

## POLICE AND CRIME PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT

1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

### Introduction

The Police and Crime Plan for South Yorkshire is published by the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC). It outlines his policing and wider criminal justice priorities for the area and how he will work with the police and partners to achieve them. The latest Police and Crime Plan – “Working Together for a Safer South Yorkshire”, covers the period 2023-2025. The overall aim for the plan: “We want South Yorkshire to be a place in which it is safe to live, learn, work and travel.”

The priorities outlined in the plan in support of the aim for 2023 onwards are:

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

In working deliver on these priorities, the PCC has also identified four Fundamental Principles that must underpin everything that the police, partners and the OPCC do:

- Put victims first.
- Improve public trust and confidence in policing.
- Demonstrate value for money.
- Support sustainability.

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 quarterly reports cannot include everything being delivered, however more information can be found on the PCC’s website [www.southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk).

## National Priorities for Policing

The National Priorities for Policing were introduced by the Government in 2021/22. The priorities are specified by the Government in the National Crime and Policing Measures. The aim of the national measures is to complement existing local priorities set out in the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan. The Police and Crime Commissioner has included all national priorities in his current Police and Crime Plan.

The key national policing priorities are:

- Reduce murder and other homicide.
- Reduce serious violence.
- Disrupt drugs supply and county lines.
- Reduce neighbourhood crime.
- Improve victim satisfaction with a focus on victims of domestic abuse.
- Tackle cybercrime.

The Police and Crime Commissioner is required to provide a statement on the contribution of South Yorkshire Police to achieving improvements against these national priorities and the latest statement can be found on the PCC's website. This report also contains information relevant to the national priorities.

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## Police and Crime Plan Summary Dashboard

Protecting Vulnerable People			
Measure	12 Months to June 2022	12 Months to June 2023	Trend*
Recorded Domestic Abuse Crimes (1)	24,544	25,315	↑
Domestic Abuse Crime Arrest Rate (1)	51%	44%	↓
Recorded Sexual Offences (1)	4527	4718	↑
% Of crimes where victim is assessed as vulnerable (1)	38%	34%	↓
Vulnerable victims satisfied with police experience (8)	70%	69%	↓

Tackling Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour			
Measure	12 Months to June 2022	12 Months to June 2023	Trend*
SYP Recorded level of Anti-Social Behaviour (1)	22,200	21,444	↓
Recorded level of all crime (excl. fraud) (1)	154,634	161,102	↑
Measure	Oct 19 to Sept 20 cohort	Oct 20 to Sept 21 cohort	Trend*
Rate of proven re-offending (adults) (2) (Lower rates are better)	26.1%	26.0% (England/Wales 24.0%)	↓
Rate of proven re-offending (youth) (2) (Lower rates are better)	27.3%	23.9% (England/Wales 30.5%)	↓
Measure	12 months to Mar 22	12 months to Mar 23	Trend*
Serious crimes involving a knife or sharp instrument (3)	1,566	1,635	↑

Treating People Fairly			
Measure	12 Months to June 2022	12 Months to June 2023	Comparison
% Of people saying police do a good/excellent job (7)	33%	28%	↓ statistically significant decrease
Measure	Apr 22 to Jun 22	Apr 23 to Jun 23	Trend*
No. of cases created by Restorative Justice service (active referrals) (4) More information on type of referrals on page 29	110	137	↑
Measure	12 Months to June 2022	12 Months to June 2023	Trend*
Stop and Search conducted (1)	12,321	12,578	↑

Providing Value For Money For Policing and Crime Services	
Year end forecast as at 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	
End of year forecast (Revenue) (6)	£1.7m underspend
End of year forecast (Capital) (6)	Capital Programme of £17.4m – expected to spend in full by 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024 as at 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2023

Source: (1) SYP, (2) MoJ, (3) ONS (4) Remedi, (6) OPCC (7) SYP Your Voice Counts Survey, (8) SYP survey undertaken 6 to 8 weeks after the crime

\* 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 to help understand whether one set of responses is actually different to another set of responses, taking account of differences in size of survey sample or population. If the result is not statistically significant, then this means that the results for each group are not considered to be sufficiently different to demonstrate any real change in perception.

## COVID 19

Some comparator data used in this report covers the period during either the Government's partial lockdown restrictions or periods of leaving lockdown restrictions on the whole UK population because of the Covid 19 Coronavirus pandemic.

The pandemic and associated restrictions led to differences in the recorded levels of crimes compared to those seen pre-pandemic and during different periods of restrictions. Recorded levels of crime overall were lower during a period of lockdown. However, there was variation between crime types. For example, residential burglary and sexual offences saw reduced levels, drug offences and public order offences saw increases.

Some of the graphs used in this report now include data from 2019/20 to show pre-pandemic levels of police recorded crime where relevant.

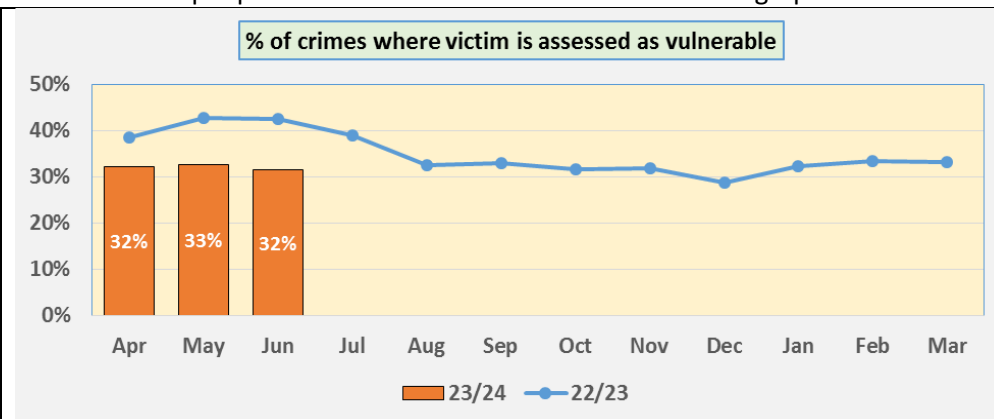
Since the pandemic the PCC has been writing and publishing a weekly blog. The blog aims to keep members of the public, partners, and communities up to date with how he is carrying out his role and also to think more widely around contemporary issues that have a bearing on policing. All the blogs can be found on the PCC's website, with the latest one here: [PCC Blog 165 - South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner \(southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/blog/2021/04/16/pcc-blog-165-south-yorkshire-police-and-crime-commissioner)

# 1. Protecting Vulnerable People

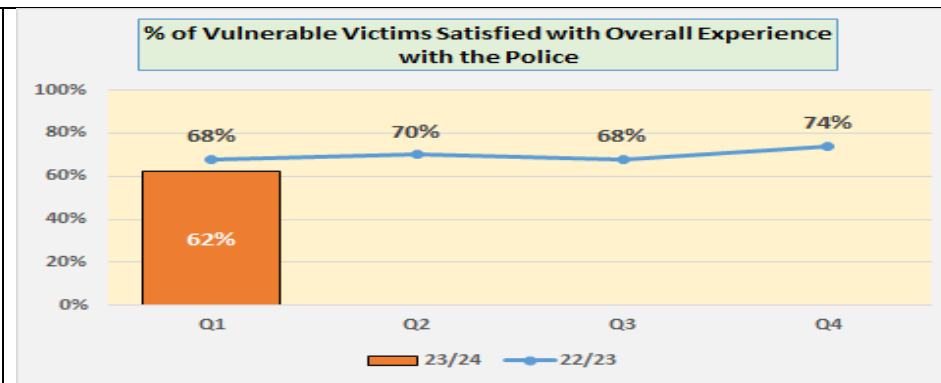
Within this priority, the area of focus for 2023/24 are:

- Working in Partnership to Protect Vulnerable People
- Domestic Abuse (DA)
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Violence Against Women and Girls.
- Tackling the Exploitation of Adults and Children
- Tackling Fraud and Cyber Crime

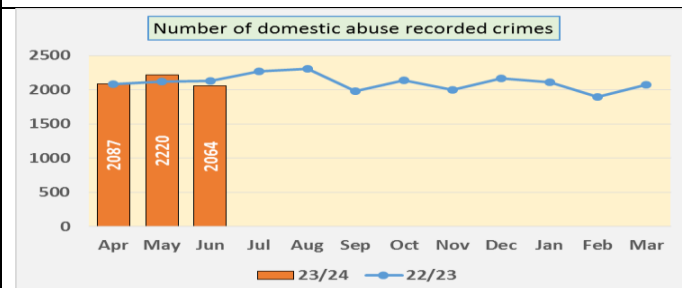
This section of the report includes a look at data and performance indicators as well as information about the range of work going on aimed at protecting vulnerable people - details of which are included after the graphs.



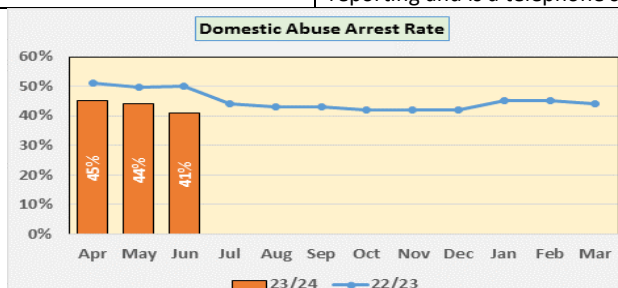
Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change  
The % of crimes where a victim is assessed as vulnerable has decreased slightly in Q1 23/24. Levels are lower than the same period last year.



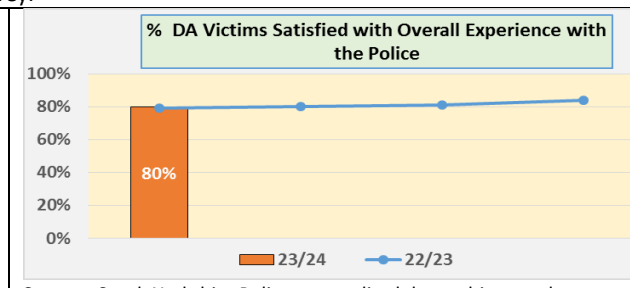
Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change  
In Q1 23/24, 62% of vulnerable victims were satisfied with their overall experience with the Police. There was a statistically significant decrease from the previous quarter but no statistically significant change with the same period in 22/23. The survey is conducted 4-6 weeks after reporting and is a telephone survey.



Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change  
There has been a slight increase in DA recorded crimes in Q1 23/24 compared to Q4 22/23, and levels are higher than Q1 in 22/23. Levels are also higher than pre-pandemic. SYP and the OPCC continue to ensure victims have the confidence and ability to easily report domestic abuse, including through an online reporting portal.

