

POLICE AND CRIME PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT

1st January to 31st March 2021

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 March 2020	12 Months to March 2021	Trend*
Recorded Domestic Abuse Crimes (1)	21,708	22,172	↑
Domestic Abuse Crime arrest Rate (1)	52%	59%	↑
Recorded Sexual Offences (1)	4524	3835	↓
% of crimes where victim is assessed as vulnerable (1)	31%	36%	↑
% of vulnerable victims satisfied with initial contact (1)	83%	87%	Change not statistically significant ↑

Tackling Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour			
Measure	12 Months to March 2020	12 Months to March 2021	Trend*
SYP Recorded level of Anti-Social Behaviour (1)	31,811	37,777	↑
Recorded level of all crime (1)	148,674	130,887	↓
	Apr 17 – Mar 18 cohort	Apr 18 – Mar 19 cohort	Trend*
Rate of proven re-offending (adults) (2)	30.6%	29.1%	↓
Rate of proven re-offending (youth) (2)	28.6%	28.8%	↑
	12 months to December 19	12 months to December 20	Trend*
Serious crimes involving a knife or sharp instrument (3)	1630	1435	↓

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	Jan 20 to Mar 20	Jan 21 to Mar 21	Trend*
Number of referrals to Restorative Justice service (4)	158	171	↑
Measure	12 Months to March 2020	12 Months to March 2021	Trend*
Stop and Search conducted (5)	16,247	18,604	↑

Providing Value For Money For Policing and Crime Services	
End of year forecast (Revenue - SYP) (6)	£4.2m underspend (excluding legacy) (SYP and OPCC)
End of year forecast (Capital) (6)	£12m spend against a revised programme of £14.1m

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 rather than any statistically significant increase/decrease.
Statistical significance is used in this report in relation to survey data and helps quantify whether the result is likely due to chance or to some factor of interest. When a result is statistically significant, it means you can feel confident that's it real, not that it was down to luck in choosing a sample to survey. More information here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/mp/ab-testing-significance-calculator/>

COVID 19

This report covers the period during the continued Government's lockdown restrictions on the whole UK population as a result of the Covid 19 Coronavirus pandemic.

There continues to be 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 having to change for the duration of the emergency situation.

Whilst the three priorities under the Police and Crime plan for 2020/21 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 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 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 also attends the LRF communications sub group

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- SYP command structures 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's Commissioning Team has worked hard during this time and as a result have secured additional external funding of over £1.7m much of it to provide extra resource for Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence support services across South Yorkshire.

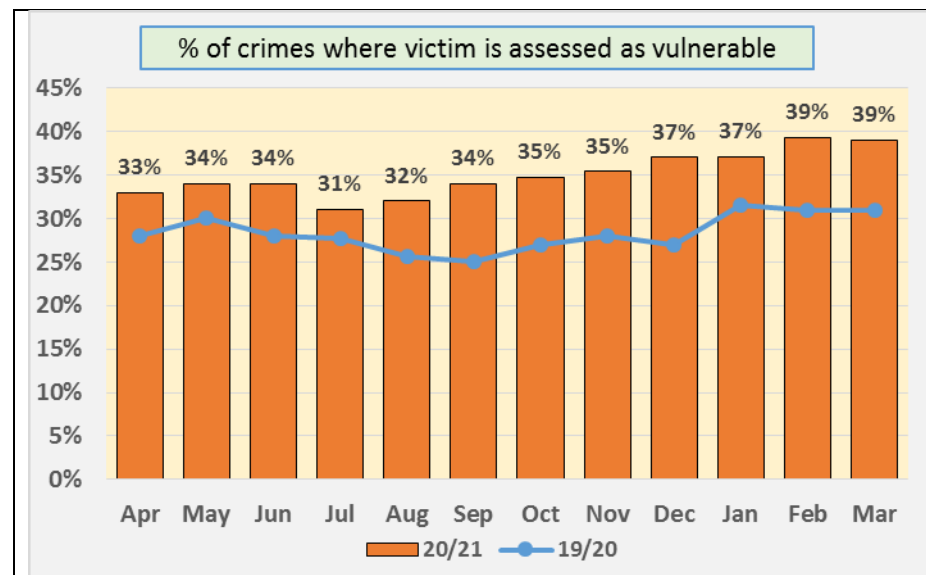
Throughout this period, the PCC has been writing and publishing a weekly blog. The blog aims to keep members of the public, partners and communities up to date with how he is carrying out his role during the coronavirus pandemic and also to think more widely around contemporary issues that have a bearing 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-49/>

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

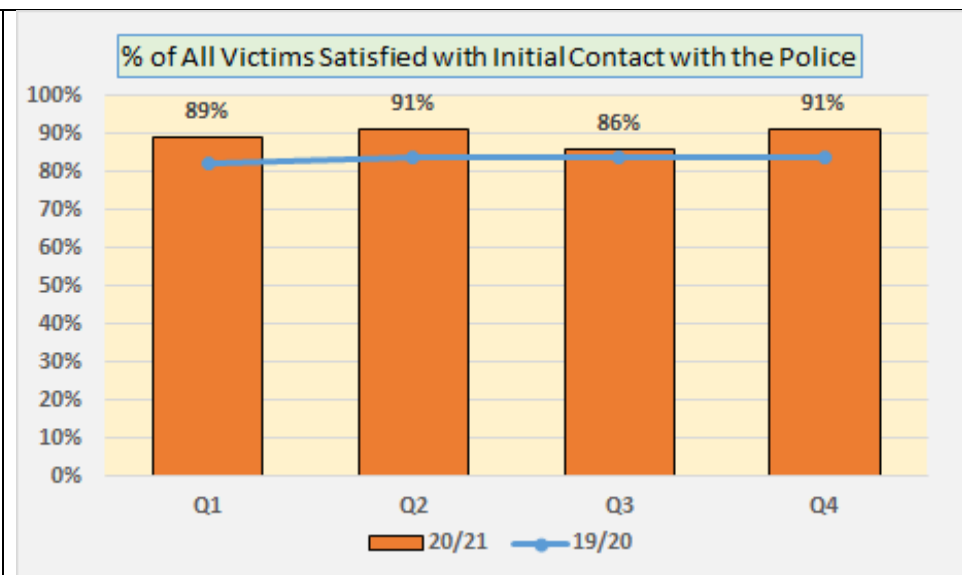
- Helping victims of serious violence, domestic abuse, sexual offences, including children.
- Helping those who are victims and survivors of child sexual exploitation and child criminal exploitation, human trafficking and slavery.
- Helping those vulnerable to cyber and internet fraud.
- Mental Health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

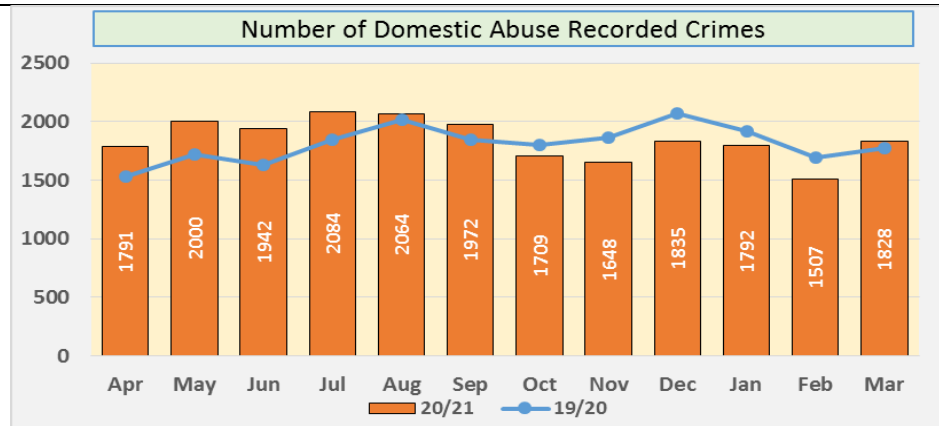
The % of crimes where a victim is assessed as vulnerable has continued to increase in Q4 from the previous quarter. Levels in Q4 2020/21 are higher than for the same period last year. This will be partly because of more informed recording and assessment of vulnerability in line with SYP's Vulnerability Assessment Framework.



Source: South Yorkshire Police – Victim Satisfaction Survey.

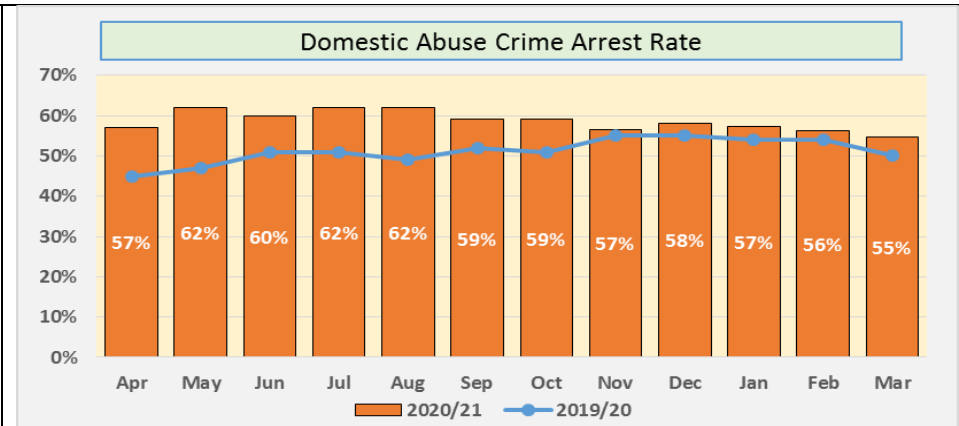
91% of all victims in quarter 4 were satisfied with the initial contact they had with the Police. This is a statistically significant increase compared to the previous quarter as well as the same quarter in 19/20.

