

POLICE AND CRIME PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT

1st January to 31st March 2022

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 2021-2024 is a transitional plan for the period from April 2021 to the end of March 2022. The overall aim for the plan is: **Being Safe. Feeling Safe**

The priorities outlined in the plan in support of the aim for 2021/22 are:

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

whilst providing value for money for policing and crime services when working to deliver these priorities.

This report aims to provide an overview of the progress of all policing and crime partners across South Yorkshire against achieving the priorities of the Plan. The report does not include everything being delivered. More information can be found on the PCC's website www.southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk.

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 cyber crime

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.

Disclaimer

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Police and Crime Plan Summary Dashboard

| Protecting Vulnerable People | | | |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Measure | 12 Months to March 2021 | 12 Months to March 2022 | Trend* |
| Recorded Domestic Abuse Crimes (1) | 22,127 | 23,925 | ↑ |
| Domestic Abuse Crime Arrest Rate (1) | 58% | 54% | ↓ |
| Recorded Sexual Offences (1) | 3,801 | 4,477 | ↑ |
| % of crimes where victim is assessed as vulnerable (1) | 35% | 38% | ↑ |
| Vulnerable victims satisfied with police experience (8) | 78% | 70% | ↓ statistically significant decrease |

| Tackling Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour | | | |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| Measure | 12 Months to March 2021 | 12 Months to March 2022 | Trend* |
| SYP Recorded level of Anti-Social Behaviour (1) | 37,777 | 27,338 | ↓ |
| Recorded level of all crime (excl fraud) (1) | 130,692 | 148,951 | ↑ |
| Measure | Jul 18 to Jun 19 cohort | Jul 19 to Jun 20 cohort | Trend* |
| Rate of proven re-offending (adults) (2) (Lower rates are better) | 28.4% | 26.8% (England/Wales 25.3%) | ↓ |
| Rate of proven re-offending (youth) (2) (Lower rates are better) | 29.6% | 26.9% (England/Wales 33.6%) | ↓ |
| Measure | 12 months to Dec 20 | 12 months to Dec 21 | Trend* |
| Serious crimes involving a knife or sharp instrument (3) | 1,431 | 1,488 | ↑ |

| Treating People Fairly | | | |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Measure | 12 months to Mar 21 | 12 months to Mar 22 | Comparison |
| % of people saying police do a good/excellent job (7) | 39% | 34% | ↓ statistically significant decrease |
| Measure | Jan 21 to Mar 21 | Jan 22 to Mar 22 | Trend* |
| No. of cases created by Restorative Justice service (active referrals) (4) More information on type of referrals on page 30 | 171 | 94 | ↓ |
| Measure | 12 Months to March 2021 | 12 Months to March 2022 | Trend* |
| Stop and Search conducted (5) | 18,604 | 12,860 | ↓ |

| Providing Value For Money For Policing and Crime Services | | | |
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| DATA AVAILABLE ONLY UP TO Q3. Q4 DATA TO BE UPDATED DURING JUNE 2022 | | | |
| End of year forecast (Revenue) (6) | £1.267m underspend | | ↑ |
| End of year forecast (Capital) (6) | £10.76m expenditure to 31.12.21 against a revised programme of £19.6m. Expected to spend in full by year end. | | |

Source: (1) SYP, (2) MoJ, (3) ONS (4) Remedi, (5) Police.UK, (6) OPCC (7) SYP Your Voice Counts Survey, (8) SYP survey undertaken 6 to 8 weeks after the crime

* Unless otherwise stated, the arrows denote the direction of travel rather than any statistically significant increase/decrease. Statistical significance is used in this report in relation to survey data to help understand whether one set of responses is actually different to another set of responses, taking account of differences in size of survey sample or population. If the result is not statistically significant, then this means that the results for each group are not considered to be sufficiently different to demonstrate any real change in perception.

COVID 19

Some comparator data used in this report covers the period during the Government's full and partial lockdown restrictions on the whole UK population as a result of the Covid 19 Coronavirus pandemic.

The pandemic and associated restrictions has led to differences in the recorded levels of crimes compared to those seen pre-pandemic and during different periods of restrictions. Recorded levels of all crime are lower during a period of lockdown. However, there can be variation between crime types. For example, residential burglary and sexual offences have seen reduced levels, drug offences and public order offences have seen increases. Some of the graphs used in this report now include data from 2019/20 to show pre-pandemic levels of police recorded crime.

Throughout the period of the pandemic, work has continued to be conducted differently with many staff working from home and making full use of video conferencing to keep in touch with each other and partners. During the first quarter of 2021/22, some governance meetings, including the Public Accountability Board moved to a "hybrid" approach with a combination of some physical attendance at the meeting, taking account of Covid safe measures, as well as the meeting being accessible virtually via video. This way of working has continued reflecting Public Health Advice.

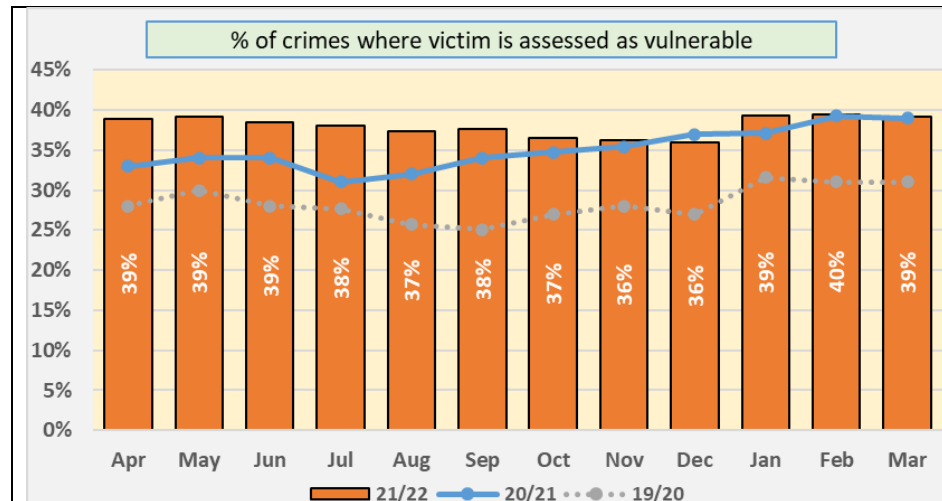
Throughout this period, the PCC has been writing and publishing a weekly blog. The blog aims to keep members of the public, partners and communities up to date with how he is carrying out his role during the coronavirus pandemic and also to think more widely around contemporary issues that have a bearing on policing. All of the blogs can be found on the PCC's website, with the latest one here: <https://southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/blogs/pcc-blog-99/>

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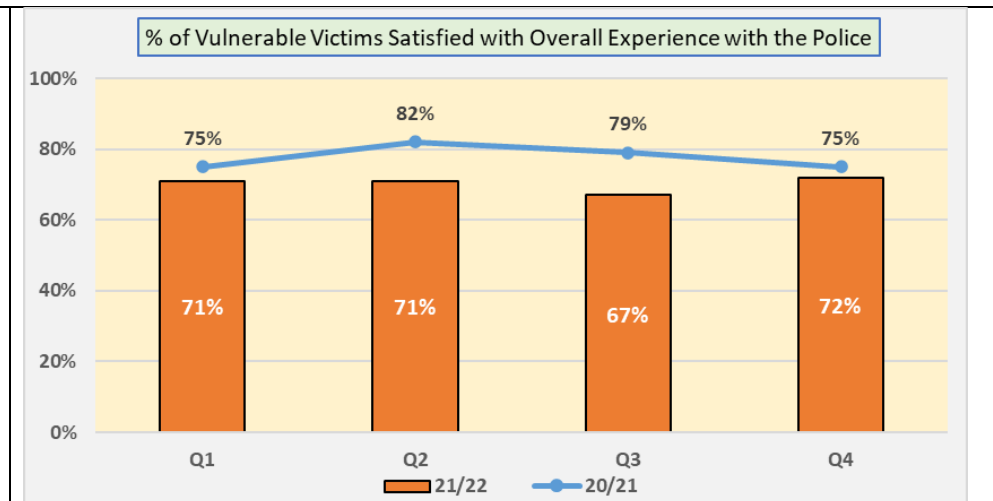
Within this priority, the focus for 2021/22 is:

- Preventing and tackling violence against women and girls.
- Helping victims of domestic abuse including children who may be affected.
- Protecting vulnerable young people from Organised Crime Groups, Child Sexual Exploitation and County Lines.
- Ensuring good access to the police, recognising vulnerability, listening to victims' views, gauging victim satisfaction and providing relevant victim services.
- Helping those vulnerable to cybercrime including fraud and online offending.

