

## POLICE AND CRIME PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT

1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020

### 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 March 2019	12 Months to March 2020	Trend*
Recorded Domestic Abuse Crimes (1)	20,095	21,751	↑
Domestic Abuse Crime arrest Rate (1)	36%	51%	↑
Recorded Sexual Offences (1)	4,183	4,539	↑
% of crimes where victim is assessed as vulnerable (1)	29%	28%	↓
% of vulnerable victims satisfied with initial contact (1)	83%	83%	↔

Tackling Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour			
Measure	12 Months to March 2019	12 Months to March 2020	Trend*
SYP Recorded level of Anti-Social Behaviour (1)	39,971	31,813	↓
Recorded level of all crime (1)	145,784	148,737	↑
	Apr 17- Mar 18		Trend*
Rate of proven re-offending (adults) (2)	30.6%	Data publication cancelled by Ministry of Justice	
Rate of proven re-offending (youth) (2)	28.6%	Data publication cancelled by Ministry of Justice	
	12 months to December 18	12 months to December 19	
Serious crimes involving a knife or sharp instrument (3)	994	970	↓

Treating People Fairly			
Measure	12 months to Mar 18	12 months to Mar 19	Comparison
% of people saying police do a good/excellent job (4)	48.6.7%	54.7%	Increase not statistically significant
Measure	Apr to Dec 19	Apr 19 to Mar 20	Trend**
Number of referrals to Restorative Justice service (5)	277	435	↑
Measure	12 months to Mar 19	12 months to Mar 20	Trend*
Stop and Search conducted (6)	6177	15835	↑

Providing Value For Money For Policing and Crime Services	
End of year forecast (Revenue) (1)	£1.23m underspend
End of year forecast (Capital) (1)	£7.7m underspend

Source : (1) SYP, (2) MoJ, (3) ONS (4) ONS (data published annually), (5) Remedi, (6) Police.UK

\* Unless otherwise stated, the arrows denote the direction of travel only rather than any statistically significant increase/decrease  
 \*\* Trend shown from Q3 to Q4 (figures shown are cumulative through the year)

## COVID 19

The latter two weeks covered by this quarterly report coincide with the Government's lockdown restrictions on the whole UK population as a result of the Covid 19 Coronavirus pandemic.

As such, there has been rapid and wide ranging changes to the ways of life for everyone and changes to the way business and organisations have to operate with the focus of the Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC) activity for the last two weeks in March and into 2020/21 having to change for the duration of the emergency situation.

Whilst the three priorities under the Police and Crime plan for 20/21 remain as:

- Protecting vulnerable people
- Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour
- Treating people fairly

The emergency situation created by the Coronavirus means that business cannot be as usual. In order to respond to the emergency and fulfil his statutory responsibilities, the Commissioner's focus will be on:

- Ensuring the Chief Constable has sufficient resources to respond to the Emergency
- Ensuring, on behalf of the public, that the police respond in ways that are necessary, sufficient, proportionate and ethical (holding to account)
- Facilitating effective partnership working among agencies and groups working in community safety, violence reduction and criminal justice
- Commissioning and co-commissioning services, particularly for victims of crime, and providing grants for policing and anti-crime purposes

In reality this means:

- Modified Governance meetings. Assurance and governance meetings to continue virtually in order to ensure the checks and balances are in place that the public expect to see including Joint Independent Audit Committee and Independent Ethics Panel. The Independent Ethics Panel's focus specific to Covid 19 will be to provide assurance, to the PCC and the public, on how the new legislative powers will be used in South Yorkshire.
- Continuation of the Public Accountability Board (PAB) meetings virtually with updates from the Chief Constable on the police response to Covid 19, plus updates on Office on the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) engagement with the public and partners
- Continued publication of public interest information from PAB on the OPCC website
- Regular meetings with the Minister of State for Crime, Policing and the Fire Service, Kit Malthouse, to ensure PCCs are provided up to date information
- Updates from the South Yorkshire Local Resilience Forum (LRF) provided to the PCC by South Yorkshire Police (SYP) Covid lead, ACC Hartley. The OPCC Engagement and Communications manager will also attend the LRF communications sub group

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- SYP Gold, Silver and Bronze command structure to coordinate all aspects of the Force response to Covid 19 e.g. establishment of a coordination unit
- Business continuity plans in place and reviewed – inclusive of Commissioned Service providers to ensure continuity of service to victims, witnesses and offenders
- Arrangements to allow the Police and Crime Panel to continue to carry out its responsibilities

### **Domestic Abuse**

Domestic abuse (DA) has been a particular focus during the lockdown period. DA is an area that was predicted to increase with offenders and victims in continuous close proximity, but the concern from the outset was that victims may find it more difficult to report to the police. In response South Yorkshire Police (SYP) have been quick to develop an online reporting platform that gives victims an additional channel for reporting DA. Using the online portal means that victims will still receive exactly the same service as if they had contacted SYP by phone. The online portal is not South Yorkshire Police branded and there is a quick “close” button that removes all evidence of the portal from a victim’s screen.

The force have also used radio advertising to publicise the “silent solution” as another channel for reporting DA. Victims can phone 999 and then press 55 whilst on the call to allow the police to listen in without the need for a victim to speak - thereby reducing attention that may be generated by a phone call

Further communication and information about DA has been enhanced for use within the force itself so that officers and staff have the most up to date contact information to help victims of DA and to report concerns themselves.

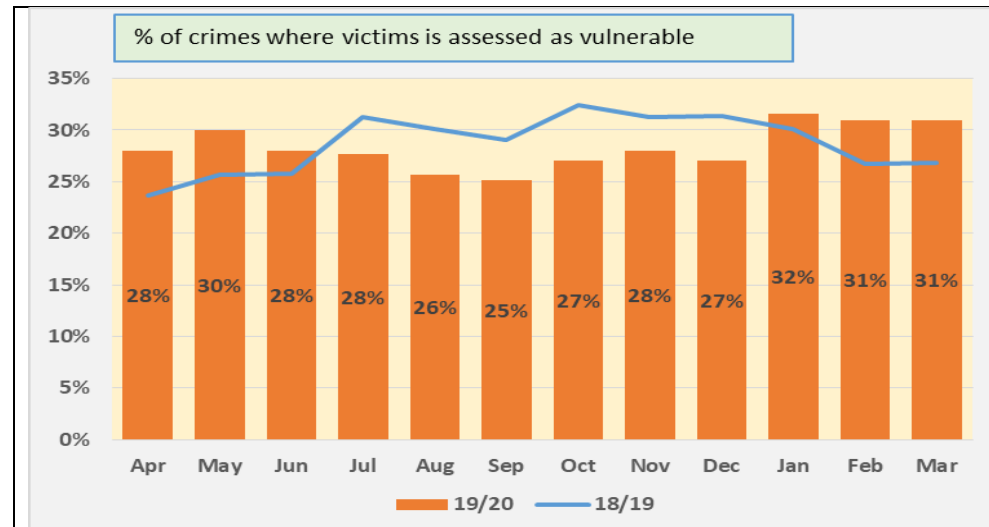
A new specialist team set up by SYP just prior to the lockdown dealing with Domestic Violence Protection Notices (DVPNs) and subsequent applications for Domestic Violence Protection Orders (DVPOs) is progressing well and adapting to COVID 19 restrictions. DVPNs and DVPOs are an important tool that police can use which allows victims to be safeguarded whilst providing time for both victims and perpetrators to access the specialist support they might need.