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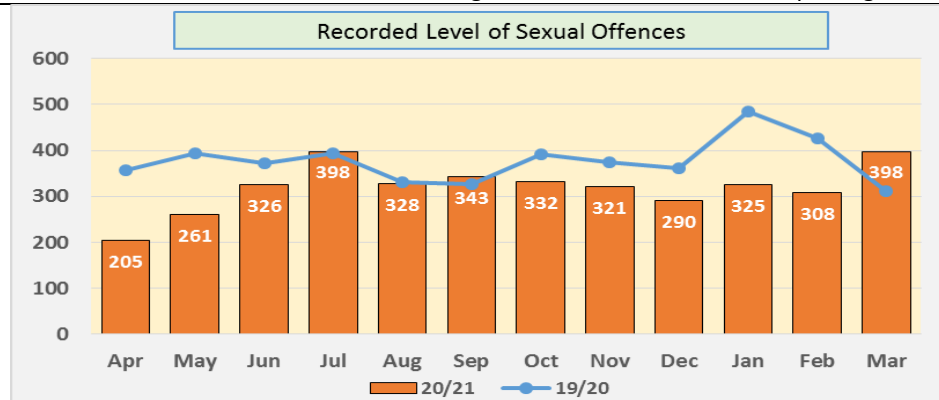
Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

Domestic abuse recorded crimes continue to be slightly lower in Q4 20/21 than in the same period 2019/20. Levels have increased slightly in March 21 in line with the equivalent period last year. SYP and the OPCC have worked hard during the pandemic to make sure victims are still able to report domestic abuse whilst potentially being confined to their homes with their abusers, including the introduction of online reporting.



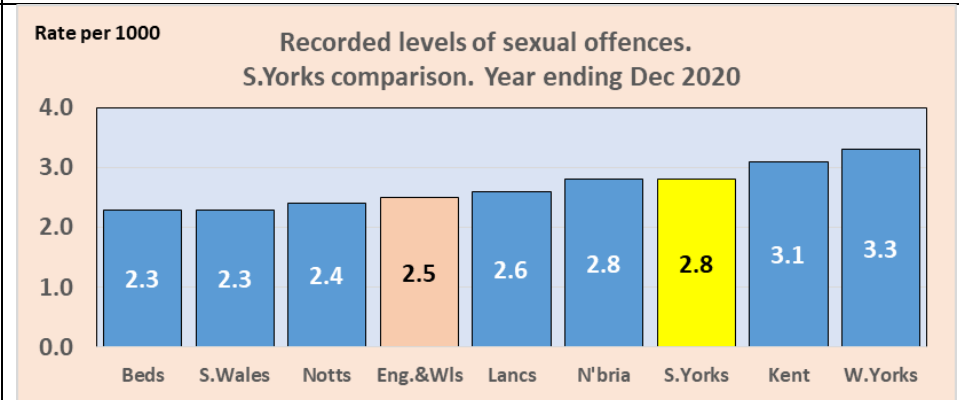
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The proportion of domestic abuse crimes where an arrest is made has decreased slightly over the quarter but is comparable with arrests during the same period in 2019/20. SYP continue to focus on domestic abuse (DA), including the setting up of dedicated DA teams and treats domestic abuse as a priority.



Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

Recorded levels of sexual offences in Q4 2020/21 are slightly above those seen in Q3 and showing signs of increasing. The recent Covid 19 lockdown restrictions will be impacting to some extent.



Source: ONS – Police Recorded Crime

Latest available data up to December 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 victims reporting crimes committed recently as well as victims reporting currently but for crimes that happened in the past, 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

This year was an exceptional year for the ISVA service and much like many other organisations adaptations were made to ensure work continued in a safe compliant manner. As well as changes to service delivery, Covid 19 also impacted the volume of referrals over the year and the number of court cases.

Overall there was a 5% reduction in the number of referrals into the service, mainly from a 40% reduction in referrals for Q1 period during the 'first' lockdown. The reduction in the number of cases which are closed in the first four weeks from 34% in 2019-20 to 24% in this reporting period, alongside rescheduled court dates due to the pandemic, resulted in the overall number of active cases being maintained at 680 in Q4 2020/21.

There have been some small changes in the overall demographics and offence type of people accessing the ISVA service. Whilst there has been a slight shift in ethnicity percentages and an increase in the proportion of males accessing support, white females aged between 12 and 24 still make up the greater proportion of cases. Whilst females are still more likely to be seeking support for offences that are 'recent,' the figure has reduced from 67% in 2019/20 to 57% in 2020/21. For males there has been a slight shift towards offences that are 'historical' in nature, as previously both 'recent' and 'historical' offences were equal.

Overall the service maintained support and service levels throughout the reporting period despite the challenges imposed by the pandemic.

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.

Operational meetings which commenced in May 2020, have continued successfully into 2021 with good networking links made. Close links continue to be maintained by managers of the adult and children's SARCs. SARC managers are due to attend the user feedback session organised by the Sheffield Children's Hospital.

There is now a new single point of contact for the SARC within SYP and good links have already been made with attendance at Rape and Serious Sexual Offences (RASSO) meetings. It has still not been possible to meet face to face but plans are in place to do so when lockdown is eased. The SYP lead has informed the SARC that funding has been secured for an additional support to the single point of contact and as soon as that person has been recruited, a visit to the SARC will be scheduled. As a result of the close working with SYP, the SARC manager is to deliver training to new police officers and detectives within the public protection teams.

Sheffield is taking part in a nationwide NHS mental Health project to look at service gaps in provision for victims who have suffered sexual trauma. This is going well and the OPCC and SARC continue to support the project.

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The nurses within South Yorkshire are taking on link roles in the following areas, sexual health, mental health, safeguarding, LGBTQ+ and A&E. Each nurse has developed a detailed plan of action for 2020/2021 and the SARC hope to increase the proportion of SARC services within each of these detailed areas, this will be submitted at the end of the 2021 year as a Quarterly Improvement Project.

As part of the LGBTQ+ work the Adult SARC link nurse has undertaken, there has been a 15% increase in male victims within 2020 and the start of 2021.

During Q4 2020/21, there were 93 referrals into the SARC. This is an increase from the 73 in quarter 3. However, levels are still lower than the 111 referrals for the same period in 2019/20. The majority of referrals were from SYP (71%), followed by self-referrals (26%) and agency referrals (2%).

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

The Inspire to Change programme, run by the Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC), was managed by Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council on behalf of all four South Yorkshire local authorities and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, who each provide funding.

Changes to Government Policy have led to a re-structure of probation services and this will mean that CRC will cease to exist from June 2021 and the National Probation Service will take over the delivery of Probation Services.

These changes have been known about for some time and a new tender was put out in October 2020 for a new provider to take over the service

from February 2021. Unfortunately, at the close of the tender process, no potential bidders came forward, despite 11 parties showing interest.

A number of other options were considered to try to extend the existing contract, however these alternative options have not been possible. In January 2021, in consultation with partners, the decision was made to go back out to tender with a number of changes to make it more attractive to bidders. This second tender process has now taken place and a number of bids were received which are now being evaluated. It is expected that the new contract will start in September 2021.

At the end of the previous contract all referrals had completed the programme and each referring agency was provided with a report of the outcome.

There is still an important need for a programme such as ‘Inspire to Change’. The early intervention and preventative approach has been proven to make a difference and every effort will be made to appoint a new provider.

Whilst the website is not currently active, a secure list of referrals will be retained which will be processed when the new provider takes on the new contract. A message has been placed on the website, signposting enquires to the national organisation ‘Respect’ who provide support for domestic violence perpetrators.

Safeguarding Children

SYP have an up to date Child Exploitation force strategy 2020/2021. This incorporates and focuses on child sexual exploitation (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

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policy incorporating operational guidance for officers giving clear direction and procedural instructions to officers.

The force are working with the NPCC on training packages for all staff in South Yorkshire Police and partners. Work continues to embed the Child Vulnerability Tracker within each District which identifies our most vulnerable children. This allows SYP partners, social care, health and education, to safeguard and ensure intervention and education with each child.

Each District has a dedicated CCE officer attending weekly Multi Agency Child Exploitation meetings. Partnership Intelligence training has launched at Sheffield recently, including training for partners to submit intelligence which allows SYP to understand and develop the understanding of offending and recruitment of children.

SYP are currently working with partners to have an intervention ability through Youth Offending to speak to children in custody for immediate safeguarding to be identified. Putting in place interventions whilst in custody allows early support to any victims of CCE. This is due to be trialled at Sheffield over the summer months.

The force are actively supporting and taking part in funding bids with South Yorkshire partnerships, if successful they will be supporting further work for CCE throughout South Yorkshire with partners for additional service delivery and enhanced support for children. Further updates will be provided when the outcome of the bids is known.

Cybercrime and Fraud

The advancements in digital technology and the online world continues to provide increased connectivity and opportunity for communities. This also provides opportunities for criminals to exploit and present challenges surrounding the digital footprint, they leave behind.

The force has put itself forward to be included in a HMICFRS inspection on how the service responds to allegations of fraud. This is taking place at the moment and will become part of a thematic review on the subject. We will take on any recommendations that the review makes. The force sees fraud as a growing area of crime, especially when it takes advantage of digital communications. The force has two fraud prevention officers who normally carry out face to face visits with fraud victims to provide advice and make referrals to partner agencies.

HMICFRS requires all forces across the country to increase their use of ancillary orders against fraudsters. Officers working on fraud investigations are being encouraged to use ancillary orders against perpetrators, to further protect the victims of these offences. Victims of fraud can often be elderly or vulnerable, further highlighting the importance of ensuring appropriate action is taken against the offenders.

Although there are no orders relating specifically to fraud, an officer could consider a Criminal Behaviour Order or a Serious Crime Prevention Order in an effort to redress the harm caused by an offender, and prevent future re-offending and repeat victimisation.

Guidance about all the ancillary orders available to officers in force is accessible through a Legal Services advice and information page. Additionally, the Fraud Co-ordination Team is on-hand to provide advice and guidance to colleagues across the force who may be handling a fraud investigation.

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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 co-ordinators 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 to have a mental illness and that they need immediate 'care or control') are increasing nationally as well as within South Yorkshire.

As part of partnership working in South Yorkshire under the Integrated Care System (ICS), the Adult Crisis Steering Group has been working on long term plans for the development of a South Yorkshire 136 Pathway and Standard Operating Procedures for Places of Safety. This is to provide a consistent pathway of care for adults to ensure a high quality and coordinated response to those in crisis. The plan is now in its final stages of development. The Crisis Steering Group was restructured during Q4 to ensure a continued focus on organisational priorities. The Adult Crisis Steering Group meets monthly and 3 sub-groups – Access & Alternatives, Crisis and Home Treatment and Operational Pressures meet on a quarterly basis.

The focus on Mental Health continues to within South Yorkshire Police with continued developments to support Officers and Staff dealing with people who need mental health support.

An online Mental Health Portal is continuing to be developed with the inclusion of a specific section on Suicide Prevention. This section will include specifically:

- Guidance on suicide and suicide prevention
- Guidance on supporting someone with suicide ideation
- Links to Local Authority Support Sites in each district
- Guidance on dealing with chemical suicides
- Bereavement Support Documents

Further improvements are being made to the collection and presentation of Mental Health management information, including a Mental Health Dashboard which will provide a single point of access to Mental Health demand and other data for officers and staff. Further development is planned to include suicide prevention data sets.

