

POLICE AND CRIME PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT

1st July to 30th September 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 2020/21 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.

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Police and Crime Plan Summary Dashboard

Protecting Vulnerable People			
Measure	12 Months to September 2019	12 Months to September 2020	Trend*
Recorded Domestic Abuse Crimes (1)	20,133	22,973	↑
Domestic Abuse Crime arrest Rate (1)	46%	57%	↑
Recorded Sexual Offences (1)	4190	4211	↑
% of crimes where victim is assessed as vulnerable (1)	29%	31%	↑
% of vulnerable victims satisfied with initial contact (1)	83%	86%	Change not statistically significant

Tackling Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour			
Measure	12 Months to September 2019	12 Months to September 2020	Trend*
SYP Recorded level of Anti-Social Behaviour (1)	34,641	36,592	↑
Recorded level of all crime (1)	145,046	140528	↓
	Jan 17- Dec 17 cohort	Jan 18 – Dec 18 cohort	Trend*
Rate of proven re-offending (adults) (2)	30.7%	29.5%	↓
Rate of proven re-offending (youth) (2)	31.8%	28.2%	↓
	12 months to June 19	12 months to June 20	
Serious crimes involving a knife or sharp instrument (3)	996	932	↓

Treating People Fairly			
Measure	12 months to June 19	12 months to June 20	Comparison
% of people saying police do a good/excellent job (7)	54.7%	49.7%	Decrease not statistically significant
Measure	Apr 19 to Sept 19	Apr 20 to Sept 20	Trend*
Number of referrals to Restorative Justice service (4)	212	283	↑
Measure	12 Months to Sept 2019	12 Months to Sept 2020	Trend*
Stop and Search conducted (5)	10481	19405	↑

Providing Value For Money For Policing and Crime Services	
End of year forecast (Revenue - SYP) (6)	£1.75m overspend
End of year forecast (Capital - SYP) (6)	Programme being revised due to Covid-19. Forecast to be confirmed. Year to Date Spend 3.1m

Source : (1) SYP, (2) MoJ, (3) ONS, (4) Remedi, (5) Police.UK, (6) OPCC (7) ONS – Annual

* Unless otherwise stated, the arrows denote the direction of travel only rather than any statistically significant increase/decrease

COVID 19

This report has been written during the continued Government's lockdown restrictions on the whole UK population as a result of the Covid 19 Coronavirus pandemic, although from July, restrictions started to be eased slightly.

There continues to be wide ranging changes to the way 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 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 is still not being conducted as usual. In order to respond to the emergency and fulfil his statutory responsibilities, the Commissioner's continued focus has been:

- 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 has meant:

- Modified Governance meetings. Assurance and governance meetings have continued 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 has been to provide assurance, to the PCC and the public, on how the new legislative powers are being 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 the Office of 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, other Ministers from the Home Office and Ministry of Justice and senior government officials 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
- The PCC chairing additional Local Criminal Justice Board meetings as considered necessary over and above those previously scheduled

The PCC's Commissioning Team has worked hard during this time and as a result have secured additional external funding of £1,741,021 much of it to provide extra resource for Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence support services across South Yorkshire.

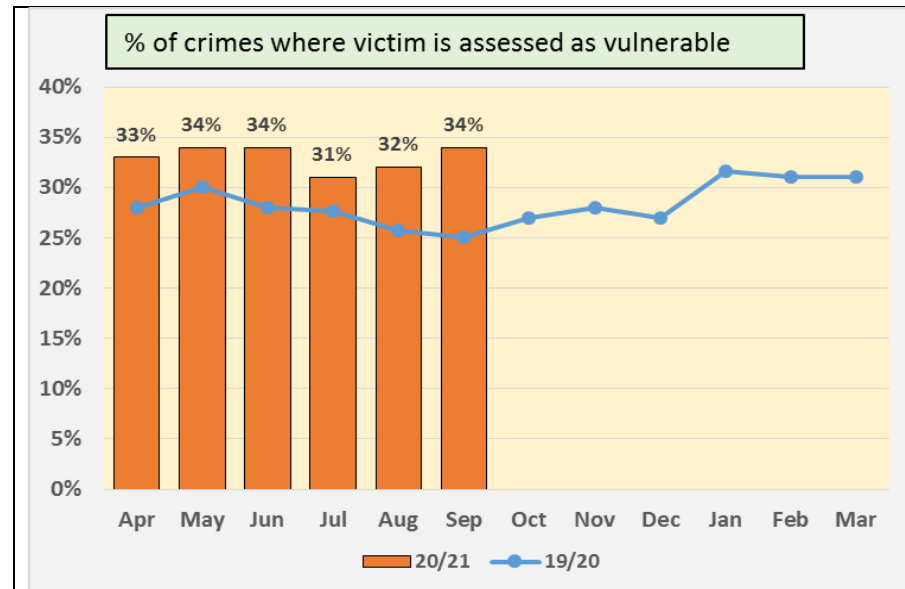
Throughout this period, the PCC has been writing and publishing a weekly blog. The blog aims to keep members of the public, partners and communities up to date with how he is carrying out his role during the coronavirus pandemic and also to think more widely around contemporary issues that have a bearing on policing. All of the blogs can be found on the PCC's website, with the latest one here: <https://southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/blogs/pcc-blog-33/>

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Within this priority, the focus for 2020/21 is:

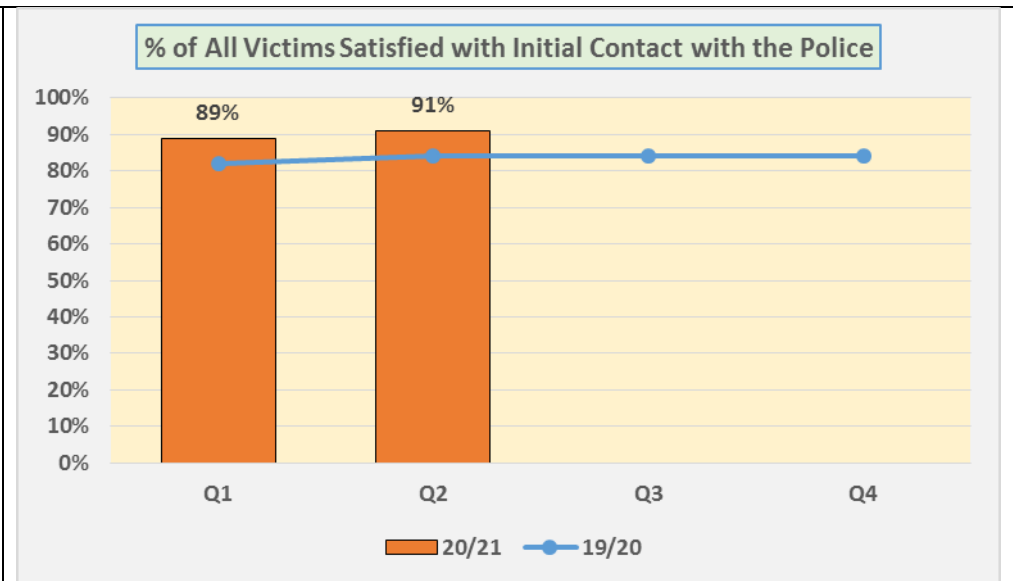
- Helping victims of serious violence, domestic abuse, sexual offences, including children.
- Helping those who are victims and survivors of child sexual exploitation and child criminal exploitation, human trafficking and slavery.
- Helping those vulnerable to cyber and internet fraud.
- Mental Health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

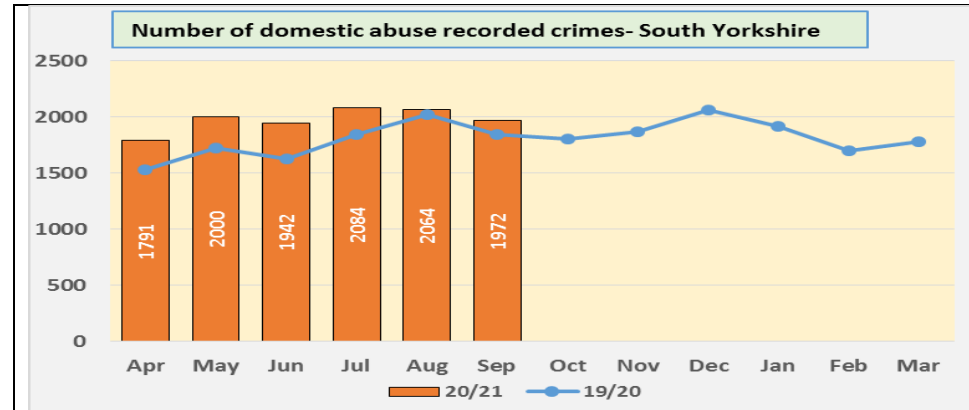
The percentage in Q2 2020/21 is higher than for the same period last year. This may be as a result of more informed recording and assessment of vulnerability in line with SYP's Vulnerability Assessment Framework.



Source: South Yorkshire Police – Victim Satisfaction Survey.

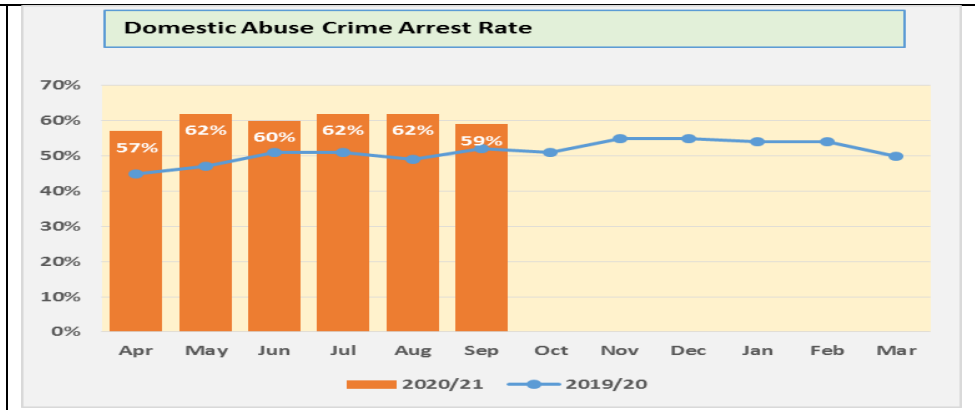
91% of all victims in quarter 2 were satisfied with the initial contact they had with the police. This is not a statistically significant increase compared to Q1 but is a statistically significant increase compared to the same period in 2019/20.

