

POLICE AND CRIME PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT

1st October to 31st December 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.

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 December 2022	12 Months to December 2023	Trend*
Recorded Domestic Abuse Crimes (1)	25,237	24,340	↓
Domestic Abuse Crime Arrest Rate (1)	47%	44%	↓
Recorded Sexual Offences (1)	4574	4623	↑
% Of crimes where victim is assessed as vulnerable (1)	36%	32%	↓
Vulnerable victims satisfied with police experience (8)	70%	71%	No statistically significant change

Tackling Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour			
Measure	12 Months to December 2022	12 Months to December 2023	Trend*
SYP Recorded level of Anti-Social Behaviour (1)	25,013	25,721	↑
Recorded level of all crime (excl. fraud) (1)	159,750	157,390	↓
Measure	Apr 20 to Mar 21 cohort	Apr 21 to Mar 22 cohort	Trend*
Rate of proven re-offending (adults) (2) (Lower rates are better)	25.7%	27.0% (England/Wales 24.9%)	↑
Rate of proven re-offending (youth) (2) (Lower rates are better)	23.2%	29.8% (England/Wales 32.2%)	↑
Measure	12 months to Sept 22	12 months to Sept 23	Trend*
Serious crimes involving a knife or sharp instrument (3)	1,633	1,629	↓

Treating People Fairly			
Measure	12 Months to December 2022	12 Months to December 2023	Comparison
% Of people saying police do a good/excellent job (7)	29%	27%	No statistically significant change
Measure	Oct 22 to Dec 22	Oct 23 to Dec 23	Trend*
No. of cases created by Restorative Justice service (active referrals) (4) <small>More information on type of referrals on page 29</small>	102	81	↓
Measure	12 Months to December 2022	12 Months to December 2023	Trend*
Stop and Search conducted (1)	12,641	12,226	↓

Providing Value For Money For Policing and Crime Services	
Year end forecast as at 31 st December 2023	
End of year forecast (Revenue) (6)	£8.7m underspend
End of year forecast (Capital) (6)	Capital Programme of £17.4m – expected to spend in full by 31 st March 2024

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 periods of Government 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.

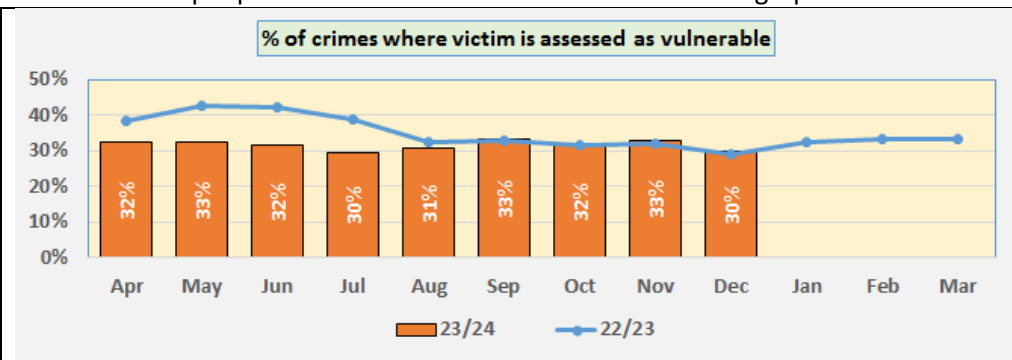
Since the pandemic the PCC has been writing and publishing a weekly blog. The blog aims to keep members of the public, partners, and communities up to date with how he is carrying out his role and also to think more widely around contemporary issues that have a bearing on policing. All the blogs can be found on the PCC's website, with the latest one here: [PCC Blog 174 - South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner \(southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/blog/174)

1. Protecting Vulnerable People

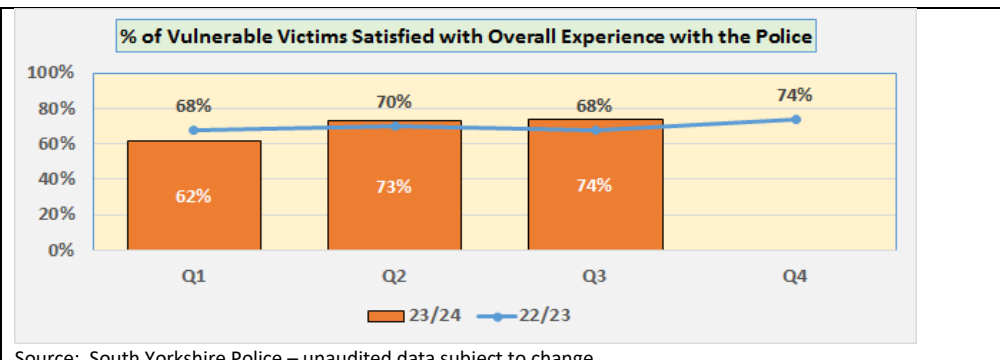
Within this priority, the area of focus for 2023/24 are:

- 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

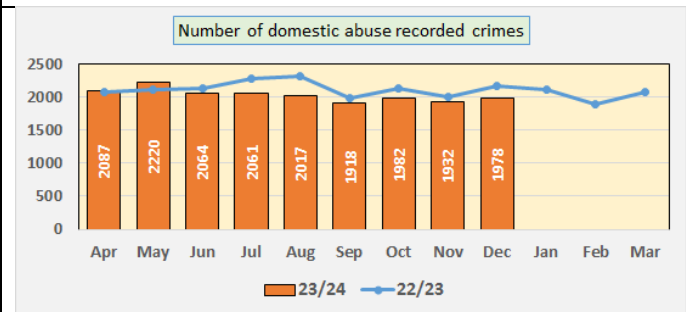
This section of the report includes a look at data and performance indicators as well as information about the range of work going on aimed at protecting vulnerable people - details of which are included after the graphs.



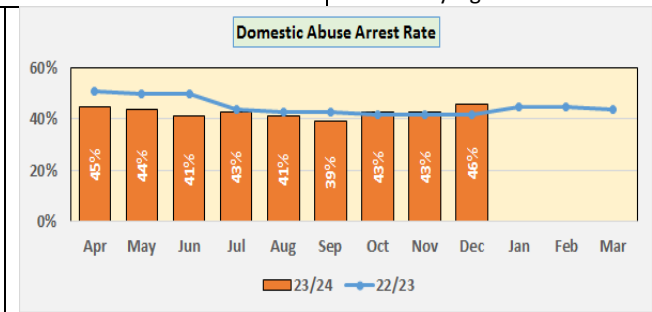
Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change
 The % of crimes where a victim is assessed as vulnerable has increased slightly in Q3 23/24. Levels are similar to the same period last year.



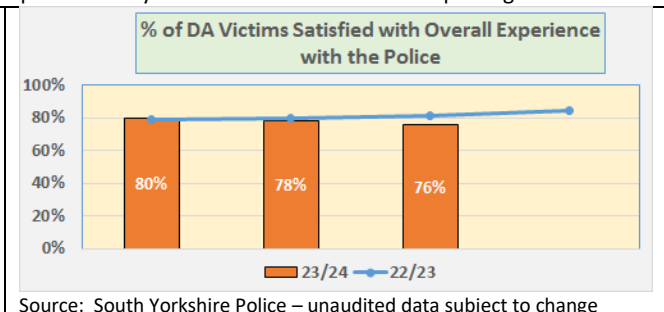
Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change
 In Q3 23/24, 74% of vulnerable victims were satisfied with their overall experience with the Police, an increase from the previous quarter, and the same period in 22/23, but these increases were not statistically significant. The is a telephone survey conducted 4-6 weeks after reporting.



Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change
 There has been a decrease in DA recorded crimes in Q3 23/24 compared to the previous quarter, and levels are lower than Q3 22/23. Some of this will be as a result of changes to the Home Office crime counting rules. SYP and the OPCC continue to ensure victims have the confidence and ability to easily report domestic abuse, including through an online reporting portal.

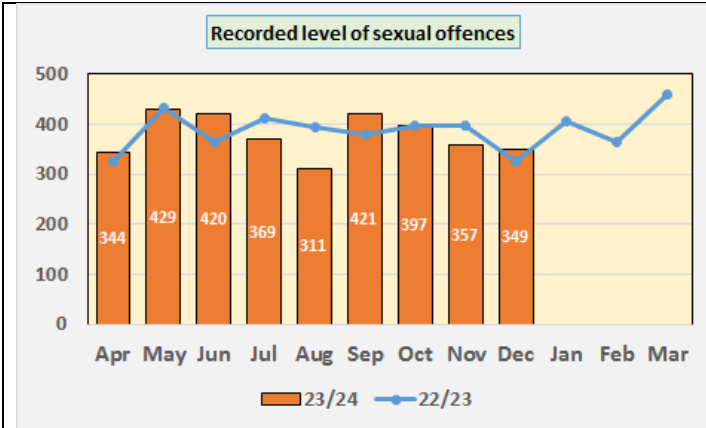


Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change.
 The proportion of all domestic abuse crimes with an arrest is higher than last quarter and Q3 22/23. The arrest rate for high-risk DA cases remains between 85% & 90%. Domestic abuse is a priority for SYP and the PCC. Dedicated domestic abuse teams have been set up to deal specifically with DA crime.

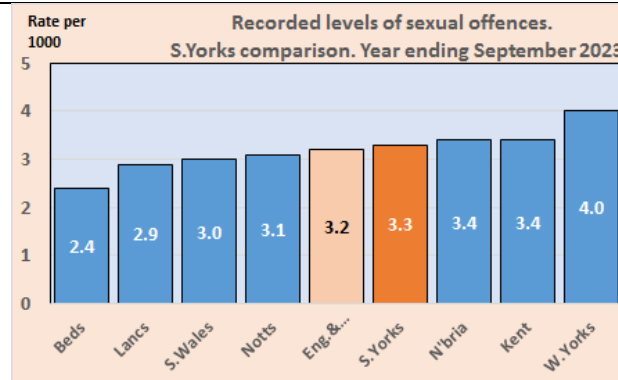


Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change
 The % of domestic abuse victims satisfied with their overall experience with the police was 76% in Q3 23/24. There is no statistically significant difference compared to Q2 23/24 or the same period last year. A telephone survey is conducted around 8 weeks after reporting. 124 domestic abuse victims completed the survey in Q3.

