock. Hackney Homes is responsible for managing 22,000 tenanted properties and 8,000 leasehold properties in the borough.
- The Estate Safety Team are involved in the following:
  - Dealing with the sale and abuse of drugs on Council premises.

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Our mission is to deliver excellent, responsive housing services with decent homes and estates. To help residents lead healthy lives in safe and sustainable communities.

- Preventing harassment of neighbours and other persons.
- Dealing with Pirate Radio incursions on roofs etc.
- Providing surveillance – including cameras & electronic equipment.
- Tackling housing fraud including unlawful subletting of Council tenancies or “Right To Buy Fraud”.
- Carrying out tenancy auditing and monitoring work
- Monitoring CCTV and public cameras on estates.