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.

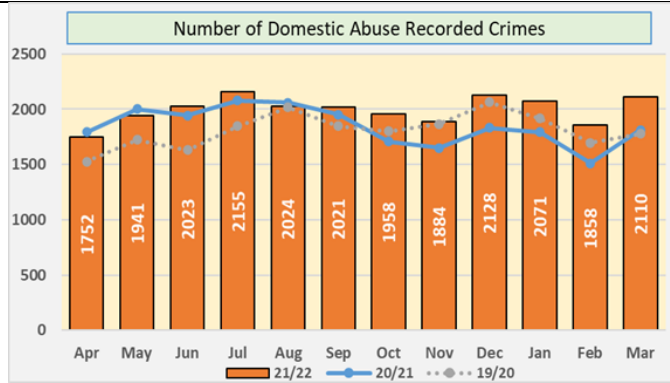


Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change
 The % of crimes where a victim is assessed as vulnerable has increased slightly in Q4. Levels are in line with the same period last year. Assessment of vulnerability is made using SYP’s Vulnerability Assessment Framework.

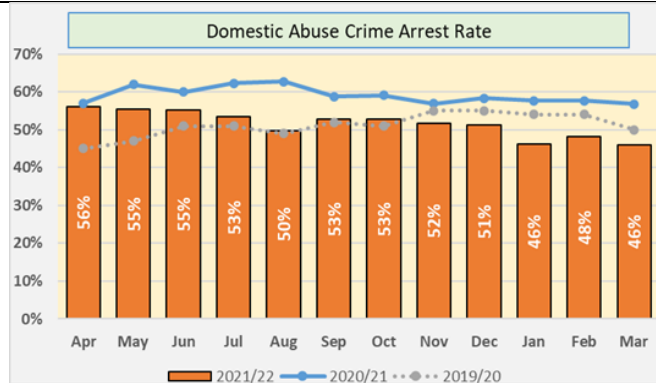


Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change
 The % of vulnerable victims satisfied with their overall experience with the Police has seen no statistically significant change from the previous quarter or the same period in the previous year at 72%. The survey is conducted 4-6 weeks after reporting and is a telephone survey.

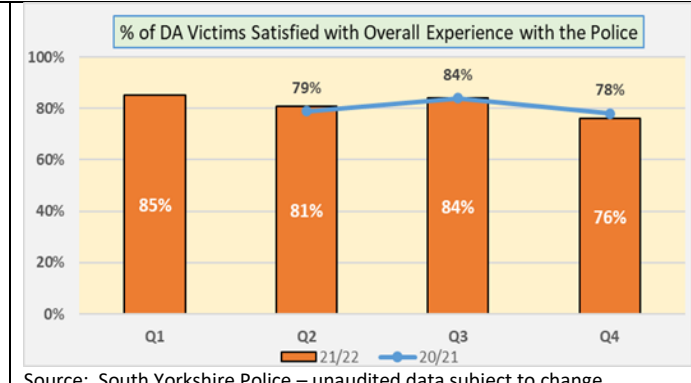
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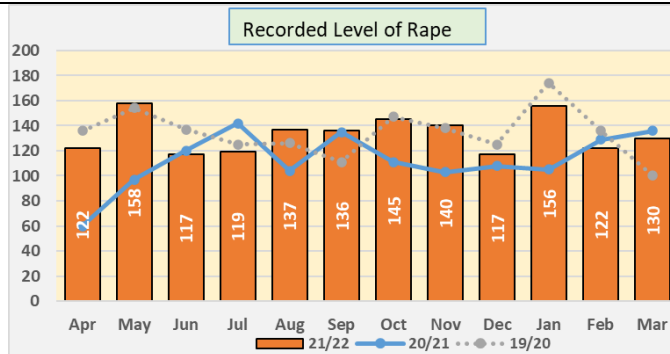
Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change
 Domestic abuse recorded crimes in Q4 21/22 have increased from the previous quarter. Levels are also higher than the same time last year. SYP and the OPCC continue to make sure victims have the confidence and ability to easily report domestic abuse, including through an online reporting portal for those unable to use other means.



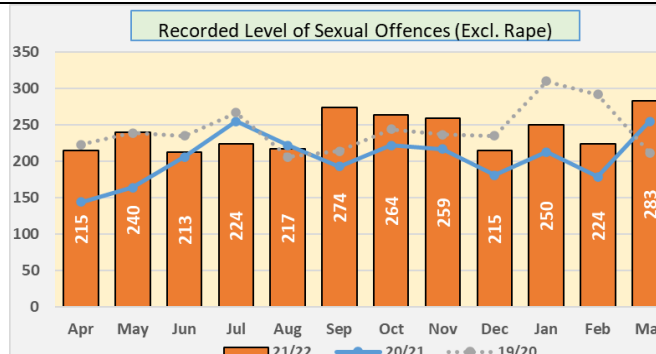
Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change
 The proportion of domestic abuse crimes where an arrest is made has decreased slightly over the quarter and is currently tracking below Q4 20/21 levels. SYP continue to focus on domestic abuse (DA) as a priority, this includes the setting up of dedicated DA teams and ensuring the arrest rate for high-risk cases remains at around 90%.



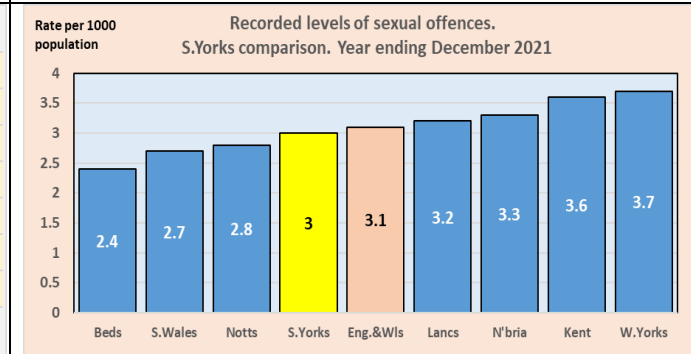
Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change
 The % of domestic abuse victims satisfied with their overall experience with the police was 76% in Q4 21/22. This change is not statistically significant compared to Q3. The survey is conducted around 8 weeks after reporting and is a telephone survey. 113 domestic abuse victims completed the survey in Q4.



Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change
 The recorded level of rape in Q4 is around a similar level to those recorded in the previous quarter. Volumes are higher than the equivalent period last year and at a similar level to those recorded in Q4 19/20 (pre-pandemic).



Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change
 The recorded level of other sexual offences has increased slightly in Q4 21/22 from Q3. Recorded levels are showing a general increase compared to levels seen during restrictions in 2020/21.



Source: ONS – Police Recorded Crime
 Latest available data up to December 2021 shows South Yorkshire Police has levels of recorded sexual offences that are around average compared to most similar forces and the England and Wales average.

*Recorded levels of sexual offences will include victims reporting crimes committed recently as well as victims reporting currently but for crimes that happened in the past, sometimes from a number of years ago. It is accepted that there is under-reporting of sexual offences nationally.

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Any one of us may become a victim of crime and if that happens, we need to have confidence that we will receive a timely and supportive response. The vulnerability of victims needs to be 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, or co-commission are effective in meeting the needs of all victims including victims of sexual offences who may be particularly vulnerable.

Independent Sexual Violence Advocate (ISVA) Service

The ISVA service offers practical help, advice & information to victims of rape and sexual abuse and their families. The service continued to maintain its performance in Q4 and ensured that a quality service is maintained for men, women and children who have reported sexual offences and would like support and advocacy on their journey. There has been a 20% increase in referrals in 2021-22 compared to the previous year. 2020-21 volumes were lower than anticipated by the service due to the decrease associated with the lockdown in Q1 2020-21.

The number of active clients is currently 30% higher than reported in the year 2020-21, which has increased the average caseload for ISVA's. The increase is attributed to the record number of referrals in 2021-22 and the court & criminal justice backlog increasing the time a client receives ISVA support. Despite this, the increase in ISVA resource has maintained caseloads within manageable limits.

The number of cases closed within 4 weeks has remained consistent with previous trends, with approximately 30% of cases referred closed in 4 weeks. Difficulties in contacting the client remains the main reason why referrals are closed in the first 4 weeks. For cases that progress beyond the 4-week stage, 15% are closed as the client is uncontactable.

Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC)

Hackenthorpe Lodge, the South Yorkshire Sexual Assault Referral Centre, is an acute service offering guidance and support to all adult victims of rape and sexual assault. The SARC works with other local specialist services to provide a holistic service, which focuses greatly on individual choice.

Specially trained SARC staff can offer medical and emotional support, as well as being able to offer a forensic examination, if required. It is an important aspect of the SARC that members of the public can access SARC services confidentially, without having to report a crime to the police, should they wish to do so and have the option to remain anonymous throughout.

During the period January 2022 – March 2022, there were 135 referrals into the adult SARC. This is an increase from the 122 in quarter 3 21/22. Levels are higher than for the same period in 2020/21. The majority of referrals were from SYP (61%), followed by self-referrals (27%).

90 of those referrals attended SARC for forensic examinations, either with the police or as self referrals. The service continues to see an increase in requests for telephone advice. This includes offering support and advice to patients reporting historical sexual abuse, signposting to relevant support services where necessary.

The SARC have also seen an increase in the number of referrals into the service from other agencies, including GP's, A&E, sexual health clinics, social care and mental health services. This is encouraging as it reflects the ongoing outreach work that all SARC staff do to build and develop effective working relationships with partner agencies. The Centre continues to increase awareness of the SARC service to professionals and members of the public.

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South Yorkshire also has a separate dedicated children's Sexual Assault Assessment Service based within the Sheffield Children's Hospital, which provides a dedicated quality provision for all child victims of a sexual, violence or neglect offence.

'Cranstoun Inspire to Change'- Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Programme

The Inspire to Change programme is a voluntary behaviour change programme targeted at the perpetrators of domestic abuse. In Q2, the service previously run by the Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC), restarted under the name 'Cranstoun Inspire to Change'. Cranstoun have recently acquired "Respect" accreditation – a quality assurance certification. See more at:

<https://www.respect.uk.net/pages/accreditation>

The Quarter 4 data for Cranstoun is not yet available. The following refers to Q3 – the quarter 4 update will be made during June 2022. The Cranstoun Inspire To Change (CITC) team received a high volume of referrals from the first day of going live. A total of 409 were received in Q3. The service anticipates the current rate to be maintained in the coming months as work continues to encourage partnership agencies to refer to CITC for any cases that have an element of Domestic Abuse/Violence.

It is positive that all agencies within South Yorkshire appear to be responsive and aware of the wider impact and dynamics of domestic abuse and proactive in dealing with the changes within the Domestic Abuse Act. This has been seen in the range of referrals the service has received.

Within the first quarter of delivery, CITC have set up and started to deliver 4 Men and Masculinities group programmes. These have been cross-county with a mix of face to face and online delivery. Most of the

groups have been evening delivery, with one group being delivered during the day. All groups are all being delivered as "rolling" programmes, this is in order to always offer stability to the groups and to be responsive to fluctuations in referral rates.

CITC has received a number of compliments and positive comments from service users and professionals. Q3 Feedback from a Service User: 'Thank you for tonight and making me feel welcome, feel I have took a lot away and it was only the first session'.

Safeguarding Children

All children are vulnerable to exploitation, however due to additional vulnerabilities, some children are more so than others. It is essential therefore that police and partners have a good knowledge and awareness of vulnerability, understand how the trauma suffered by victims may impact on how they engage with services and must show 'professional curiosity' when engaging with potential victims. South Yorkshire Police places victim care as one of the highest priorities. The force continues to strive for improvement in this area and is constantly looking to adapt to the needs of victims to enable the highest quality of service to every single victim.

During the period 1st April 2021 and 28th Feb 2022, the force recorded 13,547 child protection investigations, compared with 11,997 between 1st April 2020 and 28th February 2021, an increase of 12.9%.

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) continues to be a high priority for the force and remains a key element on the force's Plan on a Page and Control Strategy due to the significant impact offending has on vulnerable victims. The force has appointed leads for CSE:

- Executive Lead
- Strategic Lead
- Thematic Lead

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South Yorkshire Police Governance is supported by a dedicated CSE Policy, a Child Abuse and Exploitation Strategy 2021–2023 and a CSE Delivery Plan. These provide direction and policy as to how districts and officers and staff should respond to reports.

The force has a dedicated Internet Sex Offenders Team (ISOT), which conducts activity to identify and target offenders, working with other agencies in doing so. The force is also represented in the regional Operation Reveal team, which uses covert tactics to identify and target offenders, gathering intelligence and evidence. Intelligence development and conducting disruption activity relating to offenders and locations remains an essential avenue for doing everything possible to safeguard victims, prevent offences occurring and relentlessly pursuing perpetrators. Evidence led prosecutions are considered at every opportunity.

All four districts have a method of briefing officers regarding CSE/CCE. These contain information primarily about children at risk of CSE/CCE with appropriate protection plans included as required. The briefing pages are maintained by the district intelligence cell and CSE/CCE specialists and are utilised by all departments across the respective district when briefing their staff.

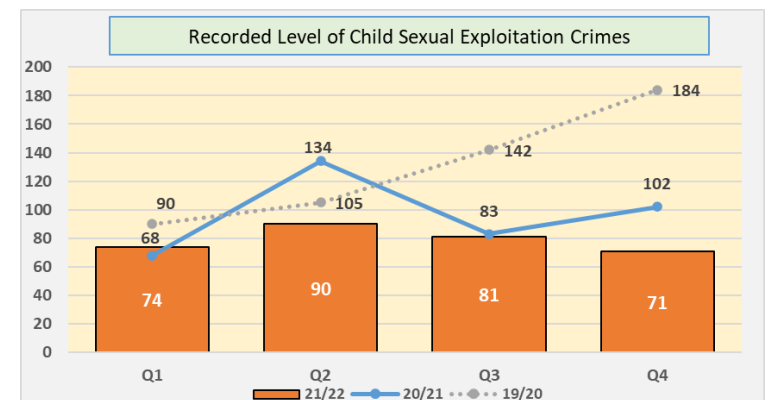
The force continues to promote action taken through successful prosecutions and convictions. This is proven to give victims and survivors confidence to report their own abuse. In addition to this, the force conducts regular victim surveys and receives national updates around how they can improve engagement with survivors.

