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Following shootings in the Boroughs of Brent and Harrow this week, police activity has been significantly uplifted. In the last 24 hours, there has been no repeat of those levels of violence. That said, until the risks are fully managed, enhanced policing will continue. In tandem with increased officer numbers, a S60 authority to search people to prevent serious crime will be in place from 4pm to 4am. The authority will cover the whole of Ealing Borough and the following wards within Harrow and Brent:

Harrow: Roxbourne, Roxeth, Pinner South, Rayners Lane, Headstone North, Headstone South, West Harrow, Marlborough, Wealdstone and Greenhill

Brent: Dollis Hill, Dudden Hill, Harlesden and Stonebridge.

The following is a press release from Det. Ch Supt Simon Rose, NW BCU Commander:

“The events in Kingsbury Road on Monday night on the Brent Harrow borders, and in Rayners lane West Harrow on Tuesday afternoon are shocking. Both incidents are being investigated by detectives from Operation Trident. They are being treated as likely to be linked. On Monday officers were immediately drafted in from the Violent Crime Task Force in response to the Kingsbury Road incident. A Sec 60 stop and search authority was sought and granted to provide reassurance, deter criminality, deliver highly visible additional policing and generate intelligence. This was focused in Kingsbury, Harlesden and Stonebridge. This generated several arrests and retrieved weapons. Following the Tuesday evening incident in the far West of Harrow a Sec60 authority is now in place covering a significant area in West Harrow and some of Ealing. This is because the intelligence picture has developed. Last night nine extra cars from the Violent Crime Task Force as well as three public order police carriers (21 officers) were deployed into the area to target whom we suspect to be involved. This is a very substantial additional level of policing and will continue. This violence is unacceptable and will be stopped. Additionally the intelligence development has generated a substantial number of search warrant opportunities. Brent and Harrow gangs officers in conjunction with Operation Trident have executed five extra search warrants arising from this intelligence and this work will continue with increased pace over the coming days. These warrants are continuing to retrieve weapons and recover drugs. Those identified are being arrested, charged and remanded in custody. Safer Neighbourhood officers are also undertaking weapons sweeps and the Trident investigations continue. There will be a substantial increased overt policing presence in the area whilst the perpetrators and persons involved are hunted down and arrested.”

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