

## POLICE AND CRIME PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT

1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019

### Introduction

The Police and Crime Plan for South Yorkshire is published by the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC). It outlines his priorities for the area and how he will work with the police and partners to achieve them. The Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021 was renewed in 2019. The overall aim remains: **For South Yorkshire to be a safe place in which to live, learn and work.**

The priorities in support of the aim for 2019/20 remain:

- Protecting Vulnerable People
- Tackling Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour
- Treating People Fairly

whilst providing value for money for policing and crime services when working to deliver these priorities.

This report aims to provide an overview of the progress of all policing and crime partners across South Yorkshire against achieving the priorities of the Plan. The report does not include everything being delivered. More information can be found on the PCC's website [www.southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk).

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## Police and Crime Plan Summary Dashboard

Protecting Vulnerable People			
Measure	12 months to September 19	12 months to December 19	Comparison
Recorded Domestic Abuse Crimes (1)	20,168	20,998	↑
Domestic Abuse Crime arrest Rate (1)	46%	49%	↑
Recorded Sexual Offences (1)	4,196	4,350	↑
% of crimes where victim is assessed as vulnerable (1)	29%	27%	↓
% of victims satisfied with initial contact (1)	84%	84%	↔

Tackling Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour			
Measure	12 months to September 19	12 months to December 19	Comparison
SYP Recorded level of Anti-Social Behaviour (1)	34,641	33,197	↓
Recorded level of all crime (1)	145,111	147,216	↑
	Apr 16 – Mar 17	Apr 17- Mar 18	Comparison
Rate of proven re-offending (adults) (2)	31%	30.6%	↓
Rate of proven re-offending (youth) (2)	33.5%	28.6%	↓ (Statistically significant decrease)
	12 months to June 19	12 months to September 19	
Serious crimes involving a knife or sharp instrument (3)	996	953	↓

Treating People Fairly			
Measure	12 months to Sep 19	12 months to Dec 19	
% of people saying police do a good/excellent job (3)	31%	31%	
Measure	Apr to Sept 19	Apr to Dec 19	Comparison
Number of referrals to Restorative Justice service (4)	212 (Q1+2)	277 (Q1+2+3)	↓
Measure	12 months to Sept 19	12 months to Dec 19	
Stop and Search conducted (5)	10481	13051	↑

Providing Value For Money For Policing and Crime Services	
	End of year forecast 2019/20 as t 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2019
End of year forecast (Revenue) (1)	£760k underspend
End of year forecast (Capital) (1)	£2.1m slippage and net underspend of £0.6m

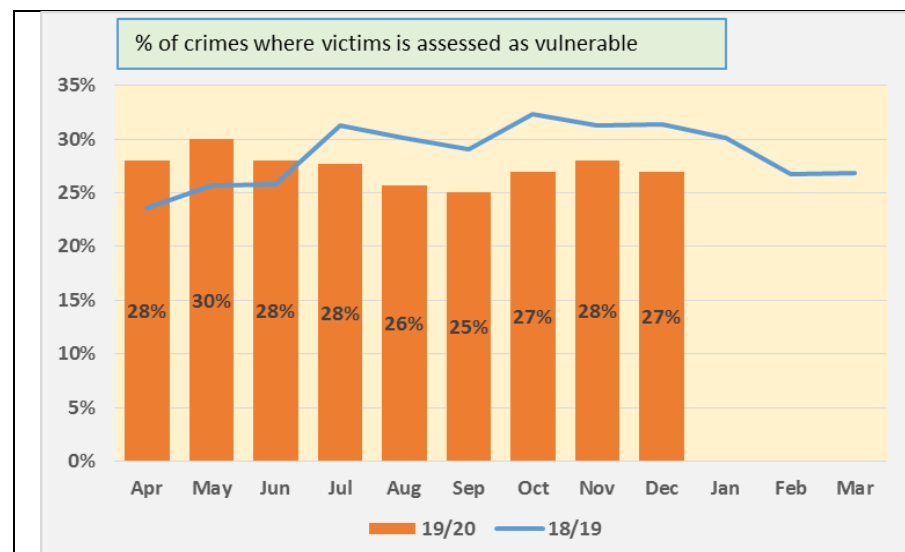
Source : (1) SYP, (2) MoJ, (3)ONS, (4) Remedi, (5) Police.UK

## 1. Protecting Vulnerable People

Within this priority, the focus for 2019/20 is:

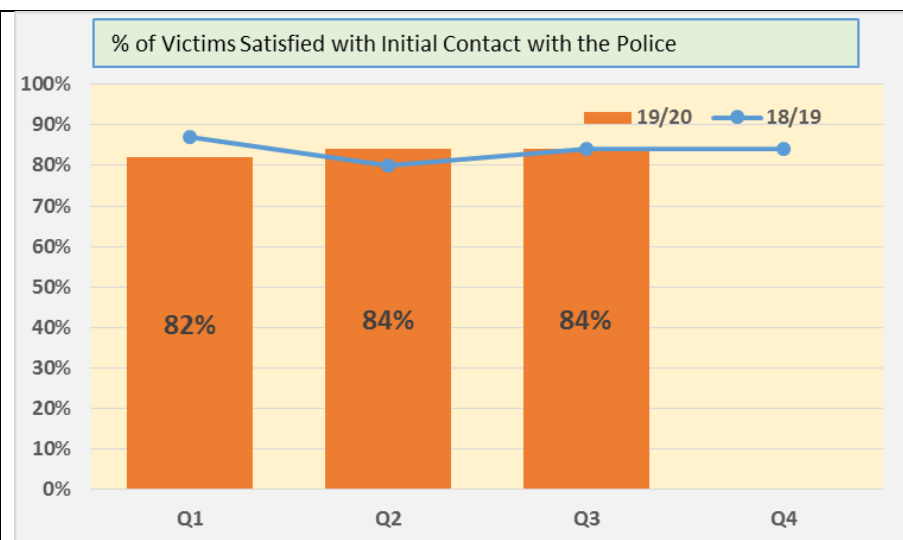
- Helping victims of serious violence, domestic abuse, sexual offences, including children.
- Helping those who are victims and survivors of child sexual exploitation and child criminal exploitation, human trafficking and slavery.
- Helping those vulnerable to cyber and internet fraud.
- Mental Health – South Yorkshire Police (SYP) partnership working to help those in crisis to obtain the right help from the right service at the right time.
- Improving how the public contact the Police (including improved 101 services).

This section of the report includes a look at data and performance indicators as well as information about the range of work going on aimed at protecting vulnerable people - details of which are included after the graphs.



Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

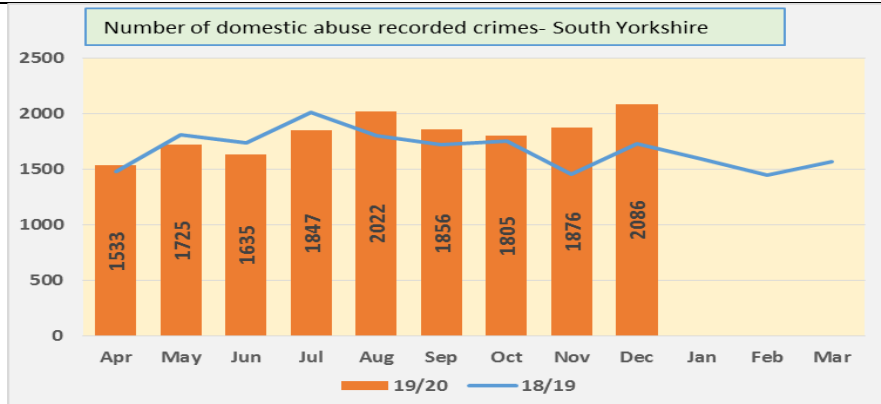
Since July the proportion has been slightly decreasing and is below last year.



Source: South Yorkshire Police – Victim Satisfaction Survey.

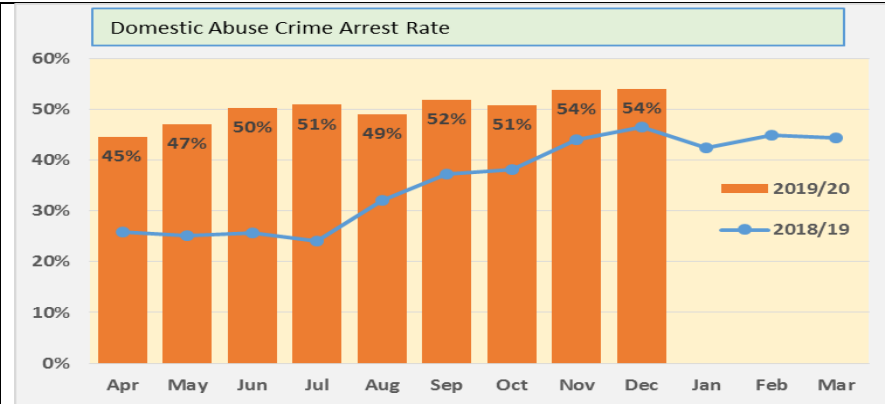
84% of victims in quarter 3 were satisfied with the initial contact they had with the police, this is the same level as the same period the previous year.