The force and its partners have embedded and tested multi-agency processes for any child identified as being subjected to or at risk of exploitation, as per 'Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018'. This

can take the form of a multi-agency Section 47 (child at risk of significant harm) strategy meeting, Child Protection Conference or referral to a Multi-Agency Child Exploitation meeting (MACE). All four local authorities have child exploitation teams, which work closely with police to identify, safeguard and support victims.

7th March 2022 marked the beginning of County Lines intensification week, which is a full week of action focused on County Lines and Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE). This week of action concentrated on educating staff, partners and members of the public about what county lines is and the signs to look out for. This will also involve work to disrupt the activities of those involved in county lines and CCE. The force is currently inviting all officers and staff to join their 'Look Closer' programme of learning. This is a training course delivered via Microsoft Teams and aimed at frontline officers. The aim being to tackle CSE and CCE offending, to identify emerging issues as they arise and to continue to learn and improve the response so that children are safeguarded.

The Levels of CSE crimes recorded in South Yorkshire during Q4 21/22 have decreased slightly from the previous quarter and are tracking lower than the volumes recorded pre-pandemic.



Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

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Cybercrime and Fraud

Technology has come to play such a large part in everyday lives that the opportunities for criminals to exploit the digital space in their offending has increased exponentially. Almost every investigation will have a digital element to it. Digital devices hold vast amounts of information and present significant opportunities to police, if the equally significant challenges can be overcome.

SYP's approach to cybercrime mirrors the four strands of the Serious and Organised Crime Strategy – Pursue, Protect, Prevent and Prepare. The force is currently in the recruitment process for a replacement dedicated Cyber Protect Officer who will be responsible for supporting the force wide delivery of the Protect strand in relation to cybercrime. Over the past 12 months the former Cyber Protect Officer has presented at a number of events including a Gaming Conference, Penistone Grammar School and the Chamber of Commerce providing information and advice around Cybercrimes.

In South Yorkshire Police, the home for cybercrime is in the Digital Intelligence and Investigations Unit (DIIU). Cyber-dependant crimes are investigated by the DII. All operational units investigate Cyber-enabled crimes as cyberspace can be used to facilitate almost any offence.

During the period between 1st April 2021 and 28th February 2022, the force recorded 8013 cyber-crimes. This consists of 7471 cyber enabled crimes and 542 cyber dependant crimes. This figure has remained stable with the same period the previous year 2020-21, with a reduction of 3% overall.

Each victim of any investigation which is allocated to the DIIU receives cyber protect advice and if appropriate are referred to partners such as the North East Business Resilience Centre. The DIIU work directly with the

force Fraud Protect Officer to increase their audience and identify the audience by using data to identify the most vulnerable demographic.

The force has invested in providing every officer with access to a cyber tools app on their force issued smart phone (CyberDigiTools) to assist them in dealing with cyber and digital matters.

The force encourages its staff to take part in Operation Modify, which is an interactive eLearning package aimed to assist in identifying digital investigative opportunities. Every officer in the force is issued with a laptop and smart phone, through which they can access various resources on the force intranet, or the CyberDigiTools app. There is a cybercrime home page, which is regularly updated with articles and useful information.

The force has a dedicated Twitter account for Fraud and Cybercrime @SYPFraud which provides crime prevention advice for the public in the fight against cybercrime and fraud. This account has over one thousand followers and activity on the profile is regular and consistent.

The force has worked on a number of social media campaigns in relation to 'protect' supporting national campaigns led by the City of London Police.

Mental Health

Section 136 is an important element of the Mental Health Act. Police officers can use this section if they think an individual has a mental illness and are in need of 'immediate care or control' whilst in a public place – this could be for the safety of the individual or others within the situation. The Section 136 power applies to public places and enables officers to take an individual to a place of safety, or to keep an individual somewhere, if already in a safe place.

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Long term plans for development of a countywide 136 Pathway and Standard Operating Procedures for Places of Safety are high on the agenda. This will provide a consistent 'pathway of care' for South Yorkshire adults, ensuring a high quality and coordinated response to crisis.

Following endorsement by the Integrated Care System Programme Board, a communication brief has been drafted and circulated to engagement leads across the partnership to support implementation of the pathway, which is anticipated for May 2022.

A Mental Health Response Vehicle procured by Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS) was launched on the 28th March and is being deployed as part of a three month pilot in Doncaster. The Standard Operating Procedures have been finalised and SYP are monitoring closely the YAS response to mental health related incidents and in particular conveyance of patients detained under Section 136. Review meetings have been set up to analyse data and measure impact of the vehicle across partners.

Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking (MSHT)

The force has recently integrated its response to Organised Immigration Crime (OIC) with Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking. Force Lead DCI Nicola Leach will be responsible for both areas, and the Modern Slavery Team will proactively look to identify any OIC cases which require a partnership response.

In addition, the force has rolled out Operation Innerste in South Yorkshire. This is a multi-agency protocol to deal with unaccompanied

migrant children, including those who are victims of OIC – whether they are victims of trafficking or not. Processes have been subject to testing and were instigated in a recent incident in South Yorkshire, where two children were found in the rear of a lorry. The processes were found to work well to deal with the incident.

Another operation is currently underway, which sees the force supporting national activity led by the National Crime Agency (NCA). The focus of this current period of intensification is trafficking into the nail bar industry and work is ongoing to further develop the intelligence picture of this type of trafficking.

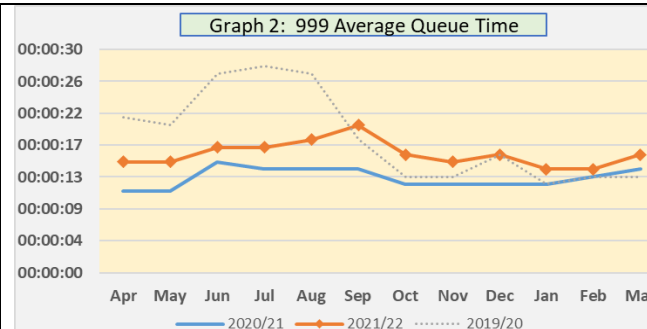
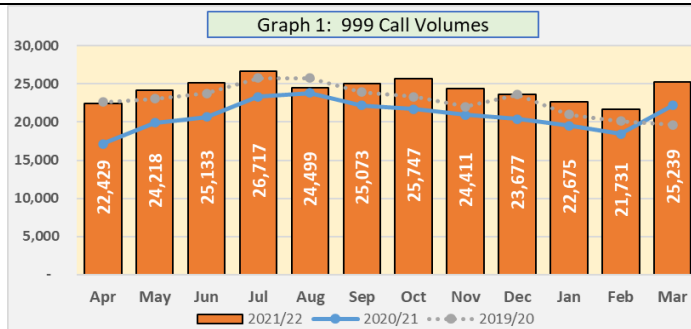
The South Yorkshire Modern Slavery Partnership (SYMSP) continues to go from strength to strength, and the current focus is on a data collaboration project, which the force hopes will see data collected not only from statutory agencies but also Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and others, to provide a fully rounded picture of Modern Slavery offending in South Yorkshire.