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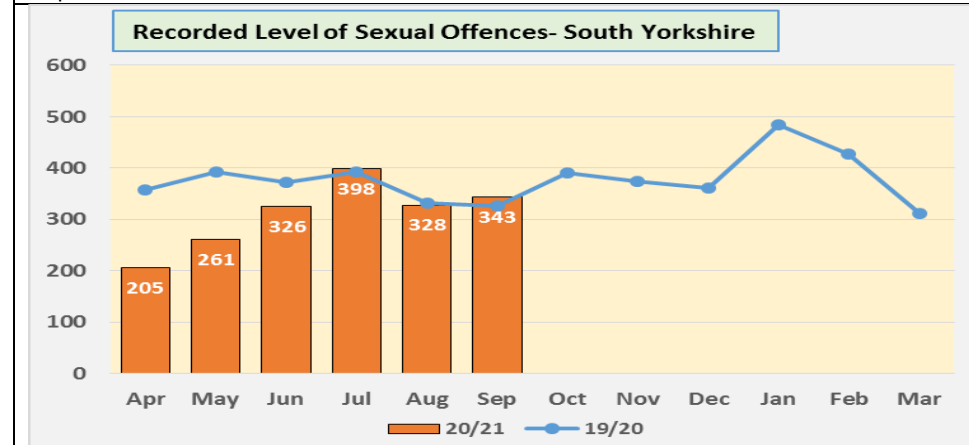
Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

Domestic abuse recorded crimes were higher in Q2 20/21 than in the same period 2019/20. SYP and the OPCC have been working hard during Pandemic to make sure victims are still able to report domestic abuse whilst being confined to their homes with their abusers, including a new option of being able to report domestic abuse online. Increased reporting is positive in this respect.



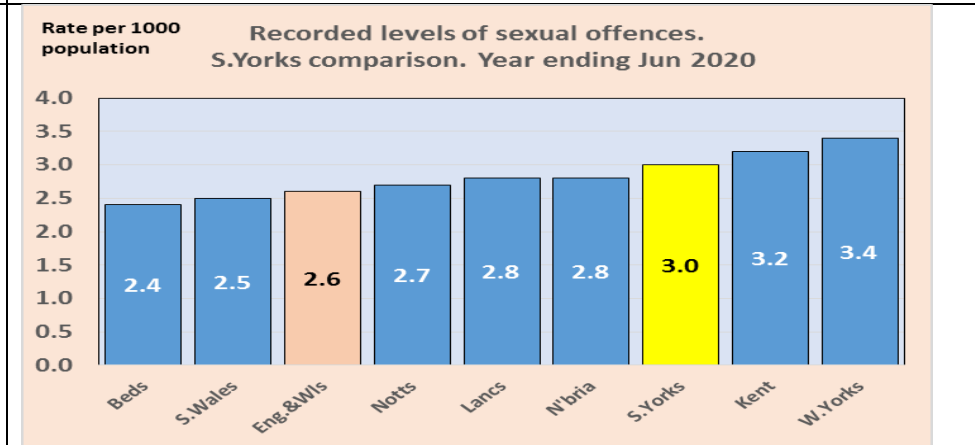
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SYP's continued focus on domestic abuse (DA), including the setting up of dedicated DA teams, means that the proportion of Domestic Abuse Crimes where an arrest is made has increased, with the percentage of arrests during quarter 2 being higher than during the same period in the previous year.



Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

Following a decrease at the start of the year during the lockdown, recorded sexual offences in Q2 2020/21 are now at similar levels to those seen in the previous year.



Source: ONS – Police Recorded Crime

Latest available data up to June 2020 shows South Yorkshire Police has the third highest level of recorded sexual offences compared to most similar forces.

***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 (ISVA) Service

The ISVA service has maintained Key Performance Indicators and continued to work with key partners to ensure service delivery has continued in a safe compliant manner. Following the decrease in referrals in Q1 of 20/21 (40% lower against the expected average), the volume has returned to the expected levels.

The services have ensured that key partners are aware that the Child and Adult ISVA service is fully operational, operating in line with Covid guidelines to ensure there are no barriers to accessing services.

The pandemic has impacted the criminal justice aspect of the service, particularly delays due to restrictions on the cases that could be progressed at court, CPS decisions and Police investigations due to pressure on resources all of which the ISVA workers are communicating and managing with clients. The wider criminal justice aspect reflects the national picture and is not unique to South Yorkshire.

Additional funding for more ISVA resource was secured for the remainder of the commissioned service period which will help mitigate the impact of the pandemic, particularly increased individual worker caseloads due to increasing time needed with each client to navigate the criminal justice system.

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.

The SARC is continuing to see patients during the difficult time of covid 19 and although there was a slight dip in numbers at the beginning of the lockdown in March, numbers have increased month on month, with September seeing one of the busiest weekend periods since Mountain Healthcare Ltd took over the contract in April 2016.

The SARC were proud to receive high praise from a senior officer within South Yorkshire Police in relation to a case of serious sexual assault within the region and a personal thank you to the individual team on that shift was welcomed.

Each member of the team in South Yorkshire is passionate about seeing patients and promoting the service now more so than ever.

SARC nurses continue to promote the services offered to the LGBTQ+ community and took part in the online pride events for Sheffield at the end of August which were a great success.

As the Country enters another lockdown, the service is keen to ensure that patients, partners and communities know the service is still working and offering a service to those that need help. The SARC is keen to develop professional feedback links whereby police officers can

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send in direct feedback about the service and the SARC team so that this can then be used to continually develop close links with professionals.

During Q2 2020/21, there were 115 referrals into the SARC. This is more than the 89 in quarter 1 but fewer than the 134 for the same period in 2019/20. The percentage of rape and sexual assault crimes reported by those over 17 years old and referred to the SARC was around 20% in Q2, compared to around 22% in Q1. The majority of referrals were from SYP (79%), followed by self-referrals (18%) and agency referrals (3%).

“Inspire to Change”- Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Programme – South Yorkshire Community Rehabilitation Company (SYCRC)

There have been 530 referrals to the programme from July to September 2020. This demonstrates a significant increase compared to the referrals received in the same quarter last year (156). Referrals have been received from multiple sources;

- 60 - Social services
- 51 – Self-referrals
- 361 – Police referrals
- 58 – Other sources

77 of the total referrals this quarter were for females, nearly half of the previous quarter (127).

Work is still being undertaken with partners including local authorities and the police to ensure that referrals are appropriate and are of good quality. Inappropriate referrals can impact on the success rate of the programme. Work includes delivering training and production of an online video to explain the referrals criteria in detail and providing virtual workshops, the first of which is set to take place in November.

The team has continued to work from home during the summer and Autumn of 2020/21. All contact with service users currently takes place via telephone. Since April, service users have been offered access to group sessions or 1-1 appointments and have also recently gained access to Microsoft Teams. This has given the option to run sessions on this platform and work is ongoing to bring this to fruition. Referrals, assessments and 1-1 intervention continue as usual as does communication with professionals. Crisis support remains in place until 9pm each evening.

The digital platform has been adapted to aid 1-1 and groups sessions. The team has created a number of videos with specific content relating to each session which service users are asked to watch prior to their next appointment. This enables the key worker to draw upon the theory and skills discussed in the video in their sessions to make the appointments more interactive. The content also serves as a reference for the service users should they feel that they need to refresh their skills and is available 24 hours a day. This tool continues to be shared with professionals wishing to complete motivational work with their service users prior to referring to the programme.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcSw2CzfFWpy0slG5ad9N4A/featured?disable_polymer=1

Furthermore, responses to known heightened risk periods such as bank holidays have been addressed in terms of providing electronic support for alcohol awareness. <https://spark.adobe.com/page/TkjiLrJMnozN/>
This can sent via text and email to any mobile device.

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The initial video introduces professionals to the service and discusses the link between motivation and success.

<https://spark.adobe.com/video/w7HEcY2Tel4zu>

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

Safeguarding Children

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

SYP, have an up to date, Child Exploitation force strategy 2020/2021. This incorporates and focuses on CSE, Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) and Child Abuse. Each area of the force has a delivery plan and dedicated vulnerability theme lead, including a standalone CSE policy incorporating operational guidance for officers giving clear direction and procedural instructions to officers.

CSE has a dedicated analyst, who will produce a monthly CSE performance management document. This will drive district performance meetings around CSE and help match resources to demand, identify risk and allow opportunities for early intervention.

National safeguarding week - National safeguarding week on 16-20 Nov 2020 saw a force wide multiagency week of action, encompassing a range of themes but included activity on specific operations targeting CSE and online CSE awareness raising. Alongside this SYP are running an internal and external media campaign in line with the National campaign 'Look closer'

GRACE Project – Innovative work has started with an approved three year SYP secondment to the Centric/Europol led 'Grace Project'. Based at the centric hub in Sheffield, this is a good opportunity for SYP to understand the advancements in technology and combatting online CSE.

CSE Reporting Portal. A CSE Portal is due to go live mid-November. The Portal will allow members of the public to report incidents directly to SYP and will also have a knowledge bank attached to it. Within the knowledge bank there is an article for CSE. From the article, members of the public can then click a link to report an incident on line to SYP.

Violence Reduction Unit. The Violence Reduction Unit has a piece of work underway to map out all services and support available across South Yorkshire for victims and survivors. There are a number of funding streams and new programmes available. One identified is the Forging ahead course, which offers training and support into the workplace. A consent form is required from the individual/s and a desire from that person to change/make positive life choices. This initiative is available for those aged 18 and over and who are on the periphery of crime or if they have criminal convictions.

Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE)

The Force intensification week was held in September 2020 and Police in South Yorkshire made 16 arrests, seized around £26,000 worth of Class A drugs and almost £20,000 cash in the week of action to disrupt drug dealing and the exploitation of vulnerable people. Officers also recovered a viable firearm, ammunition, and Class B drugs. Those arrested were detained for offences relating to drugs, weapons and suspected money laundering.

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The UK-wide week-long operation (14 – 20 September) was carried out specifically to target county line drug dealing. County Lines involves gangs exploiting vulnerable adults and children, forcing them to move and sell drugs between counties in a bid to widen their criminal network.

The force child exploitation officer role was embedded in South Yorkshire in July, the officer continues to educate professionals to recognise key indicators of child exploitation. The officer attends national and regional training to keep up to date with methods and trends whilst also gaining the larger intelligence picture.

The child exploitation vulnerability assessment tool (tracker) is now embedded within Sheffield with new referral pathways and processes. From Sept 2020, Sheffield is trialling the National Police Chief's Council's vulnerability tracker, currently used for CCE cases, trialling for cases of CSE this again taken from best practice and national recommendations.

The Vulnerability Assessment Tool (VAT), assesses any child with recognised indicators of CSE, CCE or County Lines and the child is placed on the VAT. The tool is already embedded within Doncaster, Barnsley and Rotherham with SYP's social care partners. The data inputted provides a risk rating which takes into account professional judgement. Weekly Multi Agency Child Exploitation meetings (MACE) are held with representation from social care, police, health, youth offending team, early intervention and prevention teams (local authority or 3rd sector) and education.

The meetings direct an intervention and support package for each child from early help, Barnados See Hear and Respond support, Railway Children Charity and Fearless (Crimestoppers), with referrals made as appropriate. These charities will support the child and empower them to

recognise the signs of exploitation. Further support to the victim and family can be provided through SYP schools officers, Youth Offending Team officers, PCSO or Neighbourhood Policing Teams. Built into the tracker is a review date to measure each case's success in respect of intervention and support.

Cybercrime and Fraud

Operation Signature is the process in place within South Yorkshire Police to identify vulnerable victims of fraud and put measures in place to safeguard and support them.

The National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) weekly victim data lists provided to forces are analysed by the Fraud Coordination Team. Whilst the investigation remains with NFIB, the team will read and assess each individual victim report. Those victims identified as vulnerable or requiring further contact to fully establish vulnerability are contacted by SYP's Fraud / Cyber Protect officers / Neighbourhood Policing Teams who will consider the suite of interventions and prevention advice and tailor to each individual victim such as:-

- The referral of victims to local support groups or other agencies.
- Fitting a Call Blocker at the victim's home address.
- Providing victims with a South Yorkshire Police endorsed "Big book of little scams / cyber scams" containing details of common fraud types.
- Further visits and contact with the victim to establish if they have been targeted further / the need for additional support.
- Contact with the victim's family / support network.
- Inviting victims to one of our Fraud Protect Roadshows.
- In some cases, victims want to share their story and this is done through the local media. This not only helps spread the Fraud Protect message, but can also help the victim feel empowered,

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- and help similar victims of the same fraud feel less shame and embarrassment as they realise they are not the only victim.

NFIB is currently carrying out research to profile victims of 'Domestic Cyber Crime' (DCC). DCC is cyber-crime where the victim and suspect are in a domestic relationship. Such offending reportedly constitutes domestic abuse and often occurs alongside non-cyber domestic offending. The research is being undertaken in an effort to:

- Understand the extent of DCC and identify local trends.
- Identify patterns of offending and understand how DCC interacts within non-cyber domestic abuse.
- Understand the impact of DCC, both psychological and financial, upon victims.
- Identify any additional risk factors that leave victims vulnerable to DCC.
- Understand the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on patterns of DCC victimisation.

Information is being provided by SYP in support of this work in October 2020. The force will be provided with a summary of the national findings which, it is hoped, will support further work in this area, as an enhancement to the processes already in place.

Mental Health

In order to support members of the public where additional mental health support is needed, SYP have in place a range of partnership working arrangements. The force themselves have mental health coordinators in post and a Chief Superintendent Mental Health Lead.

Detention of individuals under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act (where a police officer believes a person has a mental illness and need immediate 'care or control') are increasing. Within South Yorkshire, in the three months to September 2020 an average of between three and four people each day are detained under the Act.

For those individuals who need mental health support the experience can be traumatic, and it is recognised that the method by which the police transfer a person to an appropriate health professional is an important part of this. There is an increasing trend for a police vehicle to be used to transport individuals, with around 70% of conveyances taking place this way in recent months.

This is not the approach South Yorkshire Police would like to take and, as a result of review by the mental health coordinator, the importance of contacting and waiting for an ambulance has been briefed for officers across all districts areas. It is also now required for a supervisor to authorise any conveyance by police vehicle. The force is also working with Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS) to develop the funding for the business case for bespoke mental health conveyance via the Integrated Care Systems (ICS).

Work is starting with partners in British Transport Police and Yorkshire Ambulance Service are assisting to identify hot spot areas for attempt and suspected suicide, to enable problem-solving approaches and identify potential intervention activity.

A countywide prison tasking group continues to meet, with broad representation from public health, the prisons and Local Authorities, health partners and Clinical Commissioning Groups. The aim is to reduce the risk of suicide within prisons and upon release back into communities. Through this work, the Prison Partnership Board is considering a pilot, which would enable a digital care record for an individual to be linked to

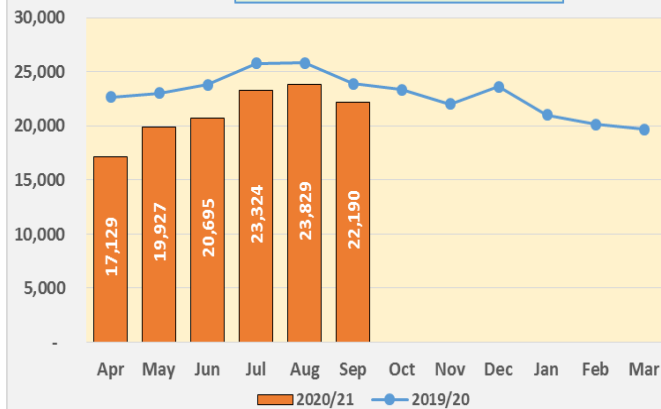
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their prison care record, supporting improved partnership awareness of needs. Additionally to this, suicide and self-harm prevention training has been provided to the prisons in South Yorkshire.

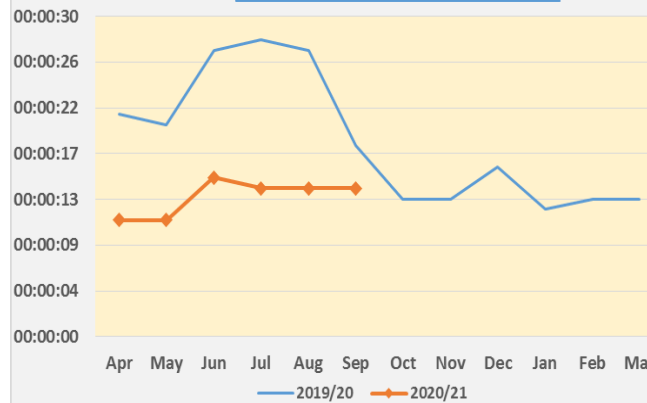
Further mental health training has also been developed with the help of people who have experienced issues themselves and have used mental health services. The training will be delivered to front line staff, including those from Yorkshire Ambulance Service, SYP custody officers and those working in SYP's call centre at Atlas Court. The training will focus on the trauma and stigma of mental health and how front line staff can support this through positive interaction.

999 and 101 Calls¹

Graph 1: 999 Call Volumes



Graph 2: 999 Average Queue Time

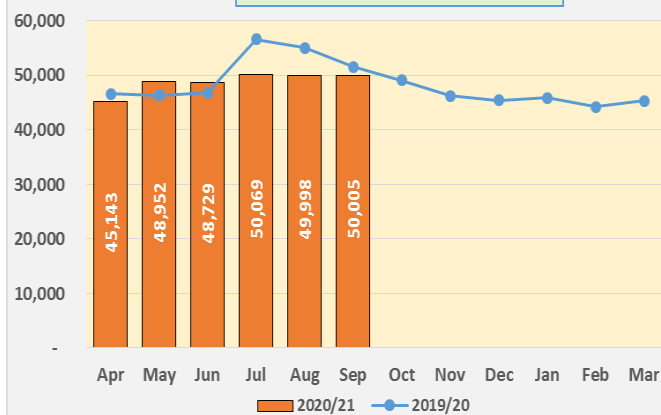


Following the easing of initial lockdown restrictions in July, 999 call levels have gradually increased, peaking in August. Call levels have been slightly below those for Q2 last year.

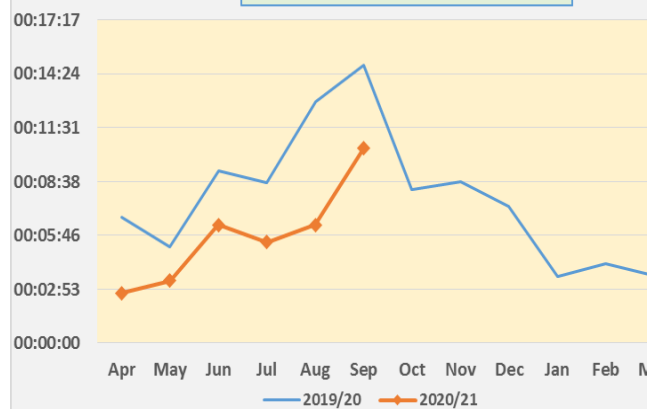
The average 999-wait time during Q2 2020/21, (the orange line in graph 2) was 14 seconds.

The average 101 wait time during Q1 2020/21 (the orange line in graph 4) was just over 7 minutes, less than the average wait time for the same period the previous year, but an increase compared to Q1 as call levels increased.

Graph 3: 101 Call Volumes



Graph 4: 101 Average Queue Time



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.