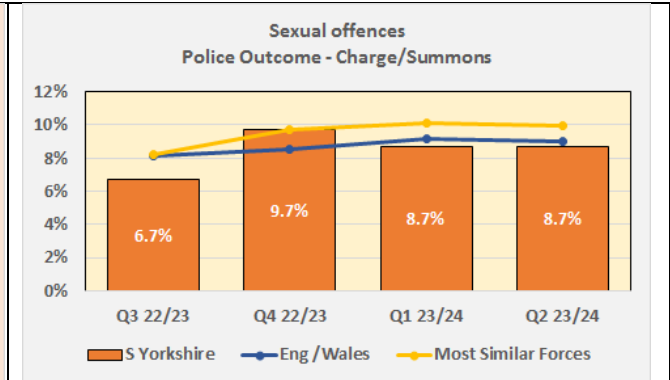
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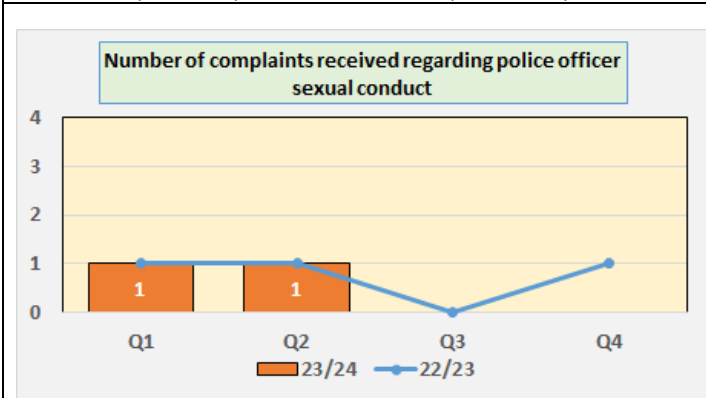
Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change
 The recorded level of sexual offences in Q3 23/24 is in line with the previous quarter and is slightly lower than Q3 last year. Looking at rape offences specifically, recorded level of rape in Q3 has decreased both on the previous quarter and the same quarter last year.



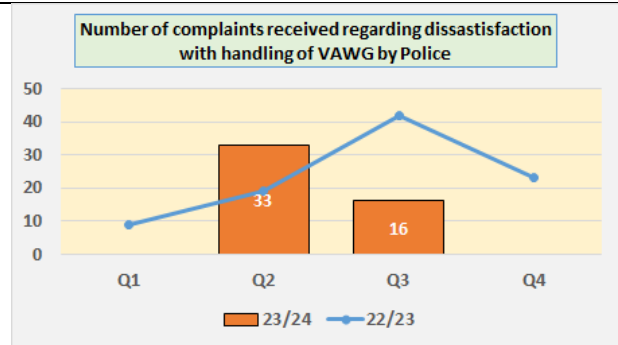
Source: ONS – Police Recorded Crime
 The latest available data up to September 2023 shows South Yorkshire Police has rates of recorded sexual offences that are around average compared to most similar forces and the England and Wales average.



Source: ONS – Police Recorded Outcomes
 The latest ONS data shows that SYP had slightly lower than the average rates for charge/summons of sexual offences (police recorded outcomes) in Q2 23/24 when compared to SYP's most similar forces. SYP is slightly lower than the England and Wales average.



Source: IOPC Police Complaints Information Bulletin
 In Q3 23/24, there were no complaints made to SYP about police officer sexual conduct.



Source: IOPC Police Complaints Information Bulletin
 In Q3 23/24, there were 16 complaints made to SYP regarding dissatisfaction with the handling of Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) by SYP. This is lower than the number of complaints received last quarter and the same period last year.

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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

In quarter 3, there was an 8.4% increase in the number of referrals to the South Yorkshire ISVA service, up from 418 in quarter 2 to 453 in quarter 3. Each individual service experienced an increase in referrals, except for Sheffield where the number of referrals remained unchanged. A breakdown in referrals received per locality is shown below:

- Sheffield: 153 (+0)
- Barnsley: 98 (+7)
- Doncaster: 105 (+14)
- Rotherham: 92 (+9)
- Stovewood: 5 (+4)

Operation Stovewood, the National Crime Agency's investigation into child sexual abuse in Rotherham, has experienced an increase in referrals in quarter 3, along with a decrease in the number of active clients and an

increase in case closures. However, the overall number of cases in Rotherham remains consistent with other areas.

People who identify as female continue to make up the vast majority of ISVA service clientele across all four localities. The service has seen a slight drop in the number of people who identify as male accessing support, whilst the number of people identifying as non-binary, transgender men, and women, or other/prefer not to say has increased slightly in quarter 3.

The most popular age group of active clients across the partnership was people aged 13-17 in quarter 3, who formed 26% of active clients. The number of young people accessing services across the partnership continued to rise in quarter 3. Over a third of active clients were aged 0-17 years old (37%), further demonstrating the demand for support for children and young people in South Yorkshire. While this increase is positive, as it demonstrates that more young people are being supported by the service, it also results in capacity concerns for CHISVAs, who are advised to hold a reduced caseload to accommodate the additional work that naturally comes with supporting young people and their families. Following the 13-17 category, people aged between 25 and 34 were the second most popular age group across the four services and formed 24% of active clients.

Most of our clients across the partnership identify as heterosexual (55%), and we have seen comparable levels of clients identifying as gay, lesbian, bisexual, other, or prefer not to say (45%) in quarter 3.

Similarly, White continues to be the most recorded ethnicity among the service's active clients (78.3%). The proportion of minority ethnic clients across the partnership was comparable to levels recorded in quarter 2, at 8.7% in quarter 3.

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Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC)

The PCC continues to support and co-commission the SARC service at Hackenthore Lodge which provides free confidential healthcare and compassionate support to anyone in South Yorkshire that has experienced sexual assault or rape. The centre provides support and guidance, a medical assessment/treatment, a forensic examination, and the opportunity of aftercare referrals for support services. People attending the centre are offered these services based on their own individual's needs and can choose to use as much or as little of the service as they wish.

Case referral numbers in South Yorkshire decreased in Q3 compared to Q2, with 114 referrals in Q3, compared to 123 in Q2. Referrals into the service are predominantly from the police (62% in Q3) followed by self-referrals at 29%. Police referrals have seen a slight reduction from Q2 (66% in Q2), whereas self-referrals have seen an increase (18% in Q2).

The majority of people using the SARC in Q2 identify as female – around 89%. In respect of ethnicity, around 19% of service users in Q2 defined their ethnicity as Black, Asian or having a mixed ethnic background.

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. During Q3, there were 38 new referrals into the service, a similar level to Q2 (39).

Staff in the PCC's office have met with staff from the children's SARC to discuss how data is provided to the PCC's office. The team are conducting a review into presentation of referral data and will report into the Commissioning team for the next quarter.

'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 three saw 99 referrals made to the service over South Yorkshire, a decrease on quarter 2 (138 referrals). Police referrals accounting for 25 of those referrals (25%), 52 Childrens Social Care (52%) and only 9 self-referrals in comparison to over 30 from the previous quarter.

Referral breakdown by area:

- Sheffield – 34 referrals (34%)
- Rotherham – 21 referrals (21%)
- Doncaster – 22 referrals (22%)
- Barnsley – 22 referrals (22%)

100% of referrals made into the service were offered an assessment appointment within 5 working days of first contact. This is an increase from the 88% last quarter.

The Men and Masculinities programme continues to be run face to face in each of the four areas, with the new delivery model of 6 access sessions being run online prior to service users transitioning to the remaining 18 sessions in localities.

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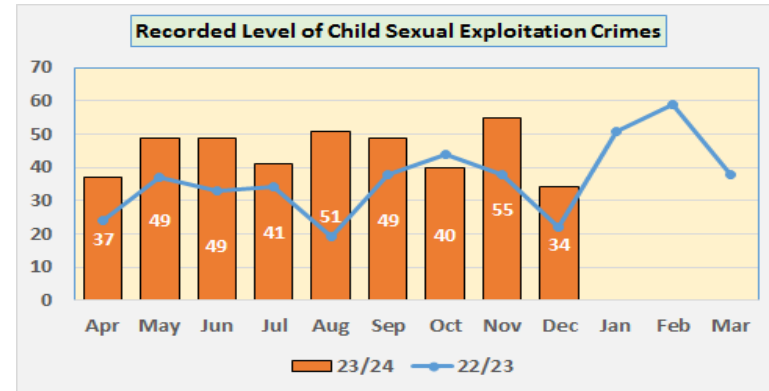
The transition into the new delivery model gave a unique opportunity to compare face to face delivery to online and whether there is an impact on learning. The overwhelming feedback from facilitators is that those who completed the initial 6 sessions in a face to face setting had a far greater recall and understanding of the material than those who completed the same work online. As the key themes are raised throughout the programme, facilitators felt they were spending a disproportionately higher amount of time “going back to basics” with those who had previously been introduced to the theory and concepts online than those completing the sessions face to face.

There were 28 completions for the quarter, bringing the completions total for year 2 of the programme to date to 131. Comparing this to the number of starts in the period April – June 2023 of 36, the average completion rate is 77%.

The completions by area are as follows:

- Sheffield – 7
- Rotherham – 8
- Doncaster – 5
- Barnsley – 8

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



The Levels of CSE crimes recorded in South Yorkshire during Q3 23/24 are lower than the volumes recorded in the previous quarter but higher than the same quarter last year.

The expansion and uplift of resources to create additional child exploitation teams in Barnsley and Doncaster has provided greater capacity to ensure a consistent service is provided to protect children across South Yorkshire. The new teams have been developed based around the HMICFRS commended Rotherham partnership model and have been driving engagement and awareness with regard to the risk of child exploitation. Staff within the new teams have been developing the local and regional understanding, which intelligence will create a better understanding of the risk posed by CSE within South Yorkshire.

SYP has observed an increase in cyber-enabled offending relating to both CSE and CCE. In line with the national picture, internet use as an offending method now accounts for over 60 per cent of all reported CSE offences in South Yorkshire. Due to the nature of this type of offending, which could be committed from anywhere in the world, more intelligence is required to assist in developing the police tactical response. Stage two of the SYP Child

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Exploitation Communication Strategy will look to raise awareness regarding the risk of online based, or cyber enabled child exploitation. This will aim to address directly a potential generational knowledge gap regarding the risk posed by technology in children’s lives. SYP CE teams in all four districts will continue to work directly with education settings to equip children with the skills to be safe online, utilising the Lifewise centre and advancement in technology, via Virtual Reality (VR) headsets to create an immersive meaningful input.

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’. For the quarter October 2023 to December 2023, the number of these incidents reported to South Yorkshire Police has continued to track lower than each of the previous 5 years. In terms of the full year, the average weekly incidents for 2023 was 173 compared to 226 during 2022 and 249 in 2021.

There are a number of 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, and the Sheffield vehicle, based at the Longley Centre, having been live since 9th October 2023. These vehicles are staffed solely by Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS) staff and respond to mental health related incident demand. SYP are also working with health and social care partners, including the NHS Integrated Care Board provider collaborative and those with lived experience to reduce the need to utilise Section 136 for those in mental health crisis, as well as ensuring there is sufficient health based provision in terms of both capacity and quality where individuals 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 ‘place’ areas within South Yorkshire (Sheffield, Doncaster, Rotherham, Barnsley) now have 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. Sheffield Health and Social Care have also refurbished their Section 136 suite, which now has four purpose built beds and modern facilities, though not all four beds operate concurrently.

This ongoing work is showing a real impact with 210 mental health detentions in Q3 of this year, compared to 279 in Q3 of 2022/3. That equates to an average of 23 fewer people in mental health crisis per month detained by police officers in South Yorkshire. Where detentions do occur or detained persons are assessed in the custody environment as requiring admission to a mental health ward, there are still problems in identifying suitable beds. There are significant bed pressures within the health system, which often leads to those detained spending far too long in the care of the police rather than appropriate mental health settings. The force mental health lead continues to work with senior colleagues in the Integrated Care Board to refresh the escalation processes, both to deal with live operational pressures and to inform longer term strategic planning around bed availability.