Training for dealing with mental health has been developed during Q4 and will be included in the induction programme for those working in SYP's contact centre at Atlas Court.

Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking (MSHT)

There has been a delay in receiving Q4 data, therefore this MSHT paragraph has not been updated since Q3 but remains useful for this report. Relevant updates will be included in the next Q1 21/22 report and any appropriate Public Accountability Board meetings.

The force has a dedicated Modern Slavery Team which has (since 2016) been a permanent feature within the force's efforts to address all aspects of Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking (MSHT). All officers within this team have been subject to extensive training and continuous professional development within the Modern slavery arena, with one officer also

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being an advisor on the National Referral Mechanism Negative review panel.

Whilst the Modern Slavery Team have a number of specific roles, which centre around intelligence development, and providing advice and guidance on safeguarding and investigation standards, they also work closely with the Audit and Governance department within SYP to identify and manage crime and non-crime aspects related to MSHT offending.

Training and expert advice continues to be provided to colleagues / partners, both internally and externally in relation to Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking indicators.

The force also has a dedicated Serious and Organised Crime Vulnerability team (SOCV), whose remit it is to take ownership and manage some of the more serious and organised / complex Modern Slavery / Human Trafficking investigations that are identified across the force. The introduction of the SOCV team has allowed the force to be more effective at managing and investigating Organised Crime Groups (OCGs) involved in targeting vulnerable individuals across all aspects of Modern Slavery.

Since 2019, South Yorkshire Police have been working closely with the Co-ordinator of the South Yorkshire Modern Slavery Partnership (SYMSP). This partnership was established with funding by the OPCC after potential gaps had been identified in the partnership network, specifically with regards to input by non-governmental agencies at a more strategic level, on issues concerning the safeguarding of victims linked to Modern Slavery. The overarching vision of the SYMSP is to work in partnership, to ensure South Yorkshire is a Place of safety for survivors, a hostile region for those who exploit others, and a leading influence on national priorities related to Modern Slavery.

In an effort to measure the effectiveness of this relatively new partnership, South Yorkshire Police engaged with the SYMSP partnership co-ordinator to conduct an annual review. This review highlighted how the SYMSP has improved care for survivors through-

- Increased MSHT awareness to public sector workers
- Increased community awareness and resilience through campaigns and events;
- Improved trust and confidence between victims, survivors, public, private and third sectors relating to MSHT.

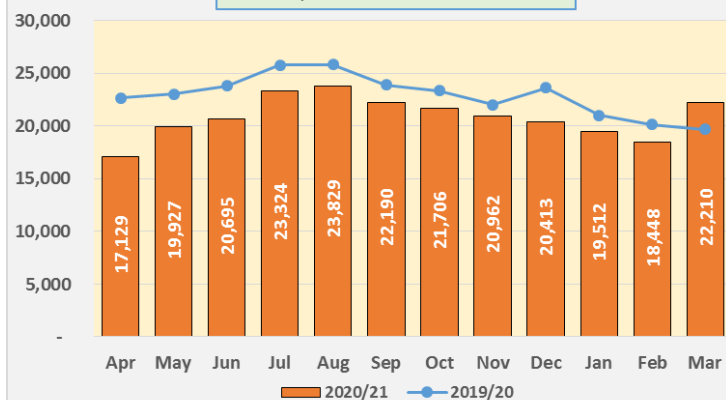
The relationships built up between all the partners involved in the SYMSP has helped break down barriers of communication.

To expand the specialist knowledge and experience that is held within the Modern Slavery Team, the force has introduced Modern Slavery Single Point of Contact (SPOC) Officers based within the force district areas. The officers range in roles from Detective Constable to Detective Sergeant, and are experienced serious and complex crime qualified investigators. Funding was obtained for each designated SPOC officer to attend the College of policing Modern Slavery advisor course. The purpose of extending the Modern Slavery Tactical Advice training programme to district based Detectives, is to ensure that the district SPOCs are points of contact for investigating officers across each district.

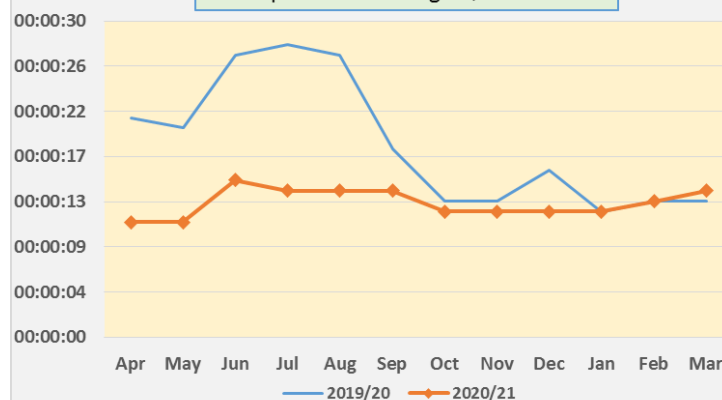
This increase in the number of officers trained to provide tactical investigatory advice is in addition to the service already provided by the Modern Slavery Team. It should support further improvements to the identification and delivery of Modern Slavery investigations and in turn, increase the number of offenders charged and prosecuted by the courts, and reduce the number of victims being exploited.

999 and 101 Calls¹²

Graph 1: 999 Call Volumes



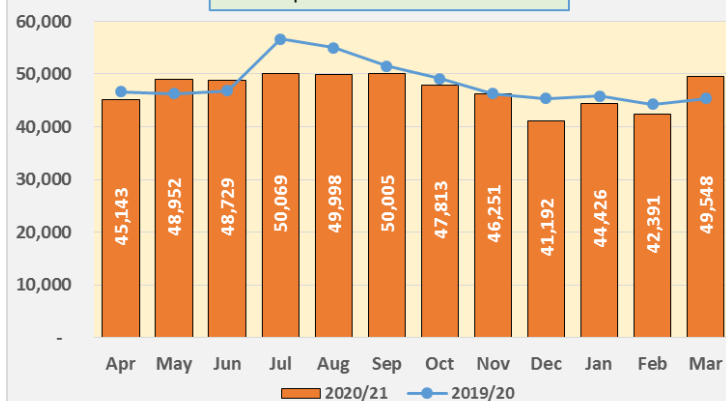
Graph 2: 999 Average Queue Time



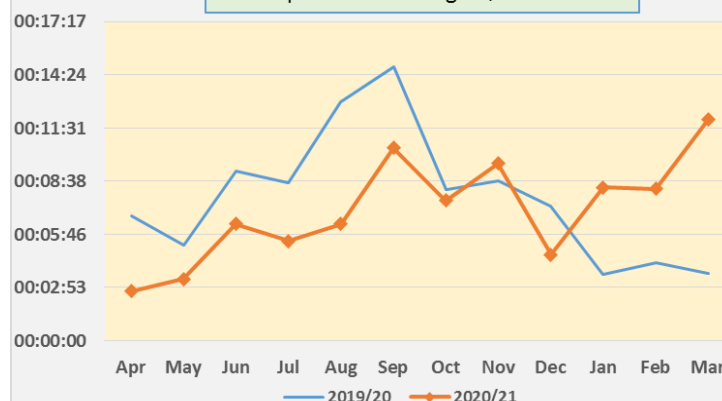
999 calls: Volumes in Q4 have remained below 19/20 levels however numbers have started to increase in March 2021 to above those seen in the equivalent period last year. The average 999-wait time during Q4 2020/21, (the orange line in graph 2) was 13 seconds.

101 calls: Volumes have increased in Q4 20/21 compared to Q3 and are above levels for the same period in the previous year. As a result of this, the average 101 wait time during Q4 2020/21 (the orange line in graph 4) was 9 ½ mins, an increase on Q3 times.

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.

South Yorkshire Police have recently established The Digital Portal, a new online platform for the recording of reports of Crime. The Portal has several methods of contact and functionality in one place, accessible via the SYP website. Users can also request a call back from a Call Handler through the Portal, much as they can do on the 101 service.

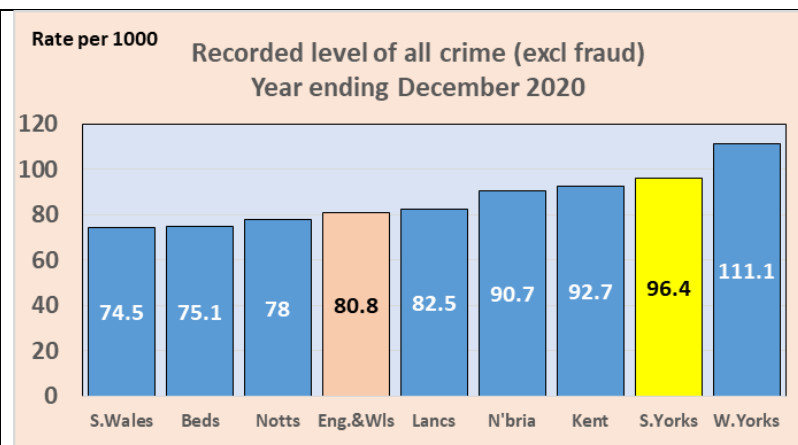
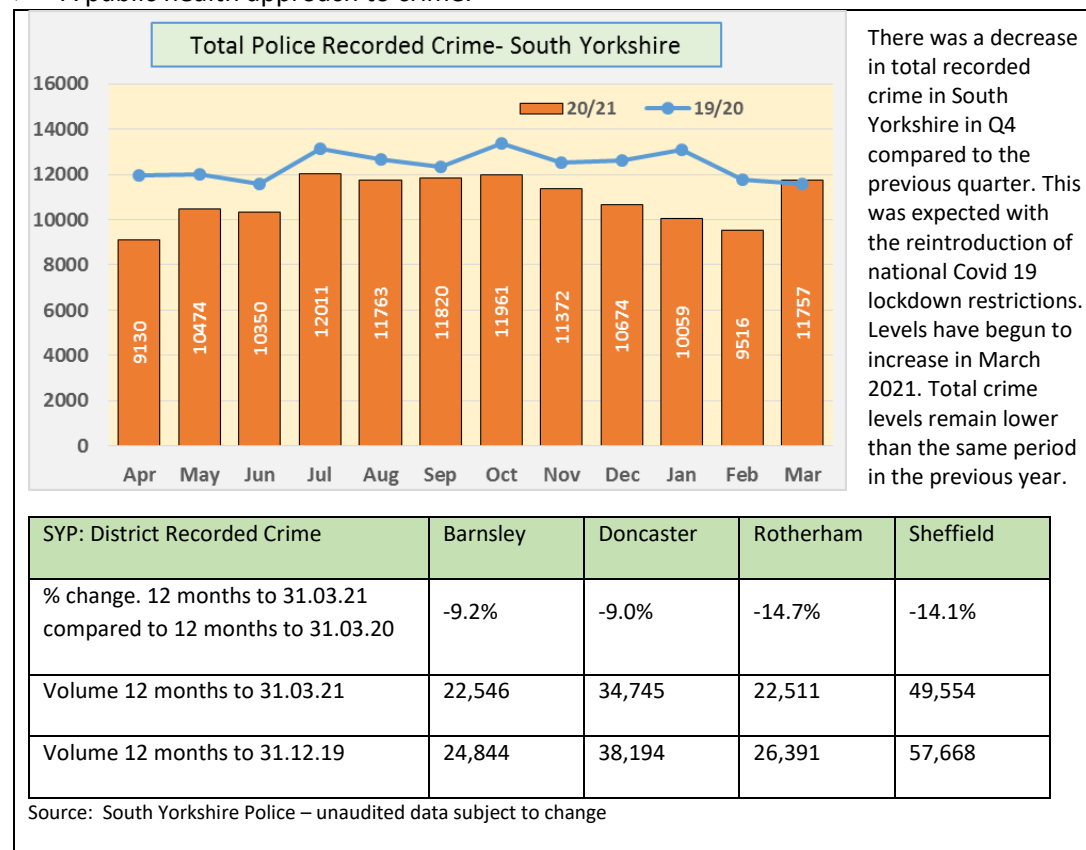
¹ Does not currently include the online reporting or web chat volumes that come into the contact centre.