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

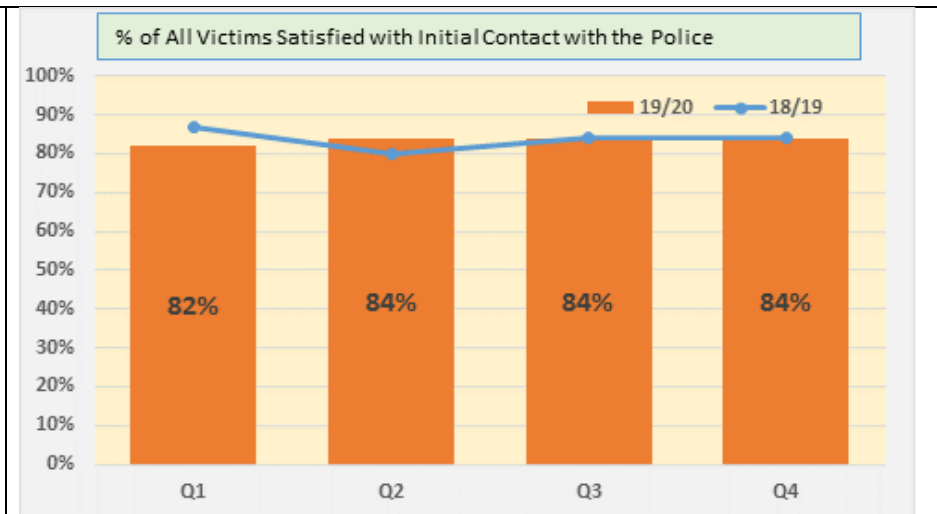
- Helping victims of serious violence, domestic abuse, sexual offences, including children.
- Helping those who are victims and survivors of child sexual exploitation and child criminal exploitation, human trafficking and slavery.
- Helping those vulnerable to cyber and internet fraud.
- Mental Health – 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

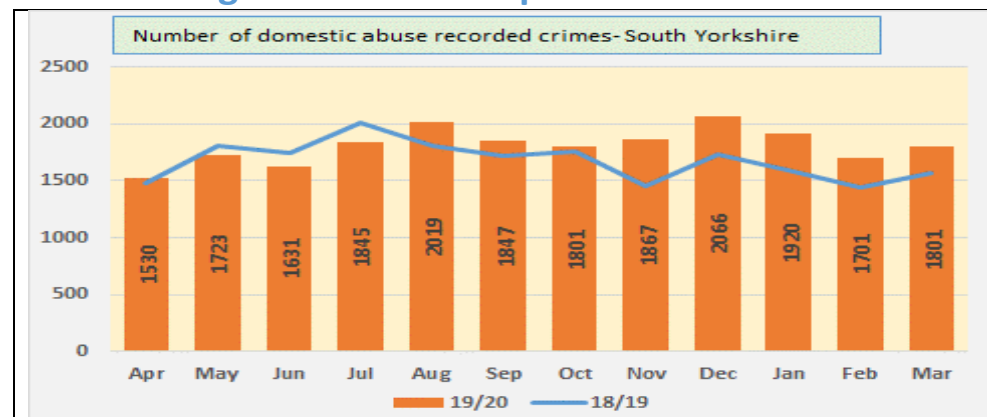
The proportions in Q4 2019/20 have increased compared to previous quarters and are higher than for the same period last year. This may be as a result of more informed recording and assessment of vulnerability in line with SYP's Vulnerability Assessment Framework.



Source: South Yorkshire Police – Victim Satisfaction Survey.

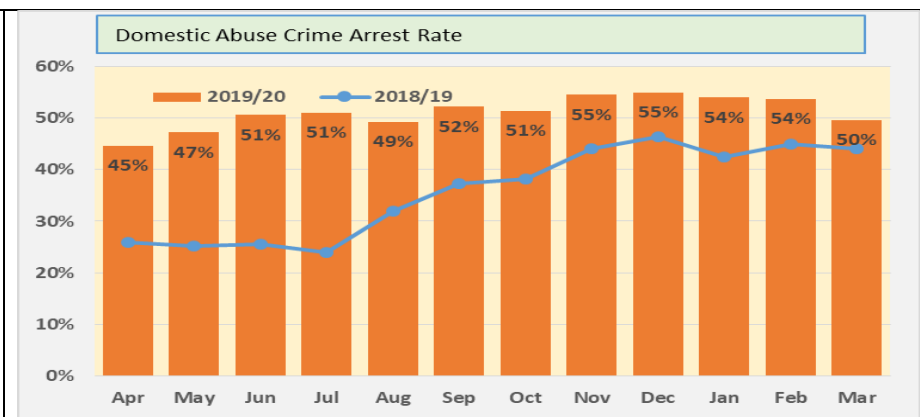
84% of all victims in quarter 4 were satisfied with the initial contact they had with the police, this is the same level as the same period the previous year.

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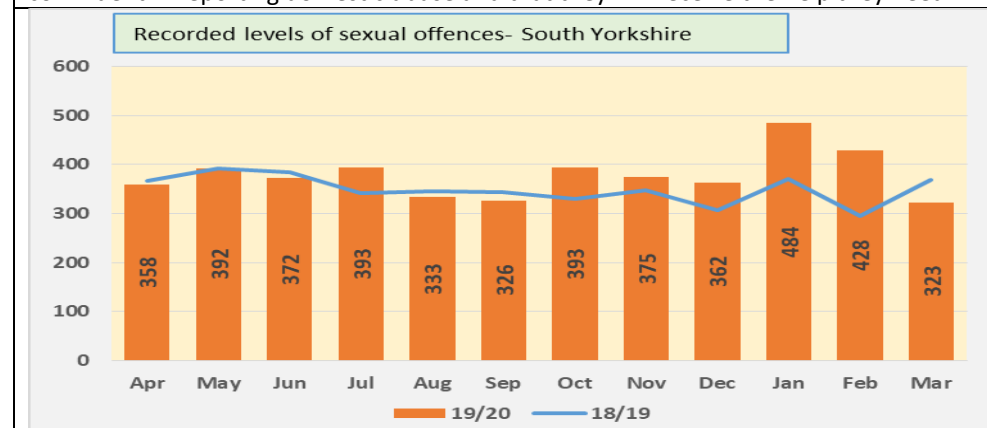
Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

Levels of domestic abuse recorded crimes were higher in Q4 19/20 than in the same period in the previous year. The OPCC and SYP work pro-actively to make sure victims feel confident in reporting domestic abuse and that they will receive the help they need.



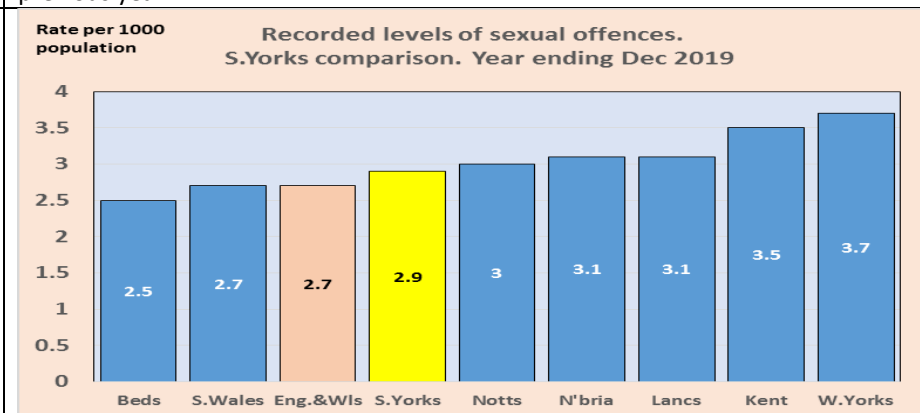
Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

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

There has been a slight increase in the recorded levels of sexual offences over 2019/20, overall the levels are generally higher than the previous year



Source: ONS – Police Recorded Crime

South Yorkshire Police has the third lowest level of recorded sexual offences compared to the group of most similar forces but slightly more than the England and Wales average.

**\*Recorded levels of sexual offences will include both crimes committed recently and older crimes, sometimes from a number of years ago. It is accepted that there is under-reporting of sexual offences nationally.**

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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)**

During the last quarter, 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 Q4 2019/20 there were 391 referrals to the ISVA service. Over this period there has been an increase of 7% in people taking up the offer of ISVA support compared to the last quarter, and historically there is an increase in the post-Christmas period. The overall volume of people being supported by an ISVA has increased by 2% compared to the last quarter. 29 people were supported at court by their ISVA, along with the associated special measures to maintain rights under the Victims Code.

Like many organisations, the response to social distancing has had an impact on service delivery. The ISVA service was built to work remotely and the logistical implementation was relatively painless, and clients have stated they are grateful feeling that we are still accessible. The impact on staff working in isolation with people who have suffered trauma is being monitored in order to adapt safely to this working environment, and this will continue as the impact on society of the lockdown emerges.