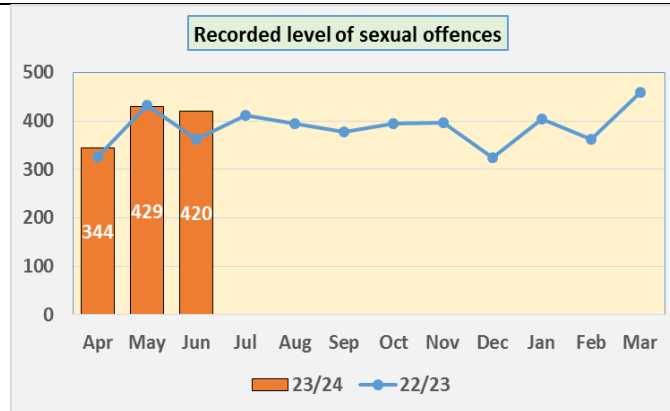


Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change.  
The proportion of domestic abuse crimes with an arrest is the same as the previous quarter but is below Q1 in 22/23. Domestic abuse is a priority for SYP and the PCC. Dedicated domestic abuse teams have been set up to deal specifically with DA crime. The arrest rate for high-risk remains between 85% and 90%

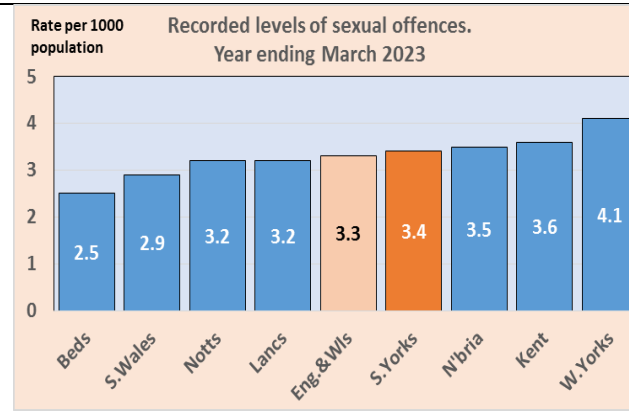


Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change  
The % of domestic abuse victims satisfied with their overall experience with the police was 80% in Q1 23/24. There is no statistically significant difference compared to Q4 22/23 or the same period last year. A telephone survey is conducted around 8 weeks after reporting. 133 domestic abuse victims completed the survey

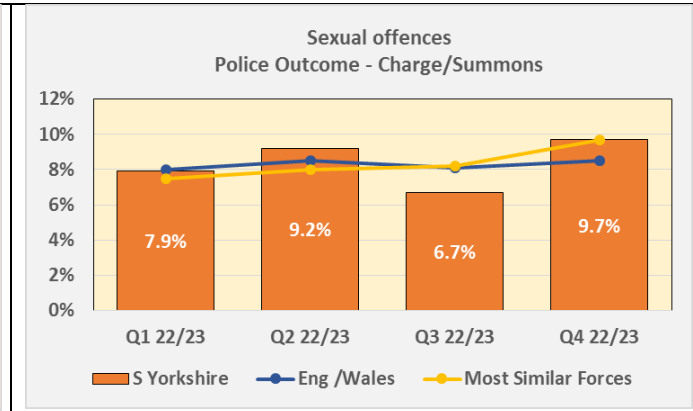
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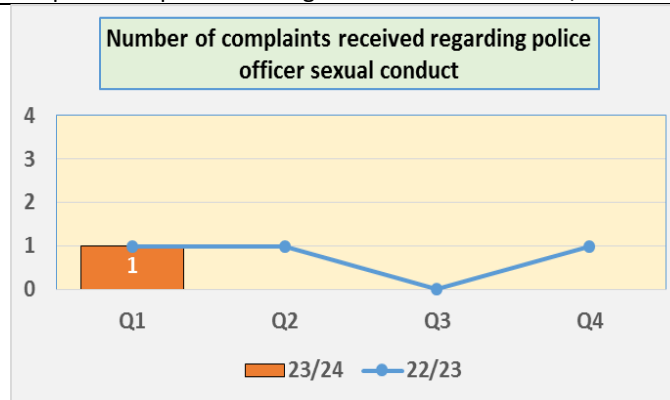
Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change  
The recorded level of sexual offences in Q1 23/24 has decreased from the previous quarter but levels are higher than the same period last year. Looking at rape offences specifically, recorded level of rape in Q1 is about the same as the previous quarter but higher than levels in Q1 22/23.



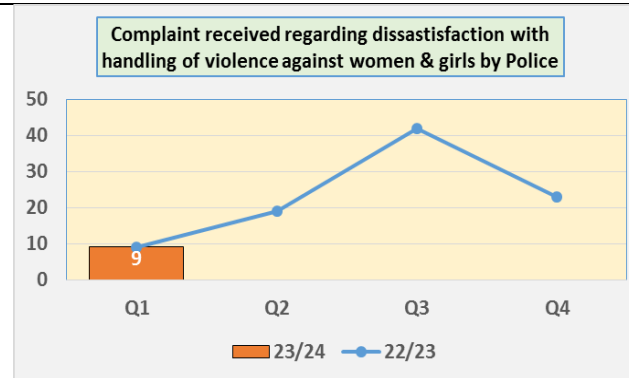
Source: ONS – Police Recorded Crime  
The latest available data up to March 2023 shows South Yorkshire Police has rates of recorded sexual offences that are around average compared to most similar forces and the England and Wales average



Source: ONS – Police Recorded Outcomes  
The latest ONS data (Q4 22/23) shows that SYP are in line with the average for charge/summons rates for sexual offences (police recorded outcomes ) when compared to SYP's most similar forces and above the England and Wales average.



Source: IOPC Police Complaints Information Bulletin  
In Q1 23/24, there was 1 complaint made to SYP about police officer sexual conduct. This is in line with the number of complaints received in Q4 22/23 and Q1 22/23.



Source: IOPC Police Complaints Information Bulletin  
In Q1 23/24, there were 9 complaints made to SYP regarding dissatisfaction with the handling of VAWG by SYP. This is lower than the number of complaints received last quarter and in line with the same period last year.

\*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 one of us may become a victim of crime and if that happens, we need to have confidence that we will receive a timely and supportive response. Protecting women and girls is a key area of focus as well as making sure all vulnerable victims and their needs are recognised at the earliest opportunity so that they can be supported in the most appropriate way. It is important that we receive feedback from victims to make sure that the services I commission are effective in meeting the needs of all victims including victims of sexual offences who may be particularly vulnerable. However, over recent years, much of policing and requests for service are not directly about crime, but about safeguarding the vulnerable – such as those who are missing from home or those with mental health issues. Supporting and safeguarding is the responsibility of all agencies who must continue to work together to protect the most vulnerable in society.

### Independent Sexual Violence Advocate (ISVA) Service

Although Quarter 1 for the ISVA service has seen a slight reduction in referrals to all areas of the partnership, this is only very slight and with the number of existing cases already engaging in support remaining with ISVA teams, caseloads have in fact increased demonstrating the demand on the ISVA service across all four localities.

The average number of referrals across the whole area totals 437 with the average referral rate per month broken down per locality shown below:

- Sheffield 47 average per month
- Barnsley 31 average per month
- Doncaster 35 average per month
- Rotherham 32 average per month plus Stovewood 1 additional referral.

Operation Stovewood, the National Crime Agency's investigation into child sexual abuse in Rotherham, continues to see a decline in ISVA

referrals as expected however the overall number of cases in Rotherham remains consistent with other areas as expected with many Stovewood cases at the trial stage.

The majority of people accessing the service consider themselves as female, however there is a significant number of people accessing support who consider themselves as male increasing from 298 at the end of quarter 4 2022/2023 to 375 at the end of quarter 1 2023/2024. This is reflective of the new male specialist workers across three of the four areas who have been working hard to promote and increase the offer of the ISVA service to the male community. In addition, there has been a positive increase of people identifying as either trans men/women, non-binary or other/prefer not to say from 50 in quarter 4 2022/2023 to 68 in quarter 1 2023/2024.

People aged between 25-34 closely followed by 13-17 remains the primary age groups accessing the service.

The sexual orientation of clients primarily shows heterosexual as the most defined orientation; however, all areas are seeing an increase in the remaining categories with quarter 4 recording 1245 and quarter 1 showing 1510 in either gay/lesbian, bisexual, other or prefer not to say. This is a positive step forward for the service and shows the inclusivity appeal of the service.

Similarly, White is the most recorded ethnicity, however an increase in Asian/Asian British and mixed shows some positive diversity. The service is anticipating data over the year to follow the same patterns as male victims now Sheffield's ethnic minority specialist is in post and managing a case load. Part of the specialist role is to promote and raise awareness of the service which all specialist team members across the partnership have been working hard to address.

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

The SARC service have recruited a new Sheffield SARC Manager who was already been working as an experienced forensic nurse examiner within the Sheffield team.

Case numbers within the quarter 1 were stable and showed no increase or decrease compared to the previous quarter. This quarter, the team have seen some self-referral cases convert into a police case for the purposes of criminal justice, which the SARC team consider a positive step as the team believe patients should have the choice to make decisions that meet their needs.

The Yorkshire team are supporting the upcoming Leeds Festival weekend in August and will use this time to promote all SARC services.

### **Child Sexual Assault Referral Centre**

South Yorkshire also has a separate dedicated children's Sexual Assault Assessment Service based within the Sheffield Children's Hospital. The service provides specialist support, including forensic examinations as required, for children (under 16 years of age) where there is a concern about recent (Acute) or non-recent (historic) disclosure or suspicion of sexual abuse. The children's SARC also accepts referrals for young people aged 16 and 17 years old who have additional vulnerabilities and provides support where concerns about sexual exploitation or other child protection issues exist. In the period April - March 2023, the service has received 38 new victim referrals to support services.

The work on producing a video looking at the child's journey through the paediatric SARC, from when a child arrives at the unit until discharge is continuing. The video will be co-produced with service users recognising the voice of the child in the video. The video is due to be filmed in

September 2023 working together with police and social care professionals.

During Safeguarding Week in June, the SARC had an open day for professionals from outside of SARC to see first hand the work of the service. The SARC were able to engage with 15 professionals as part of this event to promote the service. It is hoped that this can be an annual event.

### **'Cranstoun Inspire to Change' - Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Programme**

The Inspire to Change (ITC) programme is a voluntary behaviour change programme targeted at the perpetrators of domestic abuse. Quarter 1 saw 99 referrals made to the service across South Yorkshire. Police referrals accounting for 20 of those referrals (20%), Childrens Social Care 52 (53%) and 15 referrals were self-referrals. Referral breakdown by area:

- Sheffield – 31 referrals (31%)
- Rotherham – 28 referrals (28%)
- Doncaster – 19 referrals (19%)
- Barnsley – 21 referrals (21%)

An average of 69% of referrals made into the service were offered an assessment appointment within 5 working days of first contact.

As mentioned in previous reports, the number of referrals from South Yorkshire Police has dropped over the past six months. To address this, meetings have been held with the force leads from all four South Yorkshire areas and the Violence Reduction Unit and a multi directional approach to regaining traction within the force has been agreed.

There has recently been a change in how domestic abuse outcomes are measured across the force following the completion of an intervention programme.



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After discussions with South Yorkshire Police and the Custody Navigation Services, Inspire To Change (ITC) staff will be attending custody to work alongside custody navigation staff and have also attended a number of briefings across the county. ITC Staff have also been invited to inspector and sergeant “away days” along with publicity for the service being placed on South Yorkshire Police’s intranet. It is hoped that this increase in visible profile will keep the service at the centre of attention as an option for all domestic abuse cases.

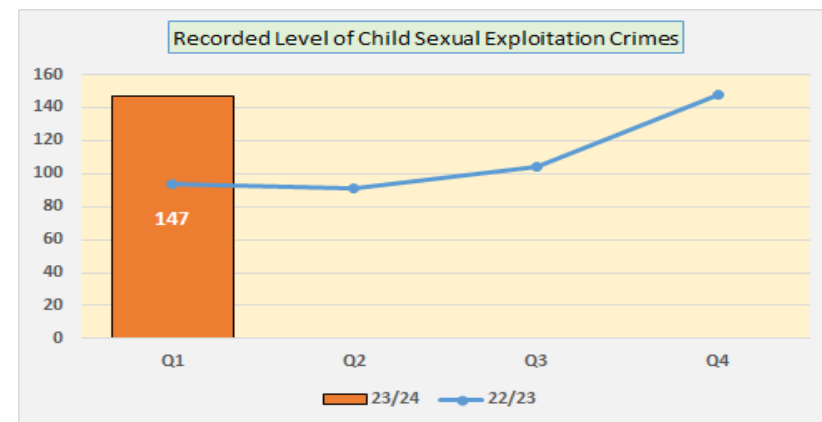
Each key worker has been tasked with arranging two training sessions within each of the four areas over the summer. There will be all day workshops which will look at the importance of working with perpetrators, the techniques and strategies used when working with perpetrators, along with an overview of the service.

There were 25 ITC completions for this quarter, bringing the completions total for year 2 of the programme to date to 76. At present the completion rate for those starting an intervention stands at 54%. The completions by area are as follows:

Sheffield – 5  
Rotherham – 9  
Doncaster – 5  
Barnsley – 6

This sees a drop in completions from the previous quarter, however, it should be noted that the biggest drop is within Sheffield which is delivered on a Monday where there have been several bank holidays over the quarter.

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



The Levels of CSE crimes recorded in South Yorkshire during Q1 23/24 are around the same as the previous quarter and are higher than the volumes recorded in the same quarter last year.