A County Lines Coordination Centre peer review recommended governance around the trafficking of children be brought into the Modern Slavery Team to ensure a corporate approach to both adults and children. At present this governance remains with the child exploitation officers at each district resulting in slightly different approaches across the force. Ways of improving this are being explored.

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

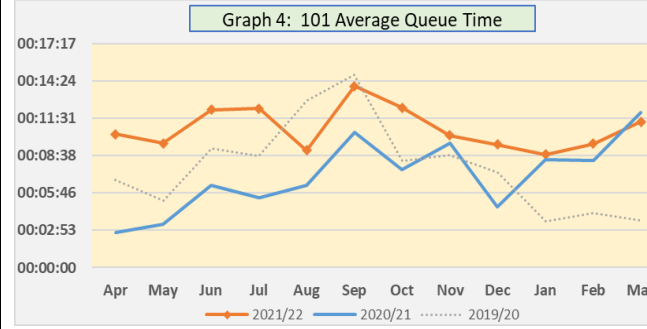
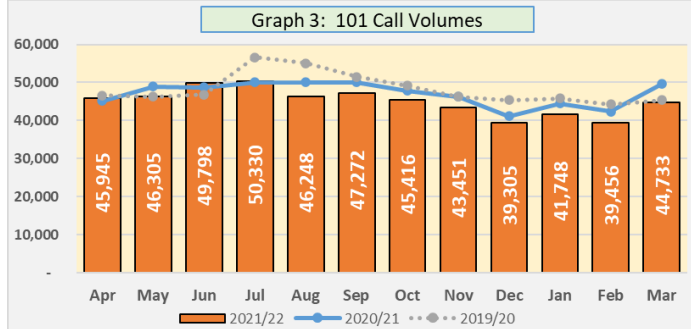
999 and 101 Calls¹

The Government have recently published 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.

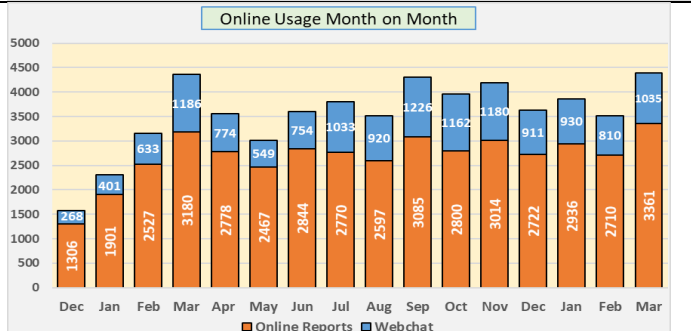


999 calls: Volumes are tracking higher than the equivalent period last year (graph no.1) but Q4 levels are lower than those recorded last quarter. Average call wait times are around 15 seconds which is a slight reduction on Q3 (graph no.2). The call answer time trend has been reducing since October, but March was an exceptionally busy month for calls which did impact on answer times for that month only.

101 calls: Volumes of 101 calls have decreased in Q4 21/22 compared to Q3. Levels are lower than volumes recorded in the same period in the previous year. The average 101 wait time during Q4 2021/22 (the orange line in graph 4) was just under 10 minutes. This is a slight decrease on Q3 times.



There are several points at which wait times can be calculated for 101 calls. The figures used here include the time a person spends going through switchboard up to and including being answered by a 101-call handler.



Online Reporting Portal: In November 2020, SYP invested substantially in accessible reporting for the public with the introduction of an online reporting portal.

The online portal currently provides the capacity for two methods of contact – online forms (which are bespoke by topic), and a web chat function. The use of the online reporting portal has gradually increased, in Q4 21/22 there were 9,007 online reports recorded and 2,775 webchats.

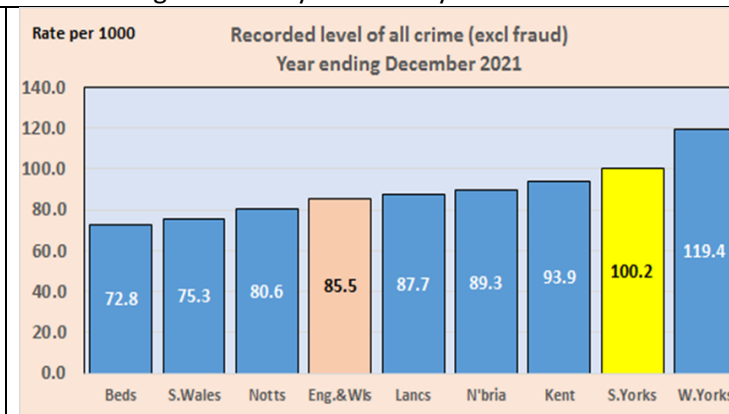
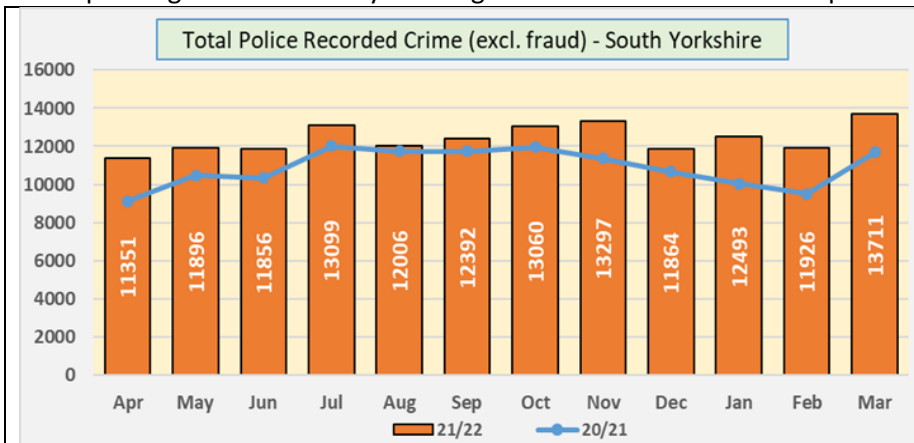
The methods of contact will continue to be monitored for wider understanding of preferred access channels by the public.

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 areas of focus for 2021/22 under this priority:

- Tackling those crimes and anti-social behaviour that local people say cause them the most anxiety using the Neighbourhood Policing Teams to do so.
- Dealing with Organised Crime Groups and associated serious violence and protecting those who are exploited by the groups
- Understanding the issues affecting rural communities and associated rural crime
- How well crime and incident demand is understood
- Speeding and Road Safety. Dealing with nuisance and off-road quad bikes and tackling community road safety concerns



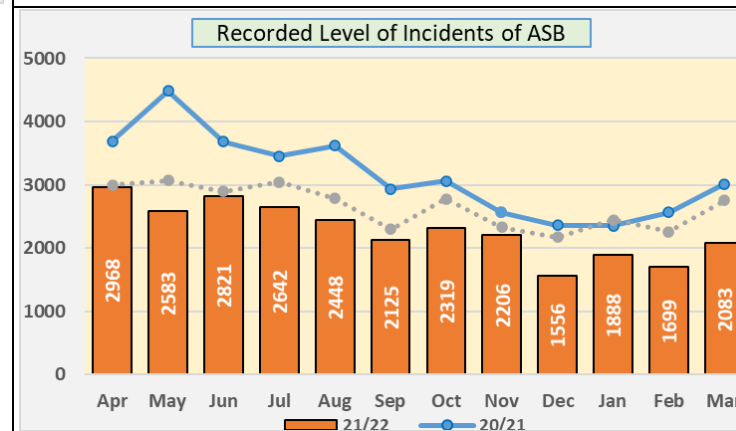
Looking at the latest available comparator data, South Yorkshire has a higher rate of total recorded crime per 1000 population compared to the most similar group of police forces.