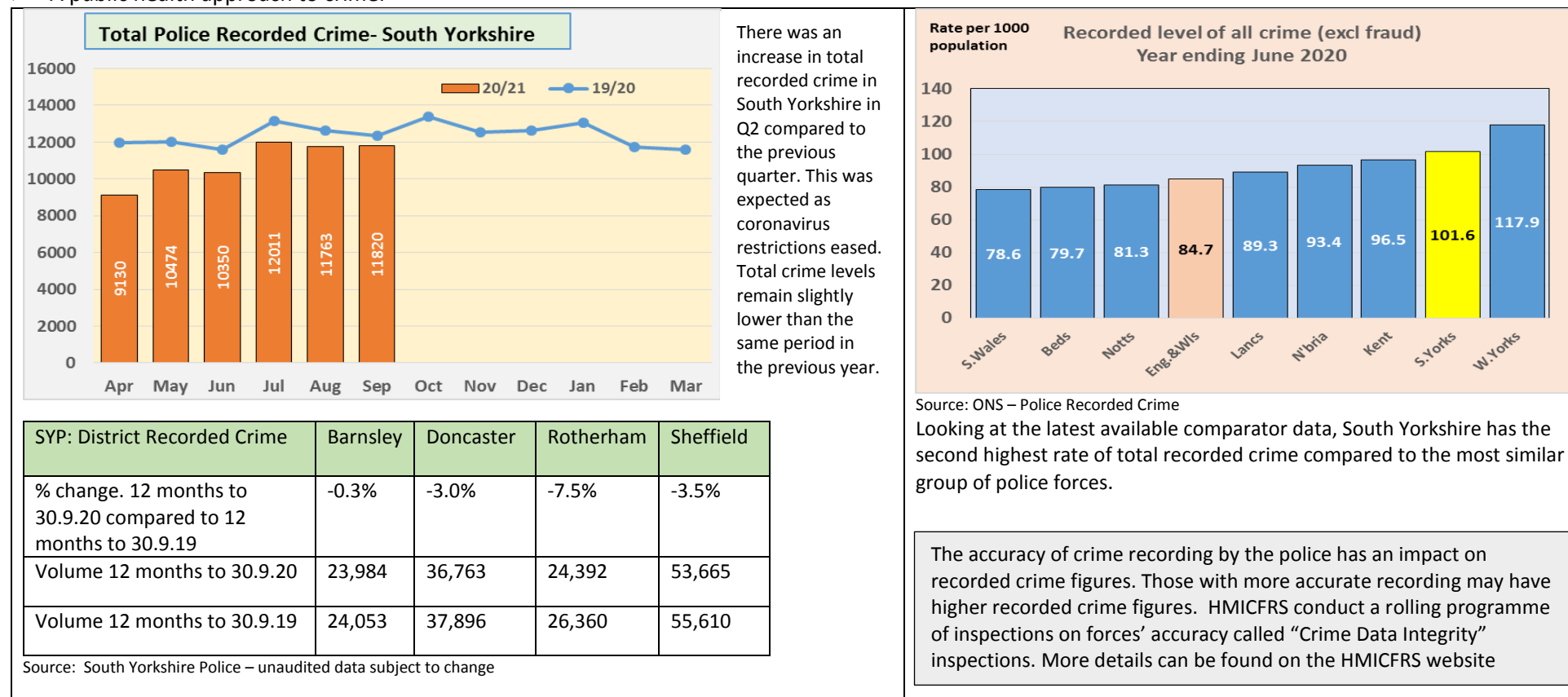
Call Back Assist offers callers to 101 an option to receive an automated call back rather than wait for their call to be answered. The PCC has recently approved an additional 10 call back assist licences at a cost of £28,500 to double the capacity of the service.

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

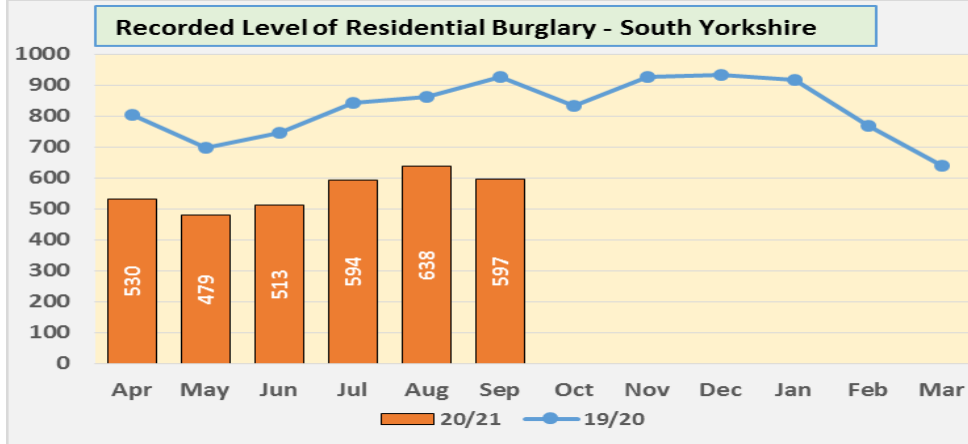
2. Tackling Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

The indicators and narrative chosen for this section of the report aim to show achievement against the areas of focus for 2020/21 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.

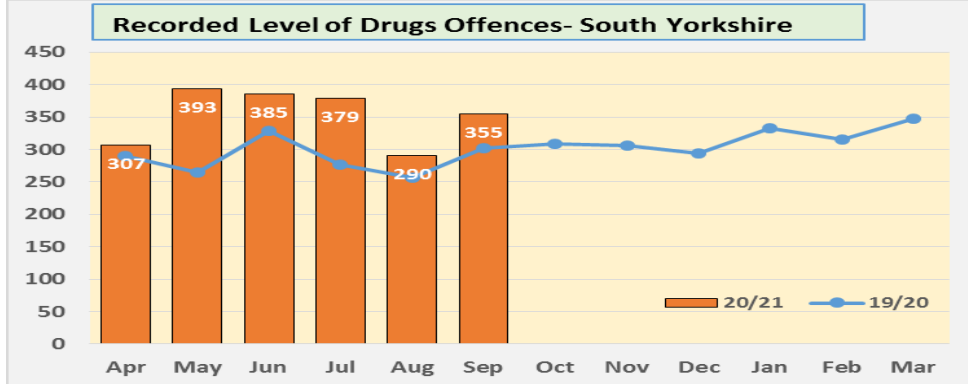


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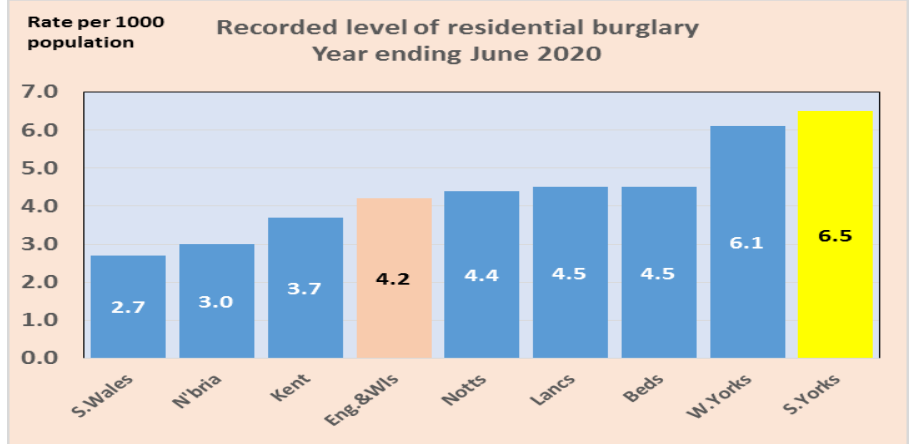
Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

Quarter 1 saw a reduction in residential burglary because of national lockdown restrictions. However, as restrictions eased during quarter 2 recorded levels started to increase slightly but were still below 2019/20 levels. SYP have been focussing specifically on reducing the levels of residential burglary in line with residents' priorities. Data and force initiatives will be closely monitored to check whether this work is having an impact on keeping burglary at these lower levels.



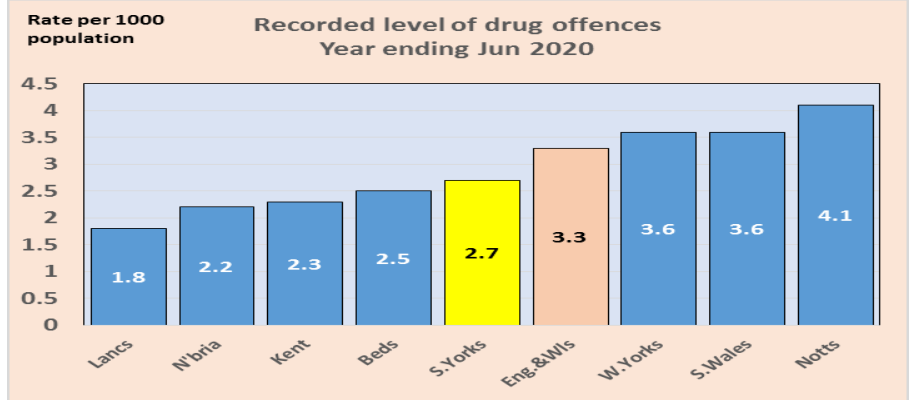
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Recorded levels of drugs offences in Q2 2020/21 have been higher than the same period last year. Drugs offences include the possession and trafficking of drugs. Higher levels of recorded offences suggest more pro-active work being done by SYP to tackle drug crime.