The police continue to adopt a victim-focused approach when dealing with CSE, with the victim being placed at the centre of everything the police do. A dedicated child exploitation awareness campaign has recently been launched by SYP, which has been developed alongside survivors of CSE from Rotherham. The objective of the campaign was to draw upon feedback directly from the survivors as to what would have appealed to them or those around them, to raise concerns or seek support at the time. The campaign was launched to multi-agency professionals from across the broader safeguarding spectrum at Rotherham Football Club in April 2023.

As part of the force’s continuous development regarding a victim focussed, trauma informed response to child abuse, HMICFRS commended how innovative practice has been highlighted to assist in capturing the voice of the child. Originally created by Suffolk police the ARTHUR mnemonic looks to develop on the learning derived from the independent review conducted

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following the tragic murder of 6-year-old Arthur Labinjo-Hughes in June 2021. This seeks to proactively seek out, capture and act upon the voice of a child following contact with SYP. The mnemonic emphasises the importance of early intervention and prevention opportunities to make a difference in children's lives across South Yorkshire.

There is ongoing work to identify and safeguard CSE victims, as well as try to identify CSE within wider Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE). The force has now increased the operational exploitation provision through the creation of dedicated teams in both Barnsley and Doncaster, in addition to the existing teams already formed in Sheffield and Rotherham.

Due to the intrinsic links between both child sexual and criminal exploitation, previously separated CSE and CCE teams have been amalgamated into holistic child exploitation teams, supported by significant partnership engagement. The objective is to ensure that victims of exploitation receive a consistently high standard of service, irrespective of where they live across South Yorkshire. New dedicated CSE and CCE delivery plans have been jointly developed both with SYP and cooperatively with regional colleagues via the regional threat coordination groups.

### **Vulnerability and Mental Health**

Mental health incidents are defined as 'any police incident thought to relate to someone's mental health where their vulnerability is at the centre of the incident or where the police have had to do something additionally or differently because of it'. These incidents are recorded by means of a qualifier applied within the Force Control Room. During the first quarter of this year, April to June 2023, the number of these incidents reported to South Yorkshire Police has continued to track lower than each of the previous 5 years. The average weekly incidents for Q1 is 181 compared to 245 during the equivalent period in 2022.

There are several initiatives operating within South Yorkshire that may be impacting demand experienced by SYP in terms of mental health, including a Mental Health Response Vehicle (unmarked ambulance) now operating as business as usual in Rotherham and Doncaster, with plans for a further vehicle for Sheffield towards the end of this year. SYP are also working with health and social care partners, including the NHS Integrated Care Board and those with lived experience to reduce the need to utilise Section 136 for those in mental health crisis, but to also ensure there is sufficient health-based provision in terms of both capacity and quality where individual are detained. Key to the appropriate use of the S136 power of detention is the ability of officers to access mental health triage advice quickly and for that advice to be of a good quality. Each of the four areas within South Yorkshire (Sheffield, Doncaster, Rotherham, Barnsley) have or are in the process of implementing alternative crisis support with direct pathways for the police. This provides a genuine alternative for officers to using Section 136, ensuring the most appropriate support is given to the member of public, who may be experiencing a mental health crisis.

Part of the force mental health strategy is to ensure that staff have sufficient training and access to appropriate resources to deal with those experiencing mental ill health. Each policing district and department have representatives who attend a bi-monthly force meeting and take responsibility for rolling out training within their own area on key issues and developments. The force mental health coordinators are also seeking to work with the training department to review and develop the current training package for student officers. The force Mental Health Portal hosts a wealth of resources to officer guidance to officers and supervisors, as well as the requisite forms to record a S136 detention and

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to escalate any concerns to the force and / or partner agencies. Recently, staff within the Force Control Room received training from the Samaritans, aimed specifically at improving their ability to communicate with those in crisis or experiencing suicidal ideation, who may call the police.

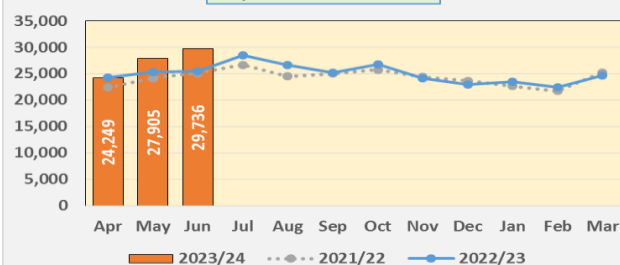
Since the implementation of phase 1 of Right Care Right Person (welfare checks), the force has continued to engage with partner agencies at both a strategic and tactical level to ensure those who need support receive it

from the right agency with the right training. For those experiencing mental ill health in their own home, this will rarely be the police. Around 150 incidents are assessed using the Right Care Right Person framework each week, with very few meeting the threshold to deploy a police resource. There has also been a reduction in the number of “concern for safety” incidents recorded by the force since the initiative commenced on 20<sup>th</sup> March, with over 1700 fewer incidents in Q1 of 2023 than in Q1 of 2024. Phase 2 (walk out from health care facilities) launched on 24<sup>th</sup> July with phase 3 (mental health) planned for late October (date still to be confirmed).

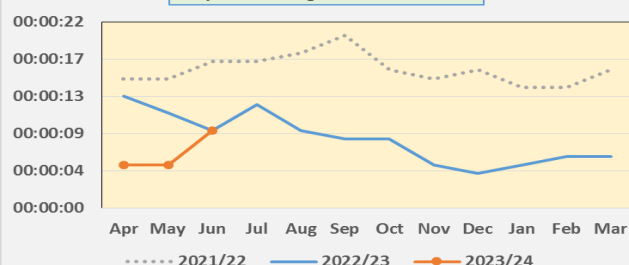
The Government publish national data for all forces in respect of 999 call handling performance on the Police.UK website which uses data provided by BT. The BT data will differ slightly to the data provided below, which is from SYP's own call handling system. The BT data measures call handling times from a slightly different perspective. More information about this can be found on the Police.UK website.

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

Graph 1: 999 call volumes



Graph 2: Average 999 Queue Time



**999 calls:** 999 call volumes have increased in Q1 compared to last quarter and are around 9% higher than Q1 last year. (Graph 1). Call volumes in Q1 are about 18% above pre-pandemic. The average call wait time has stayed the same as Q4 at around 6 seconds (Graph 2).

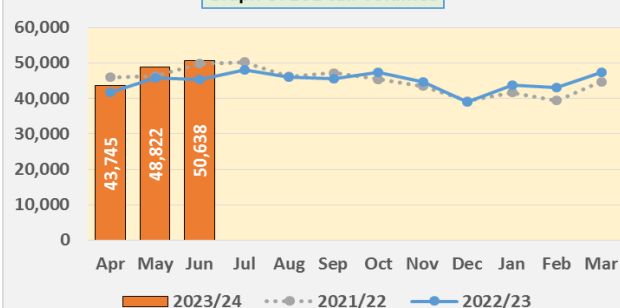
**101 calls:** Volumes of 101 calls have increased in Q1 23/24 compared to Q4 22/23 (Graph 3), and levels are higher than those recorded in the same period last year. The average 101 wait time during Q1 (the orange line in graph 4) was around 6m 9s, around the same as the previous quarter.

Callers to 101 are now able to choose from a range of options before being put through to switchboard (or any option selected). As a result, the wait time after 15/09/2022 is now measured slightly differently and so this should be borne in mind when comparing wait times from before this period.

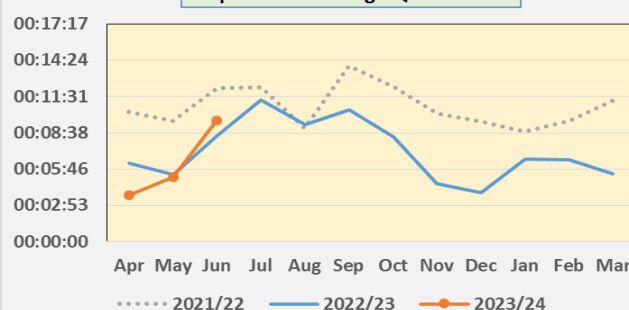
### Online Reporting Portal:

The online portal has two methods of contact – online forms (which are bespoke by topic), and a webchat. Online report volumes increased in Q1 23/24 compared to Q4 with 8,366 reports recorded. There were 1,906 webchats recorded in Q1 23/24, a decrease from Q4 and lower than the same period last year. This may be reflective of the quicker response times for other areas of reporting. The average webchat response time during Q4 was 1 minute 43 seconds. These methods of contact will continue to be monitored for wider understanding of preferred access channels by the public.

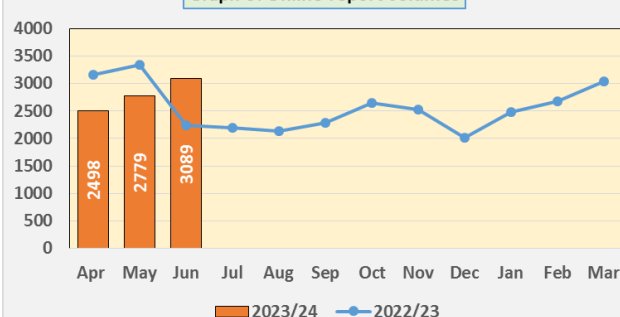
Graph 3: 101 call volumes



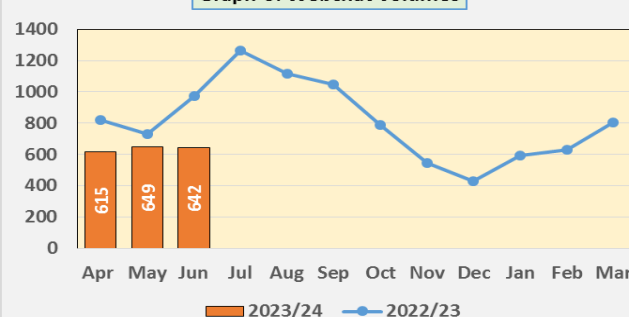
Graph 4: 101 Average Queue Times



Graph 5: Online report volumes



Graph 6: Webchat volumes

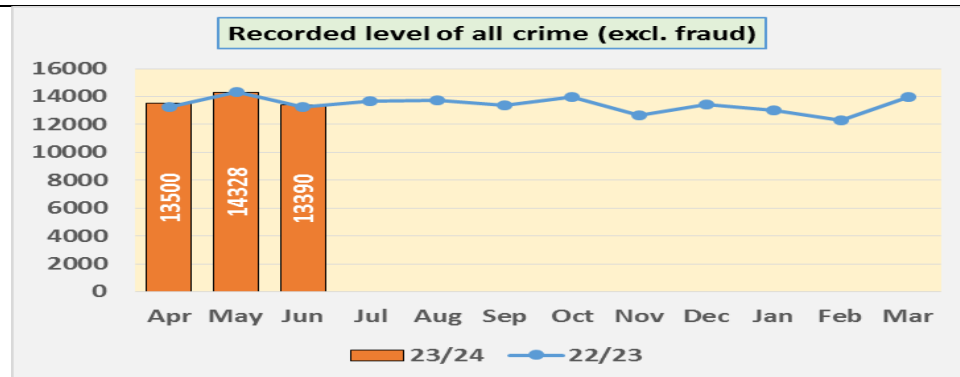


<sup>1</sup> 101 is the number for contacting the police about something that is not an emergency.

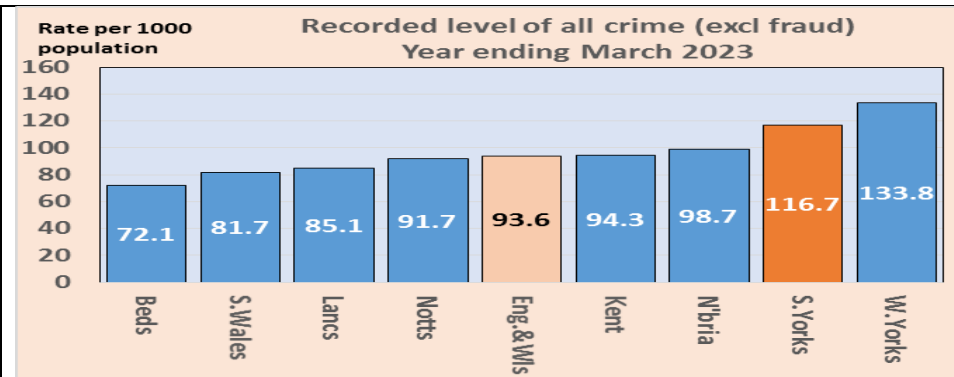
## 2. Tackling Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

The indicators and narrative chosen for this section of the report aim to show achievement against the following areas of focus within the Police and Crime Plan for 2023/24

- Neighbourhood Crimes and Policing
- Organised Crime and Serious Violence
- Local Partnerships
- Speeding and Road Safety
- Drugs Supply and Demand
- Violence Reduction Unit and Violence Reduction Strategy
- Rural and Wildlife Crime
- National Threats



The levels of total recorded crime (excl. fraud) have increased in Q1 23/24 compared to Q4 22/23. The level of total recorded crime in Q1 was also higher than Q1 last year and above pre-pandemic levels for Q1.