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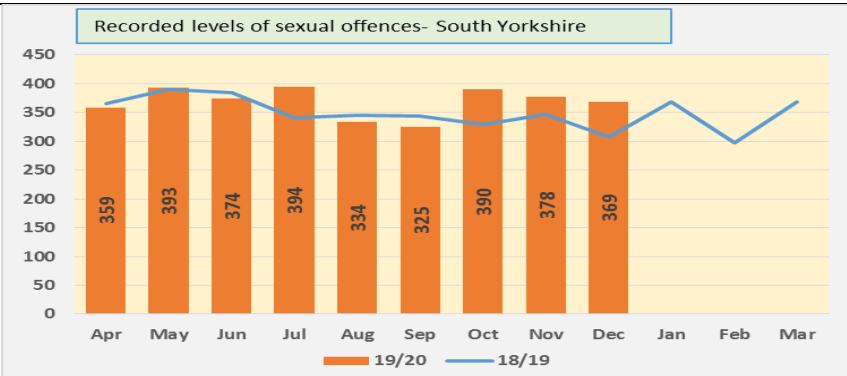
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Levels of Domestic Abuse crimes reported to the police have started to increase during quarter 3 and are above those being reported in the same period last year



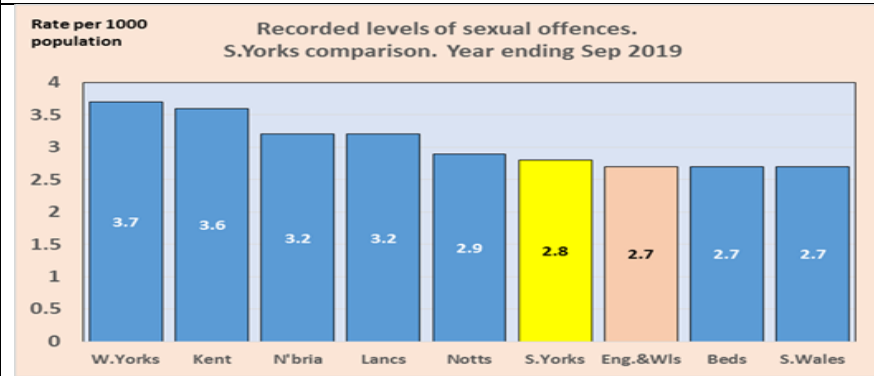
Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

The proportion of Domestic Abuse Crimes where an arrest is made has been increasing, with the percentage of arrests being higher during 2019/20 than in the previous year.



Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

The recorded level of sexual offences from October to December have been higher than the same period the previous year.



Source: ONS – Police Recorded Crime

South Yorkshire Police has the fourth lowest level of recorded sexual offences compared to the group of most similar forces.

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Any of us may become vulnerable at any time in our lives. We could be stalked, burgled or have the data on our computers hacked. There are some victims of crime who are especially vulnerable for example children and those who have been sexually assaulted. The trauma can last many years. That's why my office funds or jointly funds a number of services to help such as the Independent Sexual Violence Advocate (ISVA) Service and the Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC). Further details are shown in the following paragraphs.

### **Independent Sexual Violence Advocate service (ISVA)**

ISVAs offer practical and emotional support to anyone who has been raped or sexually assaulted, recently or in the past. The ISVA service also helps victims to access specialist services and communicate with the Police. ISVAs also support people through the criminal justice system and court process.

Over the reporting period, the service maintained its Key Performance Indicators with clients and partners, supporting people who have reported sexual offences and would like support and advocacy on their journey. During Q3 2019/20 there were 364 referrals to the ISVA service. Over this period there has been a slight increase of 2% in people taking up the offer of ISVA support compared to the last quarter, and referencing the past data, this is broadly in line with expectations. The overall volume of people being supported by an ISVA has increased by 5% compared to the last quarter, with the associated increase in the average caseload per worker. The increasing timeline for ISVA support is a factor in the increase of caseload against the increase in referrals.

In November 2019 there was a high profile court case which resulted in the conviction of a sports coach for multiple offences against multiple complainants. The case made national headlines, and 5 complainants were supported by the ISVA service over a number of years during this part of their journey, with support still in place for some people as they continue their journey of recovery.

### **Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC)**

The SARC at Hackenthorpe Lodge offers crisis support to victims following a rape or assault, including the option to have a forensic examination. The centre works with specialist agencies to provide the right treatment, support and aftercare and helps people understand their rights and options. The service is confidential and independent of the police, and members of the public can refer themselves without having reported a crime to the police. Victims may choose to stay anonymous and do not have to give their name to access services.

During Q3 2019/20 around 23% of rape and sexual assault crimes reported by those over 17 years old were referred to the SARC, this figure has been around the same throughout 2019/20 so far. In Q3 Most referrals into the SARC were made by the Police (63%), whilst 27% were self-referrals.

The SARC has a new manager from January 2020 who is looking forward to a new year of partnership working with providers and new projects to work collaboratively across the South Yorkshire region. The new year started with a meeting with the Detective Inspector Single Point of Contact for SYP with a view to making these meetings monthly meet to discuss the patterns of self-referrals across the region, this will include anonymous intelligence reporting and how to better promote the services that the Sarc deliver to a wider range of people. The SARC have also met with local sexual

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health teams and there has been positive increases in attendance at appointments across the region following on from direct referrals from the SARC, a collection of exhibits from the SARC in December from self-referral cases have now become a police case which we consider to be a positive move as clients are feeling confident to report these crimes in their own time. The link nurse roles within the SARC are taking shape with leads in the following areas, sexual health, mental health, safeguarding and A&E. All of these nurses will be delivering training to a range of additional services to promote the SARC and its referral pathways. The SARC are holding their first 2020 operational meeting in late March 2020 with a highlight on how they can work together to achieve best client care.

### **“Inspire to Change”- Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Programme- SY Community Rehabilitation Company (SYCRC)**

The Inspire to Change programme has been designed to help people learn new skills and find ways to manage and control their abusive behaviour. It encourages positive thinking and behaviour to prevent future harm to partners, children and family members.

There have been 143 referrals to the programme in quarter 3 (from October to December 2019.) This compares to 121 and 157 in quarters 1 and 2 respectively. Quarter 3 saw the highest referral numbers in females (27) with all of them accessing either group or 1-1 work across South Yorkshire. Most referrals were from Children’s Services, followed by self-referrals.

In quarter 3, the Inspire to Change programme saw the introduction of a dedicated promotions and recruitment officer, they have built on quarter 2’s developments by attending daily Police team briefings in Barnsley in

conjunction with IDAS. These briefings have embedded the use of Inspire to Change referrals where prosecution is not appropriate. The impact of this attendance during quarter 3 is already highlighting an increase in police referrals for quarter 4. Work has also commenced with attendance at specific meetings where the focus is on a cohort of families with high frequency domestic abuse callouts. Home visits are set to be carried out by the Inspire to Change team alongside the Integrated Offender Management team.

Additional workshops have been delivered, with the most notable being in Rotherham where over 50 GPs were in attendance. Highlighting the project and outlining a strengths based approach to working with perpetrators offered an insight to front line practitioners who regularly have contact with their patients affected by domestic abuse.

Moving forward, there are plans in place to deliver workshops to all newly recruited Police Officers. This will provide training on working with perpetrators and their families and using Inspire to Change as a first point of contact at a call out. The aim of this is to increase referral rates and offer early intervention at times of crisis.

### **Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) and Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)**

Some of the most vulnerable members of society are those affected by child sexual exploitation and child criminal exploitation. Both crimes will have devastating and long lasting consequences for its victims and their families.

SYP have appointed a new Child Exploitation lead who will provide oversight for CCE/County Lines, CSE and Child abuse. There are 3 Detective

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Chief Inspectors appointed to lead on all three areas. There is an extensive programme of training to frontline officers through street skills on CCE/County Lines which will reach the majority of frontline staff. Further training has been provided for Neighbourhood and CID officers throughout the Force. An online training package is being developed by the training department. Funding has been received from the region for County Lines and part of this is being used to further map and identify County Lines within SYP. A strategic profile has been completed for CCE/County Lines and CSE and is currently being prepared for sharing with partners. The Partnership Child Exploitation Meeting has taken place with attendance from key representatives from the County to shape partnership working to tackling Child Exploitation throughout the Borough. Key pieces of work have been identified and good practice shared within this group.

### Cyber-Crime

Cybercrime is quite new and not easily understood by many. As the internet is becoming more popular as a means to bank, purchase items and connect with people, organised crime groups are constantly looking for ways to exploit people on-line.