Source: ONS – Police Recorded Crime

Levels of total recorded crime (excl. fraud) in Q4 are in line with those recorded in the previous quarter, although there was a peak in March 2022. Levels have been increasing since March 2021 with the easing of Covid 19 restrictions. Total recorded crime levels (excl. fraud) are higher than at the same time last year and those recorded pre-pandemic.

| SYP: District Recorded Crime (excl. fraud) | Barnsley | Doncaster | Rotherham | Sheffield |
|---|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| % change. 12 mths to March 21 compared to 12 mths to March 22 | 13.3% | 12.7% | 14.0% | 14.4% |
| Volume 12 months to 31.03.22 | 25,535 | 39,153 | 25,680 | 56,675 |
| Volume 12 months to 31.03.21 | 22,536 | 34,735 | 22,524 | 49,561 |

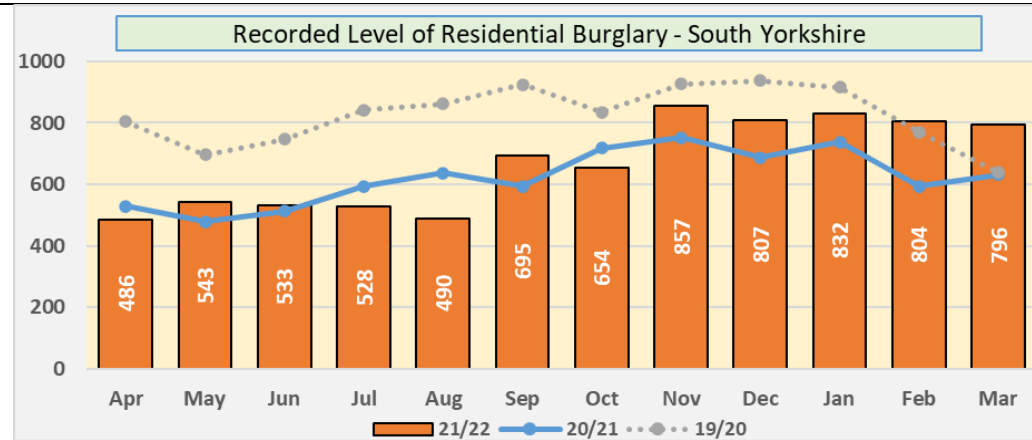
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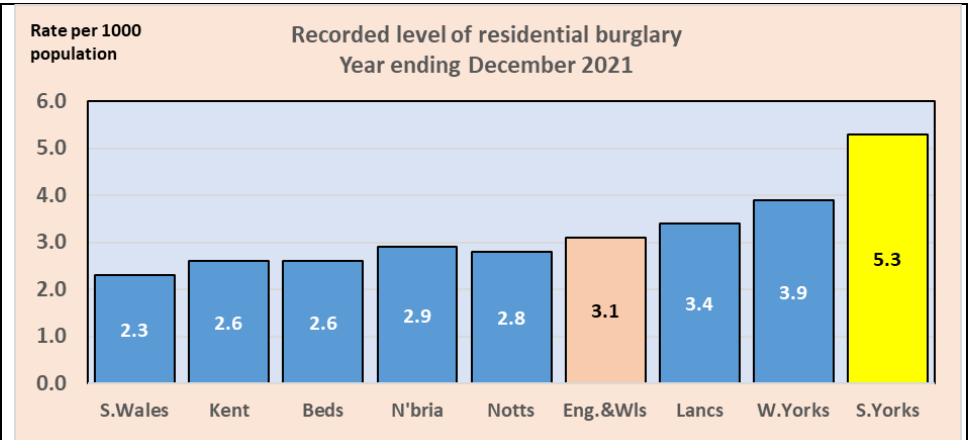
The level of recorded antisocial behaviour has continued to decrease in Q4 21/22 from Q3. Levels are tracking below the previous year. This data is for SYP recorded incidents. Incidents are also reported to local authorities which are not included in this data.

2. Tackling Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour



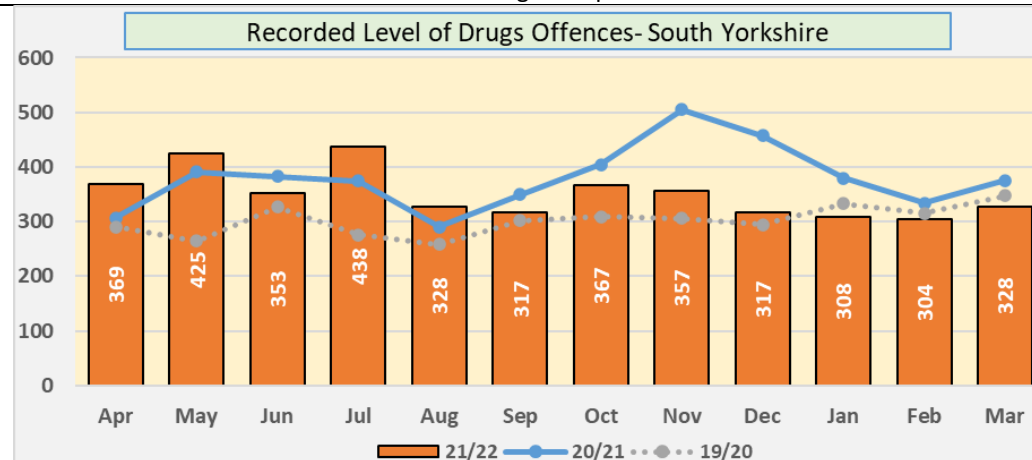
Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

Recorded levels of residential burglary have increased slightly in Q4 21/22 compared to the previous quarter and higher than those recorded in the equivalent period in 20/21. Volumes are higher than those recorded in Q4 19/20. SYP continue to focus specifically on tackling residential burglary in line with residents’ priorities. Data and force initiatives will be closely monitored to check whether this work is having an impact.



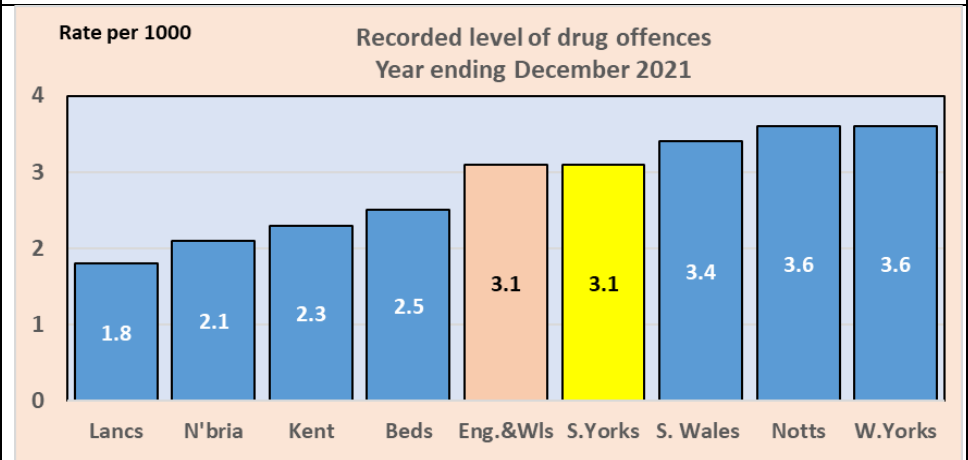
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The latest comparator data for the year ending December 2021 shows that South Yorkshire has a higher rate of residential burglary than the similar group of forces and the national average. Tackling residential burglary is a priority for all districts with a number of specific operations and initiatives in place to tackle the issue.



Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

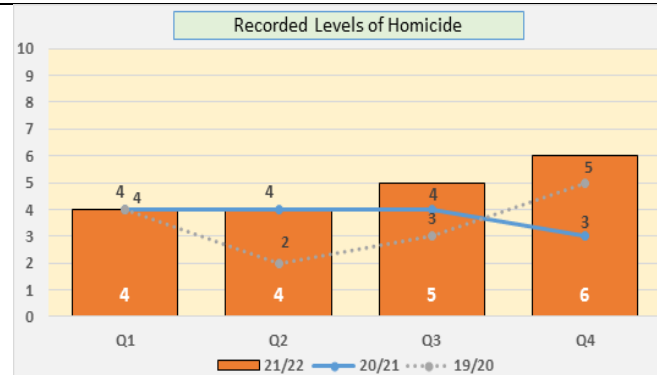
Recorded levels of drugs offences in Q4 2021/22 have remained relatively stable. Levels are slightly lower than in Q3 21/22 and below the equivalent period last year. Drugs offences include the possession and trafficking of drugs.



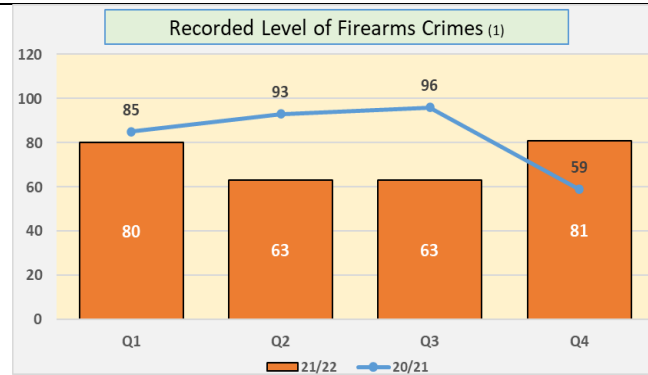
Source: ONS – Police Recorded Crime

The latest comparator data for the year ending December 2021 shows South Yorkshire is in line with the England and Wales average for recorded levels of drug offences.

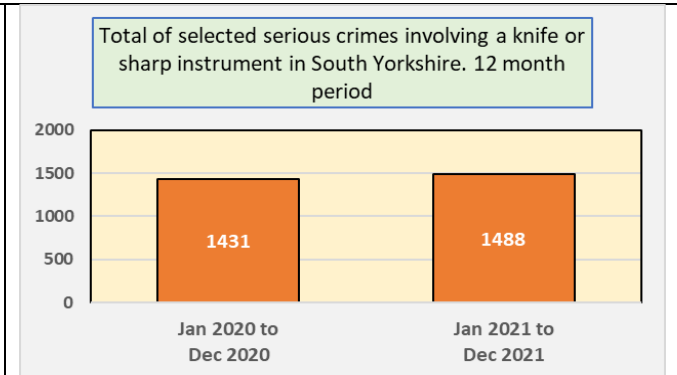
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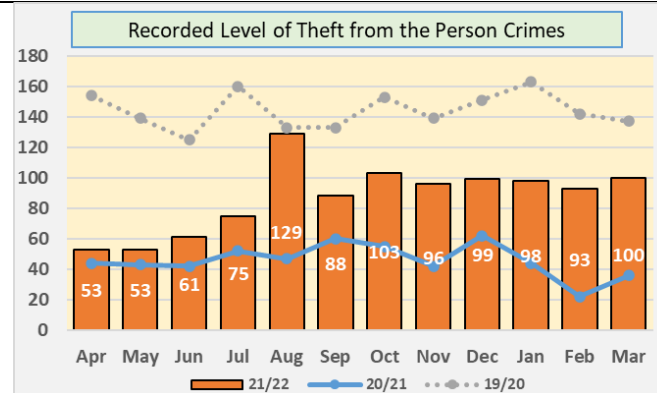
Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change
 There were 6 homicides recorded in Q4 21/22 in South Yorkshire. Homicide figures can change slightly following the conclusion of any inquests. Homicide includes murder, manslaughter, corporate manslaughter and infanticide.



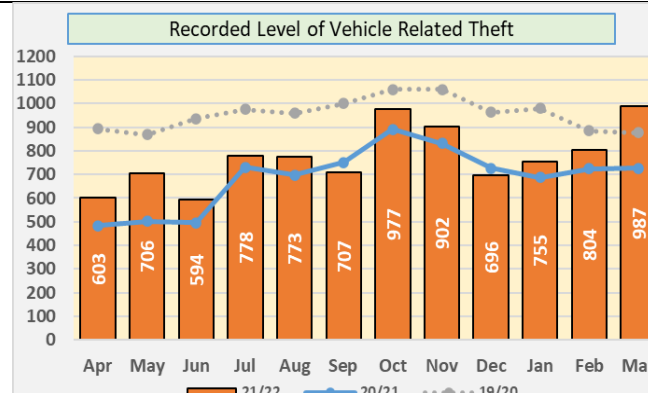
Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change
 The recorded level of firearms crimes has increased in Q4 21/22 from relatively low levels in Q3 21/22. Levels are also higher than those recorded in the equivalent period in 2020/21. Firearms crimes includes the use of imitation firearms, air weapons if a violent crime or burglary and stun guns. (1)



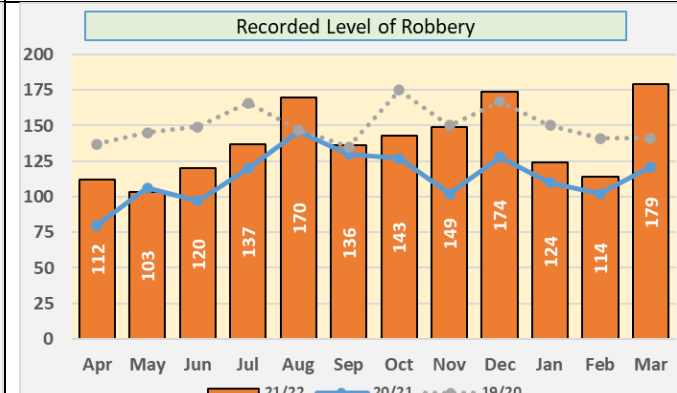
Source: ONS – Police Recorded Crime
 The recorded level of crimes involving a knife or sharp instrument have increased slightly in the 12 months to December 2021 compared to the previous 12 months period.



Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change
 Theft from the person crimes in Q4 are in line with volumes recorded in Q3. Volumes are higher than those recorded in the equivalent period last year. However, they are still below volumes seen in 2019 and 2018 pre pandemic.



Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change
 Levels of vehicle related theft in Q4 21/22 are in line with those recorded in Q3 21/22 but are higher than the equivalent period last year. Vehicle related theft includes theft from a vehicle and theft of/unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle.



Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change
 Recorded levels of robbery in Q4 21/22 have decreased from the previous quarter. Volumes are higher than the equivalent period in 20/21 and are similar to pre-pandemic levels.

(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.

1. Tackling Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

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, Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield. The PCC holds bi-monthly meetings of the County Wide Community Safety Forum where representatives from each partnership meet together. This is how the Rotherham, Doncaster, Barnsley and Sheffield partnership have been working to tackle issues of concern to local residents.