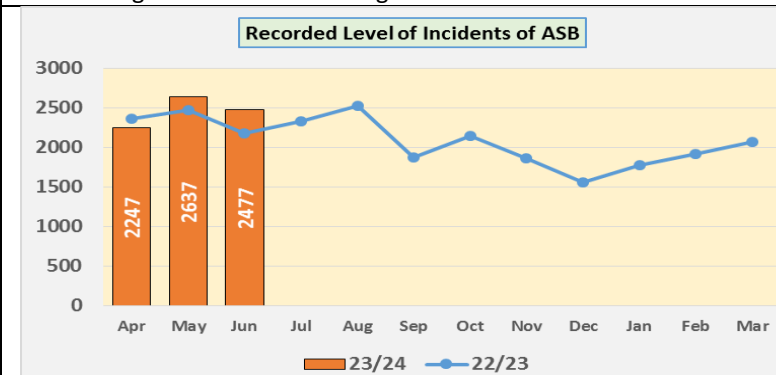


Source: ONS

Latest available comparator data shows South Yorkshire has a higher rate of total recorded crime (excl. fraud) per 1000 population compared to the most similar group of police forces and the England and Wales average.

SYP: District Recorded Crime (excl. fraud)	Barnsley	Doncaster	Rotherham	Sheffield
% Change 12 months to June 23 compared to 12 months to June 22	+3.7%	+4.1%	+3.6%	+4.6%
Volume 12 months to 30.06.23	27,359	42,593	27,099	62,029
Volume 12 months to 30.06.22	26,394	40,923	26,166	59,301

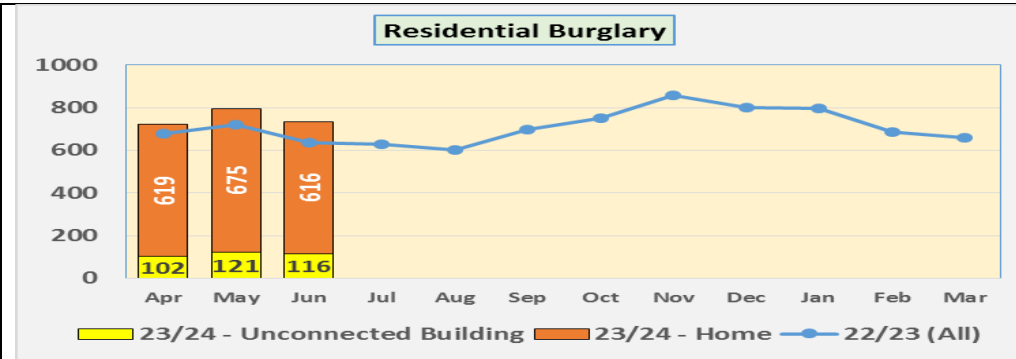
Source: SYP – Unaudited data subject to change.



There has been an increase in recorded levels of ASB in Q1 23/24 compared to the previous quarter. Levels are above the same period last year. Local authorities also record ASB incidents which are not included here.

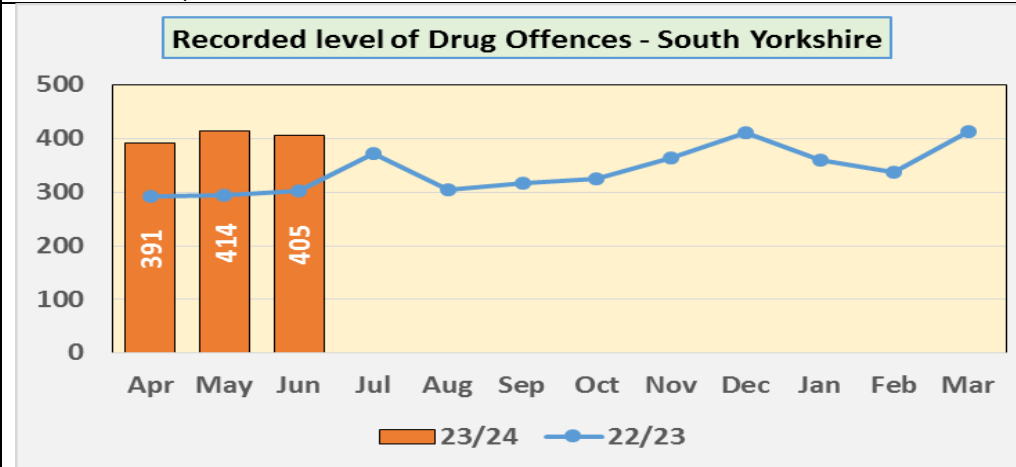
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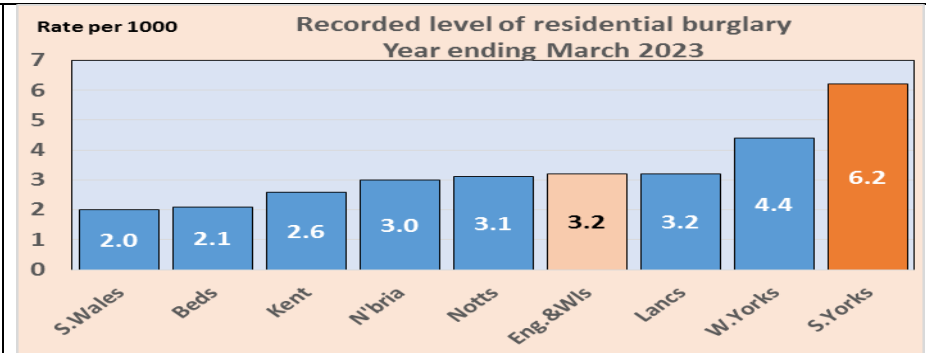
Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

Recorded levels of residential burglary have increased in Q1 23/24 compared to the previous quarter. Volumes are also higher than those recorded in the equivalent period last year and are in line with pre-pandemic levels. SYP continue to focus specifically on tackling residential burglary in line with residents' priorities. Data and force initiatives are being closely monitored to check the impact of this work.



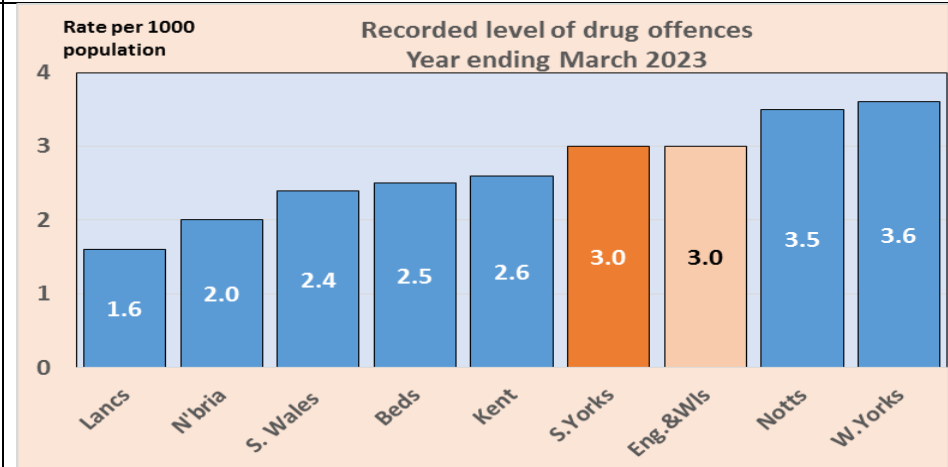
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Recorded levels of drugs offences in Q1 2023/24 were higher than volumes in Q4 22/23. Levels are also higher than the equivalent period last year and higher than those recorded pre-pandemic 2019/20. Levels of recorded offences will increase as more pro-active work is undertaken to tackle drug crime. Drugs offences include the possession and trafficking of drugs.



Source: ONS – Police Recorded Crime

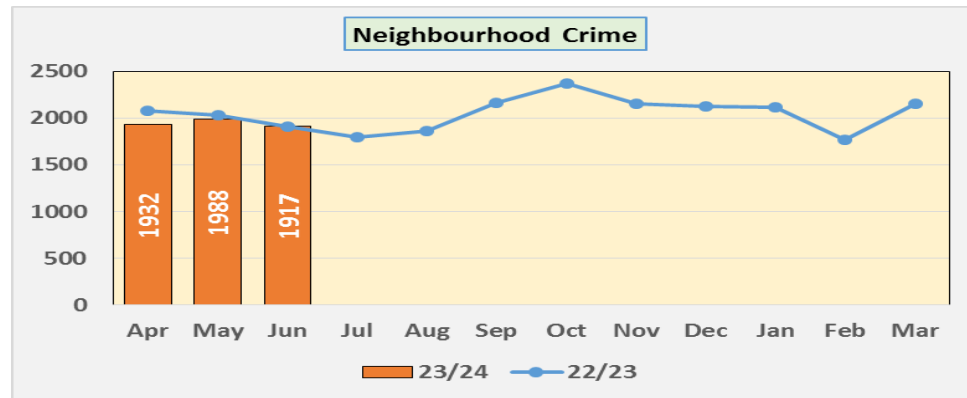
The latest comparator data for the 12 months to the end of March 2023 shows that South Yorkshire has a higher rate of residential burglary than the similar group of forces and the national average. Tackling residential burglary is a priority for all districts with several specific operations and initiatives in place to tackle the issue.



Source: ONS – Police Recorded Crime

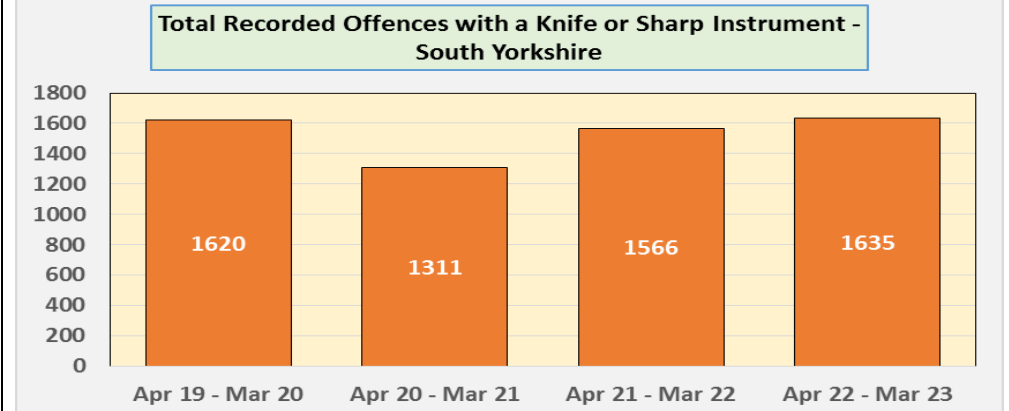
The latest comparator data for the year ending March 23 shows South Yorkshire recorded a rate of 3.0 drug offences per 1000 population, the same as the England and Wales average of 3.0 and slightly above the average of the similar group of forces.