### **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.

Relationships between the SARC and SYP continue to develop including meetings having taken place between SARC management and SYP's single point of contact.

SARC staff are working hard this quarter with the COVID pandemic and are still seeing patients at this testing time, the service has good stocks of Personal Protective Equipment and are taking more calls from SYP to answer any questions relating to examinations.

The SARC are working on remote assessments and protecting all patients and staff, these are working well and feedback has been positive.

The link nurse roles are on hold currently, however the service is liaising closely with referrals pathway providers regularly to ensure that all referrals are made swiftly for patients ensuring minimal delays to patients so they have access to the support they need.

During Q4 2019/20 around 18% 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 Q4 Most referrals into the SARC were made by the Police (65%), whilst 33% were self-referrals.

### **Inspire to Change"- Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Programme – South Yorkshire 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

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encourages positive and pro social thinking and behaviour to prevent future harm to partners, children and family members.

There have been 240 referrals to the programme in quarter 4 (from January to March 2020.) This compares to 121, 157 and 143 in quarters 1, 2 and 3 respectively. Quarter 4 saw the highest referral numbers in females 42, compared to 27 in quarter 3 with all of them accessing either group or 1-1 work across South Yorkshire. There has been a significant rise in referrals from Police teams across South Yorkshire following a series of information session to officers on the frontline.

Towards the end of quarter 4, the Inspire to Change team saw a significant change in circumstances due to the outbreak of Coronavirus. The team were quick to respond to these challenges and continued to provide a service.

The team relocated from office-based assessments and area based group delivery to remote delivery, working from home. The team have re organized their schedules in order to complete assessments and carry out vital 1-1 work with domestic abuse perpetrators over the telephone for the first time.

The team set up crisis support working on a rota until 9pm each evening. This has been vital in helping those who remain in work to maintain contact with the programme and also for those wanting that extra support with their relationships at times of loneliness when risk is increased.

Inspire to Change has moved online and become digital. Workbooks and skills books have been created so that they can be sent electronically to service users. This created support for those with different learning styles and provided structure to the sessions that are easy to access. Immediate risks and needs for the service users has changed. Suddenly being unemployed, having family at home all day and the worry of not

having enough food or money were compounding underlying relationship strain. The aim was to make the service user the centre of the plan and tailor sessions to meet their requirements.

In this digital age, Inspire to Change developed a YouTube channel. This has videos of support, skills covered in the programme and also enables service users to access the workbooks online. In the first week the channel launched we have had 26 subscribers and some of the videos have been viewed over 60 times. The team produces a new video each week comprised of a personal recording and an adobe spark accompaniment of the skill.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcSw2CzfFWpy0sIG5ad9N4A/feature?disable\\_polymer=1](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcSw2CzfFWpy0sIG5ad9N4A/feature?disable_polymer=1)

As group work can no longer take place, neither could the drop in sessions for those who had completed the programme and wanted continued support. The team trialled a drop in conference call for service users, which will now continue. Plans for how this would be conducted were shared with the services users and the call was a success. Feedback from the service users has been positive, engagement rates have increased by 67% and the service has been commended for facilitating the continued ability to have peer discussion at this time with group members they already know. Social isolation is a factor in fear and frustration that leads to aggression.

Inspire to Change are continuing to provide a service throughout these challenging times that aims to combat this with the aim of keeping families in South Yorkshire safer from harm.

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

Work is underway to further identify the South Yorkshire County Lines, a number of potential lines have been identified and information about



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them are being developed. Clear intelligence requirements are being set out in order to develop understanding further. This will enhance work already underway to disrupt the lines and arrest offenders. South Yorkshire Police continue to work closely with regional partners to continue to understand and disrupt the organised crime groups running the lines. The Child Vulnerability Tracker has been implemented in Rotherham, Doncaster and Barnsley which tracks and manages CCE cases, work is being undertaken with the National Police Chief's Council (NPCC) to expand this to include CSE. Sheffield will aim to implement the tracker as soon as possible. The tracker identifies and prioritises safeguarding of young people and children enabling the right support to be put in place to keep them safe. Further funding has been identified for the next 6 months for the CCE police role within Epic and work is ongoing to identify further funding to ensure that this role is maintained and that work continues to train and raise awareness as well as embed new processes to identify and support CCE victims.

### **Mental Health**

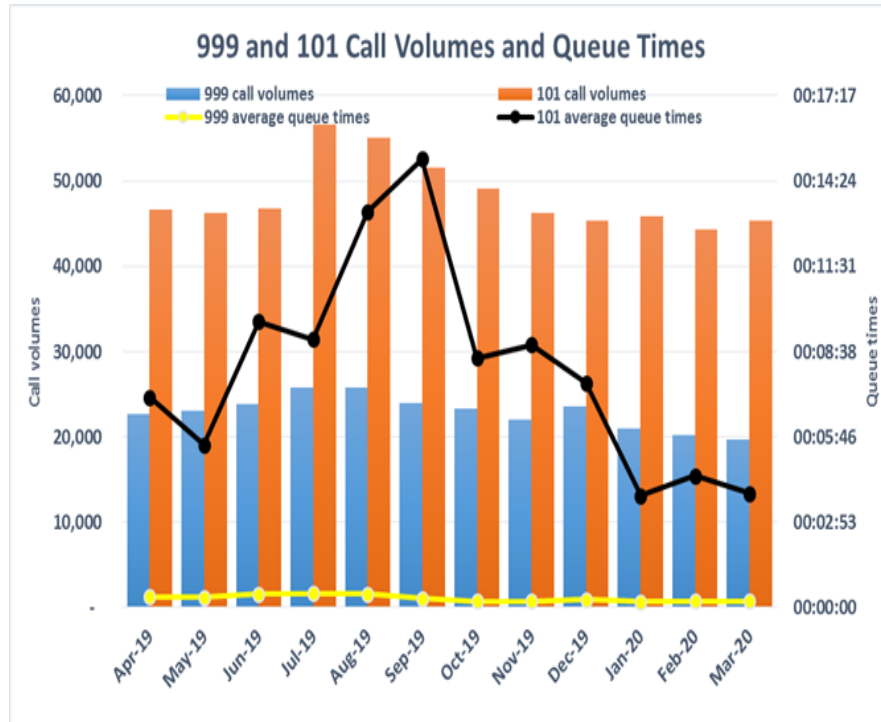
Suicide prevention: Partnership funding has led to the successful recruitment of a Suicide Prevention Support Officer. The successful applicant has completed an induction programme, including attachments to Public Health, Coroner's office, Protecting Vulnerable People's Unit, and neighbourhood teams. The initial focus for the support officer was to deliver relevant data to Public Health partners in relation to suspected suicide. The support officer is engaged with bereaved families from suspected suicide, as well as witnesses, arranging bereavement support with their consent, including children and young people. Partners have also funded a case management system (QES) to record suspected suicide data from across the County.

Strategic Blue Light and Hospital Alliance. The alliance has been created involving a wide range of partners across health, the police and fire and rescue. The aim to better understand demand and provide joined up responses to those people seeking help with mental health issues.

The Community Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (CMARAC) is a pilot multi-agency meeting where information is shared, on complex cases regarding vulnerable persons. The primary focus of the CMARAC is to safeguard individuals, prevent victimisation, and reduce demand and risk. The pilot started in Doncaster at the end of 2019 and has so far dealt with 13 cases with referrals being made through the police and partner agencies. An evaluation of the pilot is due to be available in May 2022 with a view to rolling out across the other 3 districts within SYP.

Covid 19 impact: Since the beginning of Lockdown the force has been closely monitoring the impact on changes and access to mental health services on police demand. Adjusting for seasonal fluctuations, there is slightly higher demand around mental health incidents and analysis shows that isolation is raised as a factor in many of these calls along with fear of job loss. Missing from home incidents are also being closely monitored.

## 999 and 101 Calls<sup>1</sup>



The total number of both 999 and 101 calls have shown a decreasing trend in Q4 compared to Q3 as shown by the blue and orange columns in the graph opposite. There were:

- just under 12% fewer calls to 999 (blue column) and
- just under 4% fewer to 101 (orange column).