South Yorkshire Police continue to make progress to equip the force to tackle cyber-crime. The force has recently completed the Digital Assessment Toolset, a national programme, driven by the NPCC, which examined all aspects of capacity and capability across the organisation in identifying and utilising digital enquiries within investigations. The data captured will be collated nationally to formulate an understanding of the digital capability across all forces and identify gaps within this capability.

Work continues to upskill the knowledge of frontline officers around the considerations of digital enquiries across all investigation types. The current Street Skills sessions include an input on digital enquiries and the work the Digital Media Investigators can perform. All LPT staff have had an input at briefings around Digital Media Investigators and what they can offer to an investigation. The force has now trained over forty Police Constables and Detective Constables as College of Policing standard accredited Digital Media Investigators. These staff are embedded within districts and departments to support colleagues with digital enquiries and advice on digital strategies to assist investigations and optimise all investigative opportunities, resulting in greater judicial outcomes. Districts will benefit from having locally based Digital Media Investigators to provide a service to frontline staff. The force will also benefit by having a number of Digital Media Investigators it can draw upon to assist over a 24/7 period. The Cyber PROTECT Officer continues to work within the community providing advice and guidance to members of the community and commerce. Events are planned, in conjunction with the Fraud PROTECT Officer, to target the local community and provide advice around the use of technology to commit fraud offences and ways to avoid being a victim of crime on line through promoting digital hygiene.

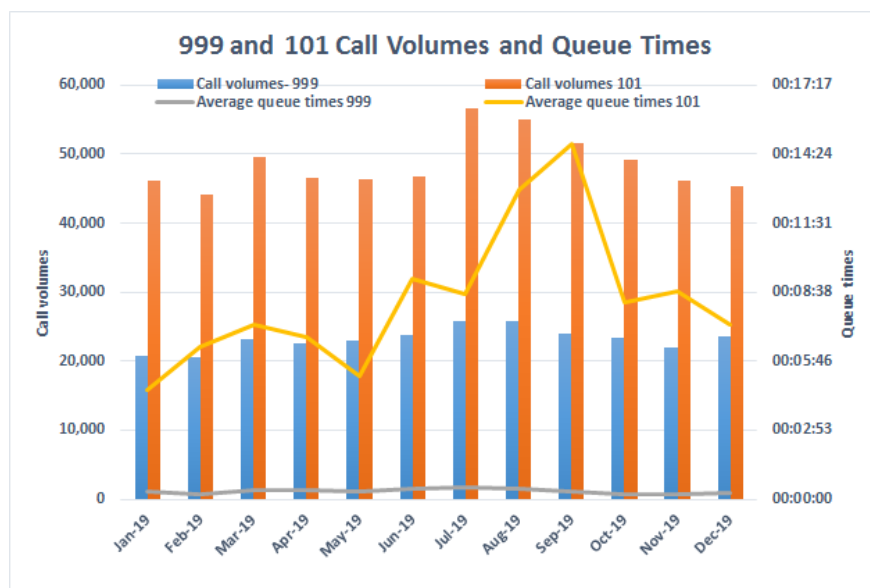
### 999 and 101 Calls

The number of 101 calls have shown a slightly decreasing trend from July to December 2019. The number of 999 calls has seen a slightly increasing trend from Jan 2019 to Dec 2019.

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The average call wait times for 101 calls during Q3 has decreased from those in the previous quarter with the average wait in December of 7mins and 19 secs.

999 call average wait times have been decreasing generally since August 2019 down to 16 seconds on average in in December 2019.



### Modern Slavery/ Human Trafficking

Between October and December 2019, South Yorkshire Police received and processed 42 referrals into the National Referral Mechanism (NRM), and five Duty To Notify. At the conclusion of this period, South Yorkshire Police

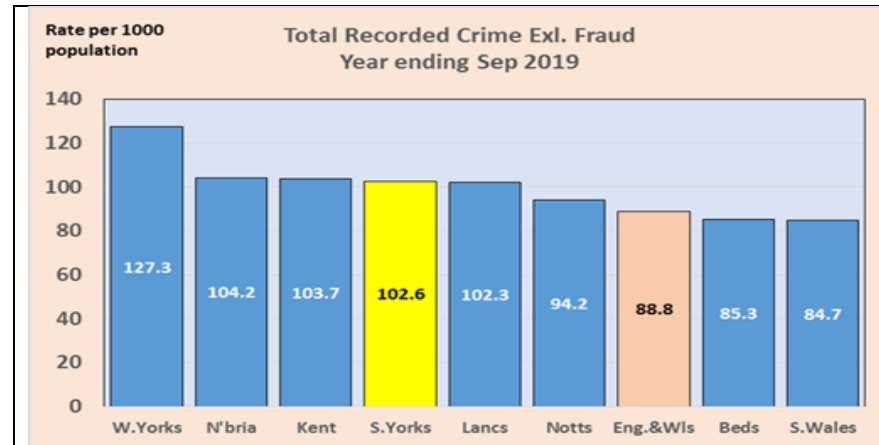
had 61 live Modern Slavery investigations, the largest proportions relating to sexual exploitation and criminal exploitation. A general increase was seen in NRM referrals made in relation to Child Criminal Exploitation and in relation to those raising a defence under section 45 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015. SYP continues to work closely with the other Yorkshire and Humber police forces to respond effectively. This work includes Operation Aidant activity, the up-skilling of police officers and staff, and close work with the Crown Prosecution Service to improve delivery. During this quarter, South Yorkshire Police continued to support Operation Aidant, which is a quarterly national directive to ensure co-ordinated activity across the UK to disrupt and target Modern Slavery. October 2019 saw an intensification week take place focussing on Adult Sex Websites, identifying those suspected to be facilitating Modern Slavery offences, and safeguarding potential victims of sexual exploitation. SYP continues to receive a steady amount of intelligence relating to pop-up brothels. The Strategic Partnership continues to grow in stakeholders, and work continues in raising awareness, training of partner agencies, and development of a cohesive victim pathway across the region. The Serious and Organised Crime Vulnerability (SOC-V) unit targets Organised Crime Groups involved in Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking. They continue to manage a complex investigation into an organised crime group trafficking females for sexual exploitation, working closely with Police in Europe.



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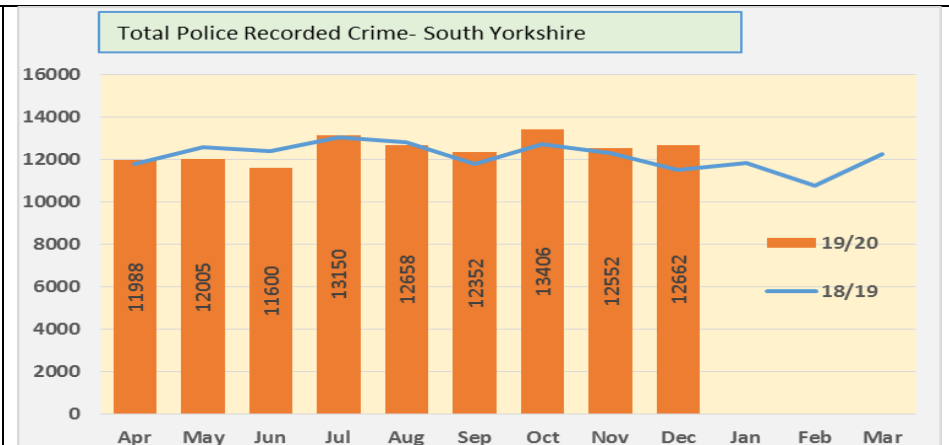
The indicators and narrative chosen for this section of the report aim to show achievement against the areas of focus for 2019/20 under this priority:

- SYP's understanding of current and future demand on policing services and how well SYP use this knowledge.
- The effectiveness of neighbourhood teams in working with partners, in listening to the public, and in helping to prevent and tackle crime and ASB.
- Whether SYP has the right workforce mix to deal with crimes such as serious and violent crime, cyber-crime and terrorism.
- How well crime is understood, and how far it is being brought down
- The rehabilitation of offenders and the reduction of reoffending.
- A public health approach to crime.



Source: ONS – Police Recorded Crime

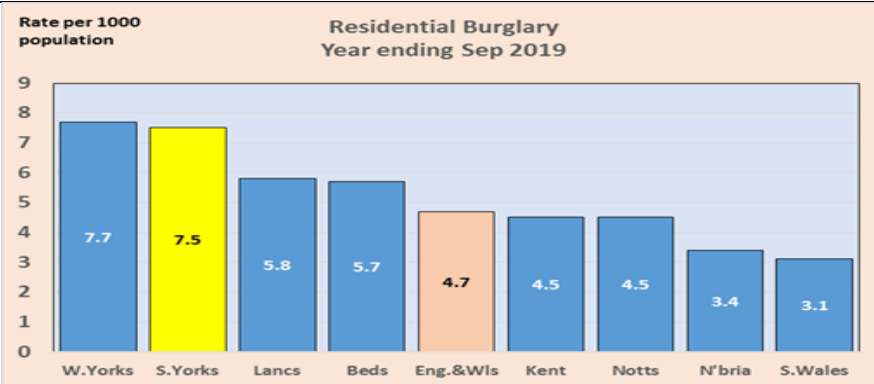
South Yorkshire has the fourth highest rate of total recorded crime compared to the most similar group of police forces.



Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

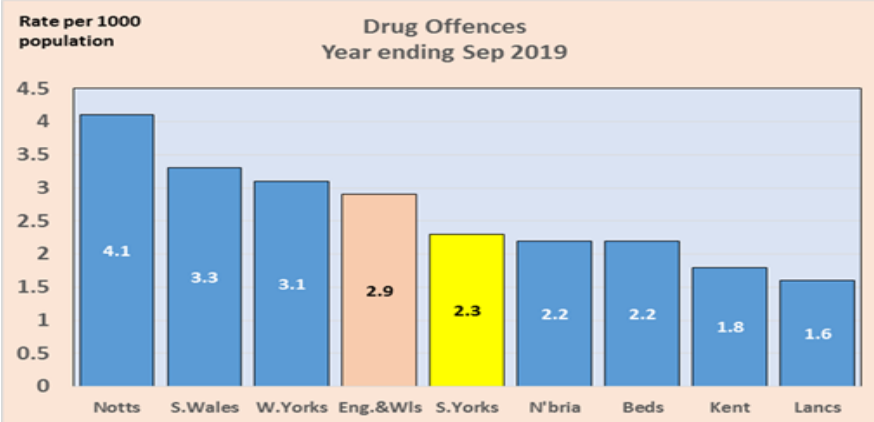
Total recorded crime has seen a slight increase over 2019/20, Q3 levels are slightly higher than the same period the previous year.

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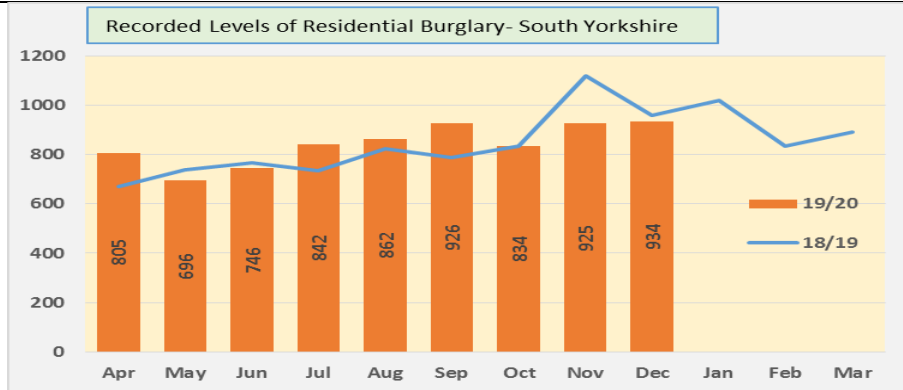
Source: ONS – Police Recorded Crime

South Yorkshire has the second highest rate of residential burglary compared to its most similar group of forces. Tackling residential burglary is a priority for all districts in South Yorkshire with a number of operations in place to tackle the issue.



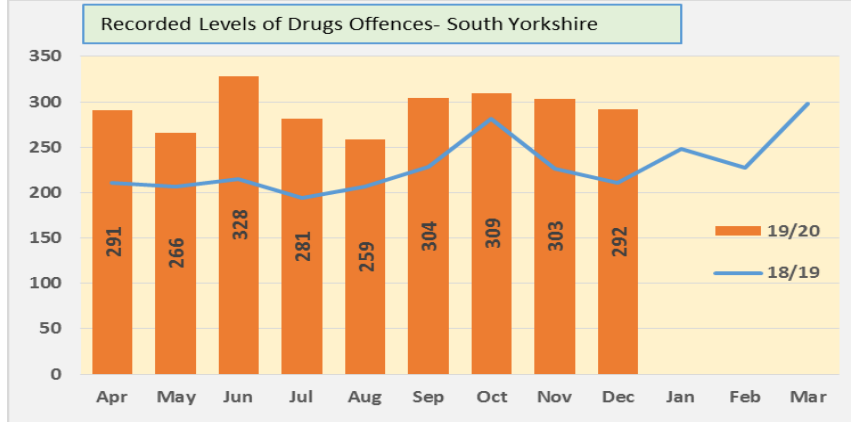
Source: ONS – Police Recorded Crime

South Yorkshire records sits in the middle of the most similar group of police forces for recorded drug offences and sits slightly below the England and Wales average.



Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

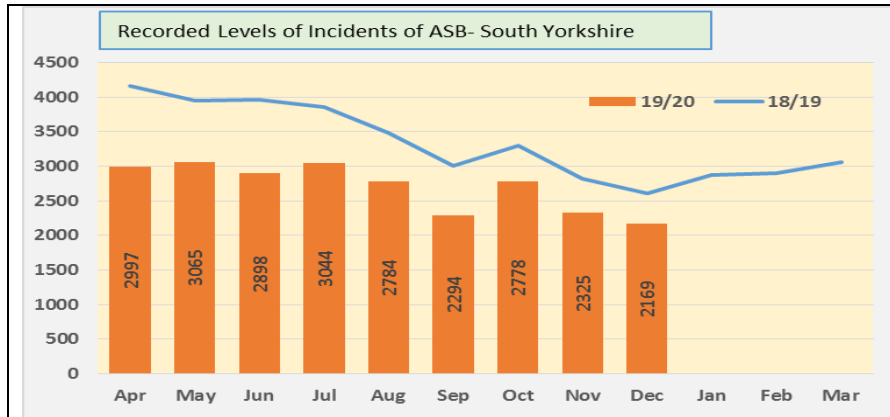
Recorded levels of residential burglary are holding steady during quarter 3 with numbers being slightly lower than in the same period last year.



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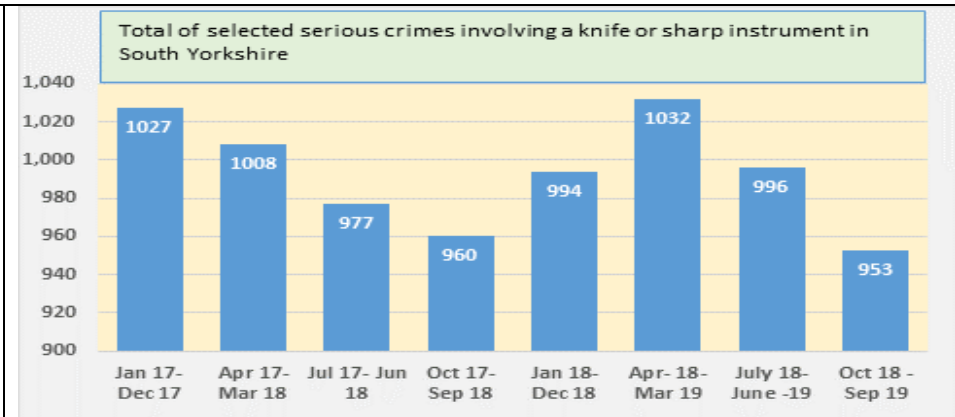
Recorded levels of drugs offences over 2019/20 have been higher than the same period last year. Drugs offences includes the possession and trafficking of drugs

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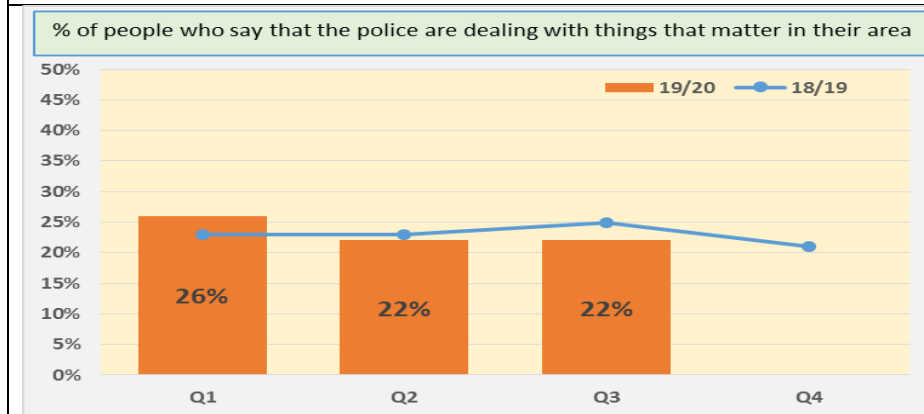
Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

The recorded level of Anti-Social Behaviour recorded by SYP has been steadily decreasing. The levels so far during 2019-20 are lower than the same period the previous year.