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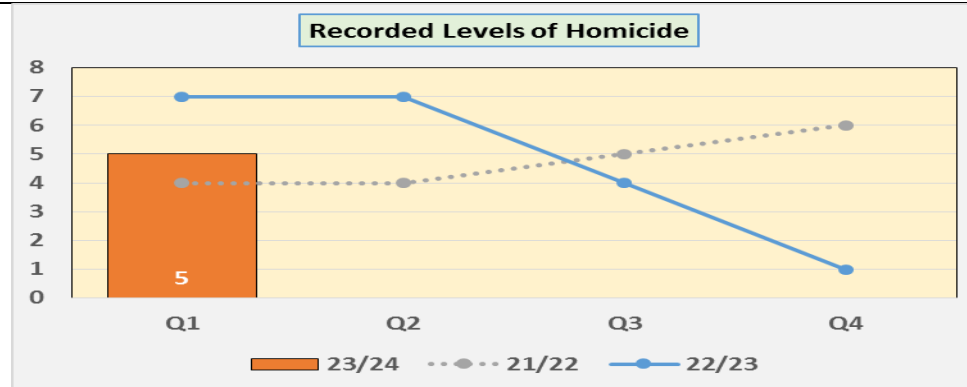
Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

The recorded level of neighbourhood crime in Q1 23/24 is slightly lower than levels in Q4 22/23 and the same period last year. Neighbourhood crime includes Residential Burglary, Robbery of Personal Property, Theft from the Person, Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Vehicle, Theft from a Vehicle, and Interfering with a Vehicle.



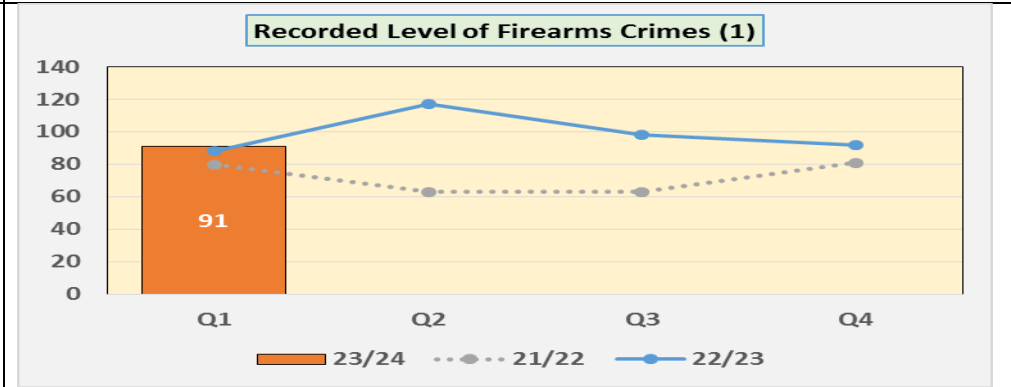
Source: ONS – Police Recorded Crime

The recorded level of crimes involving a knife or sharp instrument have increased in the 12 months to March 2023 compared to the previous 12-month period and are back to pre-pandemic levels (April 2019 to March 2020 - first bar on the graph).



Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

There were 5 homicides recorded in Q1 23/24 in South Yorkshire. Homicide figures can change as inquests are concluded. Homicide includes murder, manslaughter, corporate manslaughter, and infanticide.



Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

The recorded level of firearms crimes in Q1 23/24 is around the same level as Q4 22/23 and the same period last year. Firearms crimes includes the use of imitation firearms, air weapons if a violent crime or burglary and stun guns. (1)

(1). A firearm is defined as used if it is fired, used as a blunt instrument to cause injury to a person, or used as a threat. This includes a threat made with a concealed firearm.

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### **Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) and the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU)**

CSPs and the VRU 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 some of the Criminal Justice partners covering. They cover each of the 4 South Yorkshire districts, Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield. The PCC holds bi-monthly meetings of the County Wide Community Safety Forum where representatives from each partnership come together. This is how the Rotherham, Doncaster, Barnsley, and Sheffield partnership have been working to tackle issues of concern to local residents.

#### **Barnsley CSP - Safer Barnsley Partnership**

The current national and local landscape continues to be difficult with residents still experiencing financial challenges and the impacts associated with price inflation. This has been perhaps most acutely felt in housing, where rents and mortgage increases have begun to put more people at risk of losing their home or not been able to find a home. At times of economic pressure, crime, antisocial behaviour, community tensions and environmental decline can all become more problematic, so it has become doubly difficult yet increasingly important for the teams to be ready for these challenges and wherever possible head them off.

Over the past 12 months the partnership has focussed heavily on getting local intelligence right which assists in being able to intervene early to prevent issues escalating. We have also had to adapt services to be able to respond effectively to a more complex range of often multiple issues affecting people.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB): Overall, ASB incidents have increased by almost a quarter (+23.8%) when compared with the previous quarter, with this change driven primarily by an increase in Off-Road Biking/Quads and Vehicle Nuisance. The Off-Road Bikes team have recently changed their working pattern to provide a more sustained approach in key areas moving forward. Figures in Q1 are similar to those seen during the same period in 2022 (2,014), suggesting that the current rise is in line with usual seasonal changes when transitioning from the Winter period and into Spring/Summer.

Protecting Vulnerable People: Meetings are continuing with the South Yorkshire Mayor Combined Authority to look at ways to address homelessness and rough sleepers. Key partners and stakeholders came together for the Homeless Alliance meeting to receive updates and provide feedback. The Ending Rough Sleeping Plan for Barnsley was submitted to government and a bid was submitted to MacMillan to secure additional resources. The joint Housing protocol for 16–17-year-olds was revised and agreed.

Counter Terrorism: In Q1, Prevent Training was delivered face to face to over 100 members of staff and 120 children in schools, 60 GP Practice Nurses at a recent Training Event and to the Integrated Front Door Staff in Childrens Services. Action Counter Terrorism (ACT) Training was delivered to the Communications Team in May, which was well received. ACT provides free online training and an app for awareness and advice to prevent, prepare and protect for/against terrorism in the UK.

#### **Doncaster CSP - Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership (SSDP)**

During Q1, the SSDP has continued to work effectively to address issues across the Crime and Disorder spectrum and to ensure delivery against the Community Safety Strategy 2022-25 and the Police and Crime Plan. The SSDP structure continues to support the activity of 6 thematic groups, governed by the Executive Board. These theme groups respond to



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current demand and identify future priorities across the key themes of Anti-Social Behaviour; Domestic and Sexual Abuse; Serious Organised Crime; Substance Misuse; Crime and Reoffending and Violent Crime. Each of these groups are performance managed to ensure progress and delivery of outcomes for our communities.

The Partnership's communications strategy has been strengthened, with public information produced advising of ways to report concerns around crime and anti-social behaviour. The Partnership has also developed an SSDP newsletter, which contains a variety of information, including key safety messages, good news stories and updates.

In relation to initiatives funded through the OPCC Community Safety Grant, the Partnership has continued to support key roles in relation to workforce development and serious organised crime. As has been the approach in previous years, each theme group manages their own funding pot to enable them to respond to emerging issues and to facilitate planning for seasonal trends. A small amount of activity has been progressed to date, including officer attendance at a County Lines Digital Conference and the ongoing delivery of the Violence Reduction Unit priorities. These include a training event for licensees/security staff within the evening/night-time economy; the delivery of the Safe Haven bus providing pastoral support; the provision of Taxi Marshalls; the purchase of equipment for the safe recovery and storage of seized items; Victim Support training and communications support.

All activity throughout the year will positively contribute to the PCC and Community Safety Partnership priorities to tackle crime and disorder and improve the lives of Doncaster residents.

### Rotherham CSP - Safer Rotherham Partnership (SRP)

#### Protecting Vulnerable People

New processes developed with designated Safeguarding Leads in schools via the Education Safeguarding Children Partnership Lead has led to increases in Child Criminal Exploitation intelligence being received. The EVOLVE team has recruited a new worker, with a further practitioner to commence September 2023. They will be responsible for ensuring health assessments completed where a need is identified, including those under youth justice.

There have been a number of convictions this quarter for Child Sexual Exploitation which has led to an increase in the positive outcome rate.

**Mental Health:** A qualitative increase in activity throughout the quarter proves the services ongoing effectiveness and use. The joint working between other mental health services, and therefore the interplay between other services is also improved and increased. Secondary mental health services now have improved access to external agencies, including the Independent Domestic Violence Adviser (IDVA) service, the Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) service, Housing, Homelessness, Social Care, Probation and the Police.

**Safer and Stronger Communities: ASB** - The continued use of partnership problem solving plans to drive activity is currently working well to ensure a pooling of powers when looking at issues within Rotherham communities. ASB Call backs continue to reassure the community that the partnership takes ASB seriously and seek to keep victims and communities updated, as well as assisting in the early identification of emerging issues.

**Domestic and Sexual Abuse:** The Rotherham Rise domestic abuse service continues to receive a consistent number of victim referrals, therefore enabling victims/survivors the choice of support, such as one to one, group work or therapeutic support. The Homelessness Prevention initiative continues to help individuals/families stay in their homes as well as supporting domestic abuse victims at risk of being made homeless.

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**Violence and Organised Crime:** There continues to be a strong commitment from partners to drive forward the Rotherham Local Action plan with a key focus on reducing and tackling knife and firearms risks.

Licensed venues within Maltby, Swinton, Wickersley and the Town Centre have all signed up to the Licensed Venue radio scheme.

Disruptive activity across a wide range of Organised Crime has continued through this quarter. Formally recognised disruptions increased from 19 to 25 and the partnership continues its work to improve the submission of these formal disruptions across the partnership. Other action has also taken place such as the seizure of over of £165k worth of illegal vapes, cigarettes and other products by trading standards since Jan 2023.

### Counter Terrorism

Rotherham Council's Improving Lives Select Commission undertook a scrutiny review of the council's work with partners to safeguard children from radicalisation, in line with the statutory duties under Prevent on 13 June 2023. The meeting concluded that, "assurances had been received that the systems and processes were in place to ensure appropriate safeguarding."

The Home Office has recommended RMBC to Coventry City Council as a good example for Prevent Delivery without any funding from the Home Office. The SYP Prevent Analyst presented the Counter Terrorism Local Profile to the Prevent Partners Group in April 2023.

### Sheffield CSP - Safer Sheffield Partnership (SSP)

Work in the first quarter of 23/24 has focussed on:

1. Obtaining approval for the CSP spending plan via both OPCC and Safer Sheffield Partnership Board in order to finalise the grant funding allocation process.

2. Achieving sign off from the Partnership performance review group of the Theme group action plans which detail high level priorities and how they will be actioned.

In addition, work has started reviewing information sharing arrangements. At the time of writing a new Information Sharing protocol (ISP) has been agreed and work is now ongoing to review the information sharing agreements (ISA) for each theme group.

Work has also commenced on the annual refresh of the *Joint strategic intelligence assessment*. Target date for circulation is October 2024.

A selection of the initiatives that have received approval in the first quarter include:

**Operation Dark Nights** - Event planning for Op Dark nights to ensure adequate and targeted provision in relation to prevention, diversion and enforcement over the bonfire period.

**Domestic Violence Perpetrator Programme** - Providing support to people (regardless of gender) who are perpetrators of domestic abuse, on a voluntary basis, who wish to change their behaviour in order to reduce the incidence of domestic abuse in the city. This has been identified as a priority in the Sheffield Domestic and Sexual Abuse Strategy and also in learning from Domestic Homicide Reviews.

**Organised Crime Expert Evidence course** - This is a one-week intensive course led by experts and supported by lead counsel, providing the opportunity to expand expert evidence resource within Operation Fortify. The key objectives are to:

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1. Expand and strengthen the expert evidence resource within Fortify (training up x4 SYP staff).
2. Improve the efficiency and scope of investigations focussing on Organised Crime Group drug trafficking.
3. Provide selected officers with courtroom examination skills to support prosecutions.

**Hate crime** – Ongoing support in terms of advice, provision of materials and equipment to embed a third-party reporting centre within a key location serving a growing and ethnically diverse community.

### **South Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit (VRU)**

The SYVRU has continued to work in partnership with organisations and communities to prevent and reduce violence in South Yorkshire.

In Quarter 1, the VRU ran its 2023/24 grant round, the Violence Reduction Fund. This focuses on supporting young people, providing positive diversionary activities, role models, and mental health support. More than £323,000 has been awarded to 20 grant recipients through the fund, with full details available on the VRU's website.

While community engagements were largely on hold during the grant round, so as not to prejudice the process, several visits have still taken place during Quarter 1, with an increase seen following the conclusion of the grant round. This has included Evening and Night-Time Economy training events in Doncaster and Rotherham and attending the Baton of Hope suicide prevention initiative's visit to South Yorkshire Police Headquarters.