Lower volumes have corresponded with a reduced average wait time for calls to be answered. (The yellow and black lines on the graph)

- The average 999 call wait time has decreased in Q4 compared to Q3 - down to 13 seconds on average in the final month of the quarter (March 2020) (yellow line)
- The average 101 call wait time during Q4 has also decreased compared to Q3 with the average wait in March 2020 of 3mins and 38 secs (black line).

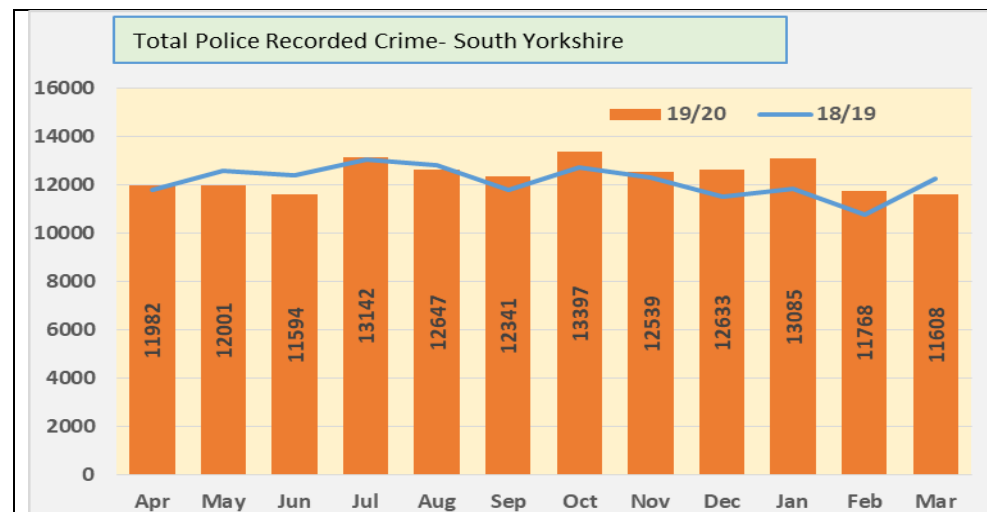
There are a number of points at which wait times can be calculated for 101 calls. The figures used here include the time a person spends going through switchboard up to and including being answered by a 101 call handler.

<sup>1</sup> includes all calls for service regardless of whether a victim is assessed as vulnerable under SYP's vulnerability assessment framework or not.

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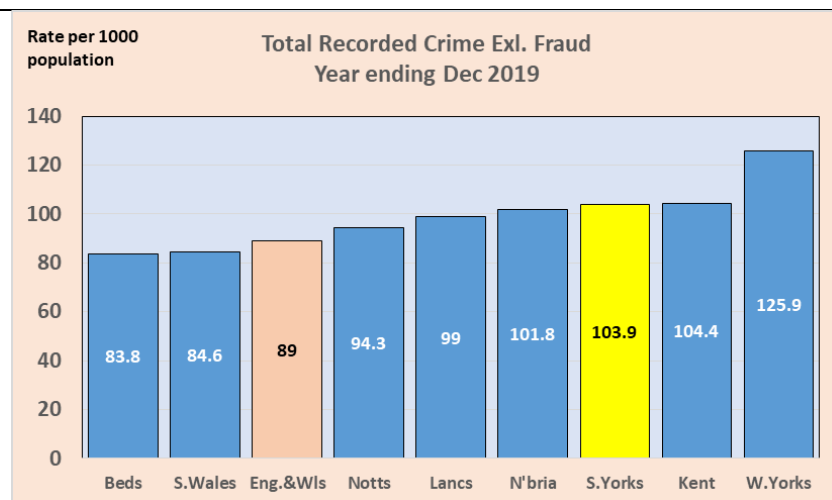
The indicators and narrative chosen for this section of the report aim to show achievement against the areas of focus for 2019/20 under this priority:

- 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: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

Total recorded crime by SYP has tracked slightly higher generally in 2019/20 compared to the previous year.

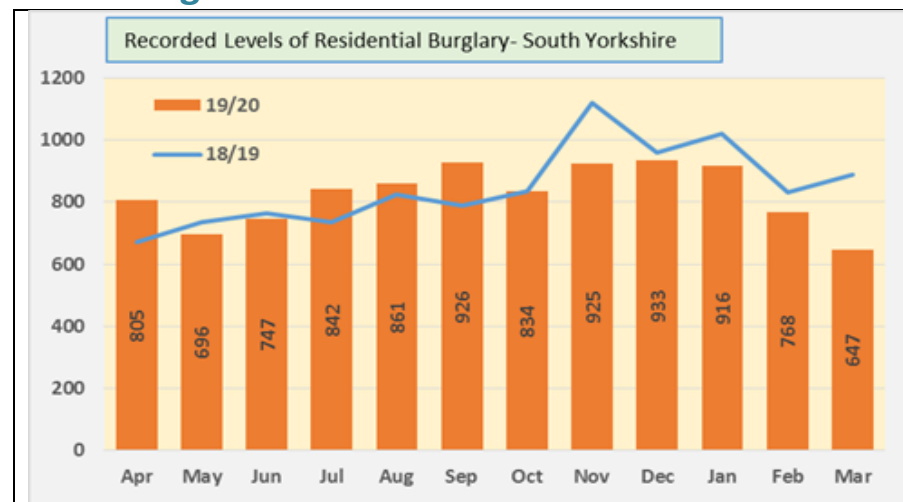


Source: ONS – Police Recorded Crime

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

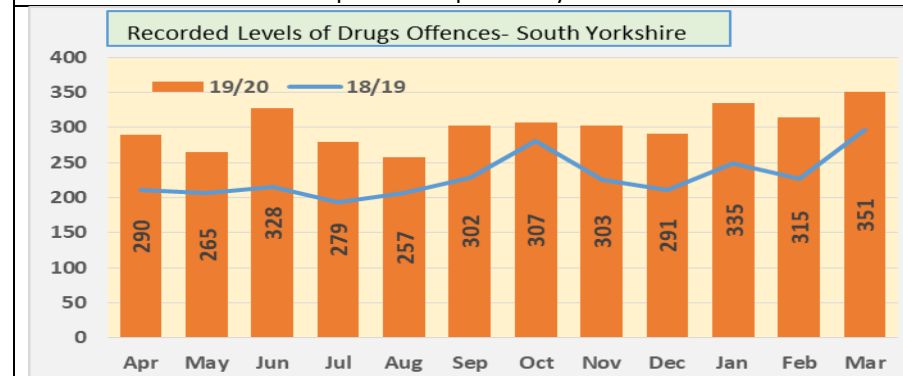
The accuracy of crime recording by the police has an impact on recorded crime figures. Those with more accurate recording may have higher recorded crime figures. HMICFRS conduct a rolling programme of inspections on forces' accuracy called "Crime Data Integrity" inspections. More details can be found on the HMICFRS website

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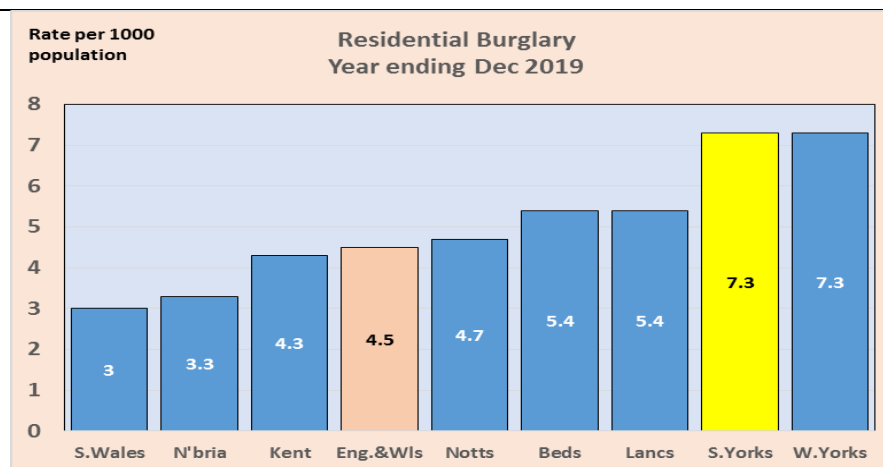
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Quarter 4 has seen a decrease in the recorded levels of residential burglary. Levels are lower than for the same period the previous year.