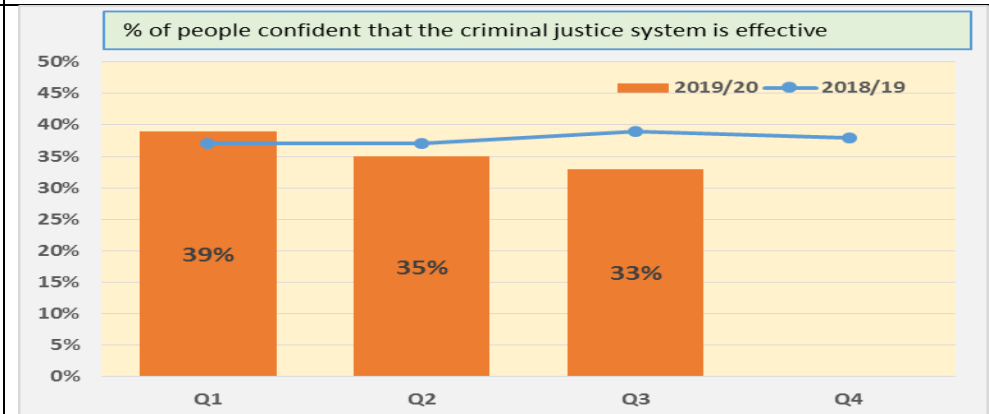
Source: ONS – Police Recorded Crime

The number of recorded serious crimes involving a knife or sharp instrument in SY has been decreasing since Jan 18.



Source: SYP Your Voice Counts Survey

The % of people saying that the police are dealing with things that matter in their area has remained the same in Q3 compared to Q2 19/20. The % is also slightly lower than the same period the previous year.



Source: SYP – Your Voice Counts Survey

The % of people thinking that the criminal justice system is effective has fallen during Q3 but this is not a statistically significant drop. However, there has been a significant decrease compared to the same period last year

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### Neighbourhood Policing

Neighbourhood Policing (NHP) in South Yorkshire is about working at the local level, engaging directly with the community. Neighbourhood policing continues to develop in South Yorkshire and each of the four districts are gaining an understanding of their neighbourhood provision and how it needs to be developed further to tackle community issues. Teams across all four districts are engaging with their local communities through attending community meetings, linking with Neighbourhood Watch, using Social Media and engaging with children and young people through schools and universities.

#### **Barnsley**

Vulnerability, mental health, adverse childhood experiences and alcohol and substance misuse are common themes for those individuals that repeatedly call the police or require police assistance. The complexity of their situation means that a straightforward enforcement approach will never break their behavioural cycle and therefore, a more, sophisticated, compassionate, multi-agency problem solving approach is required. Since its inception, the SNS Hub has adopted this approach and is now strengthened through embedded mental health workers. Cases are identified through daily scanning, referral from police and other agencies or via PACT meetings with the local community. To bring the impact of this work to life, here is a recent case study involving a young female: This young woman was displaying self-harm and suicidal behaviour. SNS officers identified her, called a professionals meeting to agree a joint action plan, but more importantly recognised that she needed someone to take an interest in her life. The officers encouraged her to ring in each day and

brought her back from the brink of crisis on numerous occasions. They helped her to manage her emotions, build her confidence and convinced her to re-engage with education. The emergency calls to police have stopped and she is now moving onwards with her life. It is work such as this that resulted in the SNS team being awarded the Partnership Award and individual police officers within the team being awarded both the Innovative Problem-Solving and Victim Care Awards at the recent Force Awards Ceremony.

#### **Doncaster**

Operation Tazz – this operation was introduced in 2018 and continues as a partnership approach with a variety of other agencies to tackle the issue of street begging and spice use. Although the use of Spice has dropped significantly, there has been an increase in street begging, particularly over the Christmas period. The police continue to provide daily high visibility patrols in the town centre between 7am and 10pm. These patrols have been designed to take targeted enforcement actions against those involved in criminality and drug supply whilst engaging with those individuals who have purported to be homeless or under the influence of the drug spice. Although there has been substantial fall in complaints about ASB related to homeless people, but work continues to address this issue.

Operation Community Duxford – monthly operations have now been introduced that will target a variety of local community issues in various wards. This work will be supported by partnership agencies to improve visibility, community engagement and confidence through these operations. The first operation resulted in a number of successes, including the arrest of a high risk domestic abuse offender who had been sought for several weeks, one male for disqualified

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driving, the recovery of a stolen BMW motor vehicle, two vehicles seized for no insurance, two issued with prohibition notices and the seizure of illicit tobacco.

### **Rotherham**

Tackling organised crime is well embedded in Rotherham neighbourhood policing teams and community police officers have a good understanding of who is committing crime within their ward. For example Central Neighbourhood Team have taken ownership of an Organised Crime Group (OCG) and engaged and diverted the children of OCG members to break the cycle of offending. The management of this OCG was held up as good practice force wide.

Each Neighbourhood team, at least once a month, delivers an Operation Alligator. Alligator is the operational name for pro-active policing operations in local communities. Teams target the areas and themes, which matter most to communities. Work include undertaking focussed licensing efforts: working through an area's pubs with wands to search for knives and passive drugs dogs. Working with licensees in this way reduces crime, protects against knife crime and violence an approach welcomed by patrons.

Up to November the three Rotherham Neighbourhood teams have led 42 Operation Alligators. The themes and locations have been diverse: enforcing the Licensing Act; drug warrants; off-road bikes, wildlife crime and tackling on-street crime and anti-social behaviour across the borough.

Cumulative results, just from these specific operations, include:

- 14 drugs warrants and 1 wildlife crime warrant executed.
- 87 prosecutions for drugs offences.
- 223 searches for drug and weapons conducted.
- 49 off road bikers engaged: bikers warned and / or vehicles seized

Assisting the Neighbourhood Policing approach is the safer neighbourhood service based at Riverside House focused on supporting some of the most vulnerable members of the community. Rotherham has invested significantly in this team across the last few months incorporating new partners, Change Grow Live drug and alcohol treatment service, whose workers are best, placed to provide focussed diversion and treatment for people afflicted by addiction.

This has led to an increase in the number of referrals being made locally for support. This approach runs alongside the local social prescribing model. Such is its success it has been extended to Doncaster and South Humber. This has resulted in reduced hospital admissions, more options for GP's locally, support for the voluntary and third sector across Rotherham as well as improving quality of life and social isolation.

### **Sheffield**

The Central Neighbourhood Policing team engaged widely with students at the start of the academic year to highlight the issue of burglary. The campaign, endorsed by both Sheffield Universities, centred on delivering key messages through social media, bespoke videos, web chats and engagement events.

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October to November saw an increase in burglaries in two key areas of the City in particular Hillsborough and Crookes/Crosspool areas. A bespoke operational plan is in place under the banner of Operation Molar-Kilo, which is supporting high visibility patrols during hotspot times. This is already proving to be an effective tactic. Operation Shield has been implemented in the Crookes/Crosspool area and it is anticipated that this will be expanded into Hillsborough within the New Year.

The South East Neighbourhood Team's Problem Orientated Policing plans have been reviewed recently and 3 out of 7 have been finalised;

- Station Road car park - cessation of drug dealing.
- Thornbridge Crescent ASB - a reduction from up to 14 calls a month to very infrequent reporting.
- S13 postcode burglary plan - the increase of burglaries have now stopped.

Work by the North East Neighbourhood team has led to disruption on the drug supply market in the Burngreave area. Several key individuals are on remand awaiting trial and a long-term problematic address identified during the operation has been issued with a partial closure order.

In October Sheffield South West team formed a Community Speedwatch. This involved teaming up with Gleadless Valley Tara to complete speed checks on roads in their local community. Through publicising of this work through social media and weekly elected member updates, further communities such as Nether Edge and Dore have now come forward with volunteers who would like to take part in this scheme.

### Community Grant Scheme

To support and empower local groups to assist in tackling local issues the PCC has created the Community Grant Fund. The scheme runs throughout the year, with a Grants Panel meeting regularly to consider applications. The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) gathers information from each of the grants awarded and has a process in place to audit a sample of funded projects to ensure that the money is being spent in line with the original proposals.

As part of this fund the PCC provides funding to the Barnsley Chronicle and Rotherham Advertiser with which to administer a 'micro-grant' scheme. This enables small grass roots groups to bid for a maximum of £1,000, the intention being to encourage bids from areas, which historically did not submit many applications to the PCC scheme.

An officer from the OPCC is involved in the micro-grant arrangements. For 2019/20, the total Community Grant Scheme fund is £150,000 (including £30,000 for micro grants) and up to the 30<sup>th</sup> December 2019 grant funding has been awarded to 21 organisations totalling just over £88,423.85. Details of the application process for grants is on the OPCC website:<http://www.southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/About/Grants-information.aspx>

### Small Grant Scheme- Case Study

The organisation Parkour Youth Sessions applied for a small grant of just over £3,000, the application was granted and the organisation submitted monitoring information to the OPCC in October 2019. The application was to run Parkour sessions as a diversionary activity for young people in the Lowedges area of Sheffield. Parkour is a training discipline inspired by military style obstacle courses. There were no other youth sessions in the

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Lowedges area. Each session has two workers, one coach and a level 2 qualified youth worker. Referral pathways were established with over 40 organisations and 49 Parkour sessions took place. The sessions gave 28 young people a chance to learn more skills and engage with a youth worker to find and help and support.