The force is currently reviewing the operational training provided to new starters around mental health in order to ensure the local context is captured and to explore the potential to include the voice of those with lived experience. There was also a Continuous Professional Development (CPD) input on mental health to all training staff in February, which was delivered by the force mental health coordinators. The mental health portal continues to provide a wealth of relevant and up to date reference material and training resources to police officers and staff.

Since the implementation of Right Care Right Person as a phased approach in March 2023, the force has continued to engage with partner agencies at both a strategic and tactical level to ensure those who need support receive it

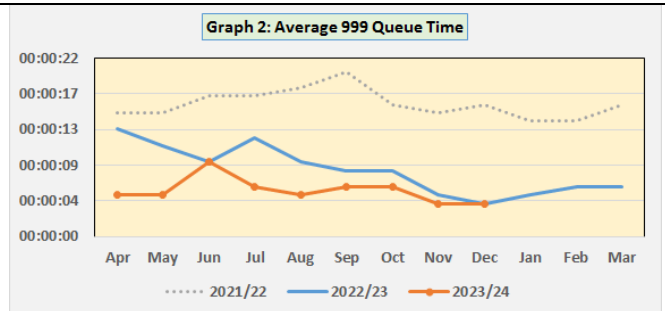
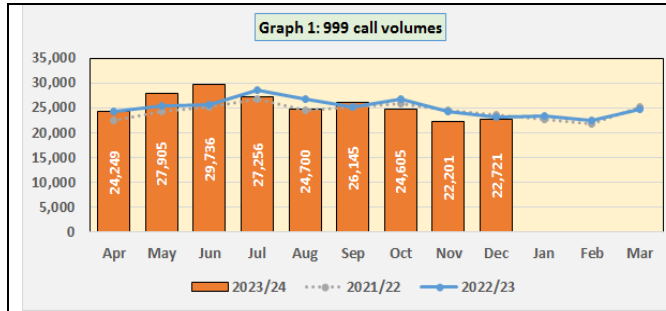
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from the right agency with the right training. For those experiencing mental ill health in their own home, this will rarely be the police. Around 500 incidents are assessed using the Right Care Right Person framework each

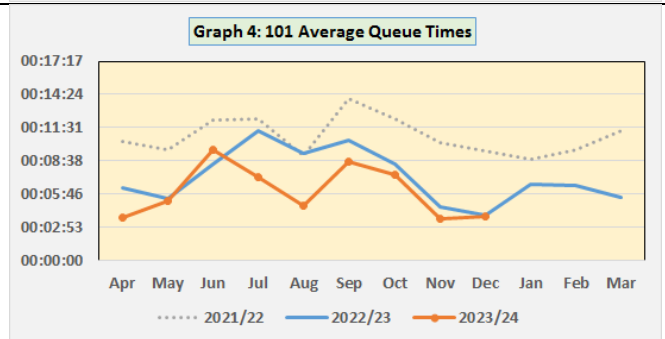
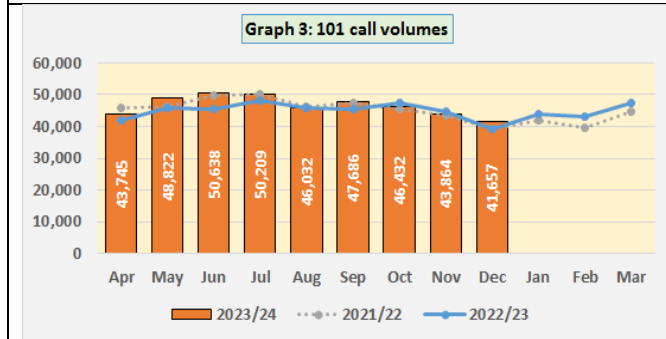
month, with very few meeting the threshold to deploy a police resource. There has also been a reduction in the number of “concern for safety” incidents recorded by the force since the initiative commenced on 20th March, with a weekly average of 609 incidents per week since in Q3 2023/24, compared to 787 incidents per week for the equivalent period in 2022/3. The third and final phase of RCRP went live on 23rd October.

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 Calls¹

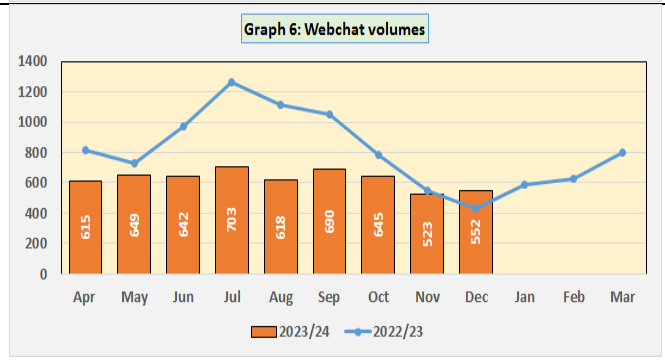
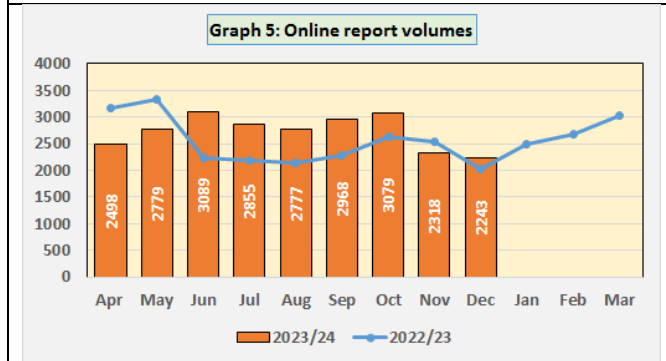


999 calls: 999 call volumes have decreased in Q3 compared to last quarter and are around 6% lower than Q3 last year. (Graph 1). Call volumes in Q3 are about 1% above pre-pandemic. The average call wait time has reduced compared to Q2 23/24 at around 5 seconds (Graph 2).



101 calls: Volumes of 101 calls have decreased in Q3 23/24 compared to Q2 (Graph 3), but levels are slightly higher than those recorded in the same period last year. The average 101 wait time during Q3 (the orange line in graph 4) was around 4m 55s, much lower than 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:

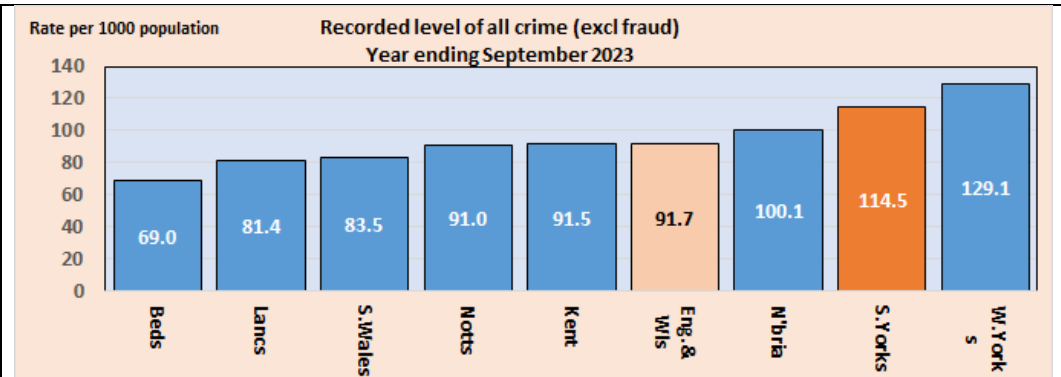
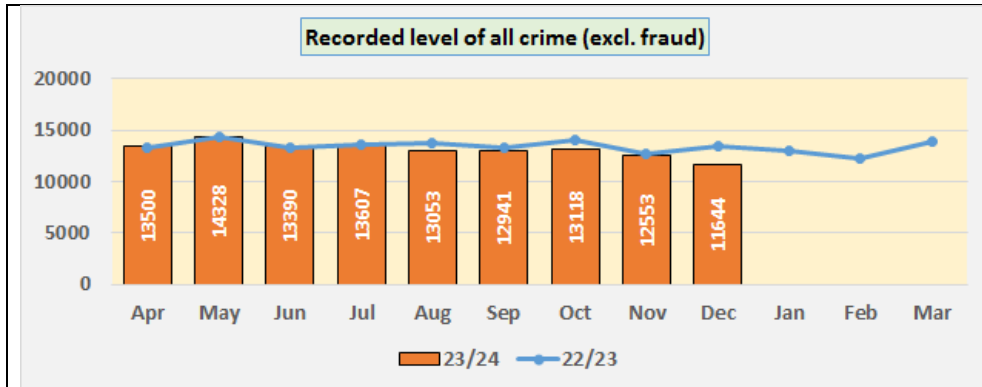
The online portal has two methods of contact – online forms (which are bespoke by topic), and a webchat. Online report volumes decreased in Q3 23/24 compared to Q2 with 7,640 reports recorded. There were 1,720 webchats recorded in Q3 23/24, a decrease from Q2, but similar to the same period last year. This may be reflective of the quicker response times for other areas of reporting. The average webchat response time during Q3 was 1 minute 35 seconds. These methods of contact will continue to be monitored for wider understanding of preferred access channels by the public.

¹ 101 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

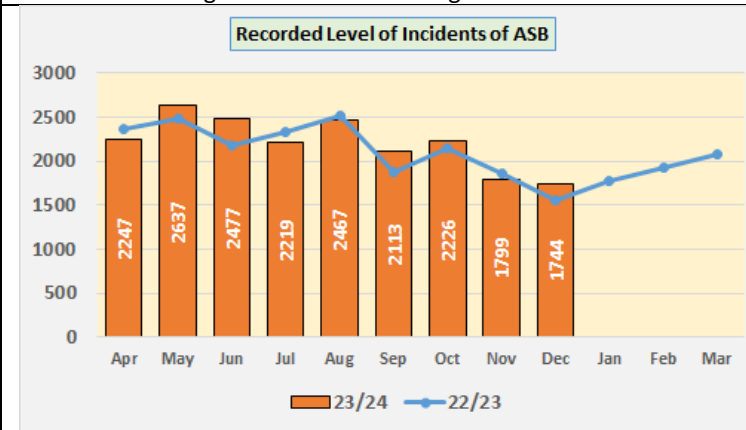


Source: ONS

Latest available comparator data shows South Yorkshire has the second highest 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.

The levels of total recorded crime (excl. fraud) have decreased in Q3 23/24 compared to Q2. The level of total recorded crime in Q3 was also lower than Q3 last year and pre-pandemic levels for Q3.