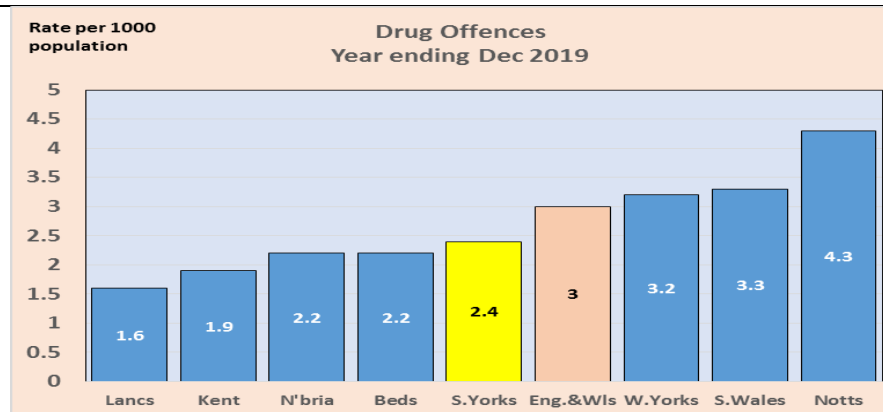
Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

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. Higher levels of recorded offences suggest more pro-active work being done by SYP to tackle drugs offences.



Source: ONS – Police Recorded Crime

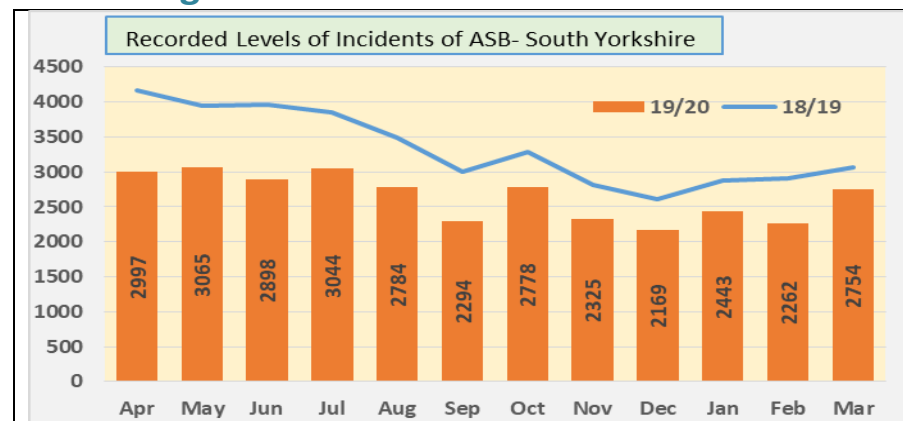
South Yorkshire has a higher rate of residential burglary than most of its most similar group of forces. Tackling residential burglary is a priority for all districts with a number of specific operations and initiatives in place to tackle the issue.



Source: ONS – Police Recorded Crime

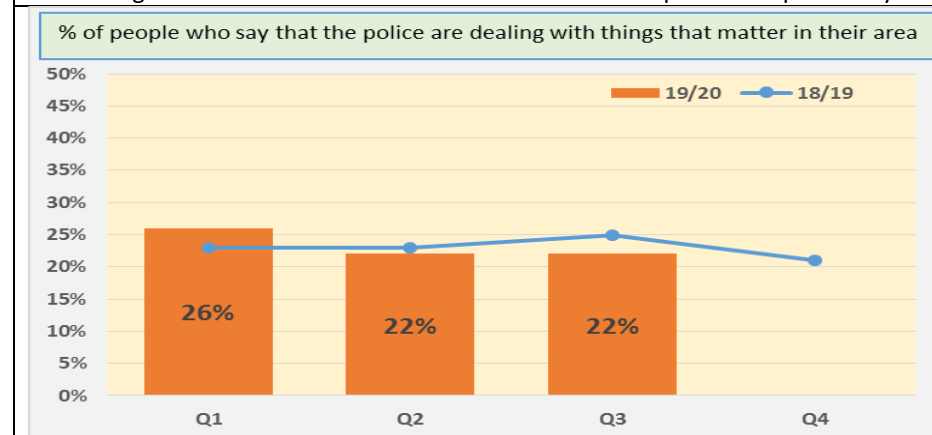
South Yorkshire sits in the middle of the most similar group of police forces for recorded drug offences and sits slightly below the England and Wales average

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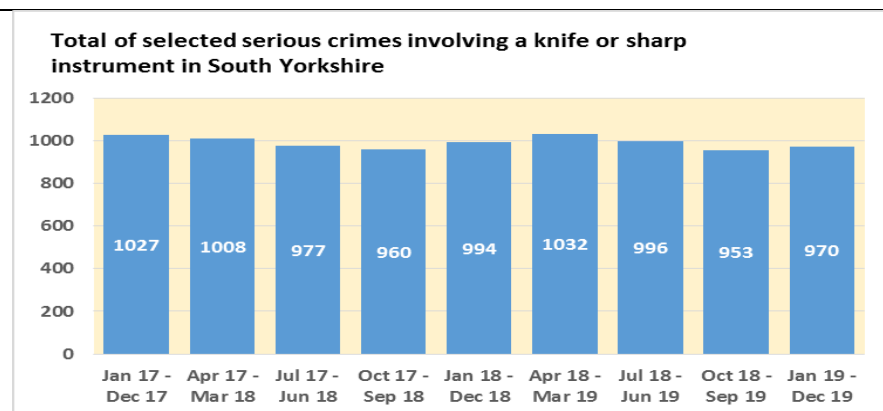
The recorded level of Anti-Social Behaviour recorded by SYP has been steadily decreasing. The levels in 2019-20 are lower than the same period the previous year.



Source: SYP Your Voice Counts Survey

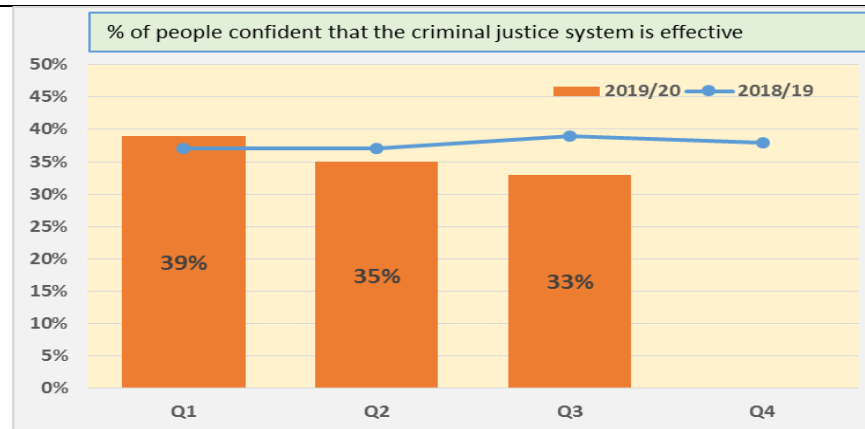
**No survey carried out during Q4, therefore these figures are as reported at Q3.**

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 lower than the same period the previous year but this is not a statistically significant change.



Source: ONS – Police Recorded Crime

The number of offences involving a knife has increased slightly in the latest 12 month period although it is lower than the same periods in the previous 2 years.



Source: SYP – Your Voice Counts Survey

**No survey carried out during Q4, therefore these figures are as reported at Q3.**

The % of people who think that the criminal justice system is effective has fallen during Q3 compared to Q2 but this is not a statistically significant decrease. However, there has been a statistically significant decrease compared to the same period last year.

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### **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.

### **Safer Barnsley Partnership**

Barnsley town centre has now achieved the prestigious 'Purple Flag' status. It is only one of four in Yorkshire. The Purple Flag brings many benefits for the town, with the associated raised profile and public image contributing to increased expenditure helping to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour as well as developing a more successful and diverse economy in the longer term. The accreditation was achieved thanks to measures put in place by the Council including tackling binge drinking.

