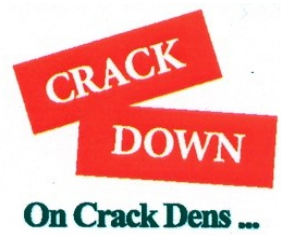


Hackney CrackDown Project



Are you worried about a crack house in your area?

Are you concerned about a vulnerable person who may have been targeted by drug users?

Are you worried about Class A drug users who need advice and support?



Tackling Drugs to Build a Better Hackney

What is the Crackdown Project?

The Crackdown Project is a partnership initiative between Hackney Homes and the Police aimed at closing properties where Class A drugs are being used, supplied, or produced.

Since its launch in April 2004, the Crackdown Project has successfully closed and secured 45 properties where drugs were being used and/or supplied.

As well as its enforcement role, the Crackdown Project seeks to prevent the development of potential crack houses by supporting vulnerable tenants and drug users in the community.

A great deal of information we receive comes from members of the public via our anonymous reporting line. To continue to close down crack houses and make our community safer, we need your support.

How to spot a crackhouse

- Large numbers of visitors throughout the day
- Drugs paraphernalia left outside on balconies, staircases, and in gardens
- Large groups congregating outside front doors or in stairwells
- Noise / nuisance associated with the property

How to report a crackhouse

You can report a crack house in your area anonymously at any time by:

**Calling the Crackdown Hotline on
0208 356 3333**

**or sending a text to the Crackdown
text line on 0208 356 1165**

All calls will be dealt with in the strictest
confidence

Supporting Vulnerable People

We know from experience that some drug users and dealers prey on vulnerable residents; befriending them, then bringing in other users with a view to taking control of their home to use and deal drugs.

Those who are particularly vulnerable could include:

- The elderly
- Those with mental illness
- Those with physical disabilities
- Those with alcohol/drug dependency

We work with a number of agencies to support and safeguard those who may be exploited because of their vulnerability.

If you're concerned that a person you know may be vulnerable, get in touch with us so that we can support them by calling:

**The Vulnerable Persons Officer on
0208 356 1910**

Supporting drug users

Drug users themselves can be vulnerable; they are sometimes trapped in a vicious cycle which they cannot get out of, may be pressured by others and may be unsure of where to go for help.

The Crackdown Project recognises the need to address the causes of the drug use and offer a supporting role along with its function of enforcement.

The project's Drug Referral Worker works closely with a variety of specialist agencies to offer support, rehabilitation and advice to Class A drug users involved in crack houses or general Class A drug use.

If you're concerned that a person you know may need help to address their Class A drug use, get in touch with us so that we can support them by calling:

**The Drug Referral Worker on
0208 356 1908**

Other support agencies

We work closely with Neighbourhood Relations Managers and Housing Officers to address problems associated with crack houses and those who are affected.

We also work closely with a variety of specialist agencies to support vulnerable individuals. These include:

Family Mosaic - SHP

Specialist floating tenancy support

Crossroads

Specialist alcohol support service

Hackney 180

Specialist support service for rough sleepers

SUB 19

Specialist support service for young people

Addaction

Specialist support service for drug users

Social Services Adult Team

Specialist support services for vulnerable adults.

For more information, log on to
www.hackneyhomes.org.uk