In Quarter 1, consultation and engagement has continued with partners around the implications and implementation of the Serious Violence Duty. This forms part of an ongoing iterative process which will continue in subsequent months.

There have been further meetings of the Preventing Violence Forum and Countywide Communications Group. Work on improving safety in the Evening and Night-Time Economy has continued through the Countywide Information Sharing Group convened by the VRU. Each of these forums has continued to be productive in strengthening links between the VRU and partner organisations.

Links with other VRUs have been developed further through the VRU Communicators Group, and through SYVRU attendance at a national VRU community engagement conference in London, which took place in April.

Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) remains a priority for the VRU. Work is continuing to promote the Statement of Intent, which was launched last year, while development of two VAWG communications campaigns commissioned by the VRU has continued in Quarter 1.

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### Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPTs)

The performance report focuses on the work of two of the four SYP neighbourhood teams each quarter. This quarter its Barnsley and Sheffield.

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 now publish a Neighbourhood Newsletter circulated by Inspectors.

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 Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPTs) continue to work with partners to target and tackle the key issues of crime and anti-social behaviour affecting the quality of lives of residents, businesses, and communities.

Anti-social behaviour is categorised and the largest proportion of ASB recorded incidents relate to rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour, off road bikes and vehicle nuisance. This is managed predominately through the neighbourhood teams. Due to the teams engaging effectively with local communities and local elected members, they are often already

responding to trends before they escalate. Barnsley's neighbourhood teams take a partnership approach to tackling ASB, with joint visits and interventions and joint operations.

Residential burglary remains a key Barnsley district priority, with significant efforts to tackle offending and bring offenders to justice. This includes effective coordinated activity across the various teams in Barnsley to support wider problem-solving work undertaken by neighbourhood policing teams and revised operational and tactical intelligence collection plans to focus preventative activity and target offenders. Intelligence analysis indicates that Barnsley's most recent burglary hotspots have been in Dearne, Hoyland and North East. However, the district regularly responds to emerging trends through daily monitoring and management. Officers continue to use tracking devices to support the application of directed patrols in hotspot areas. The devices accurately measure speed, live time movement and locations of police officers undertaking targeted patrols. The devices are reliable, provide incisive business intelligence regarding the quality of targeted patrols, and are used to reassure Barnsley's communities through social media messaging.

Neighbourhood engagement such as the Your Voice Counts survey, and the Police and Communities Together (PACT) meetings inform the setting of local community priorities across each of the six NPT areas. Each area identifies and sets the priorities that focus on the areas of concern highlighted by the communities they serve which include the following:

- Barnsley Central: Anti-social behaviour causing residents to be intimidated, Drug activity affecting community safety and speeding.
- Barnsley North East: Tackling youth ASB, damage and drug use throughout the policing area
- Barnsley North: Drug Activity
- Barnsley West: Speeding Vehicles and Fly tipping.

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- Barnsley South: Drug dealing including targeting vehicles used for the purpose of drug dealing and ASB around Kirk View Flats and Wombwell High Street.
- Barnsley South East: Tackle ASB nuisance including off road motorbikes and speeding in the area.

The plans to tackle these policing priorities are to work with council wardens to identify and address through engagement and enforcement whilst building intelligence and targeting activity to identify offenders whilst disrupting the activity.

Additional engagement events such as pop-up police stations, Crime and Safety sub groups along with brew with a bobby and Facebook Q&A are advertised over the Social Media platforms and South Yorkshire Internet page of which updates are communicated to the communities in the format of you said we did. Regular updates are also provided of activity carried out in the communities across the media platforms which highlights the effective work the neighbourhood teams are carrying out.

### Sheffield

Community engagement continues to be a key area of focus, especially for Sheffield's neighbourhood policing teams. This is underpinned by formal engagement structures, for example the Local Area Committees, but also more informal opportunities with partners and the public. Good examples include the North East team who have developed the 'mobile beat bus' initiative, which sees officers deploy in a mobile police station to a specific location (advertised in advance) to enable engagement. This has been highly effective, particularly with residents who prefer face to face contact, and allows members of the public to share their concerns directly with local officers.

The Parsons Cross team have continued to deliver 'police in park', where officers set up a pop-up police station in a park engaging with families. It was on one of these deployments that ongoing damage issues at a nearby allotments was notified. Officers were able to quickly resolve these issues, updating the community with the action taken and offering reassurance

The South East Neighbourhood Policing Team, along with a Superintendent have attended the youth club in the Darnall area, and despite losing at chess, the team did engage with young people from a range of communities who often do not wish to speak with police. The team are also involved in free football sessions through Premier League Kicks in Woodhouse and Handsworth, helping to divert young people away from anti-social behaviour.

The neighbourhood teams continue to deliver pop up police stations, pre advertised patrols, brew with a bobby along with visible foot and bike patrols. These remain valuable and reliable forms of engagement. Walk about Wednesday also takes place, where local councillors, partners and the public can meet up and walk around a specific location to highlight and address issues. This approach has proved to be highly effective with many members of the public approaching the group and raising issues.

Sheffield district have invested resource into a Neighbourhood Crime Team to focus efforts on residential burglary and personal robbery offences along with any series of auto crime offences. This model is aligned to geographical neighbourhood policing areas which gives a level of accountability and supports a collaborative problem-solving approach. Working alongside neighbourhood and intelligence colleagues the team work a mixture of days and late shifts and are charged with managing the prolific offenders that impact most on local communities as well as providing proactive management of any new and emerging crime trends

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or series, providing a proactive arrest capability and effectively, consistently and robustly managing neighbourhood crime investigations including forensic hits.

The central neighbourhood team in Sheffield continues to focus on its priorities of reducing antisocial behaviour (ASB), addressing violence in the night time economy and neighbourhood crime, with dedicated problem-solving plans for each area.

ASB within the city centre has continued to fall with a recent reduction from 120 incidents per month, to 80 reported incidents in March. April did see a spike in demand around the Haymarket area with a problem-solving plan to address developed and now in place as well as continuing to utilise the harm reduction pathway with partners. This includes an intensive offer of support to those who benefit most from street outreach sessions. Individuals who choose not to engage and break the cycle of offending are informed that they are liable to prosecution for any offences they are committing. . This has led to enforcement activity being taken against some prolific offenders, resulting in imprisonment.

### **Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking (MSHT)**

The Modern Slavery Team have continued to collaborate with partners to ensure that the collective response to MSHT and also Organised Immigration Crime is as effective as possible within South Yorkshire. Activity has included frequent joint visits to locations where information suggests that Modern Slavery may be taken place. This ensures that there is a well-rounded partnership approach to safeguarding victims and potential victims and ensuring that those suspected of exploiting others are pursued accordingly.

The South Yorkshire Modern Slavery Partnership Group is working effectively and provides an environment where Police and other partners such as representatives from local authorities, NHS, His Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) and other key stakeholders meet each month to identify, discuss and seek to resolve any emerging themes. This has led to different agencies collaborating on a variety of activities, such as providing training inputs to first responders, raising awareness within different organisations and working jointly on operational matters to tackle Modern Slavery and Organised Immigration Crime.

The Modern Slavery Team have developed a comprehensive training package and will be shortly launching and delivering this to all front-line policing teams, which will include raising awareness around 'spotting the signs' and the approach in effectively tackling Modern Slavery and Organised Immigration Crime. A specific aspect of this training will include the procedures in the event of first responders encountering unaccompanied migrant children, in order to ensure an enhanced level of safeguarding takes place in these circumstances in partnership with social care and Immigration services.

SYP continues to support and contribute to the national operation, 'Operation Aidant'. This is a multi-agency, approach in identifying and safeguarding those most at risk from human trafficking and exploitation. Officers from the force's Modern Slavery Team are involved in this operation, which targets different exploitation themes across the force on a quarterly basis.

Anyone who has concerns for modern slavery can contact the force directly on 101 (or 999 if there is a concern an individual is in immediate danger), or alternatively by calling the Modern Slavery Helpline on 0800 012 1700.

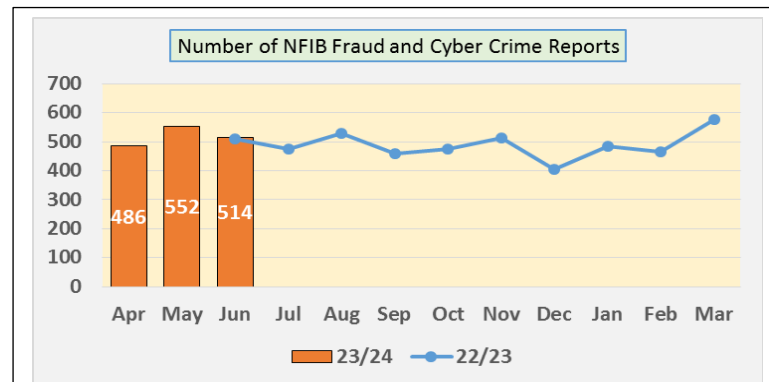
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### Cybercrime

Ransomware continues to be one of the principle cyber threats nationally according to the City of London Police. 'Hacking - Social Media and Email' reports have spiked nationally in May by 43% which is a substantial increase. It is unknown at this stage why this is. In the second quarter of 2023, South Yorkshire had a total of 148 cyber dependant reports recorded by Action Fraud, 110 of these were some form of hacking, the majority being hacking of social media accounts.

There has been continued work with stakeholders to reduce the cyber threat; those engaged with include Trading Standards, Universities, and banking institutions. In addition, there has been in excess of 40 engagement events with education and young person establishments in a prevent/protect capacity.

The team have had two positive convictions for cyber related offences. Significantly, one individual was sentenced to six years imprisonment for computer misuse and blackmail offences.



Source: NFIB Fraud and Cyber Crime Dashboard

The number of reports of Fraud and Cyber Crime in South Yorkshire to the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) in Q1 23/24 has increased from Q4 22/23. Data is not available to compare to Q1 22/23.

The national 'Clear, Hold, Build' (CHB) initiative is now well established in South Yorkshire Police. The force was one of the pilot forces leading on the concept. The first pilot was introduced in Barnsley – further details below - with the initiative now being established in the Royal Estate in Doncaster.

Pilot One in Hoyland, Barnsley is currently in the 'Build Phase'. In the local pilot, street observations and stop and search accounted for significant disruption, development of intelligence and numerous warrant applications all directed towards key OCG members. At the conclusion of the 'Clear' phase, notable quantities of drugs, proceeds of crime cash and associated items were seized and removed from the area. The force was able to ensure significant assets were frozen, recovered, or subject to ongoing proceeds of crime (POCA) applications, and multiple offenders are now within the criminal justice system.

As the operation moved into the 'Hold' phase the partnership formed an operational delivery group chaired by Barnsley Council's lead for community safety along with the Chief Inspector for Neighbourhoods, drawing together the partners responsible for delivery of 'Clear' into 'Hold', demonstrating a visible partnership approach. Community engagement events were conducted, intending to secure the voice of the community in supporting future resilience to serious organised crime and to shape the delivery of the 'Build' phase. Multiple projects are ongoing, demonstrating longevity and sustainability.

OCGs are increasingly moving from traditionally 'visible' criminal activities into lucrative operations in cyberspace. The structure of these OCG organisations is changing, and the force is aiming to be agile enough to disrupt this criminality efficiently. The force will continue to invest in the evolving digital and financial investigative capabilities to provide a whole-system approach to the proactive approach to disrupting OCG activity in South Yorkshire.

### 3. Treating People Fairly

The areas of focus for 2023/24 under this priority for are:

- Treating Members of the Public Fairly
- Championing Equality
- Fair Allocation of Police Resources.

The fair treatment of individual residents and communities in South Yorkshire is essential to maintain the public's trust and confidence in the police and partner organisations. Whoever the police engage with, they should always seek to treat people with courtesy and respect. This includes understanding and addressing such issues as racial and cultural differences. Ethical standards of behaviour need to underpin all officer interaction not just with members of the public but with other officers, staff, and partners to create an inclusive culture where trust and confidence is paramount.