Barnsley won the 'Best New Scheme' in this year's 'National Best Bar None Awards'<sup>2</sup>, with the judges commending the focus on Public Health where bars, pubs, clubs and restaurants across Barnsley participate in the "Ask for Angela" scheme; a simple code-word campaign for people feeling unsafe on a date. It also supported off-licenses to join a scheme to not sell single cans of high strength alcohol, in a bid to crack down on street

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<sup>2</sup> Barnsley Council launched the Best Bar None initiative in November 2017, which is an Accreditation Scheme awarded nationally and is supported by both the Home Office and the drinks industry. Its' aim is to promote responsible management and operation of alcohol licensed premises.

drinking, which contributes to anti-social behaviour and littering in the area as well as awarding bonus points to licensed premises for offering five low sugar non-alcoholic options, as well as signposting local drug and alcohol support services.

The council and SYP continue to work in partnership to reduce street drinking which contributes to ASB in the area. This quarter Operation Barossa took place aimed at tackling ASB and drug use and dealing within the PSPO area. During the four days operation the following results were achieved:

- 1 Breach of bail
- 1 Section 5 Public Order Act
- 1 wanted on a warrant,
- 1 Drunk & Disorderly
- 1 Possession of controlled drugs
- 3 Shoplifting
- 18 Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) Dispersal Notices
- 7 fixed penalty notices breaching PSPO orders
- 43 Stop and Searches
- 8 Arrests

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

The work of the Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership remains focused across a number of key agendas. Below is a summary of some of the key activity happening during quarter 4:

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- Use of Portable knife archway, metal detector mitts and Garrett Ace metal detectors; to assist in tackling violent crime. These have been successfully deployed at a number of locations.
- Supported the development of a Green Road Watch Scheme to provide intelligence regarding the use of illegal off-road motorcycles and associated criminal activity.
- Provided support to a newly established post to facilitate the information sharing mechanisms between Police and local schools to alert them to the incidents of domestic abuse and the impact on children.
- Provision of increased Sexual Abuse counselling services to support clients in therapy settings.
- Multiple domestic abuse campaigns, including radio coverage in relation to the 'Inspire to Change' perpetrator programme and a multi-agency Domestic Abuse conference.
- Youth Council Knife Crime campaign – significant work undertaken in partnership with Doncaster's Youth Council to support the launch of their #LivesUpKnivesDown film to promote the positive reality that Doncaster is child friendly and rarely experiences knife crime.
- Additional CCTV coverage at key locations to contribute to a significant impact in reducing crime and anti-social behaviour. More recently these cameras have also been used in the emergency response to Covid-19, monitoring footfall in key areas.
- Signage has been displayed in multiple locations across Doncaster where reports of vehicle nuisance are prevalent. This signage allows for swifter enforcement powers, provides visible deterrents to offenders and demonstrates multi-agency working.
- Best Bar None initiative has been successfully introduced in Doncaster. Training has been provided for licensed premises, with 20+ locations now being accredited. This initiative also allows for

additional measures to identify criminal activity within the night time economy.

- Smart ER project – partnership working with Doncaster's A&E Department to develop smarter communications to enable the delivery of outreach care into the community for patients attending at A&E.

In addition to the above initiatives and activity, significant work continues in relation to the Domestic Abuse Hub, the Vulnerability Hub and Doncaster's contribution to the County's Violent Crime Reduction Unit. It is now the case that a member of the Community Safety Team has been seconded into the full time role of Doncaster Partnership Lead. This role is integral in the development of Area Profiles to inform future work, including the long-term Violence Reduction Strategy.

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

Building confident and cohesive communities has been a continuing priority, with work to reduce anti-social behaviour and to tackle the harms of hate taking place in communities and in schools.

The Safe Places scheme, aimed at anyone who feels vulnerable or at risk while they are out in the community, was expanded to include leisure centres, libraries and Clifton Park Museum. This was promoted at the launch event for the SYP Autism Alert cards in Doncaster.

Work is ongoing to increase referrals for child sexual exploitation through awareness campaigns.

Work has started on the development of a Rotherham Violence Reduction Delivery Plan to support the South Yorkshire wide Violence Reduction Strategy. This includes close working with South Yorkshire Police to complement the work they are doing to deliver their Serious and Organised Crime Strategy through the respective delivery plan and also working with

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the wider partnership, particularly in respect of diversion and support initiatives.

Through the support and coordination of the South Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit, SmartWater technology is being used to tackle domestic abuse making victims feel safer and deterring further abuse. Perpetrators will be warned by the Police of what we are doing and the consequences should they return to a victim's home as well as referring them to Inspire to Change in an attempt to break their cycle of offending behaviour. Inspire to Change continue to see a positive increase in referrals.

### **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. All districts now publish a Neighbourhood Newsletter circulated by Inspectors and there are currently over 30,000 people signed up to SYP's Community Alerts.

### **Barnsley**

In February, the 6<sup>th</sup> neighbourhood team was created as a result of the PCSO Review and the additional police officers it has made available. This team covers the Rockingham, Hoyland, Darfield and Wombwell wards, previously serviced by the Goldthorpe team. This is a great achievement

and marks the final step in the structural reinvigoration of neighbourhood policing in Barnsley with the alignment of policing teams with the 6 Area Councils. Having a dedicated team will enable the district to better tackle those issues that most affect these communities and build trust and confidence. The team are currently based at Goldthorpe, but will be moving into Hoyland Police Station as soon as the renovations are complete.

Anti-social Behaviour (ASB) – In Goldthorpe and Bolton-upon-Deane, the behaviour of a group of 12-15 year olds was deteriorating from involvement in ASB to violence and criminal damage and was disproportionately affecting the elderly and more vulnerable within that community. Recognising that this issue required a multi-agency response as well as enforcement to fundamentally tackle this behaviour, the neighbourhood team:

- convened a strategy meeting and secured support from both YOT and children's services
- put in place a S.35 Dispersal Order and secured support from force assets to enforce this over several weeks
- delivered inputs to the local schools
- conducted joint visits to parents and carers
- diverted the majority, but are pursuing CJ outcomes against the ringleaders
- engaged with residents and MP, updated them on actions

There have been no further reported issues from this group, trust and confidence in the police has increased with positive feedback from the residents group, one of whom has now joined the Barnsley Independent Advisory Group (IAG).



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### Doncaster

Neighbourhood policing continues to expand in Doncaster with the re-opening of Edlington police station in February. This has allowed a team of officers and PCSOs to be based directly in the community so that residents can more easily approach police directly with any issues

The incidence of residential burglary in Doncaster remains a key focus for the district. In the first five months of the year there were month on month reductions, however, through the summer months, there has been increased residential burglary numbers and this trend has remained throughout the latter part of the year. The main areas affected are Bessacar, Cantley and Wheatley. Operation Arctic Alpha is Doncaster's response to residential burglary, which effectively ensures an intelligence led approach, targeted patrols, robust offender management, preventative partnership work and improving security of properties. The district will be dedicating a number of resources over the next three months to the operation and ensuring there is an integrated approach with the neighbourhood teams who will be working closely with partners to improve security, disseminate crime prevention information and promote engagement within those communities most affected by this issue.

### Rotherham

Local priorities remain consistent: burglary, speeding vehicles and drug related criminality. Residential burglary is amongst what matters most to local residents and the district has undertaken significant work to reduce crime and target offenders. Rotherham district proactively target offence patterns based on a crime pattern analysis and the district's recent focus was placed on identified hotspots during the winter based on trends around seasonality. January 2019 saw exceptionally high demands in respect of burglary offences with 192 offences recorded in that month

alone. This was largely based around seasonal crime trends. In a bid to prevent a repeat of the same trend in 2020, increased patrols and community engagement were put in place around high crime areas. The result of this was 63 fewer offences, equating to a year on year reduction of 32.8%. The local burglary governance process part is now part of the district's daily business. The success of the model is based around quickly identifying areas of highest demand and matching this against known offenders. These are then subjected to specific focus encompassing supportive management from the Offender Management Teams, information gathering from the Intelligence department, enforcement, disruption from uniformed police teams, and CID assets.