Source: ONS – Police Recorded Crime

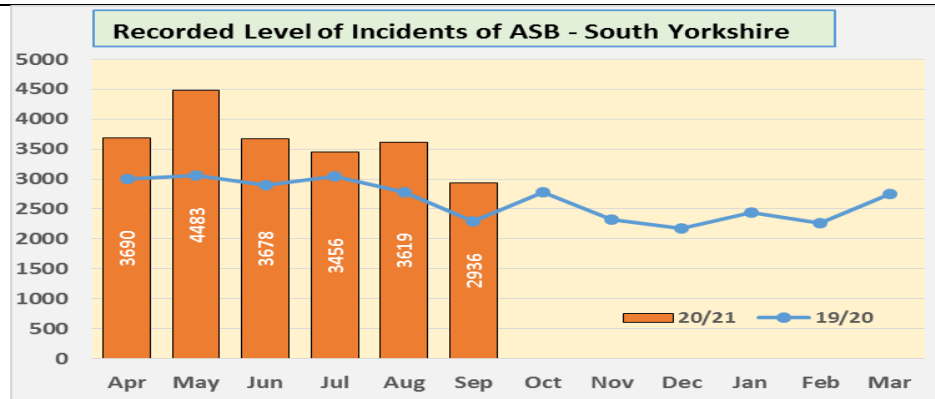
The latest comparator data for the year to June 2020 shows that South Yorkshire has a higher rate of residential burglary than the similar group of forces and the national average. Tackling residential burglary is a priority for all districts with a number of specific operations and initiatives in place to tackle the issue.



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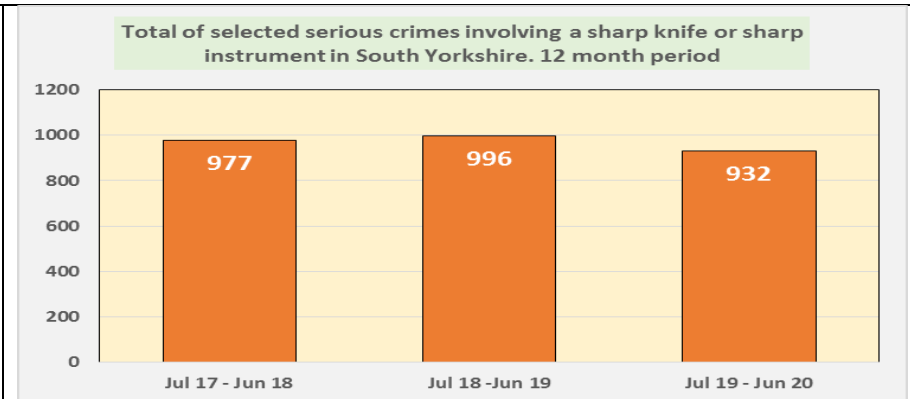
The latest comparator data for the year to June 2020, shows South Yorkshire as fourth highest out of the most similar group of police forces for the recorded level of drug offences and sits below the England and Wales average.

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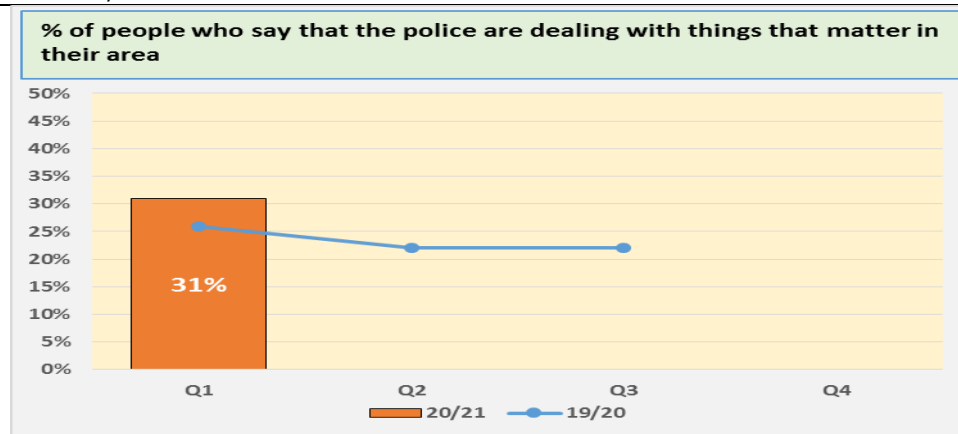
Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

There has been a decrease in the recorded level of Anti-Social Behaviour in Q2 2020/21 from Q1 2020/21. Levels remain higher than the same time in 2019/20. Increases are due to the recording of Covid-related incidents (breaches / rowdy behaviour/ vehicle nuisance).



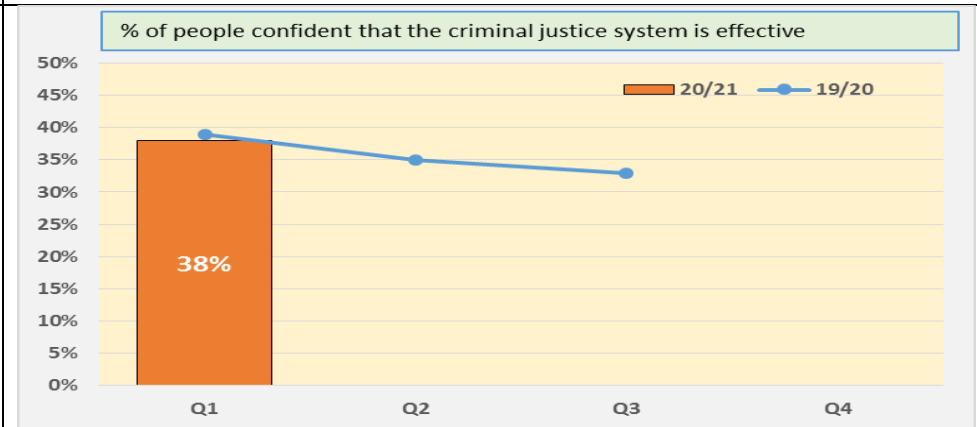
Source: ONS – Police Recorded Crime

The number of offences involving a knife is slightly lower in the latest 12 month period compared to the same periods in the last two years.



Source: SYP Your Voice Counts Survey

The % of people saying that the police are dealing with things that matter in their area has increased in Q1 compared to Q3 19/20 and compared to the same period in 19/20. Both comparisons show a statistically significant change. There was no survey carried out in Q4 2019/20. The results for Q2 20/21 are still being analysed.



Source: SYP – Your Voice Counts Survey

The % of people who think that the criminal justice system is effective has shown a statically significant increase compared to Q3 19/20. The % is slightly lower than in the same quarter the previous year but this is not a statically significant change. There was no survey carried out in Q4 19/20. The results for Q2 20/21 are still being analysed.

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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

There has been good partnership working during Q2 for the Locality Teams in Barnsley. There has been the removal of high value drugs from the community following the disruption of an organised crime gang and safeguarding of people left vulnerable as a result. Environmental crime has increased across the borough during Q2 and the current Covid 19 restrictions are impacting on the ability to investigate somewhat, however 30 cases are currently being investigated which will lead to court cases and 2 vehicles have recently been crushed due to their involvement in the depositing of waste within Barnsley.

Partnership working has also led to the recovery of 10 stolen vehicles, some being stolen just hours before from neighbouring counties. A number of disruption opportunities have been maximised including the dismantling of cannabis factories and pro-active work has been undertaken in the town centre combatting anti-social behaviour and illegal drug use.

The introduction of a dedicated environmental task force has led to increased activity in identifying and dealing with environmental issues, particular in relation to housing and anti-social behaviour. The new team has dealt with 110 new cases relating to criminal activity and anti-social behaviour in private sector housing during Q2. The majority of cases involve neighbour disputes and serious nuisance and disorder associated with residential premises.

Supporting those with complex needs has remained a key focus for the partnership during the Coronavirus pandemic, particular those people who are homeless and sleeping rough. Those sleeping rough continue to be offered accommodation but the challenge is engagement in services and wider support to stop them returning to the streets. During Q2, 24 people were newly accommodated and a total of 81 people were engaged with.

Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership (SSDP)

During Q2, the core business of the Partnership has continued virtually. The partnership has taken the opportunity presented by the current situation to continue to re-focus priorities across the structure, to ensure these remain fit for purpose and addresses current and future challenges.

As reported during Q1, a key decision was made to introduce a fifth Theme Group, specifically to address violent crime. This group is established (co-Chaired by the Violence Reduction Unit Partnership Manager for Doncaster and Public Health) and is responsible for the delivery of the Doncaster Violence Reduction Action Plan. This group is closely interlinked with other theme groups across the structure, given the cross-cutting nature of this agenda.

All Theme Groups are reviewing and refreshing their strategies and terms of reference to ensure they are reflective of current demand and future

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priorities. A renewed performance framework has also been developed to allow Theme Groups to report clearly against their identified top priorities and to highlight any necessary escalations for resolution.

In relation to initiatives during 2020/21, the SSDP has obtained approval from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) to continue to support key roles in relation to tackling domestic abuse and serious organised crime. Approval has also been given to continue to support the work of the Youth Council in their programme of education and engagement across numerous community safety agendas.

This year, Theme Groups are managing specific funding pots within the Community Safety Grant, to enable them to respond to emerging issues throughout the year and to facilitate planning for seasonal trends. To date, activity against these funding pots has included the purchase of camera equipment and kit to support the off-road bike team and the purchase of improved security equipment for victims of domestic abuse. Future agreed proposals from other Theme Groups include a research project on the impact of parental alcohol use amongst young people; the continuation of the Youth Council Community Safety Awareness Campaign and conclusion of the Knife Crime Campaign and the facilitation of CCTV camera installations for a large number of relocatable cameras.

Rotherham - Safer Rotherham Partnership

The impact of Covid continues to be felt in increased reports of anti-social behaviour (ASB) compared to the same quarter last year, some of which could be attributed to reports of lockdown breaches and the impact of people being at home for longer periods. The Council has restructured its anti-social behaviour response services to provide increased capacity across the Borough.

Events such as the current Covid emergency can bring out the best in humanity, unfortunately, they can also bring out the worst behaviour in others. Conspiracy theories, disinformation and hate are circulating online in all communities. Young people in Rotherham have joined together to challenge the attitudes that drive hate. Rotherham United Community Sports Trust's 'Keep Doing Good' programme over summer saw young people collaborating to produce a powerful and impactful film to raise awareness of hate crime. Rotherham Youth Cabinet presented a report and recommendations to Rotherham Council Cabinet following their successful Children's Commissioner Takeover Challenge scrutiny review of hate crime and Remedi developed a new hate crime awareness e-learning resource for young people which they have made available to schools and organisations who work with young people.

