‘GANG INJUNCTIONS AND VIOLENT CRIME IN MERSEYSIDE: AN EXPLORATORY ANALYSIS’

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GANG INJUNCTIONS

- Introduced by the Policing and Crime Act 2009.
- Individual is involved in or has encouraged gang related violence.
- Gang injunction is necessary to prevent such activity or protect the individual from harm.
- Restricts movement, association and other ordinarily legal activities.
- Breach of the injunction carries a maximum sentence of 2 years.
PREVIOUS RESEARCH

- Research indicates that gang membership is consistently and significantly related to offending. (Pyrooz et al 2016)
- Limited previous research into the effectiveness of gang injunctions.
- Anecdotal reports would suggest an effective measure, however contrasting results in research.
- Therefore difficult to assess whether or not they offer any form of deterrence or encouragement in terms of desistence from crime.
- This research sought to offer a greater degree of insight into how gang injunctions affect gang affiliated offending.
RESEARCH QUESTIONS

• Difference in offending volume before and after the issuance of a gang injunction.

• Difference in associated harm before and after the issuance of a gang injunction.

• Difference in levels of victimisation before and after the issuance of a gang injunction.
METHODOLOGY

- Merseyside – 190 Organised Crime Groups (OCG’s) with 2883 members. (2016). Equates to 0.01% of the population (Power Few).
- Since 2012, Merseyside Police have acquired Gang Injunctions against 75 individuals affiliated to 9 OCG’s.
- Longitudinal or ‘Time Series’ analysis of 50 individuals affiliated to 6 OCG’s.
- Offending data for 36 individuals 36 months before and after.
- Offending data for the full 50 individuals for 12 months before and after.
- Adjustments for ‘Time in Custody’ to ensure accurate measure of exposure to offending. (6%/14%).
- Attribution of harm associated with offending in accordance with Cambridge Crime Harm Index (CHI).
- Data cleansing to ensure accuracy.
RESULTS

Total Offending Events

Difference in offending before and after the injunction -63%

Total Offending Before: 432
Total Offending After: 162

Volume of Key Offending Categories

Serious Violence: Before 14, After 31
Firearms Offences: Before 4, After 31
Drug Trafficking: Before 20, After 12
Other: Before 35, After 132
RESULTS

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<td>Firearm Offending: 56580</td>
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| After                                        |
| Serious Violence: 3288.75                    |
| Firearm Offending: 7300                      |
| Drug Trafficking: 6624                       |
| Other: 3888.75                               |

Difference in crime harm before and after the injunction: -69%
VICTIMISATION

Serious Violence Victimisation

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Difference in serious violence victimisation - 62%

Serious Violence Victimisation Harm

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Difference in serious violence - 62%

Crime Harm Value

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Before | After
AT LIBERTY CRIME HARM

OCG's 1 - 6 'At Liberty' Crime Harm 12 Months Before and After

At Liberty Crime Harm Before
At Liberty Crime Harm After
Average 'At Liberty' Crime Harm
Average 'At Liberty' Crime Harm

Difference Before and After -63%

INDIVIDUAL OCG MEMBERS

At Liberty Crime Harm Before
At Liberty Crime Harm After
Average 'At Liberty' Crime Harm
Average 'At Liberty' Crime Harm

0 100 200 300 400 500 600 700
AVERAGE CRIME HARM

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50
INDIVIDUAL OCG MEMBERS
AT LIBERTY OFFENDING 36 MONTHS BEFORE AND AFTER

OCG1

Difference Before and After -46%

Gang Injunctions for OCG's 2, 3 & 4.

Gang Injunction
April 2012

Expiry

Months Before and After

OCG2

Difference Before and After -68%

Gang Injunction
July 2012

Expiry

Months Before and After

OCG3

Difference Before and After -52%

Gang Injunction for OCG 1 & 2.

Gang Injunction for OCG 4

Expiry

Months Before and After

OCG4

Difference Before and After -83%

Gang Injunctions for OCG's 1, 2 & 3

Expiry

Months Before and After
CUMULATIVE OFFENDING/HARM 36 MONTHS BEFORE AND AFTER

OCG's 1 – 4 Offending

Average Offending Per Month

Cumulative Difference - 62%

Gang Injunction

Average Duration

OCG's 1 – 4 Harm

Average Crime Harm Per Month

Difference Before and After - 70%

Gang Injunction

Average Duration

Months Before and After

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OFFENDING VOLUME – TREATMENT VERSUS CONTROL

Offending Volume - Treatment versus Control

MONTHS BEFORE AND AFTER TREATMENT

Average Offending per Month

OCG 1 Injunction

OCG 2 Injunction

OCG 3 Injunction

OCG 4

Expiry

OCG 4

OCG 2

OCG 1

OCG 3