² 101 is the number for contacting the police about something that is not an emergency.

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.

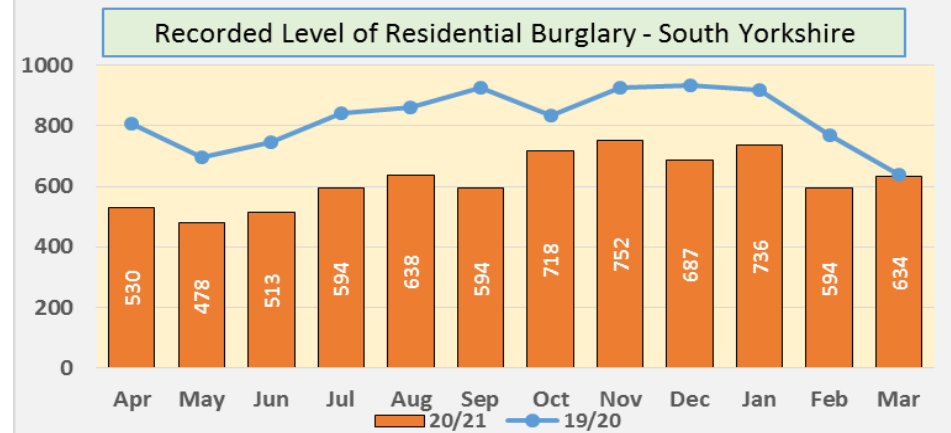


Source: ONS – Police Recorded Crime

Looking at the latest available comparator data, South Yorkshire has the second highest rate of total recorded crime compared to the most similar group of police forces.

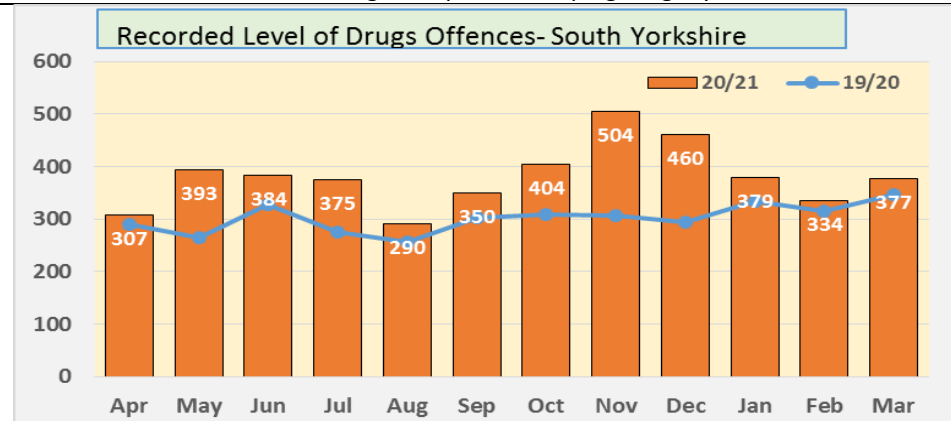
The accuracy of crime recording by the police has an impact on recorded crime figures. Those with more accurate recording may have higher recorded crime figures. HMICFRS look at forces' accuracy of recording as part of their new Victim Service Assessment. More details can be found on the HMICFRS website

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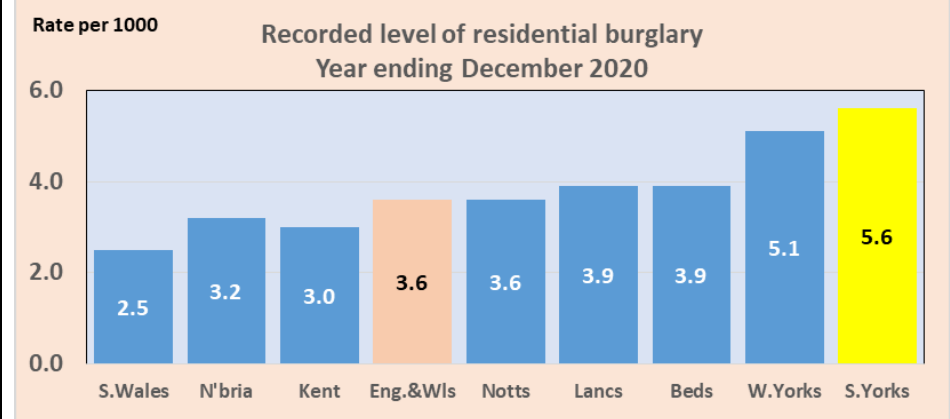
Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

Recorded levels of residential burglary have seen reductions in 20/21 in line with the coronavirus restrictions. Levels recorded in Q4 have decreased slightly compared to the previous quarter. SYP have been focusing 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.



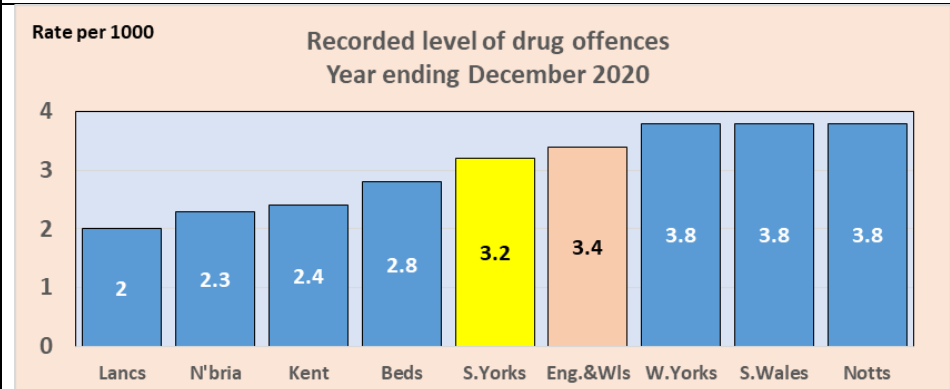
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Recorded levels of drugs offences in Q4 2020/21 have reduced slightly following a spike in the previous quarter, however volumes remain higher than those seen in the previous year. Drugs offences include the possession and trafficking of drugs. Levels of recorded offences will increase as more pro-active work is undertaken to tackle drug crime.



Source: ONS – Police Recorded Crime

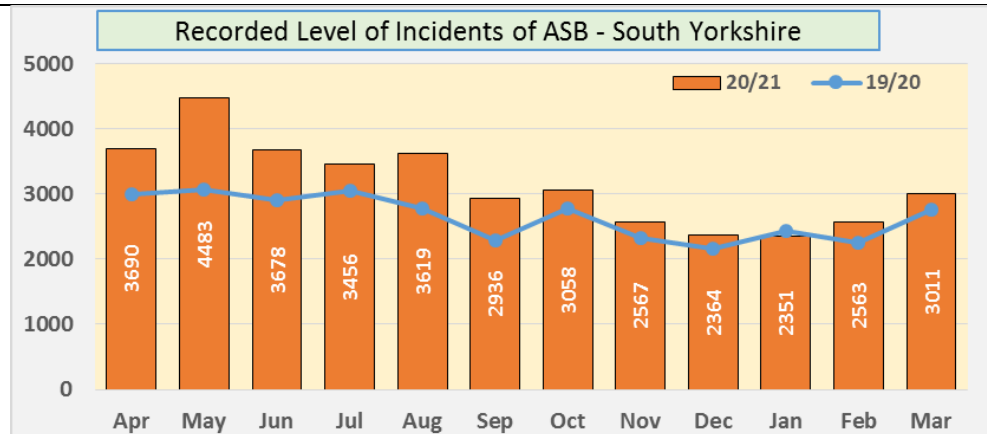
The latest comparator data for the year to December 2020 shows that South Yorkshire has a higher rate of residential burglary than the similar group of forces and the national average. Tackling residential burglary is a priority for all districts with a number of specific operations and initiatives in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



Source: ONS – Police Recorded Crime

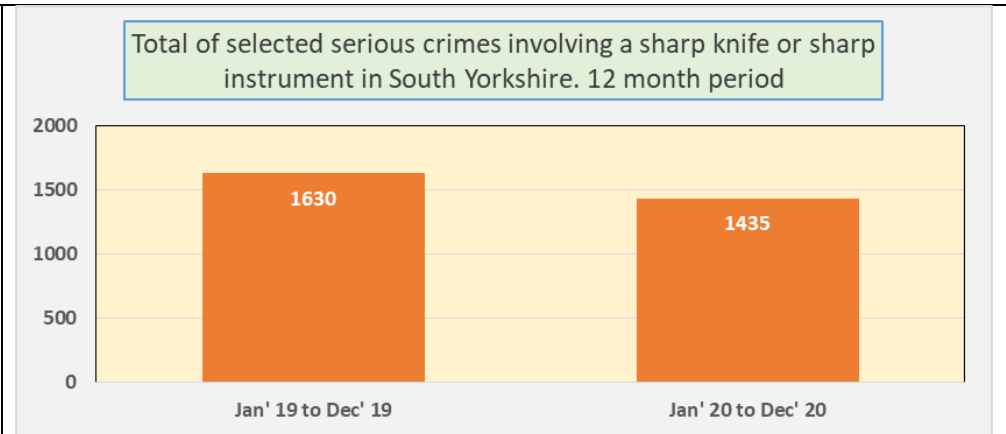
The latest comparator data for the year to December 2020 shows South Yorkshire is fourth highest out of the most similar group of police forces for the recorded level of drug offences and sits below the England and Wales average.