### **Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs)**

CSPs are a key way in which all partners across South Yorkshire work together to keep people safe. CSPs are made up of representatives from South Yorkshire Police, Local Authorities, Health services, Housing Associations, Fire and Rescue Services and Criminal Justice partners covering, Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield. The PCC holds bi-monthly meetings of the County Wide Community Safety Forum where representatives from each partnership meet together. This is how the Rotherham, Doncaster, Barnsley and Sheffield partnership have been working to tackle issues of concern to local residents.

### **Barnsley - Safer Neighbourhood Services.**

Operation Dark Nights 2019 was the operational plan to cover the period of 'Dark Nights' (Halloween and bonfire night) in Barnsley. The ultimate objective of the plan was to prevent ASB and Damage over the Dark Night's key dates, namely Halloween night and bonfire night weekend. The plan was implemented in a phased approach. Phase 1 was the period in the run up to the key nights, when the focus was on reassurance and prevention; reassurance to key victims, deterring offenders and securing locations, supported by a clear visibility, engagement and communication strategy. A joint agency approach between SYP/BMBC/SYFR/YAS was adopted. For example, in the run up to Halloween and bonfire night officers from the Barnsley Neighbourhood Teams joined forces with South Yorkshire Fire

and Rescue and Barnsley Council to educate, deter and remove risks in areas that see an increase in offences. Neighbourhood officers alongside the fire service delivered safety presentations in local schools to their pupils. PCSO's teamed up with the fire service to hold joint crime and fire reduction stalls in the areas that see an increase in incidents. Police cadets were also involved in the operation, carrying out test purchasing operations with Trading Standards representatives from Barnsley Council to ensure fireworks and alcohol were not being sold to those underage. Fire risks were also identified in the local community, such as fly tipping, untidy gardens and wheelie bins that were removed before becoming problematic- a service offered by Barnsley Council. Phases 2 and 3 were the actual key dates of the Dark Nights period, where the prevention and reassurance work continued, but also enhanced patrols and visibility on the key nights. The operation saw a reduction in anti-social behaviour and fire related crimes across Barnsley, with a reduction of 81 offences and 13 less deliberate fires compared with the same period in 2018. In 2017 officers attended 537 such incidents. However, this year officers attended 306 incidents of anti-social behaviour across the area.

### **Doncaster - Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership**

- Domestic Abuse Hub:

The Domestic Abuse Hub which oversees the management of non-high risk cases of domestic abuse in Doncaster continues to ensure more cohesive partnership working and provides a single point of contact for victims and partner organisations. This Hub is supported by a new multi-agency domestic abuse protocol. With the introduction of the Hub, a new Domestic Abuse Advisor was employed to contact and assess the needs of all victims referred to the Hub and there was increased capacity as Phoenix WoMen's



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Aid and Riverside began to take referrals for victims that wanted support, alongside the Domestic Abuse Caseworkers.

- **Doncaster's Contribution to the County's Violent Crime Reduction Unit**  
The SSDP continues to support the work of the multi-agency South Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit (SYVRU). A member of the Community Safety Team currently fills the role of the Doncaster Partnership Lead, alongside a colleague from the Children's Trust. These roles have been integral in the development of Area Profiles to inform future work, including the long-term Violence Reduction Strategy. Doncaster was also successful in securing a number of grants funded through the SYVRU, to provide greater resources to tackle violent crime, through additional CCTV provision, Smartwater kits and security equipment.

- **Alcohol Communications Campaign**  
A Doncaster alcohol reduction campaign entitled Rethink your Drink Doncaster is being funded by Public Health for 2020. The target audience for the campaign are those people who are drinking at 'increasing risk levels' and a particular focus on professional people, females, parents, and older people. A brand new website [www.rethinkyourdrinkdoncaster.co.uk/](http://www.rethinkyourdrinkdoncaster.co.uk/) has been launched to support the campaign, which includes an online self-assessment tool for people to complete anonymously to find out if their drinking is a problem. There's also information on what kind of support is available along with useful links to facts about alcohol.

- **Vulnerability Hub:**

The Vulnerability Hub continues to positively develop with office accommodation now fully occupied within the Civic Office building. A number of police officers are located within the premises and are working on caseloads. There is ongoing work with the Local Authority to achieve a greater integration moving forward. Wider work is also in place across the Partnership structure to identify additional resources for the Hub, to further increase effectiveness. Key areas of focus over the coming months are to continue to build on the success of the Hub to date, including its multi-agency resources and its monitoring arrangements to measure impact and success.

### **Rotherham - Safer Rotherham Partnership**

The Safer Rotherham Partnership (SRP) continues to work together with local partners to increase community safety in the area in line with its priorities in the 2019/21 Partnership Plan.

A range of activities to build confident and cohesive communities is continuing, including action to reduce anti-social behaviour, promoting dialogue on the harms of hate with communities and young people and working to improve the outcomes for victims of hate crime. To this end, a new initiative has started with Remedi to develop a wider range of restorative justice and education interventions with young people to prevent hate crime.

In respect of tackling crime, South Yorkshire Community Rehabilitation Company have increased the number of cases allocated to the High Frequency Cohort. This cohort is now managed within the Integrated Offender Management Model, which sees close multi-agency working by



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police and probation services. This allows for higher involvement of the police, drug rehabilitation services, alcohol services and allows service users access to Counselling through Sheffield Mind and Mentoring. These cases are to be worked intensely with higher levels of support.

The work of the Mental Health Nurse embedded within the Safer Neighbourhoods Service continues to progress and is receiving higher levels of referrals for interventions as a result. The future of this successful initiative is being considered by the Safer Rotherham Partnership in conjunction with other boards and agencies. Another block of Modern Day Slavery and Human Trafficking training was delivered between November and January to 52 social care staff. It is planned to deliver the training to members of the boroughs co-located teams before the end of March. The Child Exploitation Strategy is completed and work is progressing on the action plan. Pathways have been revised and work is underway with partners to explore how all services can work better together. The Ask for Angela campaign was launched in December. The scheme works with Landlords, Licensees and Taxi companies to provide members of the public with a safe exit plan should they find themselves in a vulnerable situation whilst out.

### **Sheffield Safer and Sustainable Communities Partnership (SSCP)**

The work carried out by the Anti-Social Behaviour and Acquisitive Crime Theme Group during the dark nights period was seen as a successful partnership coordinated operation. During the period of the operation the demand placed on all emergency services was reduced. Due to this outcome the group are now planning to extend the operation to address similar issues throughout the summer months for example during the summer holiday period.

Fortify continues to develop and lead on partnership activity to tackle organised crime and protect communities and vulnerable individuals. Since the last update Operation Fortify commenced closer working relationships with both community groups and partners. During October the group announced that there was funds available to address violent crime throughout South Yorkshire through the Violence Reduction Unit and organisations could bid for grant support to a maximum of twenty thousand pounds. Although the timescale to submit a bid was extremely tight, Sheffield was successful in securing money to support a number of initiatives. For example,

- Funding to purchase extra Mobile CCTV Cameras
- Funding to support a Target Hardening Programme and provide extra security measures
- Funding to purchase a new outreach workers van to support some of the most vulnerable within Sheffield.

### **Sheffield Safer Neighbourhood Services (SSNS) Partnership**

The following provides an overview of the work that has been undertaken in Sheffield during 2019 by the above and we can report that the majority of these activities will continue well into the 2020 period.

During 2019 the team have worked in partnership to achieve:

- 8 Community Behaviour Orders (CBOs) there are 26 further cases on going and the team are exploring the breaches of Community Protection Notices to progress CBO applications.
- A total of 18 Closure Orders have been gained
- A total of 25 CPN's have been issued for acts of ASB
- Sheffield has established a Youth Independent Advisory Group re ASB and Crime based within Sheffield Futures
- Op Empire Kilo is addressing graffiti issues within the City. To date two arrests have been made as a result of the use of Overt and Covert CCTV

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in key locations. The investigation is still live with a number of further suspects

- SSNS Youth Justice Offices have gained an outstanding inspection report as a result of their on-going work.
- Three successful BIDS have been obtained from the recent VRU Grant to purchase mobile CCTV cameras, security equipment and to purchase a new all purpose vehicle for outreach work within Sheffield.
- SNS have supported and trained a total of fourteen officers in Crime Reduction to Level 4
- Sheffield Priority theme Groups are reporting fantastic results in relation to the reduction of ASB and Crime for example: Sheffield Community Safety Partnership ASB Theme Group developed an intensive programme of innovative intervention work during the Dark Nights Period.