To enhance the response to serious organised crime, The Safer Rotherham Partnership has agreed to fund a co-ordinator post to support the approach to tackling serious organised crime through the Fortify model. Although South Yorkshire is seeing fewer National Referral Mechanism (NRM) referrals at the moment, referrals in Rotherham have remained at six referrals for each of the last two quarters. Reductions in referrals is a nationwide trend and has been attributed to Covid-19 and this is expected to be exacerbated by the recent lockdown announcement. (The National Referral Mechanism (NRM) is a framework for identifying and referring potential victims of modern slavery and ensuring they receive the appropriate support.)

Domestic Abuse services are offering 5 day a week support with evening and weekend web support. Rotherham has the second highest referral rate into the perpetrator programme with the highest success rate for completion of the programme. The partnership are undertaking 16 days of Domestic Abuse awareness training in November. Training has already commenced - joining up with Doncaster on a trial basis.

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Sheffield Community Safety Partnership

Despite the pressures brought about by managing the Covid 19 situation, the Sheffield partnership has kept a positive attitude and are continuing to work with partners in providing and promoting services wherever possible.

The partnership have been planning for the dark nights period via the Anti-Social Behaviour Theme Group and have in place a programme of activities /engagement programmes to support communities throughout that period. The partnership are supporting some extra youth activities to bolster engagement etc.

In addition the partnership are still supporting through these difficult times over ten PCC Grant Funded Projects.

At the time of writing, lead officers are awaiting requested responses back from each project lead to ascertain any issues where COVID as affected delivery. It appears that despite the restrictions some, if not all, projects are still offering good support to communities and to some of the most vulnerable groups in the area. For example one of the Community Group Projects run by Sheffield Wednesday Football Club has increased its level of outreach engagement due to the rule of six being in place. The response to this approach has been greatly received by the community.

The partnership has also worked closely with the Violence Reduction Unit and recently been successful in securing extra funding for a further three projects that should be up and running shortly.

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 34,000 people signed up to SYP's Community Alerts.

Barnsley

Barnsley's Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPT) have been in existence for 3 years, with additional investment made so that the final footprint of 6 teams to match the Area Councils was achieved in February 2020.

Barnsley neighbourhood teams continue to invest in and trial different approaches to problem solving, one example being the Shared Accommodation Team, a partnership team established to protect the vulnerable and tackle anti-social behaviour, crime and demand associated with privately rented addresses. From this team has emerged the innovative idea of the Cannabis Grow Scheme, which seeks to deter and disrupt organised criminals intent on benefitting from cannabis production in the district. The initial introduction has shown to be a success and the force are considering how this scheme could be adopted across the other districts.

The Hoyland Neighbourhood Policing Team was created at the end of February 2020 to cover the Rockingham, Hoyland, Darfield and

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Wombwell wards, previously serviced by the Goldthorpe team. It is already having a significant impact on local priorities and public confidence. The Lundhill Community Group has worked closely with the team to organise patrols by the off road team which has led to a number of bikes being seized and enforcement action taken.

All of the neighbourhood teams have been acting on information provided and conducting speed checks on key roads across the district, in addition to securing support from the Roads Policing Group. They have been updating their communities on action taken via social media and newsletters. The neighbourhood teams are also liaising with the Council and the Safer Roads Partnership to identify longer-term solutions.

Quarter 2 (July to September) continued to see a fall in the number of residential burglaries compared to the same period in the previous year, this can partly be attributed to the covid 19 lockdown measures. However, as well as a reduction in burglaries the district has been focussing on improving the outcomes of burglary investigations. This includes:

- Each CID investigation team having geographical ownership for specific areas linked to the Neighbourhood Policing Team areas
- Neighbourhood Policing, Response and Intelligence teams are all tasked with intelligence gathering
- Making sure every burglary is reviewed so that investigative and forensic opportunities are maximised.
- Working with custody staff to increase the numbers of searches carried out.

Doncaster

Following discussion and negotiation with key partners, it is intended that moving forward, Doncaster neighbourhood teams will increasingly become multi-agency teams, with officers and staff fully integrating and working alongside officers from Doncaster Council. This new way of working will ensure a coordinated approach to problem solving and partnership working within local communities.

Key partners will meet on a weekly basis to discuss individual and community problems within their defined locality and then develop integrated problem solving plans to address those issues.

Operation Drum Alpha – Mexborough/Denaby/Conisbrough: For a number of months, the West Neighbourhoods Team has been working with the Fortify Tasking Teams and partners to tackle the embedded organised criminality across Mexborough and Conisbrough. This has seen dozens of arrests, warrants, stop and searches, and vehicle seizures; combined with increased engagement and educational activity working with key partnership agencies. The cumulative impact of this approach has been the arrest and imprisonment of key members of local organised crime groups and a sustained reduction in criminality related to the supply of drugs and the associated violence. The Mexborough area will now become a key focus for the new locality-working model with a multiagency strategy and action plan being developed using the Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare methodology

Speeding Vehicles – this issue is one that Doncaster communities see as a significant problem and therefore it has been a priority for the Central Neighbourhood team in recent months. Police officers are now conducting regular speed enforcement operations when demand allows. Over the last three months up to October, over a 1000 vehicle drivers have been advised because of this operational activity. This work and the results are published via Facebook, SYP Alerts, newsletters and local press

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articles to ensure the public understand the proactive work being undertaken and continually deter speeding activity in built up areas.

There has been a reduction in residential burglary since April due to coronavirus restrictions, however tackling residential burglary remains a priority for the district.

Operation Dawn Alpha – burglary problem solving plan for Edlington. This plan recognises the fact that the issue in Edlington is different from most burglary issues, as most offences relate to unoccupied properties on the Royal Estate. The offending in this locality is also more clearly connected with youth Anti-Social Behaviour than prolific acquisitive criminality. A range of approaches are currently in place, including making premises more secure, increased CCTV provision, working with partners and landlords to improve the quality and security of unoccupied premises. Improved youth diversionary activities, regular patrols with partners and an original initiative to work with the community and create decorative boards to cover boarded windows, which improves the look of the area whilst trying to involve the local children and young people and therefore instil some pride in the area. This has led to a 64% reduction in offences since the operation was commenced.

Rotherham

Neighbourhood policing is the bedrock of policing across the district, with a focus on ensuring any vacant posts are filled quickly. The district is looking forward to an increase in establishment of nine 'Police Now' recruits later this year.

Public priorities are set in Rotherham via the Community Action Partnership (CAP) meetings, Your Voice Counts (YVC) surveys, and

localised surveys e.g. Alerts, targeted in a specific community/issue. Rotherham also obtain verbal and written feedback by way of face-to-face drop-ins, pop up police stations and social media posts.

Once priorities are established neighbourhood policing teams tailor activity against these and provide updates to partners and the public by way of a weekly newsletter, regular social media posts and alerts.

Rotherham have adopted a 'You said we did approach'. An excellent example of problem solving, in support of identified priorities, can be seen with Burglary, identified through community concerns, for Rotherham Central.

Through a focused approach of crime prevention (working with residents/businesses), enforcement and increased visibility in the town centre, significant improvements have been made. This has been made possible through joint working and information sharing with the Safer Neighbourhood Service (SNS), Central Neighbourhood Team, response teams, mounted section and partners including the Council, drug and alcohol and support charities and the Fire and Rescue Service.

One tactic, which has worked well, was increased joint patrols and enforcement with Rotherham Council. Outputs to date include: Increased use of stop/search powers by local police teams (581 stop/search recorded since October 2019), Increased use of Public Space Protection Order enforcement: (236 issued since start in October 2017, 114 of these issued since December 2019). In addition, an increased use of dispersal powers: (54 dispersal orders have been authorised since October 2019, over 300 people issued dispersal notices and 10 arrested/charged for failing to comply with dispersal).

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Similar effective problem solving can be seen throughout Rotherham including an initiative to reduce the antisocial use of off road motor cycles at the Waterfront Gold Club and the multiagency approach to 'boy racers' at Cortonwood retail park. Both the town centre and golf club examples have been put forward to the force, as potential submissions to the National Problem-Solving Awards - Tilley awards.

The Central Neighbourhood Team are currently working jointly with the Fortify Team (organised crime investigation and disruption team), to tackle drug dealing in the local area. This has caused significant concerns to the local community. The aim is to ensure positive results in the disruption of drug dealing and associated anti-social behaviour by combining the specialist skills within the Fortify Team alongside neighbourhood policing team's skills and knowledge of the local area and communities.

Sheffield

Neighbourhood Policing Teams continue to play an important role in the targeting and disruption of organised crime gangs.

All the Neighbourhood teams have worked hard to provide reassurance to our communities following different firearms discharges across the City and they play a pivotal role to the ongoing disruption of Organised Crime Groups located within their areas.

The North East Neighbourhood team have worked in collaboration with colleagues in Pro-active CID to disrupt organised criminality in the response to violent crime and drug supply in the Burngreave area, several key individuals are on remand awaiting trial.

A long-term problem-solving approach has led to the implementation of a Problem Oriented Policing (POP) plan for Elsmere Green, this disrupts criminality and anti-social behaviour (ASB) and addresses environmental issues to help with longer sustainability. This small team have conducted over 200 stop searches, 74 of which were in the last quarter despite the challenges of Covid. The team have also obtained 3 closure orders one of which was to protect a vulnerable tenant and the other two were to close premises which were subject to drug related ASB issues. In addition, over 25 offenders have been imprisoned as a direct result of the Burngreave Team's proactivity for violent or drug related offences in the last year.

The North West Team have taken around £600,000 of drugs out of the market during June and July, seizing 600 cannabis plants, 8kg of dried and prepared cannabis, 150 diazepam. The team currently have another five warrants in the pipeline over the coming weeks to disrupt organised criminality operating near the city centre and specialising in Class A supply.