SYP: District Recorded Crime (excl. fraud)	Barnsley	Doncaster	Rotherham	Sheffield
% Change 12 months to December 23 compared to 12 months to December 22	-2.3%	-2.5%	-1.2%	-1.3%
Volume 12 months to 31.12.23	26,524	41,693	26,422	60,465
Volume 12 months to 31.12.22	27,152	42,777	26,730	61,236

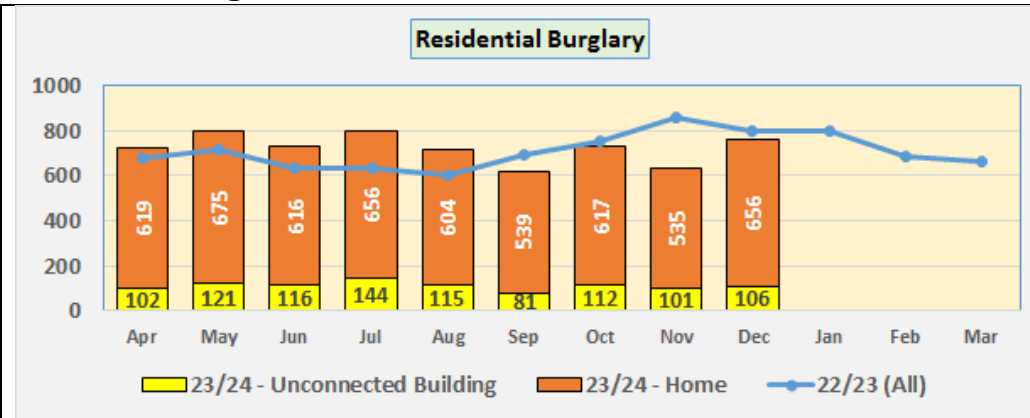


Source: SYP – Unaudited data subject to change

There has been a decrease in recorded levels of ASB in Q3 23/24 compared to the previous quarter. However, levels are above the same period last year. Local authorities also record some ASB incidents which are not included here.

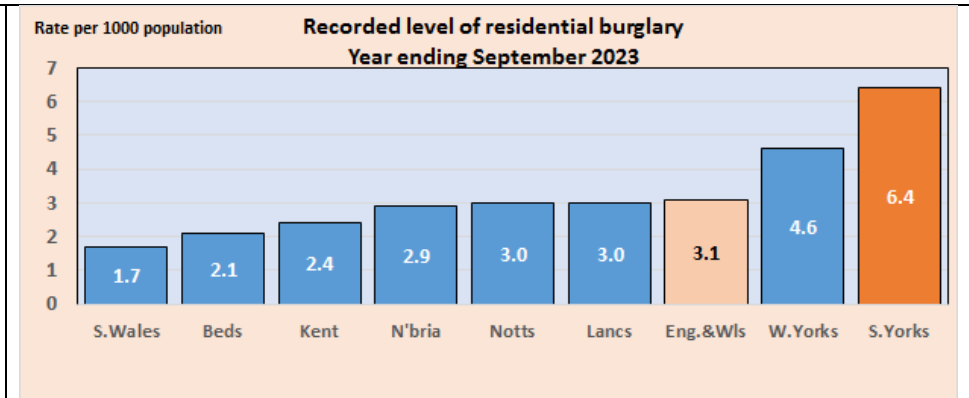
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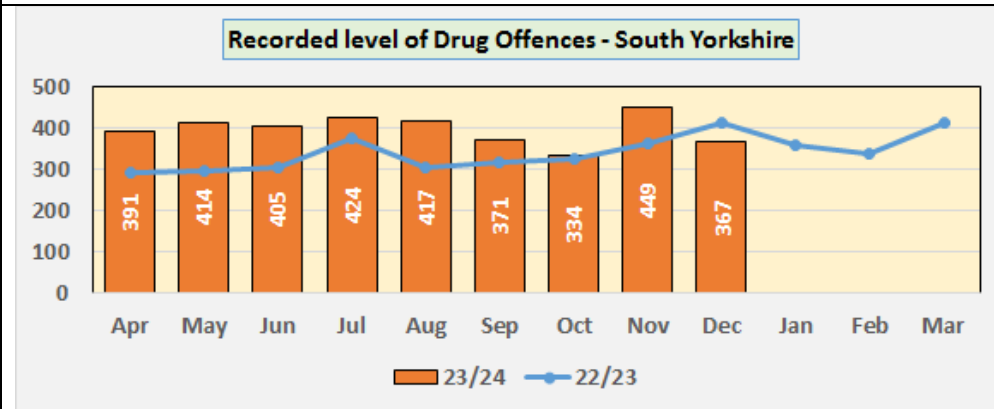
Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

Recorded levels of residential burglary have decreased slightly in Q3 23/24 compared to the previous quarter. Volumes are also lower than those recorded in the equivalent period last year. 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.



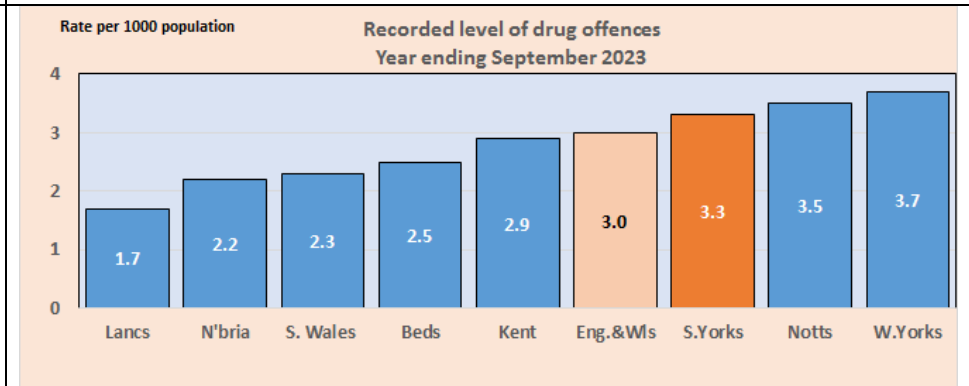
Source: ONS – Police Recorded Crime

The latest comparator data for the 12 months to the end of September 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.



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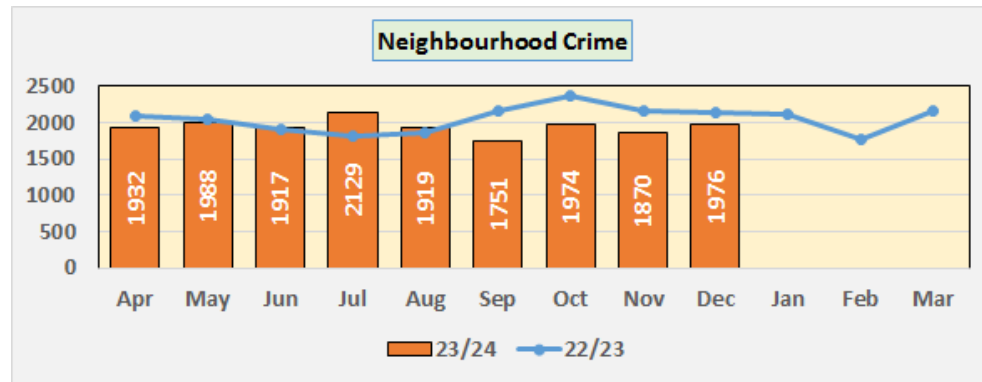
The recorded level of drugs offences in Q3 2023/24 has decreased from the previous quarter. However, levels are higher than the equivalent period last year and higher than those recorded pre-pandemic 2019/20. Levels of recorded offences will increase as more pro-active work is undertaken to tackle drug crime. Drugs offences include the possession and trafficking of drugs.



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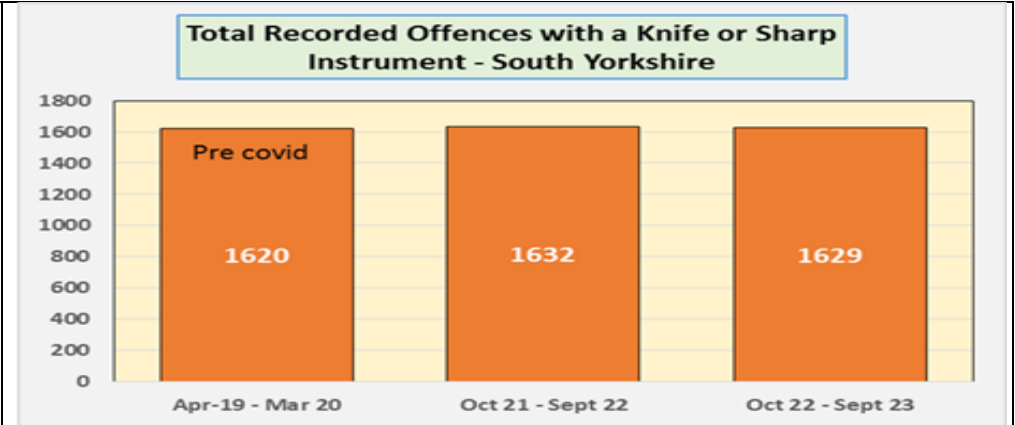
The latest comparator data for the year ending September 23 shows South Yorkshire recorded a rate of 3.3 drug offences per 1000 population, slightly higher than the England and Wales average of 3.0 and just above the average of the similar group of forces.

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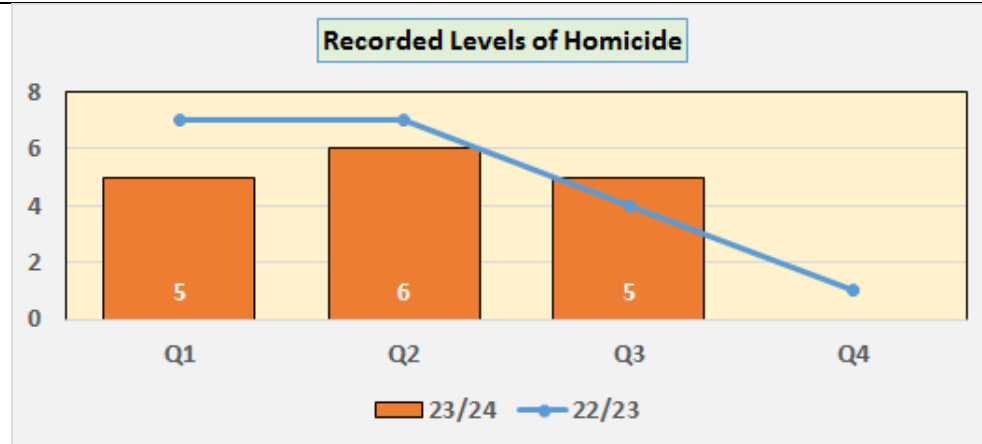
Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

The recorded level of neighbourhood crime in Q3 23/24 is slightly higher than levels in Q2 but lower than 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.



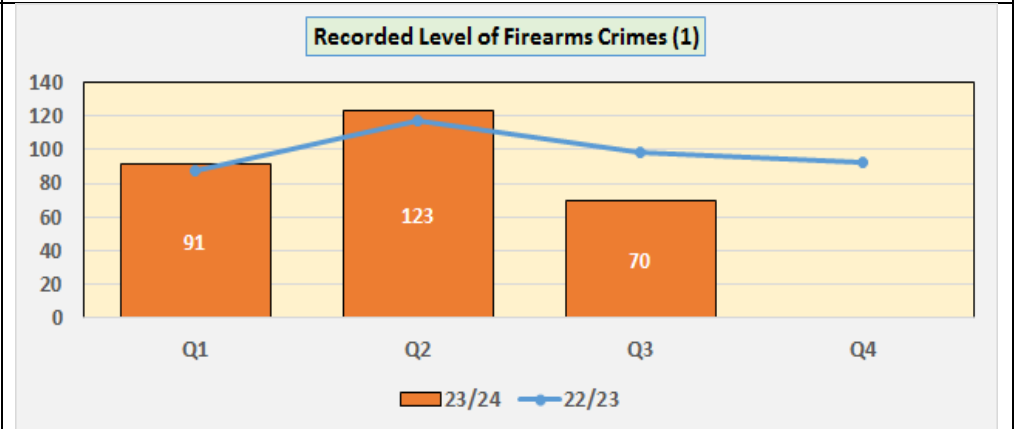
Source: ONS – Police Recorded Crime

The recorded level of crimes involving a knife or sharp instrument have remained stable with 3 fewer offences in the 12 months to September 2023 compared to the previous 12-month period. Levels are around pre-pandemic levels (first bar on the graph).



Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

There were 5 homicides recorded in Q3 23/24 in South Yorkshire. It should be noted that 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 Q3 23/24 is lower than Q2 23/24 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

Despite the continued difficulties posed by the economic downturn, there were still generally excellent results across all service areas in Q3. Some of the highlights include:

- Reducing the costs and placements into temporary accommodation by 15% compared to the previous quarter and ensuring that no families were in bed and breakfast accommodation at Christmas.
- Increasing the use of legal interventions such as closure orders, prosecutions, and injunctions to tackle antisocial behaviour, housing malpractice, and environmental crime.
- Working with the police and other agencies to improve the identification and support of adults who are subject to suspected criminal exploitation, such as modern slavery, human trafficking, and county lines.

However, there were also some significant challenges during the quarter, which required attention and action. Some of the main ones are:

- Increasing reports of youth-related antisocial behaviour in the Interchange and Grimethorpe areas, especially during the evenings and weekends, causing nuisance and fear among the residents and businesses.
- Delays and disruptions in some CSP projects and services due to staff shortages, sickness, and isolation, affecting our ability to meet the demand and expectations of our customers and stakeholders.

In order to address these challenges and improve performance, a number of actions and plans have developed and implemented for the next quarter and beyond. Some of the key ones are:

- Establishing a multi-agency task force to tackle youth-related antisocial behaviour in the Interchange and Grimethorpe areas, involving the police, Youth Services, schools, Wardens and local community groups.
- Reviewing and updating our workforce planning and wellbeing strategy, to ensure that we have adequate resilient staff to deliver our services and projects, and that we provide them with the necessary training, support, and recognition.
- Developing a partnership plan for the violence reduction and serious organised crime agenda, in consultation with the police, health sector, criminal justice system, and the voluntary sector, to define the roles, responsibilities, and resources of each partner and agree on the common outcomes and indicators.

Doncaster CSP - Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership (SSDP)

During Q3, 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. Our SSDP structure continues to support the activity of 6 thematic groups, governed by the Executive Board. These theme groups respond to current demand and identify future priorities across the key themes of

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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 CSP 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. To date, activity funded by the grant includes:

- Support from the Substance Misuse Group to the Hepatitis C Trust to improve health outcomes and provide comprehensive support to underrepresented individuals who are currently not accessing the necessary support services.
- Funding for the OCG Co-ordinator to attend the County Lines Digital Conference.
- Additional CASED radios for the City Centre.
- ID Discs for dementia sufferers.
- Personal security equipment for domestic abuse victims.
- Crime reduction materials to support a burglary cocooning pilot.
- Purchase of basic mobile phones to support the management of the Integrated Offender Management cohort through the Probation Service.

- Replacement monitors for the CCTV suite.
- Additional CCTV coverage.
- Signage for alley gates at key locations to advise of the recently renewed Public Spaces Protection Order.

Proposals also in development include:

- The development of an information video re. nuisance off road bikes and anti-social behaviour.
- Additional CCTV (long range cameras) to assist with the management of nuisance off road vehicles.

In relation to the Violence Reduction Unit, activity funded by the grant includes:

- Training event for licensees / security staff within the Evening Nighttime Economy (ENTE).
- Delivery of Safe Haven night bus providing pastoral support within the ENTE on targeted dates throughout the year.
- Provisions of Taxi Marshalls – to link with delivery of Safe Haven bus on targeted dates throughout the year.
- Communication support for Op Sentinel.
- Purchase of equipment for the safe recovery and storage of drugs and weapons within the ENTE.
- 1 day Stalking advocate salary within Victim Support.
- Salary costs for EPIC staff.
- Initiatives Fund – to allow the VRU to respond to emerging trends and priorities as the year progresses.

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

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Rotherham CSP - Safer Rotherham Partnership (SRP)

Protecting Vulnerable Children.

Online safety and awareness was a key theme for Safeguarding Awareness Week in November 2023. Further training and awareness sessions are being developed for professionals and the public around online safety and young people. The Neglect Delivery Group commenced in November 2023, contained in the strategy is a commitment to working alongside communities to increase the recognition of neglect and to intervene at the earliest opportunity.

Protecting Vulnerable Adults.

The CSP has been working with the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority (GLAA) regarding the increase nationally of reports of labour exploitation in the Care Sector and to assist in the identification of issues in Rotherham. An awareness raising presentation was given to Care Staff during Safeguarding Adults Week, with more planned to follow. A Members seminar on Modern Slavery, partnership approaches and reporting procedures has been held, involving Police and GLAA representatives. Work continues through the Modern Slavery Steering Group on recommendations made by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board. Work is progressing on the annual refresh of the Council's Modern Slavery Transparency Statement.

Drug and Alcohol Service staff are now fully integrated within the Probation Service Offices with an Information Sharing Agreement in place and regular meetings between the two organisations taking place.

Safer, Stronger Communities.

Sessions to help older people stay safe online and feel confident using digital technology are being developed with the Digital Inclusion team for delivery in the community by Digital Support Officers and this will be

adapted for future delivery to parents and families to help protect young people online.

Domestic and Sexual Abuse.

Focused activities to address safety within the Nighttime Economy took place in Wickerlsey and Town Centre on key nights during the Christmas period including deployment of the CCTV van in Wickersley in partnership with SYP and a medical triage area at the Masons providing outreach first aid and medical cover and engaging with the public to re-enforce safety messages. Drink Spike Awareness sessions were held over 2 days at Dearne Valley College and Rotherham College with around 500 students hearing from lived experience speakers about the dangers of drink spiking and measures to stay safe.

Organised Crime.

A review of information sharing is taking place, with current barriers and opportunities across the partnership being explored to ensure they are removed / utilised. Partnership intelligence meetings have been set up to maximise opportunities for early intervention and targeted activity.

Tackling Violence.

As part of Operation Sceptre a total of 359 children and young people accessed the following activities: Street Doctors (via Stepwise) delivered four sessions of 'What to do if someone is bleeding' to Year 7 and Year 8 pupils attending Dinnington High School. During sessions students learnt about the science of blood loss, how to apply pressure on or around a wound, how to call an ambulance whilst having opportunity to debunk common myths and develop skills to support them in emergency real life scenarios.

Within the Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector the following organisations: Dinnington Community Boxing Club, Swinton Lock Activity Centre, Rotherham United Community Trust, Liberty Church and Saif

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Boxing & Fitness delivered key educational messages to children and young people to raise awareness about the consequences of carrying knives and knife crime. Through these educational awareness sessions children and young people are supported to make positive choices to keep themselves and people around them safe.

Sheffield CSP - Safer Sheffield Partnership (SSP)

The Safer Sheffield Community Safety Partnerships grant funding was approved to support three specific core themes;

1. Employee posts
2. SSCSP Theme Groups
3. Communication and publicity activity

Employee Posts

Funding has supported three roles – a Fortify analyst, hate crime coordinator and an information and research officer. These posts have added significant value to the team, both strategically and operationally. The Fortify Analyst post has now been mainstreamed by SYP to ensure that it remains part of 'business as usual'.

SSP Theme Groups

ASB Theme group:

An ASB Hot Spot Patrol pilot is currently in progress. Dark Nights 2023 is now complete. There has been a successful partnership response with minimal disorder/serious incidents (incidents that did occur will be reviewed and factored into next year's planning. There have been theme Group funded community events in Manor and Sharrow.

Hate Crime Theme Group:

Since March 2023, three new third-party reporting centres have been recruited, two that reach out to the African Caribbean community, one to the Muslim community. The group is in the process of contacting the Jewish

community. The group produced a marketing to place in reception areas of third-party reporting centres across Sheffield. This is to make it easier for people to identify a reporting centre.

The group produced a video with information that explains what hate crime is, how to report it, and how to access help and support. The video has been sent to primary and secondary schools and should be on the Learn Sheffield website. The group also produced an 'How to report Hate Crime leaflet' ready for National Hate Crime week in October.

Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG):

A conference for schools and people working in education on VAWG was held on October 10th with 60 people attending. Speakers were: White Ribbon CEO, Ryan Hart, Learn Sheffield, speakers from local schools and Sheffield College sharing good practice examples, plus local agencies Haven, Sheffield Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre and IDAS.

The VAWG forum met in October and discussed the public space protection order and gave feedback in relation to impact on VAWG; feedback from the schools VAWG conference, and White Ribbon Action Plan and plans for November 25th and #16daysofactivism.

The Domestic Abuse Community Support Contract was awarded to IDAS. As the incumbent provider IDAS will continue to provide:

- a helpline
- one to one support
- group work (both structured and informal)
- administration of and support at MARAC
- Sanctuary Scheme measures and support for survivors to be safe in their own homes.
- training for the Sheffield workforce and volunteers

IDAS will also be supporting wider efforts as a partnership to promote safe early responses to domestic abuse across the city by training domestic abuse

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champions in partner organisations and by developing a range of self help guides to be available online.

Neighbourhood Crime and Re-offending:

The Neighbourhood Crime and re-offending group has now been successfully re-established and convenes monthly with partners and police attending. Key updates from the last quarter include;

- The 20k allocation has now been fully profiled and has secured a combination of crime prevention and campaign activity and equipment.
- Where necessary SYP Neighbourhood policing teams have been tasked with reviewing or completing relevant Problem Orientated Policing plans for hot spots.
- Sheffield Operation Duxford targeted neighbourhood crime (NHC) hot spots and saw significant targeting of offenders and arrests. This also saw other emergency services driving through hot spots.
- Robbery week of action saw SYP launch of NHC media campaign with significant coverage of robbery arrests in Sheffield.
- Significant activity through engagement work by Neighbourhoods and partners last quarter has seen a reduction in student house burglary. Media material has been funded and circulated via the theme group at both Universities.
- A Faraday Pouch operation supported to reduce burglary City Centre vehicle crime offences.
- The relaunching of cocooning around burgled residential premises and funding allocated for crime prevention materials.

SOUTH YORKSHIRE VIOLENCE REDUCTION UNIT (VRU)

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

A number of community visits have taken place during Quarter 3, both to organisations which have received grant funding from the VRU's Violence Reduction Fund, and those which haven't. The Fund supports young people aged 4-25, with more than £323,000 of funding awarded to 20 organisations.

Visits in Q3 have included a Purple Thursday networking event in Doncaster, and a Christmas fair in Dinnington. These and other events provided an opportunity to speak to partner organisations and communities about the work of the VRU.

The VRU has continued to work with key partners on the implementation of the Serious Violence Duty. In Q3, consultation continued on the shape of South Yorkshire's Strategy in response to the Duty. This involved work with specified organisations under the Duty, and a number of surveys with key stakeholders and South Yorkshire communities to gather their views. The South Yorkshire Serious Violence Reduction Strategy was returned to the Home Office on 31st January, as required under the Duty, along with the Strategic Needs Assessment.

Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) remains a priority for the VRU. The VRU has developed two VAWG communications campaigns, focused on positive male role models and behaviours, and the role that men can play in tackling the issue. The first of these campaigns, called Men Step Up, launched on 24th November in Sheffield, and ran until 5th January.

The VRU has additionally been working with Learn Sheffield on Developing Healthy Attitudes, a programme which aims to deliver high quality PSHE provision and lesson plans for schools across South Yorkshire. Following an initial engagement event in September, a further event focused on this work took place in December.

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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 Sheffield and Barnsley.

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.

Sheffield

Sheffield district has continued to invest resources into Neighbourhood Crime Teams. This focuses efforts on residential burglary, personal robbery and linked series auto crime offences, targeting those offenders who cause the most harm to local communities. These officers work closely with the Neighbourhood Policing, Intelligence and Integrated Offender Management Teams focussing on local offenders and emerging trends for a collaborative problem-solving approach.

Further training has been provided for patrol officers in attending and investigating burglary offences to ensure the victim receives the right

service. Neighbourhood officers are also utilising a 'cocooning' method, which sees affected area's receiving a visit from local officers and crime prevention advice being given.

High visibility burglary patrols and crime prevention work have been undertaken in Wards with a high student population (Broomhill & Sharrow Vale, Crookes & Crosspool, City, Nether Edge & Sharrow and Walkley). This has seen a reduction of reported burglary offences in those areas. Moreover, a new forcewide operation is now in place and this seeks to identify geographic locations with persistently high volumes of residential burglary. Analysis is then used to identify the factors and drivers in these areas and then to formulate problem solving plans in response. Six areas of note have been identified within Sheffield: City Centre, Crookesmoor, Burngreave, Sheffield Park, Highfield, Gleadless Valley and Woodhouse.

Vehicle crime remains a focus for the Neighbourhood Policing Teams. This includes targeting those offenders who cause the most harm, monitoring trends and identifying problem solving opportunities. By assessing and reviewing intelligence the district can create patrol plans that ensure best use of resources. Activity is generally undertaken during the hours of darkness and is supported by colleagues from the Operational Support Unit, investigation teams, neighbourhood teams and response officers, which ensures a cohesive approach to tackling this district priority.

Each of the local Neighbourhood policing teams review the latest reports of ASB and off-road bike use devising local plans to address problems raised by local communities. These include education inputs via Lifewise, school inputs and direct engagement. Where necessary, various enforcement elements are used, such as warning letters, enforcement with partners for example through housing or environment departments and of course prosecution where offences are committed and warrant such action. Diversion schemes are also utilised, for example work with

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both Sheffield football clubs to run activities for young people within communities.

Sheffield regularly makes use of wider force assets to support their work. This includes regular tasking to the off-road bike team who will patrol key locations on marked off road bikes and deal with offenders. The team also use Mounted officers to patrol hotspots along with traffic officers. These resources support the additional resources patrolling the 12 key district hotspots through Operation Civitas.

All intelligence and reports concerning off-road bikes are thoroughly reviewed, and teams piece together the information to identify key bikes and offenders operating within the locality and take enforcement action where appropriate. This has recently resulted in the recovery of a bike within the Firth Park area which had been subject to several reports. The teams also undertake engagement work with petrol stations to prevent the sale of fuel to ASB off road bikers.

A repeat 'hot-spot' location for ASB is the High Street within the city of Sheffield, where the neighbourhood policing team supported by dedicated GRIP team resources have been working with partners and business owners to address these issues. This has seen arrests of some repeat offenders and appropriate housing support. Work has started to improve CCTV coverage and improved training and education for some of the businesses within the area, as well as targeted youth intervention. Early indications are that this has already resulted in some reductions of ASB in the area.

The neighbourhood policing team are working with Sheffield City Council to progress a proposal to close Carver Street on a Friday and Saturday evening. This has been trialled on two occasions, and both saw

reductions of violent crime by 20%. Funding provided from the Violence Reduction Unit, GRIP team and Sheffield City council has enable this to happen.

SYP has been working with Sheffield City Council to progress the proposal for a Public Space Protection Order for the city. The proposed order has conditions designed to reduce incidents of ASB within the city. The order is presently out for public consultation, and this will shape the next steps taken by the local authority.

The ongoing middle east conflict has given rise to increase frequency of protests, particularly within the city centre. Intelligence regarding protests is risk assessed by both district and force commanders and appropriate police resourcing allocated. Positive feedback has been received from both Palestinian and Jewish communities in relation to the SYP approach to peaceful protest.

Engagement remains a key priority for each of the local neighbourhood policing teams. This period the teams have featured across various news outlets around ongoing work across bonfire and Halloween period. This year noted further reductions in ASB across these key dates because of activity across neighbourhood policing.

Teams across the district have continued to deliver "bobby on a bike" which sees the public able to ring the officer who will pop in on their route around on the bike. The Mobile Beat Bus which sees the use of a police van parked at a prominent location with the door open and an officer or PCSO present. People can approach and engage as required. Many of the teams engage in regular multi agency patrols, where police, councillors and partners attend on mobile patrols and receive reports and take action to address them together.

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Sheffield has an active independent advisory group which comprises of a range of community members. The group come together and receive presentations around specific areas of policing for example how the district is managing ASB, the nighttime economy, and engagement with the public. The group critique and feedback on the current approach suggesting improvements. This has influenced a range of approaches across Sheffield and some across the force.

Barnsley

Neighbourhood engagement such as your voice counts, and the PACT meetings informs the relevant Neighbourhood teams of the local communities' priorities and concerns. All Six NPT areas have different focuses. Which include the following:

- Barnsley Central: Anti-Social behaviour, intimidating behaviour, and drug use within the town centre.
- Barnsley North East: Use of offroad bikes and drug use in the local area.
- Barnsley North: Open Spaces and associated anti-social behaviour.
- Barnsley West: Speeding vehicles across all areas.
- Barnsley South: Drug dealing, ASB and vehicles involved in drug dealing.
- Barnsley South East: ASB nuisance, off road bikes and speeding in the local area.

The plans to tackle these priorities are to work with the local authority wardens to identify, address and target the offenders through engagement and enforcement. All the while building up intelligence to disrupt activity and prevent re-offending.

Wednesday 1 November saw Operation Duxford return to Barnsley with another day of positive action within the Barnsley district. The district was supported by officers from across the force – with some 178 officers and staff. Key partner agencies were also involved such as Barnsley Council and Berneslai Homes.

Officers from Roads Policing Group and Tactical Support Group and other specialist teams supported the day. They joined the ranks of Barnsley's Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPTs), Response units, domestic violence team, Child Exploitation team and other officers and staff taking part. 11 arrests were made throughout the day, including for Robbery, Drug offences, Failing to appear and Immigration offences.

Other enforcement actions included:

- Weapons including 3 Shotguns being recovered from a warrant on a property in the Penistone area.
- 5 Car washes visited with 7 people arrested due to immigration offences. Large quantity of money seized from one and another being investigated by DWP/HMRC for not paying national minimum wage.
- 9 Cannabis plants being seized from executed Warrants.
- 18 Vehicles being stopped and searched with 4 being seized for driving offences.
- 8 Public Space Protection Orders issued within the Town centre.

Partnership work has included:

- Home visits by the Child Exploitation team and local authority to those at risk of exploitation and frequently reported missing.
- Joint patrols with BMBC Wardens
- 9 Petrol stations visited in relation to vehicle drive off's Staff spoken with and educated to prevent further offences.
- Trading standards warrant executed and Prohibition notice issued for incorrect labelling of foreign food.

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- Flood Hotspots patrols. 40 households engaged with and 81 leaflets distributed to properties.

Modern Slavery Human Trafficking (MSHT) and Organised Immigration Crime

The central force-wide department within South Yorkshire Police has changed its title and is now called the Modern Slavery and Organised Immigration Crime Unit. The objectives of the department remain largely the same with one section of the department focussing on Intelligence and overall coordination across the force and the other strand of the department focussing on investigations.

Collaboration with partners has continued, with joint activities taking place in a number of areas with the involvement of relevant agencies. This has involved concluding the period of intensification focussing on potential exploitation within the hand car wash industry, where multiple partners worked directly with South Yorkshire Police in attending several locations in all district areas across the force. During these visits completed, individuals encountered were engaged with, workers safeguarded and supported, and where offences were identified arrests were made.

A number of operations have taken place or have been planned in respect of tackling Organised Immigration Crime. Operations have and/or will in the near future focus on areas such as the aviation industry, use of the road networks in South Yorkshire and also officers conducting formal debriefs with migrants now residing in South Yorkshire.

The South Yorkshire Modern Slavery and Organised Immigration Crime Partnership continues to work effectively, providing an environment

where Police and other partners such as representatives from local authorities, National Health Service (NHS), His Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC), Department for Works and Pensions (DWP), Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority (GLAA) and other key stakeholders meet every 6 weeks to identify, discuss and seek to resolve any emerging themes. This has led to different agencies collaborating on a variety of activities and seeking joint solutions with the aim of effectively tackling Modern Slavery and Organised Immigration Crime.

The South Yorkshire Police Modern Slavery and Organised Immigration Crime Unit have concluded their delivery of a number of training inputs to approximately 1400 front line officers within South Yorkshire Police through a formal training programme. These sessions have raised knowledge and awareness with regards to spotting the signs of Modern Slavery along with responding to an incident regarding Organised Immigration Crime.

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.

Fraud/Cybercrime

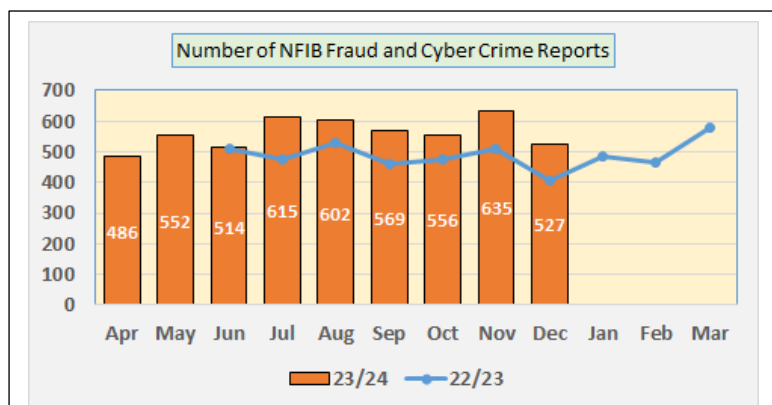
The cybercrime delivery in SYP is one where the model is regionally managed and locally delivered. This in effect means that the tasking comes from the regional crime unit and is locally delivered by a team that is match funded.

In recent months there has been a shift within the region to combine cybercrime investigation with Economic Crime Investigation as there are many similarities in the crime types. This has been replicated in SYP with a move of the Cyber Team to sit in the same portfolio as economic crime.

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The thematic lead for Cyber has until recently sat separate to Economic Crime thematic lead which is at odds with the regional model. A decision has now been made to align both the Economic Crime and Cyber Crime thematic leads under the same umbrella.

The regional management team are now proposing to run a pilot relating to the prevent stream of business, which in effect is a distribution of resourcing at a regional level, the ambition is to provide a consistent prevent service across the region and to provide resilience in this area of service delivery. The protect strand will remain.



