

Dr.Subbulakshmi Natarajan, committee member of the HSMP Forum met with Member of Parliament for Tooting and Shadow Justice Secretary, Mr. Sadiq Khan on 17th December 2012



Dr.Subbulakshmi Natarajan, committee member of the HSMP Forum met with Member of Parliament for Tooting, Mr.Sadiq Khan, who is also the Shadow Justice Secretary, to discuss incidents of thefts and robberies in Tooting and represented a group of victims and the incidents they encountered.

They said that they were finding it hard to walk down on the streets without fear, after the incidents they encountered. One of them was a victim of shop robbery who said that the police were not taking appropriate action even after getting the necessary evidence. A couple of them in the group had been threatened by the offenders for being the cause of their arrest earlier.

All these victims unanimously said that the CCTVs were not properly used by the police to identify the offenders. They expressed their concern that if such incidents were not controlled by appropriate action, the offenders would grow confident enough even to use weapons to help them with their robberies. Some of them suggested that the police should patrol the local area in order to keep the criminals at bay.

During the discussion Mr.Khan assured that a meeting would be arranged with the Chief Superintendent of Police to explain the victims' plight, to discuss the necessary steps to be taken and to foster collective action in order to prevent future incidents of crime in Tooting.