The Manor & Arbourthorne Team on the South East Neighbourhood team have implemented a proactive partnership Problem Oriented Policing (POP) plan following the dispute between rival Organised Crime Groups. There has been an ongoing proactive operation since January 2020 resulting in 103 Arrests, 474 stop searches, 120 vehicles recovered and work on this continues.

The Darnall and Tinsley team have developed community relationships and significant steps have been taken against an Albanian Organised Crime Groups involved in cannabis cultivation. The Team has been involved in developing intelligence, obtaining and executing warrants, and seizing cannabis with a street value of over £2 million in the last year, including the biggest seizure seen in Sheffield for a year. Several Albanian nationals have been sentenced to substantial periods of imprisonment.

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Speeding remains a priority for the District Neighbourhood Teams. “Operation Slow Down” is our response to community concerns around speeding vehicles. Targeted operations take place across the District, and is supported by Community Speed Watch (CSW), using volunteers, police officers and PCSO’s from our Neighbourhood Policing Teams. Social media messaging plays a key part in the continuing success of these operations. All of the teams post updates on social media, in particular twitter, where responses from the public regularly determine the next location to be addressed. Significantly, this also forms part of the regular Neighbourhood Team Newsletters sent out on email to key stakeholders, and to the public via neighbourhood alerts

OPCC Proceeds of Crime Act Community Grant Scheme

Over the past seven years the Police and Crime Commissioner has awarded almost £1.7million in grants to South Yorkshire organisations which aim to cut crime and anti-social behaviour and keep people safe, particularly in more disadvantaged areas.

Midway through quarter two the Commissioner’s Community Grant scheme was relaunched as the Commissioner’s Proceeds of Crime Act Community Grants Scheme. The maximum funding organisations were able to apply for increased from £5000 to £10,000 and a range of improvements were implemented, including an online applications form and increased transparency and due diligence.

The new scheme will see money confiscated from criminals as part of the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) form part of an increased budget available for charities and organisations to apply for.

This means £107,000 will be taken directly out of the hands of criminals and given to worthy causes and will contribute to bringing down crime in South Yorkshire.

The first panel of the new scheme was held in October and the funding agreed will detailed in the Q3 report. Prior to the new scheme launching the grant scheme had allocated £49,288 of funding to 12 organisations in Q2.

Further details about the grant scheme plus details of those successful applicants for grants can be found on the PCC’s website - <https://southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/what-we-do/grants/>

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The areas of focus under this priority for 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.

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 also have “link members” - nominated individuals whose role is to focus on a particular area of work over and above those discussed within the quarterly meetings.

At their meeting in September, the panel considered presentations and discussed detailed information provided around:

- Police Complaints and Discipline performance
- Equality, Diversity and inclusion within SYP
- Stop and Search

After the meeting In September, the Chair and another member of the panel came to the end of their terms of office. Professor Ann Macaskill, one of the original panel members, has been appointed Interim Chair of the Panel until May 2020 and will be joined by Michael Lewis who will also be continuing his role alongside Janet Wheatley (appointed last year).

New members are currently being recruited.

Further information can be found on the IEP pages of the OPCC website here: <https://southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/what-we-do/iep/meetings-agendas-minutes/>

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Independent Custody Visitors Scheme

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

Visitors normally 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. However, because of the Coronavirus restrictions, the current scheme had to be revised at the end March with agreement from the Home Office. This meant initially all checking was done remotely away from custody suites, although some physical visits have now re-started.

The revised scheme has involved officers within the OPCC looking at samples of custody records to make sure correct processes and procedures are taking place and are being logged. From this, officers are able to ensure that people detained in custody are receiving the correct treatment and are being treated properly.

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.

This temporary way of working can and will not replace the usual custody visiting. Indeed, custody visiting started again on 22nd June, albeit on a much smaller scale than usual to take account of restrictions and to ensure the safety of custody visitors. The checking of custody logs and the performance dashboard continues.

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

Prior to the lockdown the OPCC had held interviews for new ICVs and a number of people were successful. Two of those successful candidates have now been trained and have started visiting the suites; training for the other recruits will take place once vetting procedures have been completed. Another round of interviews is due to take place during November.

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Hate Crime

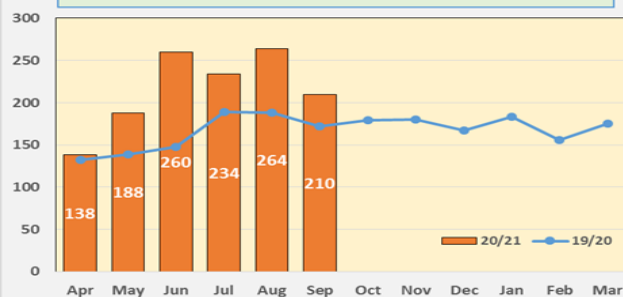
Quarter 2 has seen continuing higher levels of hate crime, particularly racial hate crime. Increases in hate crime are often associated with incidents, politics and media coverage. SYP and the OPCC closely monitor hate crime and must be proactive in providing re-assurance to communities, giving them confidence to report crimes and incidents. SYP review hate crime frequently to ensure that crimes are allocated and investigated effectively and are working with partners, community groups and the OPCC to seek feedback from victims in order to learn and improve.

Towards the end of 2019/20, SYP conducted a review of how hate crime was dealt with. As a result of that review and learning from how SYP deals with domestic abuse cases, SYP has focussed on ensuring that all hate crime are attended or dealt with by appointment, meaning that victims are seen within 24 hours. Hate crime victims should also receive a call back about the crime from a Sergeant.

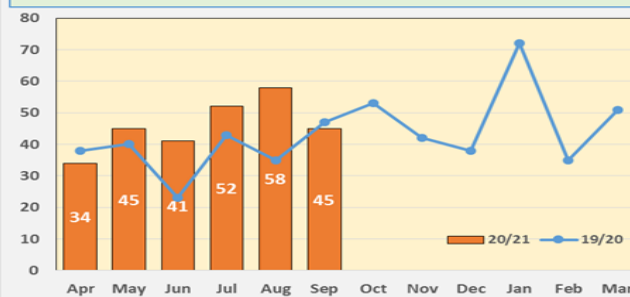
Victim satisfaction has been gradually increasing from 65% in Q1 of 2019/20. Victim satisfaction overall at Q2 was 74%, down from 85% in Q1; however, the decrease between Q1 and Q2 20/21 is not statistically significant.

Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data from a live system subject to change. Not to be shared further without permission from SYP

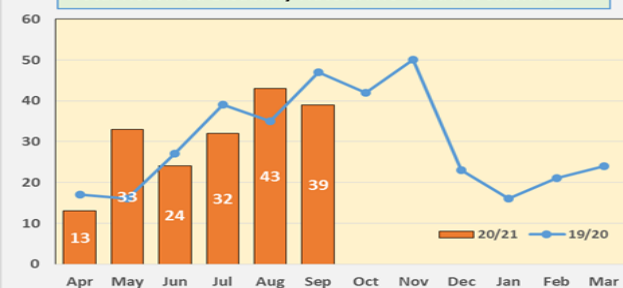
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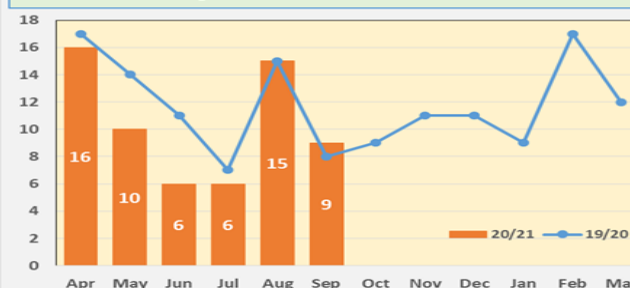
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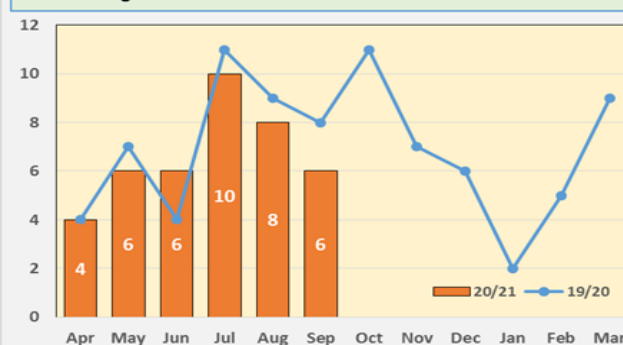
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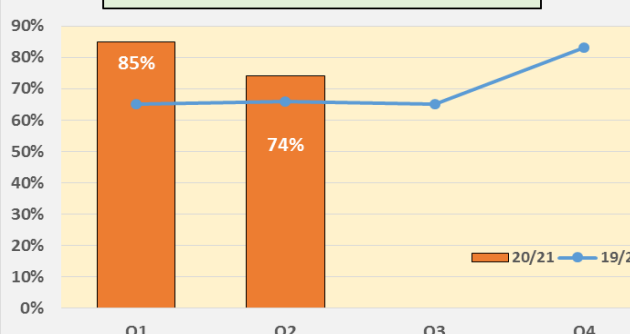
Total Recorded Religious Hate Crime - South Yorkshire



Total Transgender Hate Crime - South Yorkshire



Hate Crime Victims. % Overall Satisfaction



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The Police Workforce

The workforce has grown by over 200 people in the last 12 months and by more than 140 in the last 3 months. Most of that rise has been in newly recruited police officers. There has been a smaller growth in police staff, while numbers of specials and volunteers remain largely unchanged.

After a climb last quarter, the proportions of officers from a Black and Minority Ethnic or Visible Minority Ethnic background have steadied at the same all-time highs of 5.0% and 3.8% respectively. The ratio for female officers has risen again to 35.0%, the highest yet achieved in SYP.

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. The female presence at the rank of superintendent has risen again - an exemplar at 41.2% representation. While there is still work to do around female representation, these figures are far less disproportionate than those around ethnicity and disability.