#### Independent Ethics Panel (IEP)

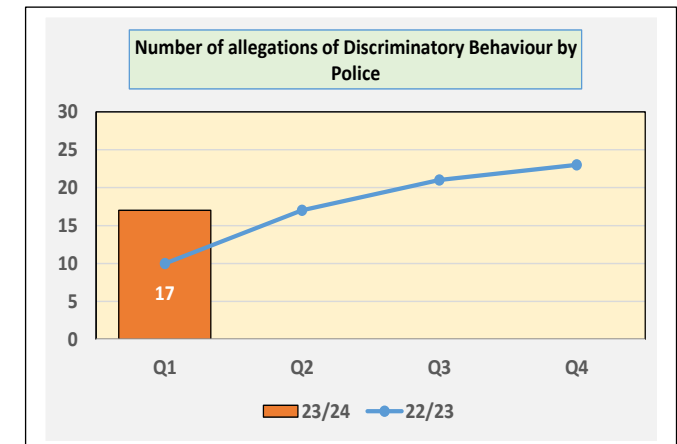
One of the main ways of gaining assurance that people are being treated fairly is through the work of the Independent Ethics Panel. The Panel has a role in helping the PCC and Chief Constable build the trust and confidence of the public and partners in South Yorkshire Police, by ensuring the code of 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 Professional Standards 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.

A key focus for 2023/24 is on officer and staff professional standards and the receipt and handling of complaints. Additionally for 2023/24, the Panel will review data provided by the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC) as well as develop a Professional Standards and Complaints performance framework as part of the PCC's Police and Partners Performance Framework. As part of progressing this framework, 3 key pieces of information from the IOPC are now included in the quarterly reports for this year, two included in the Protecting Vulnerable People section and the following data on complaints received about discriminatory behaviour by police.

The IEP met in April during this quarter. The meeting took an in depth look at Baroness Casey's published review: An Independent Review into the Standards of Behaviour and Internal Culture of the Metropolitan Police Service. The Panel were able to discuss with SYP and the OPCC in detail the implications for SYP and local communities and how SYP tackled some of the issues highlighted in the report affecting the Metropolitan Police. The Panel also received reports and discussed:

- Observations of the external panels scrutinising stop and search and use of force by SYP
- Progression of work by the Panel in relation to testing the culture of SYP and the Values and Behaviours Framework
- Updates of the work being done to tackle violence against women and girls.

Further information about the work of the Independent Ethics Panel can be found [on the IEP pages of the OPCC website here](#): - [South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner \(southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk)



Source: Independent Office for Police Conduct  
There were fewer allegations of discriminatory behaviour by SYP received in Q1 than in the previous quarter. However, there has been an increase compared the same period last year.



**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. The scheme was put on hold early during the pandemic but was able to re-start albeit in a limited way as early as June 2020 with a small number of ICVs undertaking sole visits.

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 additional monitoring does not replace the usual custody visiting but it has been found to give added assurance to supplement physical visits and so will continue for some time.

The scheme continues to recruit, vet and train ICVs but some ICVs have paused their involvement currently – recruitment of ICVs is a particular priority during 2023/24.

Physical custody visits have continued taking place during Q1 23/24 with 22 visits being undertaken. This is a slight increase on the 20 undertaken last quarter. The OPCC is also in regular contact with officers from SYP in relation to findings from visits and the checking of records to share findings and set actions for improvement.

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#### Hate Crime

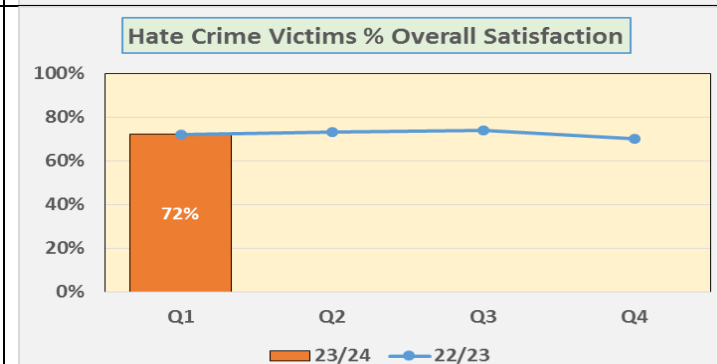
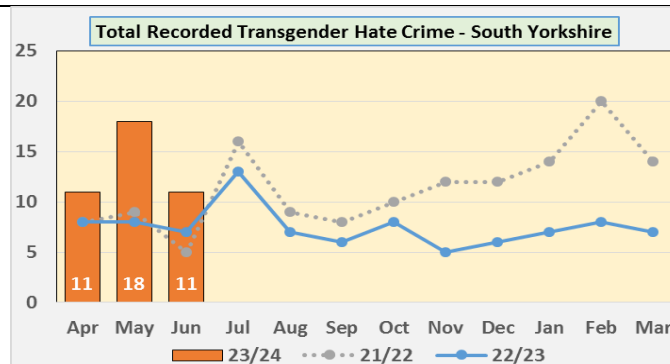
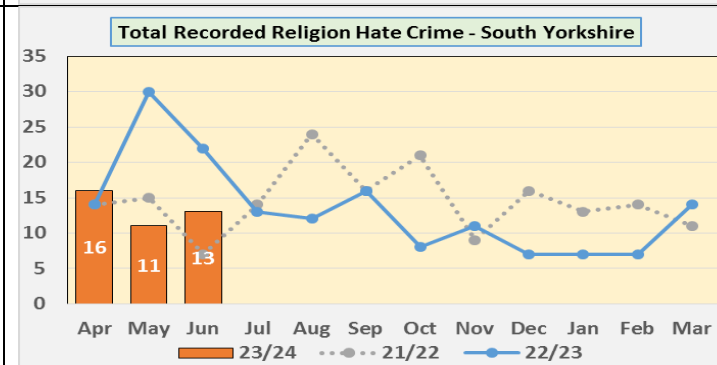
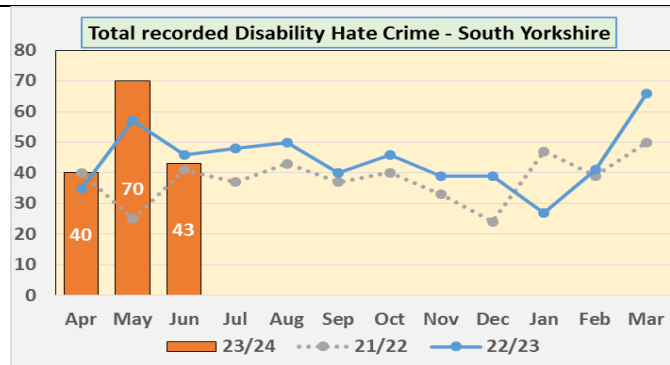
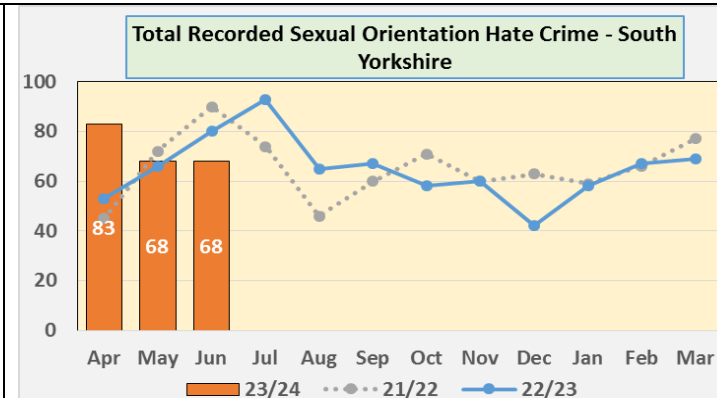
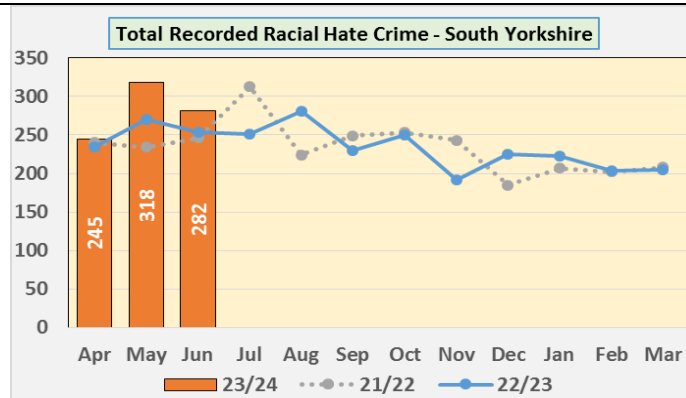
There was an increase in the volume of hate crimes recorded in Q1 23/24 compared to the previous quarter. Levels are also higher than the equivalent period last year and pre-pandemic levels.

Overall satisfaction of hate crime victims was 72% in Q1 23/24. There has been no statistically significant change from the previous quarter or the same period last year.

Hate crimes are reviewed on a daily, weekly and monthly basis to ensure that they are allocated and investigated effectively. The force continues to work with partners, and the OPCC to seek feedback from victims to support improvements in service delivery and increase the confidence of victims to report to the police.

The volume of hate crimes being reported can be influenced by national and international events. Both SYP and the OPCC are keen to make it as easy as possible for victims to report hate crime and for victims to feel confident that their report will be dealt with effectively and sensitively.

Source: SYP– unaudited data subject to change



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#### Police Staff Workforce

Police staff ethnic minority representation has dropped slightly in Q1 23/24 by 0.1% to 5.1%. Heritage other than white is at 3.5% against 3.7% last quarter. Police staff LGBTQ+ representation remain consistent with last quarter at 3.2% with representation for disability increasing slightly from 4.4% to 4.5%

#### Police Officer Workforce

Police officer ethnic minority representation remains consistent, though there has been a slight decrease from 5.2% in the previous report to 5.1% this quarter. Police Officer representation for LGBTQ+ saw a slight rise to 4.5%, 0.1% change from the previous report. Police Officer representation for Disability saw no change.

Female representation has increased slightly to 37.5% in Q1 compared to 37.3% in Q4 22/23. Police officer representation from 'heritage other than white' continues to be an issue at 3.4%. There have been no significant improvements over the last 12 months, but no major swings either.

2023/2024 sees almost 300 new student officers to recruit in the workforce plan. Q1 23/24 consisted of a small campaign of only 20 Officers which may reflect lower percentages of ethnic minority representation achieved in Q1, however the cohorts in Q2, Q3 and Q4 are larger which will provide a good indication of the ongoing performance of the recruitment and positive action activities, as the force will be able look at around 250-280 new officers in this period, based on officer retention data.

Last year the force saw an average of 8.2% ethnic minority recruitment for officers, 4.1% other than white, so the force will be looking to maintain and improve representation in line with force aspirations.

SYP and the PCC would like to see a much more balanced female representation across the ranks and greater improvement at Sergeant level. Female Sergeant in Uniform posts representation is down to 30.8% in Q1 (Q3 – 30.4%, Q4 – 31.1%). For the Detective Sergeants, female representation is at 38.0%, which is the same as Q4. The Detective ranks in the main are performing better when reviewing the percentage of female officers represented.

Ethnic minority representation in police officer leadership roles continues to be low at all levels. At the three levels of leadership - Superintendent, Chief Superintendent, and Chief Officer - SYP have no ethnic minority representation. Ethnic minority representation at ranks below this is Chief Insp. (2.5%), Det Ch Insp. (4.5%) and Inspector (3.5%). Representation at Sergeant rank is 2.6% and Det. Sergeant 2.8% and has been around this point for the last 18 months. This has not really been impacted by the recent promotion activities, so this suggests SYP need to undertake more engagement at a constable level.

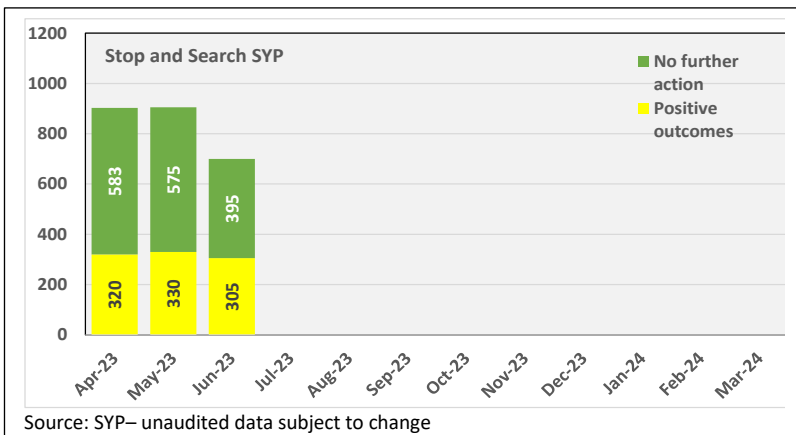
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#### Stop and Search

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.