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 Q3 23/24 has decreased slightly from the previous quarter but are higher than the same period last year.

Organised Crime Group (OCG) Disruption activity

South Yorkshire currently has 69 active Organised Crime Groups (OCGs); 67 per cent of the OCGs have a primary threat of drugs (primarily cocaine,

heroin and cannabis) and a further 13 per cent of the OCGs sell drugs using the County Lines model. 7 per cent of the OCGs have a primary threat of Organised Acquisitive Crime (notably vehicle theft), 4 per cent Economic Crime (mostly fraud offences) and 1 per cent Modern Slavery (adult sexual exploitation).

A notable change in primary threats are OCGs being mapped who have no direct involvement in drug dealing, but they allow their premises to be used by drug dealers to cultivate cannabis; these are recorded as 'Professional Enablers' and these account for 4 per cent of the force's OCGs.

Between October 2022 and September 2023, 412 disruptions were claimed, targeting 64 of these OCGs. Three quarters of disruptions relate to Pursue activity, followed by 9 per cent Protect, 8 per cent Prepare, 7 per cent Prevent.

Some of the results of the Police 'pursue' strand achieved between October 2022 and September 2023 reflect the work that SYP's Operation Fortify and Neighbourhood Policing Teams, as well as the specialist teams, have been putting in to disrupt organised criminal gangs and serious organised crime offenders. Results include:

- 56 cash seizures totalling in excess of £800,000.
- 72 pistols, five shotguns and a quantity of various ammunition seized.
- 121 disruption warrants executed.
- 193kg cocaine, 28kg cannabis and 5kg heroin seized.
- 55 vehicles seized.
- 14 Eviction Notices.
- Nine Closure Orders.

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- 40 Adult Safeguarding and 34 Child Safeguarding referrals submitted.
- 299 arrests, 52 convictions and 182 years in custody.

Of these recorded disruptions, 31 per cent have been enacted or supported by partners as a result of the support they provide through the embedded Fortify Bronze and Silver structures.

There have been numerous examples of partner disruptions as part of the ongoing work to tackle organised crime including:

- Bespoke training package has been delivered by SYP which enabled increased intelligence reporting from a Local Authority around drugs and the cuckooing of properties following reporting issues highlighted at an OCG Bronze meeting.
- Local Authority Housing provider intensification around properties that are owned by landlords linked to cannabis cultivations; actions include properties prohibited, inspection and warning notices given, right to buy scheme suspended against an individual.
- Enhanced housing checks/visits, rehousing, partner referrals and patrols around areas where OCGs are established in properties to ensure drug dealing had ceased and residents were no longer impacted by the issue. Notice of evictions served on properties inhabited or used by an OCG.

- Following conversations between partners; flyers were distributed highlighting the signs of cuckooing and how to report it.
- Retrospective planning permission submitted by an OCG member was reviewed and ultimately rejected.
- DWP and Local Authority assessments conducted to identify what is available for a victim who was been exploited by the OCG.
- Visits conducted to business which are owned or frequented by individual's linked to serious and organised crime by various partners Dept for Work and Pension, His Majesty's Revenue and Customs, Health and Safety Executive, Immigration, Trading Standards and Licensing.
- OCG Member's Security Industry Authority door supervision licence suspended.
- OCG member served with a warning notice around dog breeding.
- Work between SYP, Licensing Officers and Environmental Health to ensure compliance plus action plans delivered and in some instances the licence revoked for licensed premises facilitating criminality.

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)

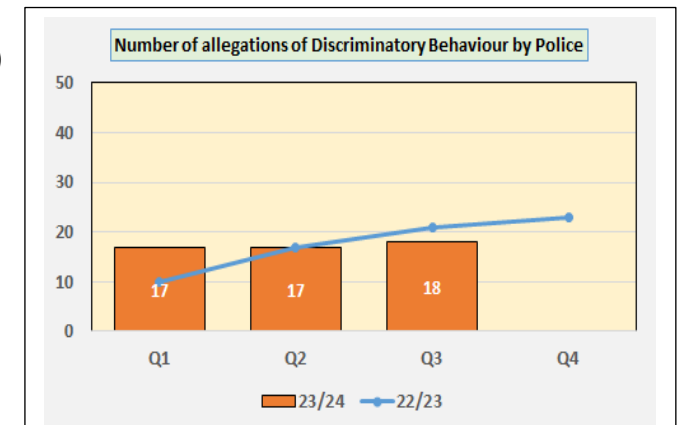
One of the main ways of gaining assurance that people are being treated fairly is through the work of the Independent Ethics Panel. The Panel has a role in helping the PCC and Chief Constable build the trust and confidence of the public and partners in South Yorkshire Police, by ensuring the code of 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 this quarterly report, two included in the Protecting Vulnerable People section and the following data on complaints received about discriminatory behaviour by police.

The IEP met in December during this quarter. The Panel received reports and discussed ethical issues in relation to:

- SYP's use of exit interviews for those leaving the force and an analysis of reasons for leaving.
- The IEP's Equality Diversity and Inclusion work programme.
- A continued focus on the use of police drones.
- An update on facial recognition technology and SYP's plans and thoughts around this.

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).



The number of allegations of discriminatory behaviour by police has increased slightly in Q3 to 18. This compares to 17 in the previous quarter. Q3 numbers are lower than the same period last year when there were 21 allegations.

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Independent Custody Visitors Scheme

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

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

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 gives added assurance to supplement physical visits. The OPCC working with SYP are in the early stages of looking at how further external scrutiny can be undertaken in custody – potentially by the setting up of an external scrutiny panel. Further information will be available in due course.

The Independent Custody Visitors scheme continues to recruit, vet and train ICVs to increase capacity – recruitment of ICVs is a particular priority during 2023/24.

During Q3 23/24 22 visits to custody were undertaken by custody visitors, the same number as were undertaken last quarter. The OPCC is 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.

During this period, the OPCC has been looking at procuring additional technology that will support ICVs in being able to provide feedback quickly and efficiently on the results of their visits. An application has now been identified and procurement is underway that will ensure all ICVs have remote access to a report template linked to an analysis tool to provide the OPCC with the outcome of ICV visits in a speedy and efficient way. The new application will be trialled and implemented during April to June 2024.

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Hate Crime

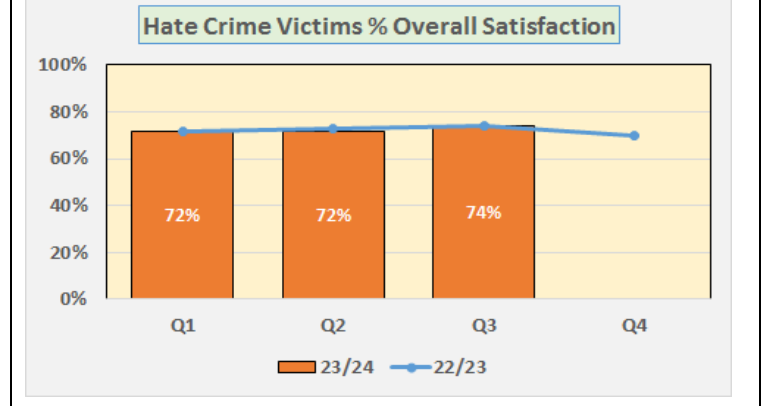
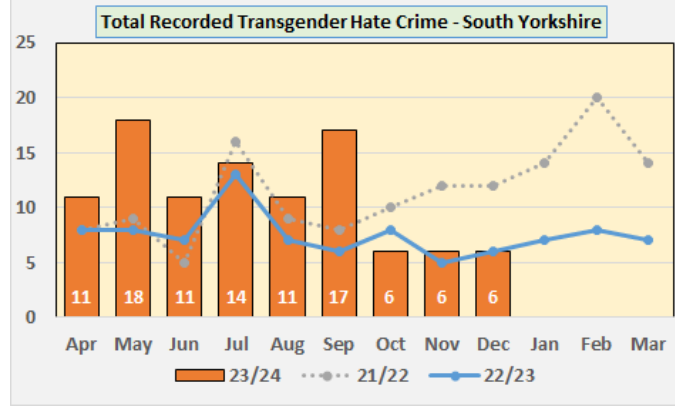
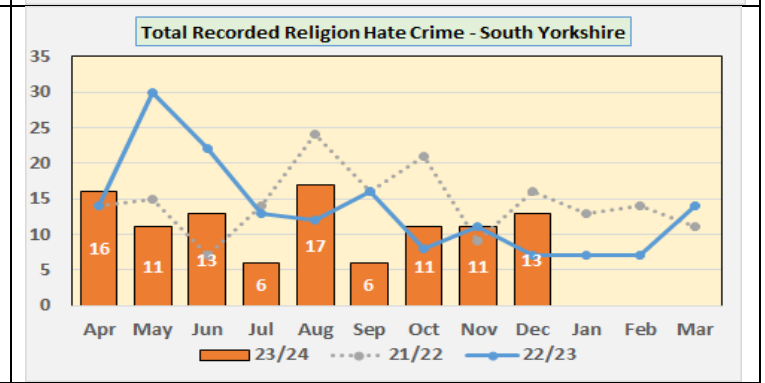
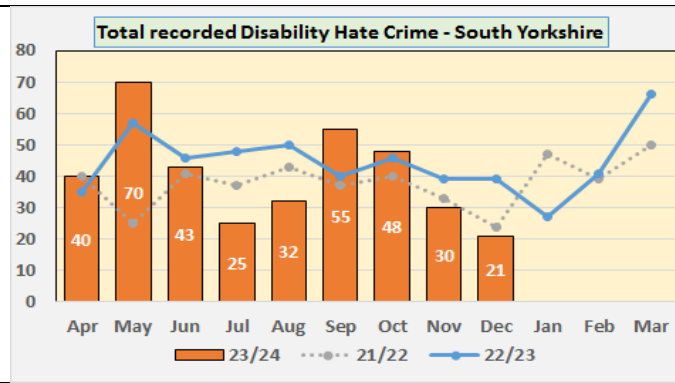
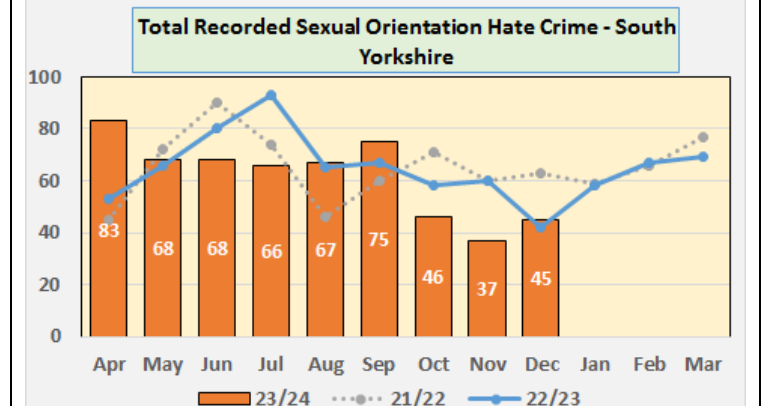
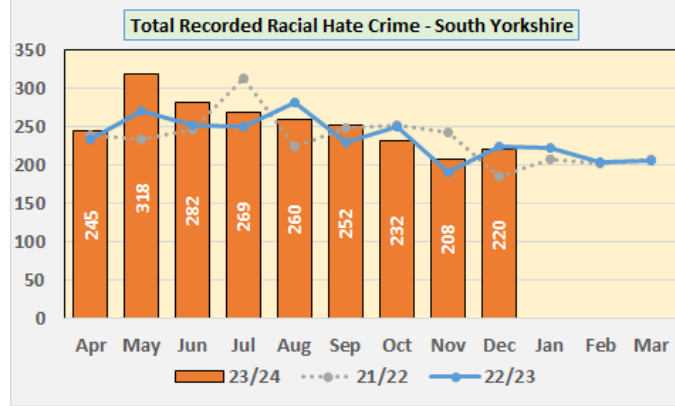
There was a decrease in the overall volume of hate crimes recorded in Q3 23/24 compared to the previous quarter and the same period last year.