Minority ethnic presence is over-concentrated in constable and inspector ranks (detective and uniform). Under-representation among sergeants has lessened but remains significant.

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.

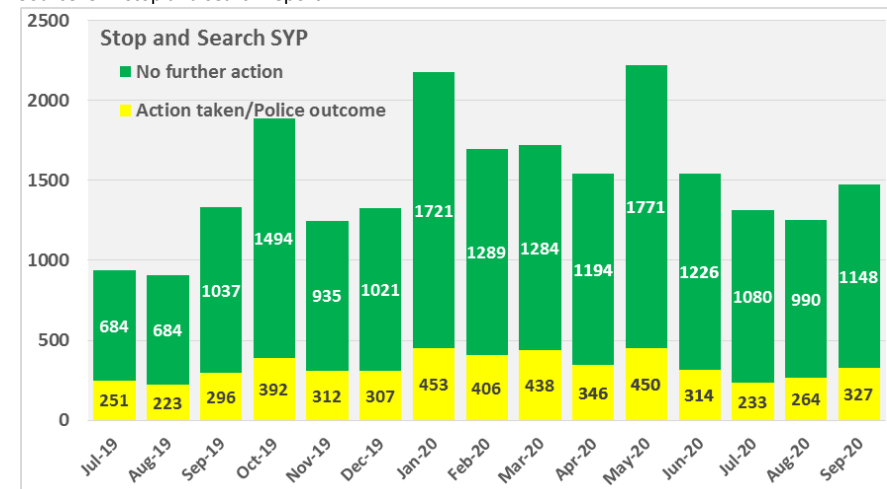
The Police hold Stop and Search Scrutiny Panels which include members of the public that are able to scrutinise stop and search activity. However,

as these are face to face meetings, they are currently not taking place due to the restrictions caused by Coronavirus.

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 July 2020 was 18%, 21% in August and 22% September 2020. The higher the positive outcomes being achieved means that a more targeted approach is being taken to where to implement stop and search activity.

Source: SYP stop and search report



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Stop and searches broken down by ethnicity

South Yorkshire April – Sept 2020 (Quarter 1 & 2 20/21)			
Ethnicity	No of searches	% of searches	Rate per 1000 population*
White	5547	67%	4.6
Asian	770	9%	12.0
Black	384	5%	14.9
Mixed	154	2%	7.4
Other	94	1%	6.2
Not stated	1367	16%	

Source: SYP stop and search report.

*Rate per 1000 population is based on 2011 population census data. These are the latest official statistics available that break down the ethnicity of the UK population.

During Q2 2020/21, 89% of stop and searches were conducted on males, 11% on females.

Although the actual numbers of searches of people from Black, Asian and Minority ethnic communities are lower than for white people, the rate per 1000 population shows that there is disproportionality in the use of stop and search within these communities. Work is ongoing to fully understand this, which is an issue not only for South Yorkshire but nationally too.

The PCC and his staff have met twice since April with Black Community Leaders and Black professionals from Sheffield to discuss how policing and wider criminal justice could improve and better engage with the Black community. High on the list of discussion topics has been the issue of disproportionality in the use of stop and search.

The group has committed to working together more closely and intend to meet on a bi-monthly basis to discuss improvements which have been made and further actions that can be taken in relation to a range of subjects including stop and search.

Restorative Justice (RJ) - Remedi

Remedi is a registered charity contracted to deliver Restorative Justice services for persons affected by crime in South Yorkshire. This includes facilitating a direct or indirect exchange between a victim of crime and offender.

For the second quarter of 2020; 1st July – 30th September 2020, Remedi have received 137 new referrals into the service. 109 victims of crime have been offered RJ.

The following RJ interventions have taken place across South Yorkshire:

- **14 direct RJ interventions** between victims of crime and the offender for their crime.
- **58 indirect** RJ messages and letters have been passed between victims and offenders.
- **281 restorative awareness sessions** have been delivered by trained RJ practitioners to offenders being managed across South Yorkshire Community Rehabilitation Companies (CRC's).
- **48** cases have been referred in for RJ.

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Feedback from service users has included:

From an offender (burglary case) who completed RJ: *"I am deeply sorry for any hurt, pain and suffering I have caused you .. I yearn for forgiveness; I know such a thing cannot be sought but I really want you to know that I have nothing but regret and remorse."*

From a victim (burglary case) who completed RJ: *"I wanted to pass this message back to him. I thought he was remorseful. I want him to know I really appreciate his message and the fact he was under pressure. I do have feelings for how he must have felt. My wife and I want to thank him for not messing up the house and for leaving the teddy bear brooch behind."*

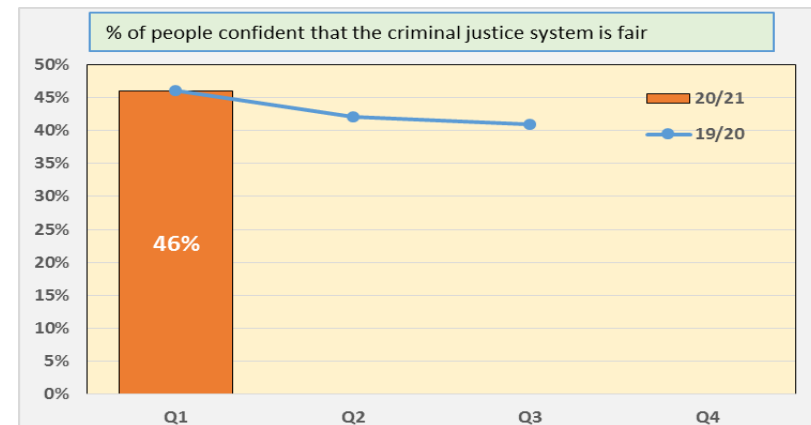
From a police officer who referred in a neighbour dispute case for RJ: *"I am extremely grateful and very impressed with the service you provided to the two couples and myself... I cannot express how grateful I am of your involvement and would not hesitate to recommend Remedi. Well done and a huge thank you."*

These are just a small selection of positive testimonials received over the last 3 months.

The RJ Hub is based at Snig Hill Police Station and operates working hours 9am – 5pm Monday-Friday. Staff are available for all referrals for Restorative Justice or advice. 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

The wider criminal justice system



Source: SYP Your Voice Counts Survey

The % of people who think that the criminal justice system is fair has shown a statistically significant increase compared to Q3 19/20. The % is the same as in the same quarter the previous year. There was no survey carried out in Q4 19/20. The results for Q2 20/21 are still being analysed.

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 forecast financial position for the OPCC and South Yorkshire Police at the end of September 2020 is as follows:

Revenue budget:

OPCC £215k underspend. This relates mainly to underspend on employees (£202k) and is as a result of changes that have arisen due to the now cancelled PCC election and recharges of staff which are supported by external funding.

The Force is forecasting an overspend of £1.749m, which includes £2.67m of Covid-19 related expenditure. However, medical-grade Personal

Protective Equipment (PPE), the Home Office will reimburse equating to £0.47m, and a net £0.36m loss of income for April to July.

Capital budget:

The approved capital programme has recently been revised down from £22.2m to £14.3m. Year to date expenditure is £3.1m. The revised programme reflects the anticipated impact of Covid -19 delays.

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.

Nine contracts were awarded for SYP between July and September 2020 – 6 collaborative and 3 non-collaborative. SYP have forecasted 129% cashable savings against the policing minister targets for 2020/21.

Public Engagement

With Covid regulations still in place during the three month period July to September 2020 the PCC’s Engagement Officers continued to gather public opinion via the monitoring of social media platforms being used by Neighbourhood Policing Teams to conduct online public question and answer sessions.

The PCC’s weekly blog, sent to over 1,000 public contacts, also offered a regular conduit of engagement and consultation.

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The summer months provided several opportunities for the Engagement Team to join partners and neighbourhood policing teams at Covid compliant outdoor stalls and Pop up Police Stations.

The main issues being raised by the public across all four policing districts included drug dealing, nuisance vehicles / bikes, speeding vehicles and anti-social behaviour by groups of young people and children.

With more people accessing the countryside during lockdown an online rural crime survey was launched. Whilst many respondents felt that visitors to the countryside had either a disregard for or an ignorance of rural living, the most prevalent concerns were fly tipping, followed by burglary, speeding and nuisance off road bikes.

To help shape the policing priorities for the next financial year (starting in April 2021), local residents' and businesses view on policing and crime services in their area have been gathered through the OPCC Priorities Survey. When the survey closed in the middle of November, almost 2000 response had been received. The views expressed around priorities from the survey, together with the views gathered through wider engagement work will now be used by the PCC in the Strategic Planning process and budget setting for the next financial year.

During quarter 2, the PCC has dealt with 343 pieces of correspondence and casework. Subjects raised include:

- Speeding/Traffic regulations not being adhered to
- Anti-social behaviour in Sheffield and Doncaster particularly
- Covid 19 - wearing of masks and clarification of government messaging
- Compliments: PCC's blog, SYP joint working with Councils

These have been taken up with the Chief Constable and other criminal justice partners as appropriate as well as specific action by the PCC such as meetings with representatives of the Black Community in Sheffield.

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	5 meetings held between October 2019-September 2020
Monthly Public Accountability Board meetings	An opportunity for the PCC and members of the public to question the Chief Constable and his team	14 meetings held between October 2019-September 2020
Quarterly Joint Independent Audit Committee meetings	Focussing on governance and risk management – exception reports to the Public Accountability Board meetings	5 meetings held between October 2019-September 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	7 meetings held between October 2019-September 2020
One to one meetings with the Chief Constable	To ensure regular communication to discuss strategic matters and current issues	Weekly meetings
Independent Custody Visiting Scheme	OPCC run scheme where volunteers visit unannounced to check that those being held in custody are being treated properly	A small number of physical visits took place during Q2, data is still being collated. 145 custody records were checked. Issues noted have been or will be fed back to SYP.
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	60 decisions made and published on the website between October 2019 and September 2020.
Joint Corporate Governance Framework	Making sure the PCC and Chief Constable conduct business correctly in line with the statutory framework.	