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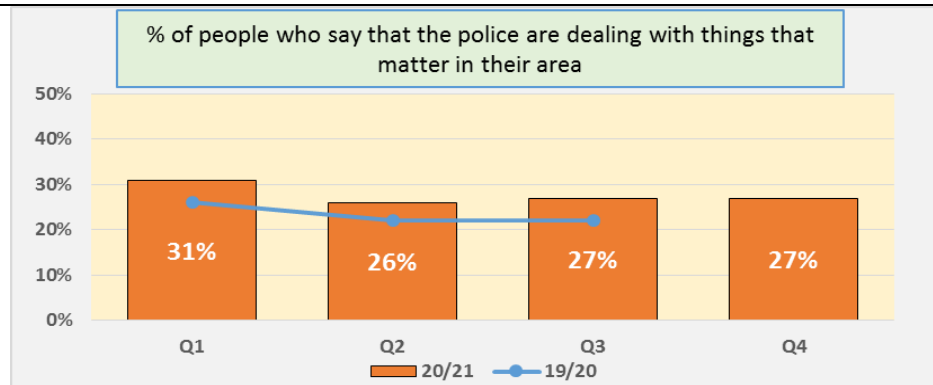
Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

There has been a slightly increasing trend in the recorded level of Anti-Social Behaviour in Q4 2020/21 from the previous quarter. Levels remain slightly higher than the equivalent period in 2019/20. These levels are affected by the recording of Covid-related incidents (breaches / rowdy behaviour/ vehicle nuisance).



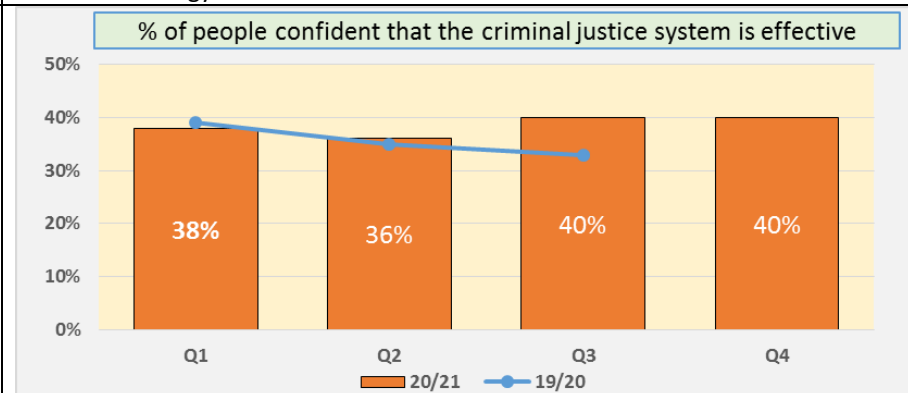
Source: ONS – Police Recorded Crime

The number of offences involving a knife is lower in the latest 12 month period compared to the same period in 2019. South Yorkshire are one of 12 forces who supplied data based on a new methodology (the National Data Quality Improvement Service) for identifying whether an offence included a knife or sharp instrument or not. These data are therefore not comparable with other forces until such time as all forces' data is supplied using the new methodology.



Source: SYP Your Voice Counts Survey

The % of people saying that the police are dealing with things that matter in their area has remained steady in Q4 with no significant change compared to Q3. There was no survey carried out in Q4 2019/20.



Source: SYP – Your Voice Counts Survey

There has been no change in the % of people who think that the criminal justice system is effective in Q4 compared to Q3. There was no survey carried out in Q4 19/20.

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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 continued demand for resources throughout Q4 with a continued focus on COVID19 related issues. Whilst there has been challenges created by the pandemic some excellent work has been carried out. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Community Speedwatch campaigns, over 40 have been carried out across the borough.
- Collaborative working between key partner agencies to tackle nuisance, off road motorcycles and vehicles.
- The creation of a rogues gallery of offenders and the purchase of long-range camera equipment for police utilisation.
- Areas of deprivation have been visited frequently in order to reduce environmental issues, which has included removing fly-tipping and contaminated bins in order to reduce the amount of deposits.

Collaborative working between agencies has continued to provide results in relation to deterring and preventing crime and ASB. This quarter there have been a number of targeted operations with a focus on serious acquisitive crime, COVID-19 and off road bikes.

The Town Centre Wardens continue to patrol the town centre on a daily basis and have teamed up with the Covid Marshals and officers from the Central Neighbourhood Policing Team to tackle ASB in the town centre. Work continues to gather intelligence on those responsible. As COVID-19 restrictions begin to lift it is unclear what impact this will have on ASB. Partnership working and the sharing of intelligence is key to understanding changes in demand, reducing ASB and protecting the public of Barnsley.

Working with local communities and elected members to identify local concerns has been a key priority during Q4 and this has led to focussed patrols to target increased ASB and other key initiatives. This includes drugs warrants based on intelligence and speed awareness campaigns among others.

Moreover, there have been increased concerns in relation to unidentified vulnerabilities during Q4 which have been further exacerbated by Covid-19 and the focus around those with medical rather than societal vulnerabilities. Housing officers have continued to work alongside Area Council managers to ensure that the most vulnerable are supported and where required those without food receive food parcels in a timely fashion. Prompt responses to housing concerns are also focussed on to ensure those in rented accommodation are living in safe, secure and warm premises.

Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership (SSDP)

During Q4 the core business of the Partnership has continued virtually. The Partnership have taken the unique opportunity presented by the pandemic to continue to re-focus priorities across the structure, to ensure these remain fit for purpose and address current and future challenges.

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As reported during Q3, a key decision was made to introduce a fifth Theme Group, specifically to address violent crime. This group is now 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 priorities and are aligned with the overarching Community Safety Strategy, which is currently being reviewed. A renewed performance framework is in place to allow Theme Groups to report clearly against their identified top priorities and to highlight any necessary escalations for resolution.

In relation to initiatives funded during 2020/21, the SSDP has continued to support key roles in relation to workforce development and serious organised crime, as well as continuing to support the work of the Youth Council in their programme of education and engagement across numerous community safety agendas. During the last financial year, Theme Groups managed their own funding pots within the Community Safety Grant, to enable them to respond to emerging issues and to facilitate planning for seasonal trends.

The 2020/21 grant has funded the following theme group activities:

- the provision of upgraded CCTV in the town centre
- the completion of a research project on the impact of parental alcohol use amongst young people
- the facilitation of CCTV camera installations for a large number of re-locatable cameras

- the delivery of restorative justice Offender Awareness sessions
- officer support/resource to a large organised crime police operation
- an additional Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) camera
- battery packs and body armour to support the work of the off-road bike team
- the design and provision of hate crime posters for all asylum seeker managed properties and additional personal safety equipment to support domestic abuse victims.

The work undertaken as part of this grant has enabled the partnership to further tackle crime and disorder and to make a positive difference to Doncaster residents.

Rotherham - Safer Rotherham Partnership

Safer Rotherham Partnership continue to deliver domestic abuse services with referrals into the services remaining relatively stable. The Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVA) service has seen a slight rise in referrals in quarter four compared to the previous quarter and the previous year. This also reflects in the referrals into the Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC). The primary focus of the MARAC is to work in partnership to safeguard victims. Services are continuing to work well with face-to-face work starting to be re-introduced in some areas of work.

Domestic Abuse information leaflets have been dropped at all COVID testing and vaccination sites and SYP have been given pocket leaflets to give victims with telephone numbers on for local and regional support.

Building confident and cohesive communities remains a key priority. The Police, Rotherham Council and South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue are continuously improving how they work together to identify issues in local

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neighbourhoods at an early stage and ensure a local multi-agency approach is adopted to effectively address the issues. For example, recent work in Maltby saw Police and Early Help and Family Engagement services come together to engage with over 100 young people. Referrals were made for family support and anti-social behaviour and crime issues dealt with.

Remedi, a provider of Restorative Justice Services, have been working throughout the year with young people on the topic of hate crime. Over 1000 students have attended hate crime awareness workshops in schools, colleges or online where they learned about what hate crime is; the impact it has on victims, families and communities; how to report hate crime when encountered in a safe and responsible way; and the sources of support for victims of hate crime.

Remedi also worked one to one with 25 young people who had been referred to them by Police Officers, Youth Offending Team, schools or other services because they had been involved in hate incidents or were at risk of becoming involved. After working with Remedi, one young person said that they had regretted what they did and are now more likely to think of how their actions could affect not only the victim, but the wider community too.

As part of a wider response to serious organised crime and gang related violence in the Dearne Valley area, the Safer Rotherham Partnership has funded additional diversionary work in the Swinton, Kilnhurst and Wath areas delivered by the Councils Early Engagement teams and Rotherham United Community Sports Trust. These activities are planned to continue through the summer.

Sheffield Community Safety Partnership

Throughout Q4 Sheffield Community Safety Partnership have been gaining valuable and positive feedback from over fourteen funded projects that ran until March 2021. Despite the ongoing challenges posed by the pandemic, the projects have continued to support some of Sheffield's most vulnerable adults. The projects have worked tirelessly and adapted over the past twelve months to ensure some vital services have continued to deliver throughout these unprecedented times.

The Partnership has further developed the City Centre COVID plan that supports some of the most complex and vulnerable adults. The 'Help Us Help' Communications Campaign has reached thousands of people via Facebook Account, Twitter Blogs and their website. Vital information has been circulated via these social media sites.

Despite the restrictions put in place throughout the year the Partnership's Alcohol and Drug Services projects have also reported good results. Large numbers of clients have benefited from these subject matter experts during an extremely difficult period of time.

This is only a small insight into the vast work undertaken by the CSP. Overall, each project funded has adapted during a very strenuous time ensuring engagement and services continue. Priorities are now being reviewed and a roadmap out of COVID is being planned to ensure the service can continue to adapt over the next twelve months.

Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPTs)

Neighbourhood Policing in South Yorkshire is about working at the local level and engaging directly with the community. Neighbourhood policing continues to develop, with teams across all four districts 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

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

The force's efforts to further improve its Neighbourhood Policing are continuing, which we anticipate will allow us to provide the best possible service to the public. Ongoing reviews of the three deliverables of Neighbourhood Policing (engagement, targeted activity and problem solving) are continuing. Each district has an action plan around these areas and this allows Districts to look for and action any opportunities for improvements.

Each district provides quarterly updates to the Force leadership regarding their progress. The cycle of action plan updates being provided to the Force leadership enables a process of continuous improvement to identify any areas of innovation or good practice and for this to be shared between the other districts.

Barnsley

The role of Neighbourhood Policing is to engage with communities, to conduct targeted activity and to problem solve. Having been the first district to reintroduce neighbourhood policing and to invest in a co-located partnership hub, we have a wealth of knowledge and experience, but are always seeking new ways of working and have really benefitted from a recent injection of fresh-faced Police Now graduates.

Police Now is a national graduate scheme which recruits innovative individuals directly into Neighbourhood Policing Teams with new skills and potential to be future senior leaders. Having started in September, our 7 new Police Now officers are already performing to a high standard, delivering problem solving and making a positive impact in local areas.

Through engaging with communities Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPTs) listen and take action in relation to local priorities. The challenge over the last year is how to effectively engage and reach the very different communities of Barnsley when face-to-face contact has been severely restricted. However, we have used this time to seek feedback from our communities and to design a new engagement plan that uses the evidence base and focuses on new and creative ways of engaging with different communities.

Several new digital initiatives have already been launched, such as the virtual 'Brew with a Bobby' and a trial of Facebook Live to engage with larger groups of people across ward areas and across the whole of the district. We will evaluate the impact of these engagement activities and, as we move out of lockdown restrictions, hope to use this new technology alongside our more traditional means of engagement to ensure that we are accessing and listening to as many voices as possible.

The global pandemic has made us all spend more time in our homes and in our local neighbourhoods than we ever have previously. This has brought some communities closer together but it has also caused tension and friction. Reported ASB reduced significantly between 2017 and 2019, when our neighbourhood policing teams were reintroduced, stabilising in 2019/20. 2021/22 is a different story due to the number of reported Covid breaches that have been recorded on our systems under ASB.

Here are several examples of good work undertaken by our NPTs to tackle persistent ASB:

- ASB in Thurnscoe – the South East team have identified key individuals and groups responsible for the ASB and are working with housing and BMBC to resolve this.

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- Alongside the increased patrols and visits, a community protection notice has been issued to one individual and a pre-injunction letter served on two further youths. Work continues with BMBC to build the case for a civil injunction and the feedback from residents is that partnership activities are working.
- Criminal Behaviour Order - Extensive work has been undertaken by PC Paul Thornton in the Town team to secure a CBO against a prolific and longstanding ASB nominal. The CBO now prohibits him from entering the town centre for a period of 4 years and will go a long way to making the town centre feel a safer place for those who visit.
- Closure Orders – within the last few weeks, Closure Orders have been secured by both the North and the North East Team in relation to premises in Athersley and Cudworth respectively. These Closure Orders not only prevent ASB by prohibiting anyone who is not a resident to attend there, but in one of these cases, is designed to assist and protect the vulnerable person who is still living there.

Speeding has been a persistent issue in some areas of Barnsley. This issue was exacerbated during the first national lockdown, when the amount of traffic on the roads reduced substantially and some inconsiderate road users used this as an opportunity to speed and to drive in an anti-social and sometimes dangerous manner.

To tackle speeding, each neighbourhood team carries out multiple Speedwatch operations every month in areas that have been identified through officer knowledge, engagement with the public or feedback from local councillors. All teams have now adopted the good practice that was initiated by the South NPT of sharing the results of these Speedwatch

operations on social media, detailing the volumes of vehicles checked and their average speeds. In terms of the number of Speedwatch operations undertaken, in the South area alone, 10 Speedwatch operations have been undertaken in 3 months with over 900 vehicles checked.

The NPTs continue to work with BMBC and the Safety Roads Partnership to highlight ongoing concerns so that longer-term, permanent deterrents to speeding can be put in place.

Doncaster

Doncaster Police recognised that the Covid pandemic would negatively impact our ability to contact, engage and listen to local communities face to face. We have adapted our communication methods by expanding the online presence, particularly with the use of online PACT meetings. This has allowed our Neighbourhood teams to keep the public informed and has had the added benefit of improving the accessibility of our teams, enabling the views of a much wider and more diverse audience to be presented. Doncaster now hosts 11 PACT meetings per month. Each of our ward areas has a bespoke Covid adapted Engagement plan based on the demographic and needs of that community.

The West Neighbourhoods Team continues to work with the Fortify Teams and partners to tackle the embedded organised criminality across Mexborough, Denaby and Conisbrough. This has seen a mixture of 'enforcement' such as arrests, warrants, stop and searches, and vehicle seizures, combined with increased engagement and educational activity alongside key partnership agencies. To support this activity, we have consistently deployed force resources, such as the Serious Violent Crime Taskforce and armed response vehicles to give a greater coverage and increase the visibility for the community.

This preventative and enforcement work seeks to reassure communities, encourage reporting and dissuade the next generation of children from

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getting involved in criminality. In this reporting period FORTIFY has focused on the top layer of the OCG with a determination to dismantle them. The cumulative impact of this approach has been the arrest and imprisonment of significant key members of the organised crime groups. The Mexborough area will continue to be a key focus for the locality working model with a multi-agency strategy and action plan being developed, using the Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare methodology.

Part of this work includes developing an engagement strategy to improve communication links with the local community. We are also working closely with Crimestoppers to encourage the community to work with us in providing information, which will support the disruption of this criminal activity. Vehicles driving at excessive speed is an issue for many of our local communities.

Prior to Covid restrictions, local neighbourhood teams supported community speed watches, which involves members of the community using equipment to monitor vehicle speed. Covid restrictions prevent this training from being undertaken and therefore this has reduced.

Neighbourhoods do, however, continue to deploy to monitor speeding vehicles, as do our Road traffic officers. This ongoing activity has led to significant reductions in speeding vehicles in some areas and the Safer Camera Partnership continue to seek to improve the way in which we are able to address this issue.

Doncaster's planned expansion of Neighbourhood Policing continues, with a desire to provide an improved multi agency footprint with partners across the District. In December 2020, 11 new Police Now officers joined our teams, taking our establishment to 6 Sergeants and 45 officers. A further injection of posts within Neighbourhood Policing took place in

February 2021, with an uplift of a further 3 Sergeant posts and an additional 7 Police Constable posts. This takes our total establishment to 9 Sergeants and 52 Constables. This expansion in staffing numbers will allow us to better tackle those local issues that impact on communities.

Rotherham

Rotherham currently provides communities with Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPTs) that consist of dedicated, local police officers, together with police community support officers. These are split into 3 geographical areas; North, Central and South, with support from a Safer Neighbourhoods Service (SNS). Each has a dedicated Inspector and the force has heavily invested in Neighbourhoods with an increase of 10 officers including Constables specially trained in Problem solving in addition to filling existing gaps.

During the pandemic, the NPTs have had to restrict some of the usual face to face activity however when restrictions allow the teams will return to traditional methods of engaging with local communities including high visibility patrols, drop in surgeries, pop up police stations and online meetings. Covid has positively impacted on the NPTs ability to engage through social media, build relationships with partners and to support those most vulnerable in local communities

With the easing of Covid restrictions, the NPTs have developed a plan around a joint response with partners including dedicated resources for the policing of the Night Time Economy, for dealing positively with domestic violence and to engage with business owners providing advice including making properties safe and secure.

Burglary continues to be a force priority. It's not just impacts financially on people, it can also have a significant influence on the victim's emotional well-being and sense of security. Rotherham has seen a reduction in Burglaries. A number of initiatives have supported this drive

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including Operation Shield using Smartwater technology to make places safer and more secure and crime prevention through community groups and social media. Targeted activity through covert and overt patrols, intelligence gathering and disruption through arrests of key offenders have also contributed in this reduction.

After falling for a number of years, from April 2020, reports of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) increased as the pandemic hit. Since January 2021 however, there has been a slow reduction in reports, especially those linked to covid breaches. All of the Neighbourhood teams are co-located with Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council (RMBC) and routinely scan for priority locations and trends in ASB. This data forms the basis of the partnership problem-solving approach allowing NPTs to prioritise those most vulnerable in communities.

Speeding vehicles remains a persistent issue raised by communities and local Speedwatch operations have continued, targeted in locations highlighted by the public. The Police's Roads Policing Group have been focused on speed reduction throughout the borough.

The Police have a role to play in ensuring the safety of those experiencing mental health problems and this has become a part of the core business of the NPTs. Changes in training, early recognition of vulnerability and partnership approaches between the Police, Social Care and Health professionals have meant that NPTs have been better able to respond to those in crisis, safeguard and provide long term support.

Sheffield

There has been a delay in receiving a Q4 update from Sheffield's NPTs. The following information, therefore, is in respect of Q3. A further update

will be included in relevant Public Accountability Board meetings and in the next quarterly performance report (Q1 21/22).

The District neighbourhood structure in Sheffield consists of five inspector led geographic areas, further subdivided into fifteen sergeant led teams comprising police constables and PCSOs giving Sheffield the largest neighbourhood footprint in South Yorkshire.

The teams identify issues arising from local surveys, social media 'surgeries', crime trends, community meetings, pop-up police stations and neighbourhood watch to set the local priorities. The fifteen sergeant led neighbourhood teams have been working hard to understand the issues within their localities and to engage with their communities to address the issues raised.

Examples of 'You said, We did' include a number of closure orders relating to drug dealing and 'cuckooing' (using the address of a vulnerable person) in the Broomhall area by the North West Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT). Recently, this included a warrant at premises of a male who the previous evening had refused to engage with officers about an assault. Officers arrested him and other nominals for offences of drug dealing, they closed the premises and safeguarded a vulnerable male who had been cuckooed.

In another operation to tackle vehicle related antisocial behaviour and drink driving, the same team stopped a vehicle and seized over £10,000 cash from it. Using a problem solving approach, this team are managing the only acquisitive crime mapped Organised Crime Group working with the Fortify Team.

