

**QUESTIONS TO THE PCC AT POLICE & CRIME PANEL**  
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1. **What are the trends concerning reporting of hate crime in my borough and the 4 which cover South Yorkshire**

**Headlines from SYP Q3 2020/21 (1<sup>st</sup> October to 31<sup>st</sup> December) profile which includes a look at year on year comparison data (2019/2020):**

- Total hate crimes and incidents in South Yorkshire are up 18% on the previous 12 month period, 9 out of the 12 months show increases when compared to the previous 12 months with August 2020 displaying the highest volume over the current and previous 12 months.
- There has been a 22% increase in hate reports in Sheffield and Doncaster, 11% in Rotherham and 6% in Barnsley.
- In Q3, there has been a 16% decrease in hate when compared to Q2 and only a slight 2% increase compared to the same period of last year. The rise in Q2 appeared to correlate with the rise in prominence of the BLM movement, with race hate crime increasing significantly from June 2020. The impact of the second national lockdown and Covid restrictions in Q3 may well have contained the increase through Q3 as people were not gathering as much, going out to pubs etc. Communities are reporting feeling anxious and uncertain about the future as societal divisions linked to the impact of Brexit, Covid-19 and the Black Lives Management movement remain apparent.
- Comparison with national averages – SYP's efforts to increase reporting of disability, sexual orientation and trans hate crime is apparent which is welcomed and a testament to the work undertaken by the Hate Crime Co-ordinators (HCC) over the last few years.
- HCCs continue to engage with all communities and community support groups to raise awareness and to work with partners to prevent hate crime.

**Rotherham**

For hate offences recorded in Rotherham this quarter, there has been an 18% decrease compared to the last quarter, but a 14% increase compared to volumes recorded in the same quarter of the previous year.

12 months picture (Jan-Dec 2020) Rotherham has seen an increase (11%, +66 offences) of hate crimes and non-crimes recorded in the last 12 months, compared to the previous. The volume of hate crimes has seen an increase (+16%), whilst hate non-crimes have seen a 14% decrease.

It is important to note that increases in reporting can be positive. SYP and the OPCC work with partners to encourage the reporting of hate incidents and crimes whenever they occur. SYP are only able to investigate and support people where reports are made

## **2. What data supports trends on recruitment levels within the 4 boroughs into far right groups**

The Prevent team receive referrals from a wide range of sources, mostly outside of policing, relating to concerns about people who MAY be vulnerable to being drawn into extremism or are at risk of radicalisation. What this referral data tells us is that over the last few years there has been a significant increase in referrals relating to right wing / extreme right wing and in some areas this now exceeds the number of referrals for other types of ideology. Current information indicates that approximately 25% of Prevent referrals are related to Extreme Right Wing Ideology and this is reflected in national figures. Referrals data for the last year is available here -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/individuals-referred-to-and-supported-through-the-prevent-programme-statistics>.