### Sheffield

Sheffield District continues to work with partners regarding the management of people missing from home, in particular looked after children. It has been recognised by the Children's Improvement Board following the recent OFSTED inspection that further emphasis will be placed on the management and care of these young people. Superintendent Mel Palin and the Director of Children's Services continue to work together with partners as part of the Vulnerable Person Executive Group. The aim of the group is to provide bespoke plans and pathways for young people engaged in exploitation by criminal gangs and organised crime groups such as county lines, trafficking, online abuse, sexual exploitation and extremism leading to radicalisation. This work runs parallel with Operation Fortify focusing on an achieving an improved score on the young person's emotional and behavioural screening questionnaire as a result of the intervention, improved engagement in education, employment or training, improved school attendance, reduced offending behaviour, reduced periods missing or away from home and improved access to health services. These will be measured through a defined set of data, which informs the above measures.

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Collaborative work with the Pro – Active teams has led to significant disruption on the drug supply market in the Burngreave area. Several key nominals are on remand awaiting trial. A long-term problematic address identified during the operation has been issued with a partial closure order; this remains a positive result and disrupts the criminality and ASB. The property will remain the subject of robust scrutiny to ensure compliance with the order whilst gathering further intelligence to pursue a full closure order.

A 5<sup>th</sup> additional neighbourhood policing team has been created – the North West team - by splitting the Central Team so that each team comes under the command of their own inspectors with a specific team of officers. The restructuring will allow officers to focus on a more defined patch and engage effectively with the communities in those areas.

Following a Tenants and Residents Association meeting complaints were received about drug taking and ASB in Ellesmere Green. 15 key nominals were identified, they were profiled to understand what services they were accessing and entitled to. Following partnership engagement activity they were served with Community Protection Notices and have now moved away from Ellesmere Green. A genuine positive from this piece of work is that local residents report seeing children enjoying playing football on the Green.

### **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 was £150,000 (including £20,000 for micro grants in Barnsley and Rotherham) and up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 grant funding has been awarded to 30 organisations totalling just over £124,810. 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 Station Houses Community Association applied to the small grant scheme for their initiative ‘Summer Fun 4 Everyone’.

The initiative aimed to reduce anti-social behaviour and address youth crime through diversionary activities.

The initiative set out to provide accessible and quality activities for children during the school summer holidays in Thurnscoe in Rotherham. The initiative was awarded £3,500.

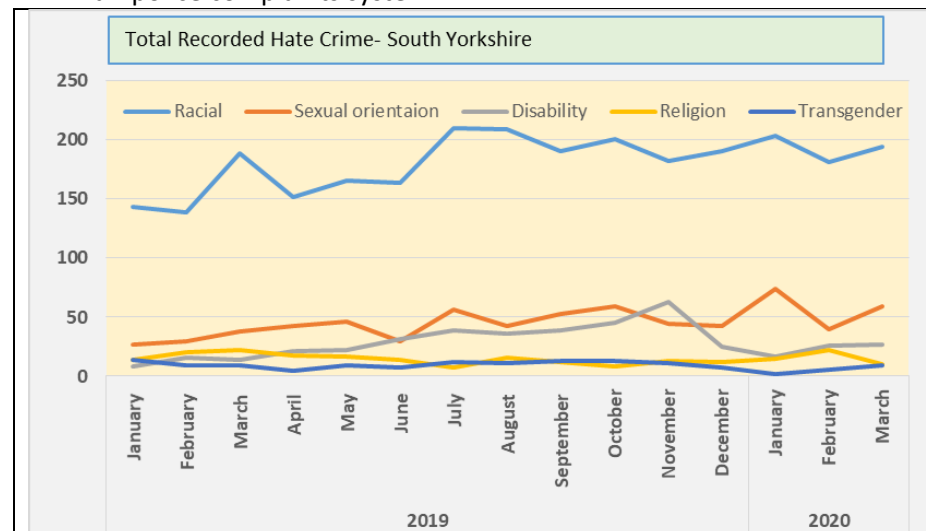
During the summer activity sessions that were funded there were 48 children that attended and on average each child attended 3.6 sessions. Overall 20 sessions were delivered over a 4 week period and each child received lunch for free each day they attended.

One child that benefitted from the sessions was a child that had recently entered into foster care. His foster parents were pleased that he could join in with some activities during the school holidays. It was reported that the child really enjoyed the sessions and his development was aided by the programme.

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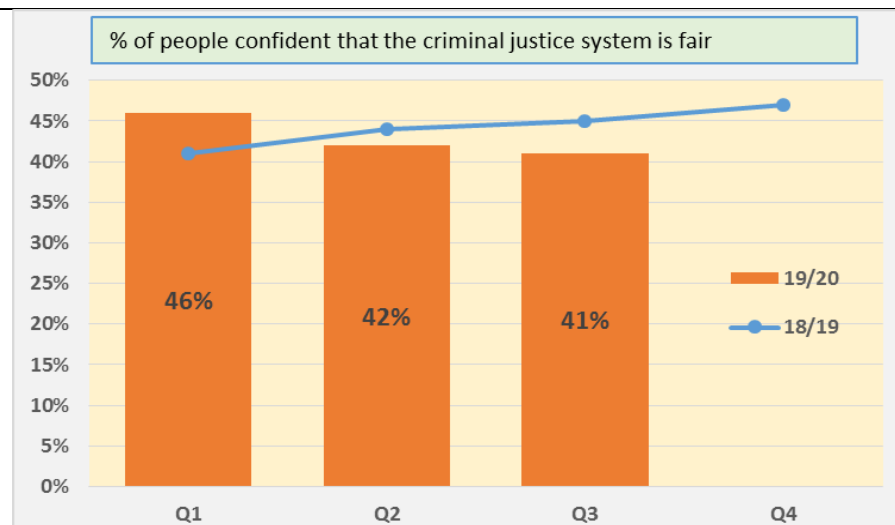
The areas of focus under this priority for 2019/20 are:

- 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: 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 by 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.



Source: SYP Your Voice Counts Survey

**There has been no survey carried out during Q4, therefore these figures are as reported at Q3.**

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 same period in the previous year (45%).

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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 introduced “link members” during 2019/20 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 February 2020, the panel discussed the impact of reforms to the police complaints system and received information on the work of the Serious Violent Crime Task Force. There was also an update report on stop and search activity and a report on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion relevant to the SYP workforce. Further information can be found in the Public Accountability Board meeting papers from 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020 on the OPCC website: <https://southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/openness/publications/> and on the IEP pages of the OPCC website here: <https://southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/what-we-do/iep/meetings-agendas-minutes/>

#### **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.

Between 1<sup>st</sup> January and 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020, 17 visits were made to the custody suites across South Yorkshire involving 105 detainees. Not all detainees are interviewed, for example some may not want a visit and others may not be available. As a result of the Covid-19 on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020, the PCC took the decision to suspend the ICV Scheme in order to keep custody visitors safe.

The Home Office agreed under the circumstances, to loosen requirements on the Code of Practice to ensure that some monitoring could take place. This meant that PCC's were able to innovate on how they conduct their monitoring, with a greater focus on remote monitoring, during the period where the pandemic restricts physical visiting.

To address this in South Yorkshire a checklist to enable officers from the OPCC to dip sample custody records has been created. These are then logged and monitored. Five custody records per suite are currently being dip sampled each week.

OPCC officers are also monitoring the Force custody dashboard. This enables them to track performance information including, the number of detainees, ethnicity, number of young people and the average length of time detainees are in custody.

The Office is also in regular contact with officers from the Force and is receiving ad hoc CCTV footage from each of the custody suites to give an idea of the condition of the suites.

Prior to the lockdown the OPCC had held a number of interviews for new ICVs and a number of people were successful. Training will commence once the office is in a position to do so.

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#### The Police Workforce

The SYP workforce at the end of quarter 4 2019/20 consisted of 5,348 staff members, this has increased from 5,270 the total at the same time last financial year.

Proportions of people with under-represented characteristics show some growth in the last three months. Among police officers, the ratio of female officers has climbed once again (+0.4%) to a new peak of 34.2%, though with the net loss of 2 BME/VME officers this quarter those proportions have fallen slightly (-0.1%/-0.1%) to 4.8% and 3.7%. There is a continuing rise (+0.2% to 2.3%) in the proportion of officers who identify as LGBT+. This figure reflects a response rate of 36.4% of the whole workforce, up again on last quarter. Disclosures of disability among police officers have also risen by +0.2%, though the proportion of the whole workforce remains unchanged at 2.4%.