This joint approach has resulted in effective neighbourhood and proactive

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interventions and has seen a reduction in burglary in the area. The team has a very active social media presence and won the South Yorkshire Team of the Year in the recent force awards.

The central team have a slightly different approach to the issues in the City Centre. The on-going pandemic has impacted the night time economy and has given the team a renewed focus on the city centre's day time setting. One of the main priorities is tackling street culture, with dedicated problem solving plans to manage rough sleepers and work with partners to gain evidence to use antisocial behaviour powers like criminal behaviour orders against prolific city centre nominals.

A good example of visibility and patrolling to engage face to face with communities is the example set by the new Page Hall Team. The team became operational in October 2020 led by PS Cartlidge, and very quickly after inception, the team engaged with the local neighbourhood network to listen to their concerns.

Residents identified burglary, vehicle borne antisocial behaviour and COVID breaches as issues within the area, these are all covered within a longer term problem-solving plan to build trust within the community.

The Neighbourhood Teams are working with their local communities to understand their priorities and to tackle these, including concerns of burglary, speeding vehicles and drugs use. They have been successful in closing several problematic premises linked to antisocial behaviour and are developing problem solving plans to resolve neighbourhood concerns.

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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 re-launched as the Commissioner's Proceeds of Crime Act Community Grants Scheme. The maximum funding organisations are able to apply for has now increased to £7500 and a range of improvements were implemented, including an online applications form and increased transparency and due diligence. Prior to the new scheme launching the grant scheme had allocated £49,288 of funding to 12 organisations in Q2.

The refreshed scheme sees money confiscated from criminals as part of the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA), forming 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.

Q4 saw the following organisations be awarded funding from the scheme:

- Breaking Beats Ltd.
- Firth Park Boxing and Fitness
- Action for Autism and Asperger's Barnsley
- Element Society
- Barnsley Sea Cadets
- We Can Grow Communities CIC
- Rotherham United Community Sports Trust
- Reach Up Youth
- Active Lives Active Communities CIC

The results from the most recent grants panel are to be published on the OPCC website shortly. [Grants - South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner \(southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/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 Independent Ethics Panel has a role in helping the PCC and Chief Constable build the trust and confidence of the public and partners in South Yorkshire Police, by ensuring the code of ethics is culturally embedded across the organisation and is demonstrated through the way South Yorkshire Police thinks and behaves. 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.

The panel, including four newly appointed members, met in February. During the meeting, the panel considered presentations and discussed detailed information provided around:

- The Grievance Procedure Function within SYP
- Retrospective Facial Recognition
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion within SYP
- Stop and Search

An exception report to the Public Accountability Board on 9th April 2021 giving more details of the above can be found here (page 59 and 60 of the agenda pack.) [Public Accountability Board Meetings - South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner \(southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/public-accountability-board-meetings-south-yorkshire-police-and-crime-commissioner)

Further information about meetings and the work of the Independent Ethics Panel can be found on the IEP pages of the OPCC website here: [Meetings, Agendas & Minutes - South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner \(southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.opcc.gov.uk/meetings-agendas-minutes-south-yorkshire-police-and-crime-commissioner)

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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 put on hold at the end of March 2020 with agreement from the Home Office.

The ICV Scheme restarted in June 2020 with a small number of ICVs undertaking sole visits. In addition to this, officers within the OPCC have been 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 in relation to findings from the checking of logs.

The OPCC held training for three new ICVs at the end of April 2021 and are due to start visiting suites in the few weeks; further interviews have also taken place and two further ICVs have been successful subject to vetting.

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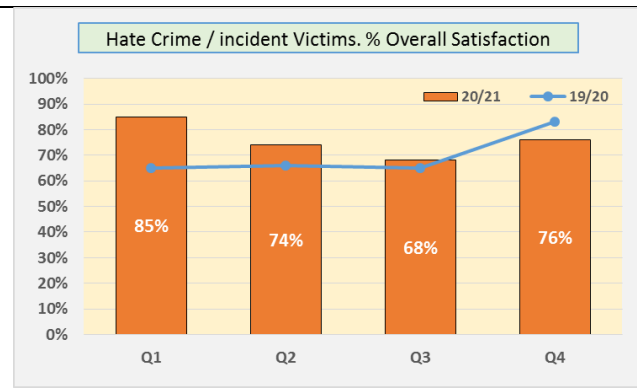
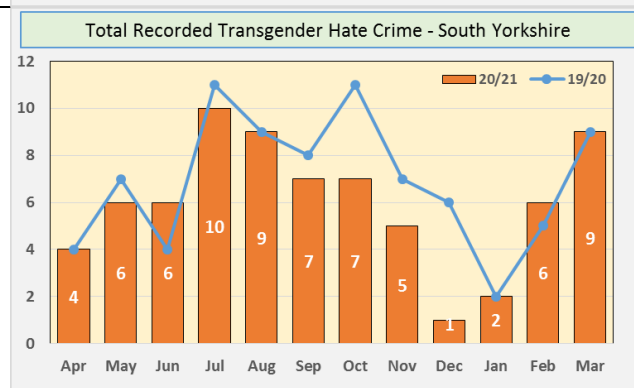
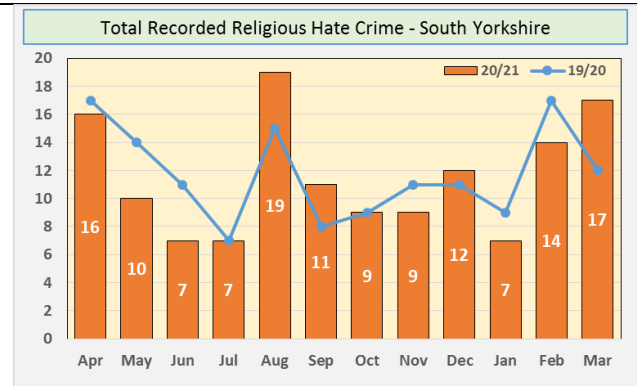
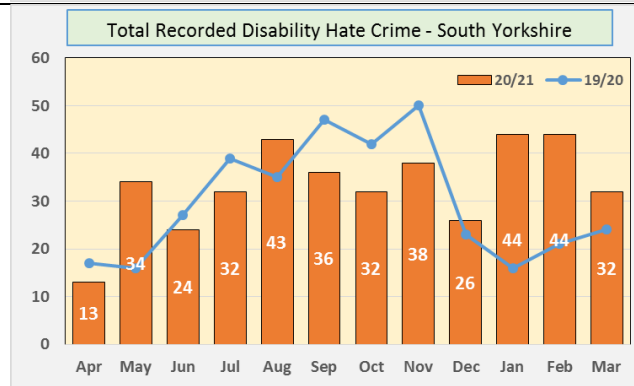
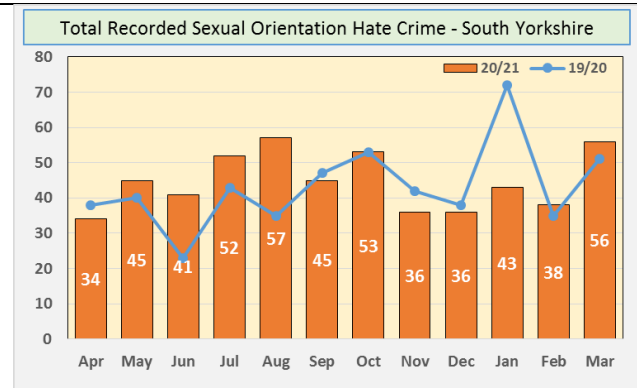
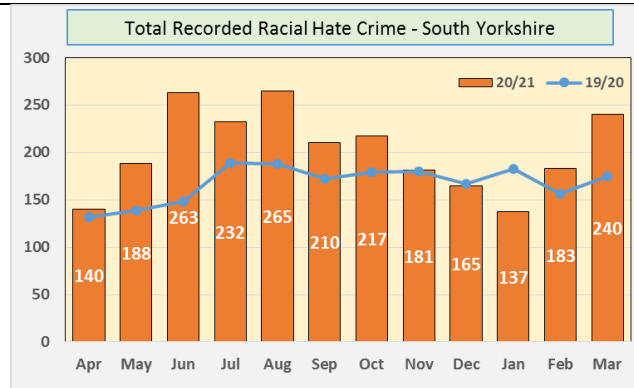
Total hate crimes and incidents recorded from April 20 - March 21 are up 15% on the previous 12 month period. After falling in Q3, Q4 has seen a 13% increase in hate crime when compared to Q3 and a slight 4% increase compared to the same period of last year.

Hate Crime has historically been under-reported nationally. Whilst the tensions resulting from UK exit from the EU, the Black Lives Matter movement and the Covid pandemic are evident nationally, there is also acknowledged to be increased willingness to report hate crime nationally and within South Yorkshire.

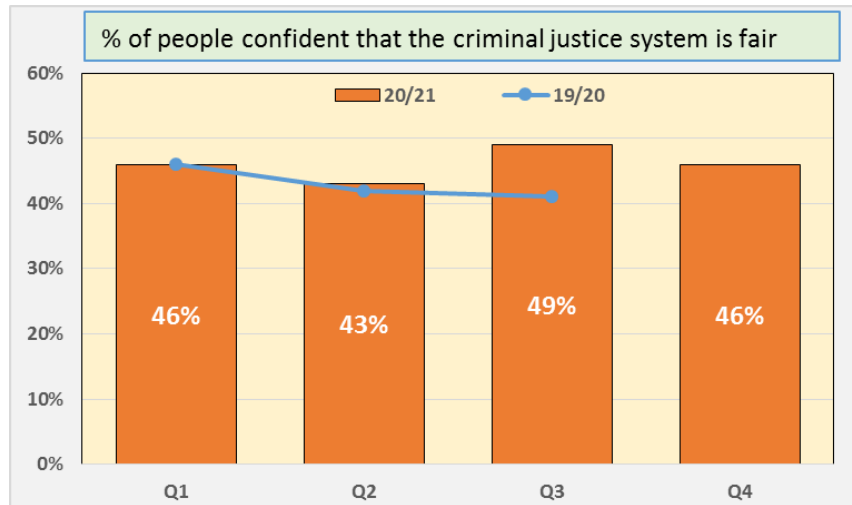
At the latter end of 2019/20 SYP conducted a review of how hate crime was dealt with. As a result of that review and learning from how SYP deals with domestic abuse cases, SYP has focussed on ensuring that all hate crime are attended or dealt with by appointment, meaning that victims are seen within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

Victim satisfaction has been gradually increasing, albeit with fluctuations, from a low of 65% in Q1 of 2019/20 to 76% in Q4 20/21. There has been no statistically significant change in the latest Q4 figure compared with the previous Q3 figure.