Public external scrutiny of stop and search incidents is in place, with a panel of members of the public meeting to review stop and search incidents by viewing body worn video footage where available. Meetings of the panel are held every two months and findings from the scrutiny are discussed by the Panel members with SYP's Stop and Search Lead and an Inspector.

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 yellow areas in the chart on the left shows where there is a positive police outcome / action taken 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 was 29% in April, 30% in May and 35% in June 2023. (The chart does not show the total numbers of stop and searches as there will be stop/searches where action is taken but not defined as a positive outcome. E.g., advice given, verbally warned).

The following table shows the numbers of stop and searches and outcomes broken down by ethnicity.

#### Stop and searches broken down by ethnicity.

South Yorkshire 12 months 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2022 – 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2023				
Ethnicity	No. of searches	% of searches	% positive outcome	Rate per 1000 population*
White	5281	65%	33%	4.4
Black	387	5%	33%	11.4
Asian	534	7%	34%	6.7
Other	117	1%	40%	4.6
Mixed	219	3%	43%	7.2
Not Stated	1543	19%	22%	

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

\*Rate per 1000 population is based on 2021 population census data. These are the latest official statistics available that break down the ethnicity of the UK population.

In Q1, 80% of stop and searches were conducted on males, 20% 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 particularly within Black and Asian communities. Work continues to better understand and deal with this issue, including

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improved linking of stop and search data to age, ethnicity and location. Disproportionality is also an issue nationally.

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 arranging a direct or indirect exchange between a victim of crime and the offender.

In Q1, 1st April 2023– 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023, Remedi received a potential 438 referrals into the service, via agency/self-referrals or as a result of a sentence outcome at court, enabling Remedi to make proactive victim contact.

129 victims of crime have been personally offered RJ during this quarter, with 91 saying yes to RJ, with the service still attempting to contact a further 309 cases. Three proactive calls are offered at different times of the day in most cases, with five attempts on all cases where the victim is deemed vulnerable in line with the Victims Code of Practice

RJ practitioners continue to hold a mix of standard, sensitive and complex and out of court disposal cases.

The following interventions have taken place across South Yorkshire during this quarter:

- 25 direct (face to face) interventions, including sensitive & complex cases.
- 120 indirect messages and letters have been passed between victims and offenders.

Following the probation service reform in June 2021, Remedi have been working hard to increase referrals for the Restorative Victim Awareness Sessions. We continue to complete relaunch briefings across all the National Probation Service offices within South Yorkshire. This consistent proactive approach will continue throughout the new financial year.

#### **RJ Service User feedback:**

*Feedback from an offender who had completed an indirect RJ and also a Restorative Awareness Session for the offence of assault on an emergency worker, “thank you for being so lovely. Thank you for being there and listening to me no one usually listens, and I really appreciate what you’ve done from me “.*

*'I've never spoken to anyone outside my family about how the burglary affected me and still affects me. It still feels very fresh but it's not something you can casually talk about with others. It's been good to have Remedi contact me and ask about my perspective. This is the first time I've expressed it to someone else other than my mum'.*

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. Remedi welcome referrals for RJ 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](http://www.restorativesouthyorkshire.co.uk)

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

Whilst working towards delivering the priorities and areas of focus within the Police and Crime Plan, all partners will need to show value for money (VFM). The plan focuses value for money on the optimal use of resources to achieve intended outcomes. The OPCC's Value for Money Strategy breaks VFM down into core component parts to understand whether organisations are using resources economically, efficiently and effectively.

### **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.

The high-level financial position for the OPCC and South Yorkshire Police forecast for the end of 2023/24 as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023:

#### **Revenue budget £1.7m underspend:**

- OPCC £0.093m underspend. This relates to underspends on:
  - Staffing: Vacancies and variances caused by differences to budget assumptions.
  - Additional income for external audit fees from the Government
- SYP underspend £1.622m the following items are flagged:
  - £1.24m projected underspend against Gas & Electric costs based on the latest hedging estimations.
- Legacy should spend to budget, this relates to Hillsborough, the Stovewood enquiry, and CSE civil claims and this figure may move based on the outcome of various activities.
- Commissioning and Partnerships breakeven. However, the final outturn position may change as mitigating actions are being performed to maximise external funding.
- Capital Financing £0.023m underspend. This is in line with the strategy of utilising internal borrowing for as long as possible and benefiting from increased interest rates on return on investments. Long term borrowing is anticipated in this financial year, and the position is being monitored closely. If required, borrowing will be undertaken in line with the strategy on the basis of need and at the most optimum time.

#### **Capital budget – programme of £17.4m – expected to spend in full.**

- The approved capital programme has been revised down during the year from £19.655m to £17.35m due to previous year's slippage, re-phasing, and adjustments. It is anticipated that the programme will spend in full.

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### Collaboration

South Yorkshire Police (SYP) has developed a Collaboration Effectiveness Framework (CEF) which is being used to review collaborative activity based on an assessment of the risk and significance of the activity. The CEF is based on best practice from His Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS), The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) and the independent research body - the Police Foundation.

Based on several measures the framework first determines the level of risk and organisational significance presented by the collaboration from low, medium or high. This level then determines the level at which the collaboration is passed through the framework, in essence the higher the risk and significance the higher the level of assurance that is expected.

There are many South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner and SYP collaborations (70+), and it is not possible to perform regular and full evaluations of each of them, nor would this be proportionate. However, the framework identifies common elements within successful collaborations and compares these to the collaborative activity SYP is involved in. There is a Collaboration Effectiveness Board (CEB), which has put in place a review plan that runs from October 2022 for 2 years and details review timescales for each piece of collaborative activity.

The CEB feeds into SYP's Strategic Change Board where the PCC's Senior Leadership Team is represented. The Deputy Chief Constable also highlights any areas of exception or concern with the PCC's Chief Executive at their Management Board, and/or with the PCC at regular meetings. The information and findings gathered from the CEF and the CEB thus inform decisions made by both SYP's chief officer team and the PCC.

The PCC and Chief Constable also seek reassurances in this area from their Internal Audit function, and from their Joint Independent Audit Committee (JIAC). The JIAC reports by exception quarterly to the PCC and Chief Constable.

Taking a regional approach to procurement is one way in which the Force collaborates so as 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 for Q1 23/24 has been delayed, therefore the following data is a repeat of the Q4 22/23 data provided in the last report. In the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023, eleven procurement contracts were awarded for SYP with seven of these collaborative. The Home Office target for actual cashable savings for 2022/23 has been exceeded and stands at £1,480,236. Q1 23/24 data will be included in the next report.

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### Public Engagement

Throughout Q1, a range of engagements have taken place either physically or online using Microsoft Teams' meetings. During the beginning of Q1, a key focus has been around Rural Crime. Working in partnership with SYP's Rural and Wildlife Crime officers, a series of rural watch launch events were held in each district. It is hoped through these events and a rural crime survey, SYP will be able to raise the profile of issues experienced within these communities and develop a database of contacts to map residents and businesses.

Overall, a total of 44 engagement briefings have been completed for the period of April – June, this is down 13 vs the final quarter, Q4 of last year. We engaged with a total of 1283 people during this period.

- As mentioned above, Rural Watch Launch Events were undertaken throughout this period, through partnership working with officers within South Yorkshire Police (SYP), a total of 235 individuals attended across the four district events. A survey focused on rural residents continues to be circulated to understand the impact of this type of crime within these areas as well as measuring the fear of crime.
- Along with officers and staff from SYP, the Engagement Officer visited the Porterbrook Clinic in Sheffield on a visit arranged by Hate Crime Coordinator Chris Nicholson. The visit aimed to educate staff on experiences faced by individuals seeking support with gender identity.
- During the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, local residents, staff from Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, South Yorkshire Police and other partners were invited to a community Iftar in Barnsley. The Iftar is one of the religious observances of Ramadan and is the breaking of the fast at the time of evening prayer. Over 100 people attended and spoke to each other about different cultures and the experience.
- During Q1, areas not previously covered such as Brinsworth and Swallownest have been visited either through pop up community safety stands or Community Action Partnership (CAP) meetings. Over the coming year, the Engagement Officer plans to attend every CAP, Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting and Community Engagement Meeting (CEM) across each district to further expand our contacts and knowledge about the local areas and communities South Yorkshire Police serve.
- The Engagement Officer has begun attending meetings on an ad hoc basis with NHS Integrated Care Board and with Voluntary Action Sheffield, these meetings are a useful opportunity to network and share best practice around engagement within communities. It is hoped that when the Communications and Engagement team look to plan the precept and priorities survey with The Commissioner later in the year, through building these links early we will be able to share more widely and obtain a higher number of responses.
- Staff from Barnsley council working in partnership with South Yorkshire Police re launched the Grow Aware Scheme for the Barnsley district. Staff involved with the project spoke of the changes in legislation and impact these grows have on the community and landlords. The Engagement Officer attended the re launch to hear feedback from those in attendance.
- The Police and Crime Commissioner met with officers from Madhya Pradesh in India during their annual visit.



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### Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) Community Grant Scheme

The Commissioner Community (POCA) Grants Scheme has been in operation for over 8 years. During this period, the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has awarded almost £2million in grants to non-profit organisations in South Yorkshire. These grants have enabled organisations to deliver projects aimed at keeping people safe, tackling crime and anti-social behaviour and supporting victims of crime. The scheme is funded from the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) and the PCC's policing budget. The Proceeds of Crime Act refers to monies confiscated from criminals and awarded to worthy causes to help reduce crime and the impacts of crime in South Yorkshire.

Non-profit organisations can apply for a maximum of £10,000 to deliver projects lasting up to 12 months. So far, in the current financial year since April 2023, the Community Grants Scheme panel has sat on one occasion to review and award applications. Successful applications awarded to date in the 2023-24 financial year are included in the table below. For more information please visit: <https://southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/what-we-do/grants/>

Organisation	District	Awarded
Swinton Lock Activity Centre	Rotherham	£ 8,976.00
Unity Boxing Centre CIC	Rotherham	£ 9,906.05
We are in your Corner C.I.C	Sheffield	£ 9,967.00
Dearne Valley Personal Development Centre	Doncaster	£ 6,141.00
Reach Up	Sheffield	£ 6,556.00
Club Thorne CIC	Doncaster	£ 4,400.00
Sheffield Street Pastors	Sheffield	£ 6,000.00
The Learning Community Ltd	Rotherham	£ 8,470.00
Doncaster in Union	Doncaster	£ 7,020.00
Olympia Wellbeing Academy CIC	Sheffield	£ 10,000.00
Regather Limited	Sheffield	£ 4,868.55
Saffron Sheffield	Sheffield	£ 10000.00
Roshni Sheffield Asian Women's Resource Centre	Sheffield	£ 10,000.00
Cricket Arena CIC	Sheffield	£ 9,300.00
Grow	Sheffield	£ 9,998.60
Sheffield Mencap and Gateway	Sheffield	£ 8,238.40

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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
Public Accountability Board meetings – every 2 months	An opportunity for the PCC and members of the public to question the Chief Constable and his team	9 meetings held between July 22 and June 2023
Quarterly Joint Independent Audit Committee meetings	Focussing on governance and risk management – exception reports to the Public Accountability Board	5 meetings, 1 workshop and 1 induction session held between July 2022 and June 2023
Independent Ethics Panel	Set up by the PCC and providing independent challenge and assurance around integrity, standards, and ethics of decision-making in policing	4 meetings held between July 2022 and June 2023.
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	During quarter 1 22 ICV visits were completed. Issues noted have been reported back to SYP.
Local Criminal Justice Board	The Local Criminal Justice Board brings together partners from across the criminal justice system including The Police, Crown Prosecution Service, the Courts, Probation, and others to ensure an efficient and speedy justice system in South Yorkshire	4 meetings held between July 2022 and June 2023.
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	21 decisions were made during Q1 2023/24
Joint Corporate Governance Framework	Making sure the PCC and Chief Constable conduct business correctly in line with the statutory framework.	