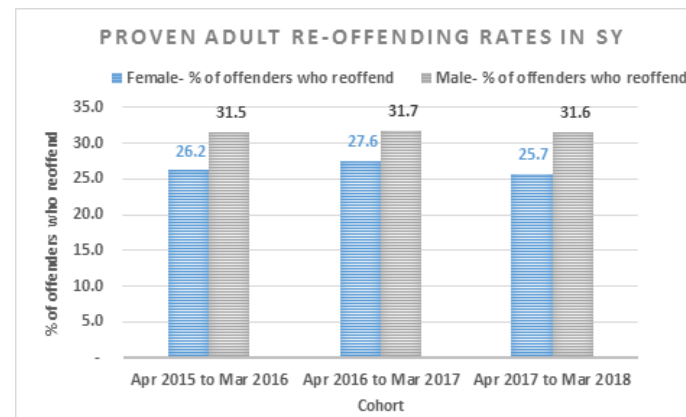
The review shows that as a result of the programme and commitment of staff from numerous agencies reports of ASB were significantly reduced during that period.

- The Hate Crime Community Safety Partnership Priority Group are quickly developing the national Safer Places Scheme within Sheffield at key locations which will in the near future provide further facilities to support victims of Hate Crime and Hate Incidents.
- Throughout the year SNS have also supported a number of ad hoc Community Safety Initiatives for example the Christmas Cabin Project / Archer project

### Proven Re-offending in South Yorkshire

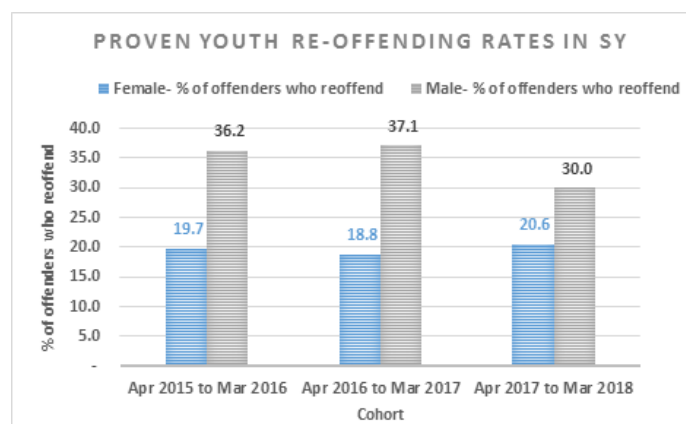
#### **Adult re-offending**

The proven adult re-offending rates in SY for both females and males has remained static over the past three cohorts of offenders. The most recent cohort of male offenders had a reoffending rate of 31.6% and females 25.7%.



#### **Youth re-offending**

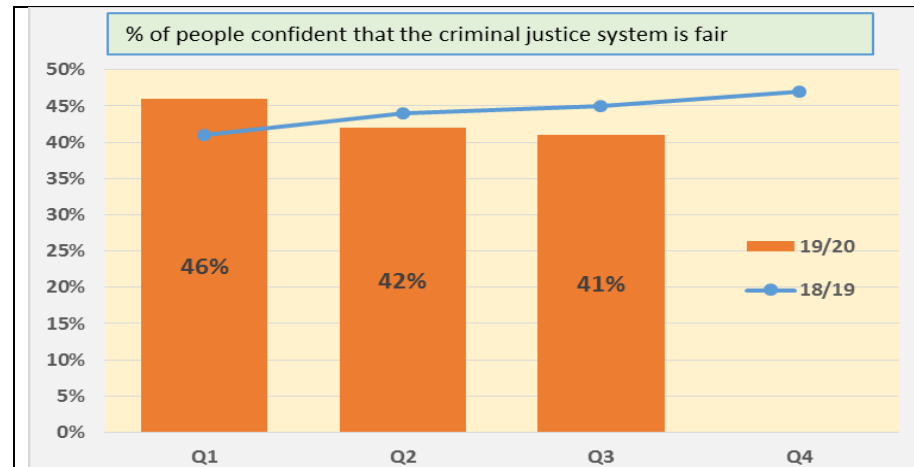
The proven youth re-offending rates in SY for males has seen a statistically significant decrease in the re-offending rate from the April 16 to Mar 17 cohort to the most recent April 17 to March 18 cohort, the rate is now 30%. For females the reoffending rate for the most recent cohort is 20.6%, the female rate has remained fairly static.



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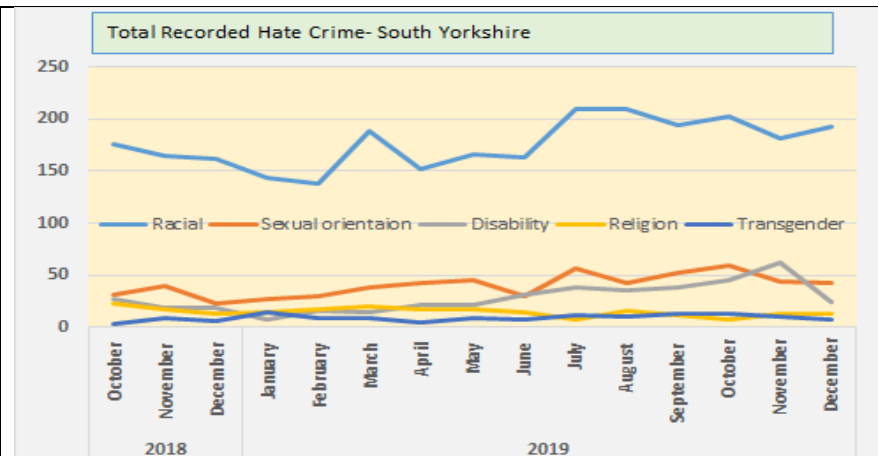
The areas of focus under this priority for 2019/20 are:

- A fair allocation of police resources for our communities.
- Understanding and fair treatment of BAME and other minority communities by SYP and in the criminal justice system, including ensuring hate crime is properly recorded and investigated
- A workforce that is representative of South Yorkshire's population.
- Fair treatment of staff through supporting a positive culture and organisational development
- Fair treatment for victims and witnesses of crime throughout the criminal justice process, including providing a quality and accessible restorative justice service
- A fair police complaints system.



Source: SYP Your Voice Counts Survey

The percentage of people who are confident that the criminal justice system is fair is falling. There has been a statistically significant fall in quarter 3 2019/20 (41%) compared to the previous year (45%).



Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

There has been an increase in recorded hate crime during 2019/20. The most prevalent strand of hate crime is racial, followed sexual orientation, disability, religion and transgender. The PCC, SYP and the Independent Ethics Panel work to ensure that people are confident in reporting hate crime.

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#### **Independent Ethics Panel (IEP)**

One of the main ways of gaining assurance that people are being treated fairly is through the work of the Independent Ethics Panel. The Panel receive reports and discuss ethics in particular areas such as:

- Stop and search
- Complaints and
- Workforce data including around equality and diversity.

The Panel has recently introduced “link members” who are nominated individuals whose role is to focus on a particular area of work over and above those discussed within the quarterly meetings.

At the IEP meeting in November 2019, the panel discussed reforms to the police complaints system and received information regarding South Yorkshire Police’s Complaints and Discipline Performance. There was also an update report on hate crime and a discussion around use of force by the police. Further information can be found in the Public Accountability Board meeting papers from 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019 on the OPCC website: <https://southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/openness/publications/>

#### **Independent Custody Visitors Scheme**

The OPCC runs an Independent Custody Visitors Scheme to check on the welfare of those who are being detained.

The visitors divide into teams of two and go to police custody suites at whatever time of the day or evening suits them. They arrive unannounced and the custody sergeant is obliged to welcome them and facilitate their visit.

Visitors have a checklist of things to go through to make sure that detainees are properly treated and that the facilities are up to scratch. Between 1<sup>st</sup> October and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019, 34 visits were made to the custody suites across South Yorkshire involving 176 detainees. Not all detainees are interviewed, for example some may not want a visit and others may not be available. However, of those that were interviewed 89% were satisfied with their treatment. The visitors reported 6 maintenance issues that needed action.

#### **The Police Workforce**

The SYP workforce at the end of quarter 3 2019/10 consisted of 5,306 staff members, this has increased from 5,265 the total at the same time last financial year. Proportions of people with under-represented characteristics show continuing growth in the last three months. Among police officers, proportions of female officers have climbed (+0.4%) to a new peak of 33.8%, though BME officers remain steady at 4.9%. There is also a notable rise (+0.2% to 2.1%) in the proportion of officers who have disclosed identifying as LGBT+. This may be linked to the recent re-launch of the SYP LGBT+ network. The proportion reflects a whole workforce response rate of 35% to identification of sexual orientation. This quarter, there are substantial rises in numbers of people identifying as Christian or of no religion. The figures indicate a significant (+1.3%) rise in the response rate to identification of religion of 60.9%.

Among female police officers, representation is spread with some evenness across the ranks. Females occupy not less than 20% of positions in every rank category and the trend is of a steady rise across the range (inspectors are a slight exception). While there is still work to be done around female representation, these figures are far less disproportionate than those around ethnicity and disability. For BME police officers, there is an abiding

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absence in the two most senior rank categories. Minority ethnic presence among SYP police officers has some over-concentration in constable and inspector ranks (detective and uniform).