Source: SYP– unaudited data subject to change



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Source: SYP Your Voice Counts Survey

46% of people surveyed in Q4 think that the criminal justice system is fair. This decrease is not statistically significant compared to Q3. There was no survey carried out in Q4 19/20.

The Police Workforce

The workforce has grown again in Q4, by over 170 people in the last 3 months. Most of that rise (+142 individuals) has been as a result of increased police officer numbers. There is smaller growth in police staff and specials, while numbers of volunteers continue to decline slowly.

With the raised workforce totals, numbers of people with under-represented characteristics show continuing growth. For police officers, the greatest rises are among females (+0.6% to another new milestone of 36.0%) and people who identify as LGBT+ (+0.4% to a new high of 3.0%). While ethnic minority officers continue a numerical rise (+6 to a new high total of 137) the proportion as a percentage of all police officers remains stubbornly steady at 4.9%. The same is true for officers who are other

than white – numbers having risen by +5 this quarter but the proportion stays the same as last quarter at 3.8%.

In the workforce as a whole, the greatest rise in proportions is also among people who identify as LGBT+. Numbers have risen by +16 and the proportion has increased by +0.2% to a new peak of 2.6%. Disclosures of disability have remained steady at 2.7% of the workforce.

The proportions of officers from ethnic minorities and who are other than white have remained the same for six months - 4.9% (ethnic minority) and 3.8% (other than white). The ratio for female officers has risen once again to 36%, 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 chief superintendent has risen to another new high of 50%. While there is still work to do around female representation, these figures are far less disproportionate than those around ethnicity and disability.

Officers from ethnic minorities have an abiding absence in the two highest rank categories. Minority ethnic presence is over-concentrated in constable and inspector ranks (detective and uniform). Under-representation among sergeants remains significant.

Stop and Search

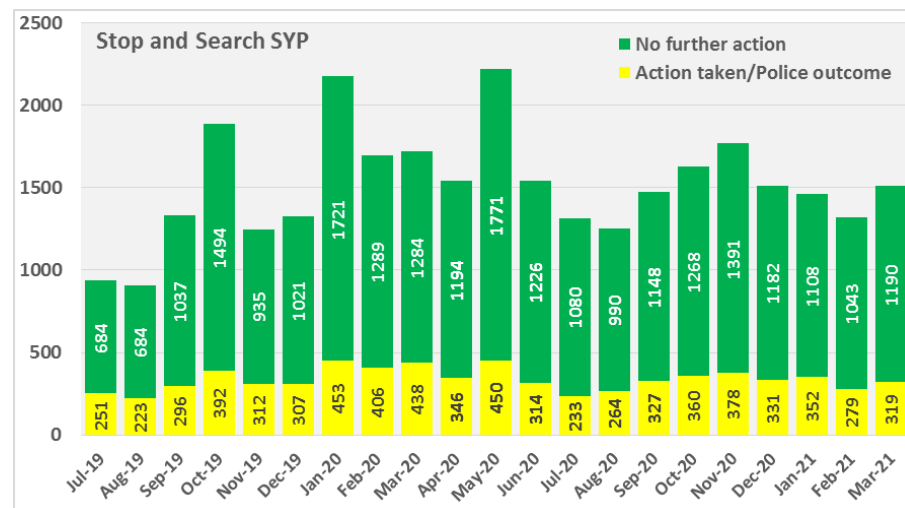
South Yorkshire Police's vision for stop and search is: "To achieve the highest level of trust and confidence in its use to tackle crime and keep our streets safe." Stop and search helps the Police protect communities by identifying and eliminating violent and key crimes including antisocial behaviour.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

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opportunities for these meetings to take place has been affected due to the restrictions caused by the coronavirus pandemic. Two members of the Independent Ethics Panel have held two meetings to review body worn video footage of stop and search incidents, seeking assurance that these have been done fairly, proportionally and ethically in line with guidance and legislation.

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 2021 was 24%, 21% in February and 21% March 2021.



Source: SYP stop and search report – data subject to change.

Stop and searches broken down by ethnicity:

South Yorkshire April 2020 - March 2021				
Ethnicity	No. of searches	% of searches	% positive outcome	Rate per 1000* *population*
White	11124	68%	22%	9.1
Black	741	5%	27%	28.8
Asian	1423	9%	21%	22.2
Other	155	1%	25%	10.2
Mixed	287	2%	32%	13.8
Not Stated	2613	16%	15%	-

Source: SYP stop and search report – data subject to change.

*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 and so need to be used as a guide only as population demographics may have changed.

Between April 2020 and March 2021, 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 also an issue nationally.

During 2020/21, the PCC has undertaken a series of meetings with members of the Black community in South Yorkshire. These meetings aim to discuss how policing and wider criminal justice can improve and better engage with the Black community. Discussions have focused on stop and

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search, organised crime gangs and community policing and partnership working.

More data and information about stop and search in South Yorkshire can be found on the Police.UK website. <https://www.police.uk>

Restorative Justice (RJ) - Remedi

Remedi is a registered charity working 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.

In the fourth quarter, 1st January 2021– 31st March 2021, Remedi have received **171** new referrals into the service. **93** victims of crime have been offered RJ. The following interventions have taken place across South Yorkshire:

- **5** direct interventions between victims of crime and the offender for their crime.
- **62** indirect messages and letters have been passed between victims and offenders.
- **200** restorative awareness sessions have been delivered by our trained RJ practitioners to offenders being managed across South Yorkshire Community Rehabilitation Companies (CRC's). Of these **83** cases have been referred in for RJ.

Feedback from RJ Service Users

"I can't explain how thankful I am to Freya and Louise for their help and assistance within the process. They have been so understanding of the situation and helped me and supported me the whole way through. I couldn't recommend them and the RJ process more for others." (Victim of crime following police referral)

"Despite Covid playing a massive disadvantage to the situation, myself and my brother managed to have two letters exchanged and then two direct phone calls. For me I was over the moon with this. I know we have a long way still to go, but I feel this process has been the best place we could start. I can't thank my Offender Manager and Freya enough for supporting me, listening to me, and finally giving me the chance to talk with my brother again." (Offender feedback)

"I accept her apology. I have people close to me with addiction and it can blur your judgement, so I hold no malice towards her, and I hope she gets the help she needs." (Victim feedback)

"I give you 10 out of 10 for this service. I had no idea it was out there. I hadn't heard anything about the offence or the offender since the shop theft, until you contacted me. It had affected me a lot. Doing RJ has helped me feel supported." (Victim feedback)

The RJ Hub is based within Snig Hill Police Station and operates working hours 9am – 5pm Monday-Friday. An answerphone facility is available out of hours and all calls will be responded to. Referrals for RJ are welcomed from victims & offenders themselves or any professional working with those persons. Direct contact number is **0800 561 1000** or text **SYRJ to 82228**. Or via website 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 forecast financial position for the OPCC and South Yorkshire Police at the end of March 2021 is as follows:

Revenue budget £8.929m underspend:

- OPCC £263k underspend. This relates to underspends on:
 - Staffing: Cancelled PCC elections in 20/21, recharges to projects and turnover (underspend £149k).
 - Other: (Underspend £114k).
- Commissioning underspend of £280k, and this balance will be transferred as a contribution to the commissioning reserve, in order to mitigate risks around contracting future commissioning services over multiple years.
- SYP underspend £3.281m from which £370k will make a contribution to the insurance reserve following the renewal of the insurance contract. Also the following items are flagged:
 - £1.46m grant for Covid-19 which the Home Office notified us in March 2021.
 - £1.77 in supplies and services a combination of service charges underspend, insurance provision adjustment, software licences for Robotics and Oracle, and pension provision adjustment.
- Legacy £4.717m underspend, this relates to a combination of a provision and demand which will manifest itself in future accounting periods.
- Capital financing cost £388k underspend, this relates to the reprofiling of the capital programme down during 2020/21 financial year, and the in house borrowing rather than going to the market, thus saving interest payments.

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Capital budget:

- The approved capital programme has been revised down during the year from £22.2m to £14.1m. Final outturn expenditure is £12m. 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.

Procurement data is usually received one quarter behind. The following therefore relates to quarter 3 – October to December 2020.

Sixteen procurement contracts were awarded for SYP between October and December 2020 with twelve of these collaborative. In the same period £125,405 actual cashable savings were reported to the Home Office, the savings achieved exceeded the target set by the Home Office.

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Public Engagement

With Covid restrictions remaining in place, the PCC's Engagement Officers continued to gather public opinion via social media platforms and virtual meetings with partners and community groups.

The PCC's weekly blog now reaches over 2,000 individual and community group contacts. The blog continues to be a valuable source of dialogue between the public and the PCC.

The precept (council tax) on line survey closed at the end of January with a total of 2160 respondents. The results supported an increase of £15 per year based on a Band D property.

The survey also asked residents to identify their top three policing priorities which came out quite clearly as tackling neighbourhood crime (anti-social behaviour, burglary and vehicle related criminality), visible policing and resources to tackle serious crime.

Following meetings with a number of parish councils concerned at the speed of vehicles through their villages, the PCC promptly met with relevant officers from the local authority Highways, SYP Road Traffic and the Safety Camera Partnership to consider viable solutions.

The PCC met with a small group of farmers who were suffering regular damage to their land and wildlife by local quad bikers. With a targeted and more informed approach to the issues raised, the local policing team, off road bike team and local authority officers have begun to make a real difference. The PCC continues to meet with the group and has commended the farmers for their positive approach to supporting the joint work to date.

Following concerns raised by members of the public, the PCC has been in correspondence with the government ministers regarding the safety of the Smart Motorway (All Lane Running) section of the M1 in South Yorkshire.

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	4 meetings held between April 2020 – March 2021
Monthly Public Accountability Board meetings	An opportunity for the PCC and members of the public to question the Chief Constable and his team	13 meetings held between April 2020 – March 2021
Quarterly Joint Independent Audit Committee meetings	Focussing on governance and risk management – exception reports to the Public Accountability Board meetings	4 meetings and 4 workshops held between April 2020 – March 2021
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 2020 – March 2021
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	There were 11 physical visits during quarter 4 and 173 custody record checks completed. Issues noted have been 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	70 decisions made and published on the website between April 2020 – March 2021
Joint Corporate Governance Framework	Making sure the PCC and Chief Constable conduct business correctly in line with the statutory framework.	