Recruitment of female officers has accelerated to an all-time highest ratio of 42.2%. Furthermore, 40% of Superintendents are female in SYP.

For BME recruitment, the year-end picture is of only just above-establishment growth, and the nil recruitment of VME officers in quarter 4 means that VME recruitment has not kept up with the volume of leavers in 2019-20.

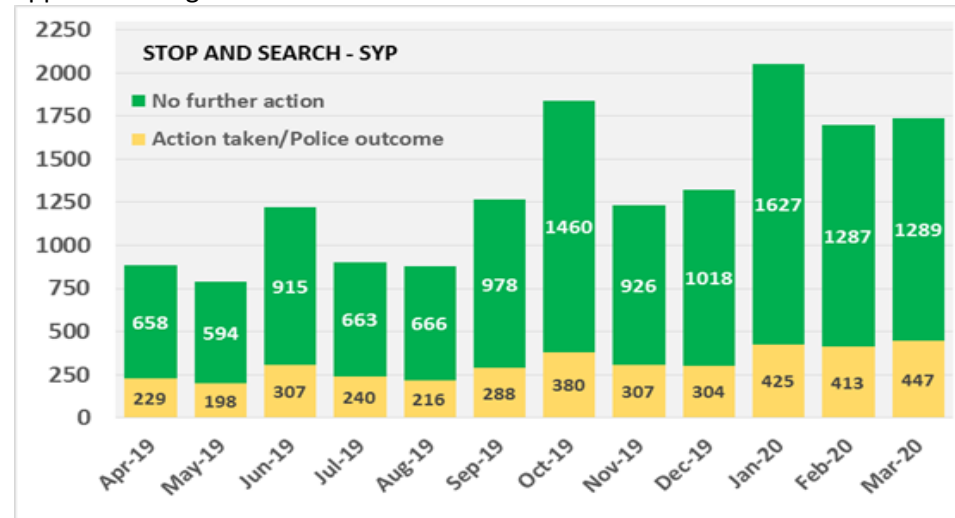
#### Stop and Search

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 positive action taken or a police outcome when someone is stopped and searched. This includes outcomes such as arrest, warning, caution and summons/charge by post or penalty notice. The percentage of positive outcomes (yellow on the graph) in January was 21%, in February was 24% and in March was 26%. These levels of positive outcomes being achieved whilst also increasing the numbers of stop and searches reflects the targeted approach being taken.



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#### Restorative Justice (RJ) - Remedi

Remedi is a registered charity working to deliver restorative justice (RJ) services for persons affected by crime in South Yorkshire. This includes facilitating a direct or indirect exchange between a victim of crime and offender.

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019– 31st March 2020 Remedi have had **395** new victim referrals into the service. Over those 12 months Remedi have completed:

- **31** direct meetings between victims of crime and the offender
- **184** indirect messages and letters have been passed between victims and offenders
- **591** restorative awareness sessions have been delivered by trained RJ practitioners to offenders being managed across South Yorkshire Community Rehabilitation Companies (CRC's).
- **69** individual RJ awareness raising sessions have been delivered to various community or professional groups across the county
- **1211** individuals including police officers and councillors have been trained in restorative practices

Some of the positive feedback that has been received is as follows:

#### From different victims following a restorative intervention:

- "I have been able to forgive him for his actions and now I want to help him with his life to move forward."
- "I'm glad he's apologised. It was just a stupid mistake. Let's hope everyone can put it behind them. "
- "I am grateful he said sorry at least that's something. Nobody wanted this to happen, but I am thankful he apologised at least."
- "I liked the idea of RJ only thing is of course is all depends on the Individual person as everyone is different. I'm glad I did it as I have never experienced RJ before, and I wanted to know how the offender felt. When I met him, we got on so well we could have been mates."

#### Feedback to practitioners from partners & service users:

- "I am truly grateful for all your support. Without this I wouldn't have had the confidence to write this letter and express how truly remorseful I am. I hope this will lead to an opportunity of meeting them in person"
- "Everyone involved in this case has been absolutely splendid and I couldn't ask for more."
- "Thank you for your support and giving me the support, I needed to help me move forward "
- "I would recommend RJ to anyone. I've seen a change in myself since the meeting with the victim. I was a very angry individual which stopped me from moving forward. Now I am able to move forward thanks to this process"
- "Thank you, thank you Remedi" (accompanied by a hand drawn picture from a victim)

#### Remedi's response to Covid19

The service continues to be adaptable and have found ways around continuing its work with victims of crime and those affected across South Yorkshire. The service continues to support victims within the active caseload. The service continues to take on any new referrals and support partners within South Yorkshire Police with any restorative work for their investigations. Remedi is using video calls and telephone calls to ensure that work continues during this time and that cases are being progressed as much as possible.

The RJ Hub remains fully open Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm. An answerphone facility is available out of hours and all calls will be responded to.

**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 March 2020 is as follows:

Revenue budget:

- OPCC draft out turn is a £274k underspend. This relates mainly to underspends on employees (£118k) which have arisen as a result of vacancies and recharges to the VRU for work undertaken by OPCC staff, and supplies and services (£130k).
- The Force is forecasting an underspend of £1.225m, comprising under and overspends over the full range of services.

- Legacy issues including Hillsborough civil claims, the Stovewood enquiry and Child Sexual Exploitation civil claims are £5.247m underspent.

Capital budget:

The revised capital programme is £21.4m. The draft out turn is £13.7m, generating an underspend of £7.7m. Work is ongoing with the PCC and Force Interim CFOs, and the Force Interim Director of Resources to review the capital programme and associated processes.

### **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.

Twenty-one contracts were awarded for SYP between January to March 2020 with sixteen of these collaborative. In the same period £232,880 actual cashable savings were reported to the Home Office, for the year 2019/20 the savings achieved exceeded the target set by the Home Office for the year.

### **Public Engagement**

During the three-month period January to March 2020 the PCC's Engagement Officers gathered the views of over 1,000 people at face to face events across the county. This engagement period also included the annual consultation on the precept – the policing element of the council tax.

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Events and public meetings attended by the PCC / Engagement Team included The Great Get Together for lonely and isolated older people at the Holiday Inn Barnsley; Manor & Castle Action Group; Letwell Parish Council; Wombwell PACT (Partners and Community Together); Tankersley Parish Council, Arbourthorne community meeting, Wentworth Parish Council and meeting flood volunteers at St Cuthberts Church in Fishlake.

The Engagement team also hosted 20 stalls across the Force area including Rotherham Asian Food Market; Greenhill Library; Doncaster Interchange; Crystal Peaks shopping centre; Sheffield Hallam University; Barnsley Market; Goldthorpe Library; Sheffield Cathedral; Dinnington Salvation Army Hall and met with residents at assisted living accommodations in Swinton and Herringthorpe.

A number of people used the PCC's precept engagement stalls as an opportunity to raise concerns about other elements of their council tax including bin collections, fly tipping, and the lack of maintenance /repair of local roads.

Drug dealing remained a concern in various communities with many people describing it as 'blatant'

There was increasing public support of SYP's Off Road Team and the work they were doing to combat the anti-social use of motorbikes and quads in both rural and urban communities.

There was a growing number of people frustrated at the perceived lack of action taken by the police and local authorities to address the issues of how some communities choose to live – particularly in Page Hall, Balby and Hexthorpe.

Whilst there were still some concerns at the length of time taken to get through to the police via 101, people were starting to use online reporting with positive results – receiving timely call backs from local officers.



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 April 2019- March 2020
Monthly Public Accountability Board meetings	An opportunity for the PCC and members of the public to question the Chief Constable and his team	12 meetings held between April 2019- March 2020
Quarterly Joint Independent Audit Committee meetings	Focussing on governance and risk management – exception reports to the Public Accountability Board meetings	6 meetings held between April 2019- March 2020
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 April 2019- March 2020
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	0 meetings held between April 2019- March 2020
Independent Custody Visiting Scheme	OPCC run scheme where volunteers visit unannounced to check that those being held in custody are being treated properly	122 visits have been undertaken April 2019- March 2020
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	57 decisions made and published on the website between April 2019- March 2020.
Refreshed Joint Corporate Governance Framework	Making sure the PCC and Chief Constable conduct business correctly in line with the statutory framework.	