The trend of under-representation at the sergeant rank has become more acute with the promotion of several BME sergeants to inspector in 2019. The same did not occur in PC to sergeant selection. As a result, the advancing BME officers have led to reduced numbers at this rank.

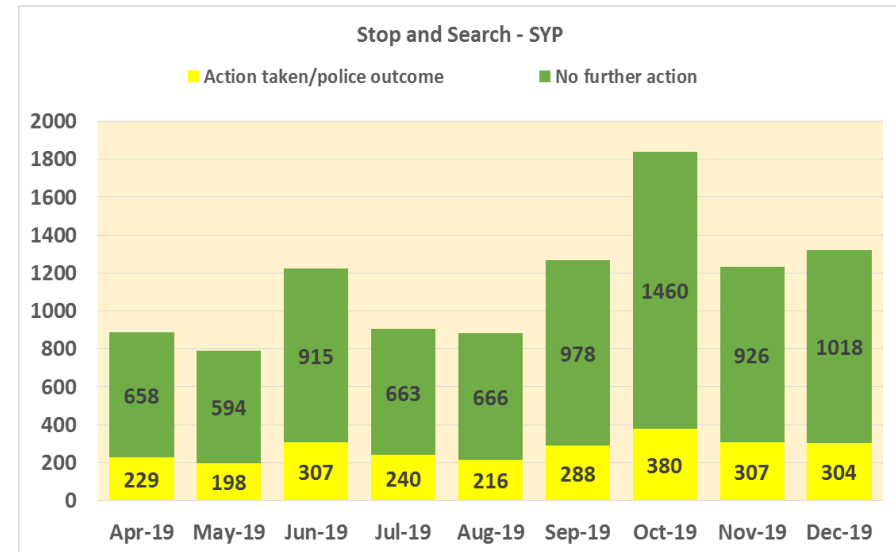
#### Stop and Search

South Yorkshire Police's vision for stop and search is: "To achieve the highest level of trust and confidence in its use to tackle crime and keep our streets safe." Stop and search helps the Police protect communities by identifying and eliminating violent and key crimes including antisocial behaviour.

The Police hold Stop and Search Scrutiny Panels which include members of the public that are able to scrutinise stop and search activity.

A member of the Independent Ethics Panel (IEP) also has a lead for Stop and Search. Their role is to take the lead on behalf of the IEP in helping determine the level of assurance to be provided to the PCC and Chief Constable in respect of the fair use of Stop & Search powers by SYP.

The following graph shows the numbers of stop and searches undertaken. The yellow areas show where there is action taken/police outcome when someone is stopped and searched. This includes outcomes such as arrest, warning, caution and summons/charge by post or penalty notice.



Source: Police UK.

#### Remedi - Restorative Justice (RJ)

Remedi is a registered charity working to deliver restorative justice services for persons affected by crime in the South Yorkshire area. This includes services for both youth and adult sectors facilitating either a direct or an indirect exchange between a victim of crime and offender.

From 1st April – 31st December 2019, Remedi have received 277 referrals to the service and facilitated 21 direct meetings and 110 indirect exchanges between victims of crime and offenders in the adult sector. In the quarter period October-December 2019 there were 10 direct meetings and 16 indirect exchanges that took place. Recently there was a positive direct meeting between a victims' family and an offender involving a case of murder from many years ago.

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The direct meeting enabled both parties to exchange views and afterwards the victim said, “that a great weight had lifted from her shoulders....” Remedi now have staff based within Snig Hill Police Station in Sheffield at the “RJ hub”. This is a central point of call for referrals into the RJ process from police officers, other professionals such as community rehabilitation partners and directly from victims themselves. In addition, we have trained practitioners working within Doncaster prison delivering an educational ‘Restorative Choices’ programme on both group and 1:1 sessions with the men. Direct contact number is 0800 561 1000 or text SYRJ to 82228. Or via website [www.restorativesouthyorkshire.co.uk](http://www.restorativesouthyorkshire.co.uk)

## 4. Providing Value for Money for Policing and Crime Services

Whilst working towards delivering the priorities and areas of focus within the Police and Crime Plan, all partners will need to have regard to providing value for money. The plan focuses value for money on:

- Maximising Economy, Efficiency and Effectiveness in all that we do.
- Achieving the right balance of resources for the most efficient and effective policing and crime services - e.g. the balance between funding policing and enforcement activity versus funding early intervention and prevention activity.

### ***Economy, Efficiency and Effectiveness***

There are two main ways currently that value for money aims to be measured; through the quarterly Budget Monitoring Report covering “economy” and “efficiency” and the quarterly Police and Crime Plan Performance Report covering “effectiveness”. Both these reports are presented and discussed at the Police and Crime Panel meetings.

### **Financial Position**

The high level financial position for the OPCC and South Yorkshire Police at the end of December 2019 was as follows:

Revenue budget:

- OPCC forecast is £112k underspent. This relates mainly to staffing vacancies which took longer to fill than anticipated, and income received for OPCC support provided to the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU).
- The Force is forecasting a £760k underspend, before the costs of legacy issues. Within this, the Force is forecasting delivery of the £4.58m, overachieving by £0.66m on the budgeted £3.92m savings plans.
- Hillsborough civil claims, the Stovewood enquiry and Child Sexual Exploitation civil claims are all currently projecting to spend to budget

Capital budget:

The revised capital programme is £21.4m. The projected out turn is £18.7m, generating a variance of £2.7m. This is broken down to slippage of £2.1m, underspends £1m and overspends of £0.4m.

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### **Regional Collaboration**

Taking a regional approach to procurement is one way in which the Force aims to be as efficient as possible. The Regional Yorkshire and Humber Procurement Team was established in 2012. The four forces involved currently spend in excess of £220 million per annum on goods and services. The Procurement Strategy sets out the commitment to achieve value for money for the public purse through all procurement and commissioning activity, in order to both protect frontline services and support a sustainable economic environment.

Fourteen contracts were awarded for SYP between October and December 2019 with eleven of these collaborative. In the same period no new cashable savings were reported to the Home Office, however a total of £248,860 have so far been reported for FY 2019/20.



## Public Engagement Update

During the three-month period October to December 2020 the PCC's Engagement Officers gathered the views of over 500 people at face to face events across the county.

Those events included local town and parish councils in Edlington and Shafton, ward councillor meeting in Mexborough, community meetings in Walkley, Wombwell, Penistone and Bessacarr.

The Engagement team also hosted stalls at Doncaster Interchange, Tesco in Rotherham Town Centre, Tesco in Burngreave and Dinnington Resource Centre.

The 101 system continued to be the main source of public frustration and was raised at meetings across the county. 101 was described as a 'disaster' and 'still as bad as ever' regardless of the positive messages about improvements. However, praise was given to online reporting which provided a call back from an officer within a day or so.

Drug dealing and drug use remained a concern in various communities across the county with frustration at the perceived lack of action from the police when reported to them.

Whilst supportive of the police and acknowledging the increasingly difficult and dangerous job they do, some people felt that the courts could do more '*there needs to be a credible threat of being locked up rather than out of touch judges not wanting to criminalise criminals!*'

Generally people were seeing more uniforms in their area although many felt that walking and talking was better than '*nipping through in a car....*'.

The table below provides an overview of some of the ways that the PCC ensures that police and criminal justice partners are delivering against the Police and Crime Plan and that the PCC statutory duties are met.

Forum	Purpose	Activity
Trust and Confidence Steering Group	To improve the trust and confidence that the communities of South Yorkshire have in South Yorkshire Police	6 meetings held between January 2019- December 2019
Monthly Public Accountability Board meetings	An opportunity for the PCC and members of the public to question the Chief Constable and his team	10 meetings held between January 2019- December 2019
Quarterly Joint Independent Audit Committee meetings	Focussing on governance and risk management – exception reports to the Public Accountability Board meetings	6 meetings held between January 2019- December 2019
Independent Ethics Panel	Set up by the PCC and providing independent challenge and assurance around integrity, standards and ethics of decision-making in policing	6 meetings held between January 2019- December 2019
One to one meetings with the Chief Constable	To ensure regular communication to discuss strategic matters and current issues	Weekly meetings
Independent Advisory Panel for Policing Protest	Convened as and when a protest occurs in South Yorkshire and the PCC and Chief Constable believe that panel could add value	1 meetings held between January 2019- December 2019
Independent Custody Visiting Scheme	OPCC run scheme where volunteers visit unannounced to check that those being held in custody are being treated properly	104 visits have been undertaken between April and December 2019.
Decision Log	In line with the Decision Making Framework, decisions made by the PCC and the OPCC of significant public interest are published on the OPCC website	55 decisions made and published on the website between January 2019- December 2019
Refreshed Joint Corporate Governance Framework	Making sure the PCC and Chief Constable conduct business correctly in line with the statutory framework.	