Overall satisfaction of hate crime victims was 74% in Q3 23/24 – an increase from the previous quarter (although not statistically significant), and the same as Q3 22/23.

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 currently stands at 5.1% in Q3 as opposed to 5.2% last quarter. Heritage other than white is at 3.4%, the same as last quarter. Police staff LGBTQ+ representation stands at 3.4% compared to 3.5% in Q2 with representation for disability at 4.8% in Q3 compared to 4.7% last quarter.

Police Officer Workforce

Police officer ethnic minority representation in Q3 stands at 4.9% and representation stands at 3.2% for heritage other than white compared to 5% and 3.3% last quarter respectively. Police Officer representation for LGBT+ now stands at 4.6% compared to 4.7% in Q2. Police Officer representation for Disability stands at 3.4%, the same as in Q2. Female police officer representation stands at 37.9% in Q3, a similar percentage to the previous quarter (38%).

The force does not currently have any ethnic minority officers above the rank of chief inspector, with representation at the chief inspector rank of 2.6%, detective chief inspector rank of 5% and inspector rank of 3.4%. That means there is currently no ethnic minority representation of superintendents, chief superintendents, or chief officers. Ethnic minority representation at sergeant rank is slightly higher since this time last year from 2.9% to 3.3% and detective sergeant from 2.3% to 3.5%. This is likely due to the promotions that were confirmed in Q3 and Q4 2022/23.

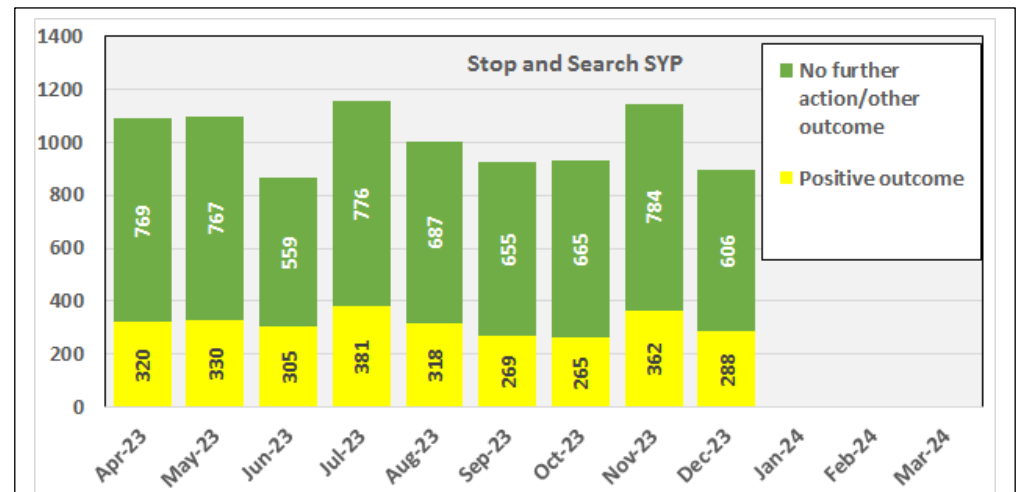
In Q3, 36% of leavers who were police officers were female, compared to 26.8% in Q2. 6% of leavers were an ethnic minority, 6% were ‘other than white’ and 2% of leavers had disclosed a disability. This compares to 10.7% ethnic minority police officer leavers in the last quarter, and 8.9% ‘other than white’ and those with a disability respectively. In comparison, for police staff, 62.3% of leavers were female, compared to 64.1% last quarter. Moreover, 6.6% of staff leavers were an ethnic minority,

compared to 10.3% last quarter. 3.3% of staff leavers were ‘other than white’, a large decrease from 9% in Q2, and 9.8% had a disclosed disability, compared to 3.8% last quarter.

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 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 are held every two months and findings are discussed by the Panel members with SYP’s Stop and Search Lead and an Inspector.



Source: SYP– unaudited data subject to change

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The yellow areas in the chart above 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 28% in October and 32% for both November and December respectively.

(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).

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

The following 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 st January 2023 – 31 st December 2023				
Ethnicity	No. of searches	% of searches	% positive outcome	Rate per 1000 population*
White	6602	64%	34%	5.5
Black	490	5%	36%	14.4
Asian	729	7%	34%	9.2
Other	168	2%	36%	6.6
Mixed	304	3%	44%	10.0
Not Stated	1945	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 Q3, 84% of stop and searches were conducted on males, 16% 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 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 contracted 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 Q3, 1st October 2023– 31st December 2023, Remedi received a potential 426 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.

72 victims of crime have been personally offered RJ during this quarter, with 47 saying yes to RJ, and Remedi are still attempting to contact a further 354 cases. Remedi offer three proactive calls at different times of the day in most cases, with five attempts on all cases where the victim is deemed vulnerable as per the Victims Code Of Practice.

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

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Direct contact number is 0800 561 1000 or text SYRJ to 82228. Or via website www.restorativesouthyorkshire.co.uk

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

- 21 direct (face to face) interventions, including sensitive & complex cases.
- 129 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. Remedi continue to complete relaunch briefings across all the Probation Service offices within South Yorkshire and have also implemented a Single Point of Contact (SPOC) within all offices in order to take a pro-active approach to increase referrals into the service. This consistent approach will be continued throughout the remainder of the financial year as well as working closely with the National Probation Service leads.

RJ Service User feedback:

“I just want to say I am very sorry for what I did if I could take it back I would. I think about it every day.

“I am more bothered about my victims than myself I really want to say sorry and reassure them so they are not scared.”

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.

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 31st December 2023 is as follows:

Revenue budget £8.69m underspend:

- OPCC £0.191m 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 £3.362m this is made up of net underspends of £6.25m plus emerging in year pressures totalling £3.49m. The following items are flagged:
 - £1.4m projected underspend against Gas & Electric costs based on the latest hedging estimations.
 - £2.25m projected overachievement of one off funding.
- Legacy projected underspend £3.38m, this relates to Hillsborough, the Stovewood enquiry, and CSE civil claims. Following a review by Legal the budgeted figure would not be spent this financial year due to various elements outside the Force's control, some of the spend has shifted to future years. Note any underspends will be ringfenced in the Legacy reserve already in place which contributes funding.
- Commissioning and Partnerships breakeven. However, the final outturn position may change as mitigating actions are being performed to maximise external funding.
- Capital Financing £1.761m 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 not anticipated in this financial year due to the healthier cashflow position and other contributing factors. All action undertaken is in line with the strategy on the basis of need and borrowing 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.

4. Providing Value for Money for Policing and Crime Services

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.

There are changes currently being made to the procurement function in South Yorkshire and as such Q3 data is not currently available. Therefore, the data below for Q2 has not yet been updated. This will be updated as soon as possible. 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.

In the period 1st July 2023 to 30th September 2023, nine procurement contracts were awarded for SYP with eight of these collaborative. Forecasted procurement savings for 23/24 currently stands at just over £283,000 against a target of £403,200.

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Public Engagement

Throughout Q3, a range of engagements have taken place including face to face meetings and online Teams' meetings. Q3 has seen the Communications and Engagement team attend a limited number of evening meetings due to the dark nights and festive period.

Overall, a total of 56 engagement briefings were completed for the period of October - December, this is up 11 compared to the Q2 period. A total of 2,490 people engaged with for this period, this includes 306 internal SYP officers / police staff.

- The Precept and Priorities Consultation commenced on the 21 November. This year, Microsoft forms was used to collate responses from members of the public. The survey closed early January and the responses are being reviewed and shared with the relevant departments across the force for feedback.
- In addition to OPCC consultation taking place during this period, the Home Office also launched a public consultation on the potential transfer of Police and Crime Commissioner powers to the South Yorkshire Mayor.
- Following national coverage and work undertaken across the country by police forces and PCCs around retail crime, the Police and Crime Commissioner attended and supported the first SYP Retail Crime Symposium. Representatives from companies such as Tesco, TKMaxx and CO-OP attended to share best practice and discuss how SYP and external parties can better work together regarding this matter.
- The Engagement Officer observed the SYP Rural and Wildlife Crime Training that took place in November for 40 officers. These officers work across a range of departments such as neighbourhoods and forensics. The training will support staff to deal with rural and wildlife crime issues whilst undertaking their current roles on districts. It is hoped that further training like this will be offered to more officers to upskill.
- Hate Crime Awareness Week took place in October, various stalls and events were attended by staff from the OPCC in support of this. From supporting organisations such as Remedi with their showcase, to visits with the Hate Crime Coordinators in SYP.
- Several community meetings were attended over the course of the Q3 period, across all four districts. Attendance at these meetings support with building relationships with partners and sharing information across districts regarding common themes.
- The National Neighbourhood Alert Conference was held in November and attended by the Engagement Officer for the first time. The event is held on an annual basis. It offered a great opportunity to network with other police forces and OPCCs and hear about best practice.

Correspondence.

A total of 277 pieces of correspondence were received for the PCC during Q3. Emerging themes included ASB in Dinnington, dangerous dogs and delays in SYP completing DBS checks.

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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. The grants have helped organisations 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.

In the 2023-24 financial year, the Community Grants Scheme panel has sat on one occasion so far to review and award applications. The latest funding window closed 30th September 2023. The panel sat and assessed, shortlisted, and confirmed successful applicants who were awarded grant funding. Successful applications awarded to date in the 2023-24 financial year are included in the table below.

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	£10,000.00
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	£8,238.47
The Fun Hub	Rotherham	£9,290.00
Sheffield Mind	Sheffield	£10,000.00
Sheffield Wednesday Community Programme	Sheffield	£9990.00

Hartley Brook Academy	Sheffield	£7615.00
HumanKind	Barnsley	£9495.38
Endeavour Training	Sheffield	£8419.40
Forces Employment Charity	SY Wide	£10,000.00
ROTHACS	Rotherham	£10,000.00
Barnsley FC Community Trust	Barnsley	£9995.77
Sheffield Grand Mosque	Sheffield	£7524.00
YMCA Doncaster	Doncaster	£10,000.00

4. Providing Value for Money for Policing and Crime Services

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	8 meetings held between January and December 2023.
Joint Independent Audit Committee meetings – Quarterly (or more frequently if needed)	Focussing on governance and risk management – exception reports to the Public Accountability Board	6 meetings held between January and December 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	5 meetings held between January and December 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 3 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 January and December 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	16 decisions were made during Q2 2023/24
Joint Corporate Governance Framework	Making sure the PCC and Chief Constable conduct business correctly in line with the statutory framework.	