Safer Barnsley Partnership

Quarter 4 has been challenging for Barnsley Safer Neighbourhood Service due to increased activity within local neighbourhoods. There has been a rise in anti-social behaviour (ASB) across the borough with specific areas of focus including the town centre Thurnscoe, Grimethorpe and Kendray

The Service have developed a new ASB action plan in conjunction with SYP and Youth Services. This document will be utilised to implement the same processes and actions across the borough when ASB occurs. This means that that every area gets the same level of support from partners. A Neighbourhood Warden has also led the development of new initiatives which include free swimming and leisure activities. This preventative approach aims to give young people more creative ways to spend their time.

The Neighbourhood Wardens, launched in Q3, continue to provide an excellent service when dealing with the crime and anti-social behaviour. Since the start of January 2022, the Wardens have dealt with over 100 environmental crime related matters which has resulted in over 80

investigations. These investigations have led to 54 fixed penalties being issued for matters such as fly tipping.

The wardens have generated a huge amount of their own internal work by carrying out lots of proactive patrols. They have been involved in finding missing persons and assisting vulnerable people when it is most needed.

Other key areas of note for the Partnership during the quarter include the following:

- Focussed and targeted activity from the Neighbourhood Policing Teams to address neighbourhood crime issues impacting locally.
- Positive external government assessment of the Housing Options (Homelessness) team.
- Positive government assessment of intervention services to address private sector housing standards across the borough.
- Contribution to the re-award of Purple Flag status for Barnsley Town centre.
- National recognition of effective delivery of enforcement interventions to address environmental crime including high profile coverage of fly-tipping and dog fouling interventions.
- Consolidating local engagement arrangements to ensure local communities are involved in establishing local priorities and holding services to account.
- Embedding the work and approaches of the Wardens into the integrated Neighbourhood Policing family.

Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership (SSDP)

During Q4, the core business of the Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership has continued virtually. The pandemic presented an opportunity for the partnership to re-focus their priorities across the structure and to ensure they remain fit for purpose and addresses current and future challenges.

2. Tackling Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

During Q4, the Partnership's Community Safety Strategy for the period 2022-25 launched. This outlines SSDP's key priorities and actions around the important agendas of:

- Tackling domestic and sexual abuse
- Reducing anti-social behaviour
- Reducing crime and re-offending
- Tackling serious and organised crime
- Reducing substance and alcohol misuse
- Reducing violence and violent crime

In late January the SSDP Strategic Theme Groups held an event to review their supporting strategies and delivery plans to ensure they are reflective of current demand and future priorities. Performance management arrangements remain in place to allow Theme Groups to report clearly against their identified top priorities and to highlight any necessary escalations for resolution.

Through the funding provided by the OPCC Community Safety Grant, the SSDP has continued to support key roles in relation to workforce development and serious organised crime.

Activity funded through the Theme Groups this financial year includes the provision of personal security equipment to support victims of domestic abuse; a range of equipment to contribute to tackling crime and re-offending - particularly individuals upon prison release. There has been funding towards a wide range of practical equipment to support interventions to tackle serious and organised crime across the borough. This includes 'dummy' drug sample kits to be used as teaching resources to raise awareness within educational establishments.

Rotherham - Safer Rotherham Partnership (SRP)

The Rotherham Domestic Abuse Strategy has now been produced following significant work and consultation. Since the strategy has been

finalised, work has continued to progress in the delivery of the strategy's action plan. The Rotherham Sexual Abuse Priority Group is currently being reviewed and the group's Violence Against Women and Girls objectives and performance indicators are in the process of being agreed for the next three years.

In March, the Partnership delivered online training to 20+ professionals on extremism risks and anti-minority messages. Alongside this, Islam Awareness sessions were held at Wingfield Academy for staff and partners. The sessions successfully highlighted the commonality of Islam and Christianity to help address the lies and misconceptions deliberately spread by some to cause suspicion and social unrest. Work will continue in this area and further sessions are currently being arranged.

The Partnership has delivered further training on image sharing to over 60 professionals who are working with children and young people. In addition to this, training around online safety aimed at parents and carers has been developed and delivery will start after Easter. SRP have also developed an information pack around online safety which includes useful information and resources. This available on the Safer Rotherham Partnership website.

Spot the Signs, the communication campaign to encourage everyone to be more vigilant in spotting the early warning signs of online grooming and child sexual exploitation (CSE) was widely circulated for Child Exploitation Awareness Day. This included internal staff briefings and e-learning modules around safeguarding children and protecting them from CSE. Screensavers were also used on all council laptops and posters were circulated digitally to schools for display in staff areas. In addition, The Partnership have contacted hotel managers to discuss safeguarding young people from exploitation following the assurance visits that have previously taken place.

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Meetings are being arranged to provide feedback and agree the next steps in providing further awareness raising and training for hospitality staff.

Working with the Probation Service, Drug and Alcohol Abuse Services, Public Health and mental Health Services, SRP are further developing proactive responses and services with even more focus on delivering positive outcomes. This is part of the overall development of the Safer Rotherham Partnerships revised priorities for the next three years. The Partnership's organised crime work has seen successes in operations focused on cannabis grows yielding results such as: 86 warrants executed, 10196 plants recovered, and 37 arrests made. A targeted operation in the Swinton area of Rotherham against an organised crime group involved in the large-scale production of cannabis and money laundering resulted in eleven members of the group receiving over 10 years in prison collectively.

Further successes include the seizure of 20 vehicles involved in organised crime, £427,200 cash, 3745g Class A drugs and the safeguarding of 114 adults and children through the work of Fortify and SRP partners.

The new plans around Rotherham Organised Crime focus on increased intelligence, partner and community confidence, targeted disruption of organised crime groups and a whole system approach to tackling organised crime.

Sheffield Community Safety Partnership

Over Q4, the Safer Sheffield Partnership (SSP) has been driving activity to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour across the city. Some of this activity has included the deployment of CCTV systems to key areas. The Partnership have also worked to reinvigorate the network of Neighbourhood Action Groups (NAG) in key locations. NAGs are divided into two parts, one around

the locality and one around the offenders. The groups are well attended by the statutory agencies and voluntary sector, these meetings are key to addressing and preventing ASB and crime.

Work undertaken during quarter 4 has included redesigning the Partnership Theme Group to ensure they are working to address the key priorities in the Community Safety and Police and Crime plan. The partnership also continues to work closely with the new Local Area Committees to support their plans and ensure that key priorities are addressed.

The partnership have continued to raise awareness of key issues that affect the Communities of Sheffield. SSP have provided tailored sessions to partners across multiple disciplines to raise awareness of the impact of organised crime, hate crime and violence against women and girls. SSP are continuing to provide support to community organisations via funding streams to enable them to complete their projects.

South Yorkshire Violence Reduction Unit (VRU)

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

Q4 saw initiatives such as Mentors in Violence Prevention and Forging Ahead draw to a close, along with the 2021/22 grant funding round. However, the VRU continues to support its A&E Navigator and Custody Navigator programmes. These projects focus on intervention with individuals who are in A&E or custody as a result of violence and aim to support people in choosing a different path.

Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls remains a priority for the VRU. Two engagement events have been held, with organisations, victims, charities, community groups and support services. A further event will be held in June. Additionally, a Statement of Intent has been sent to South Yorkshire organisations, asking them to make a commitment to a shared approach to tackling this issue.

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Engagement continues to take place, through social media channels, in person visits to organisations, and regular meetings with groups across South Yorkshire.

Following the announcement of a provisional three-year funding deal for the VRU, planning is underway for the continued development and implementation of a long term approach. This will include further contracted and grant-funded work, with details to be announced in due course.

Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPTs)

Neighbourhood Policing in South Yorkshire is about working at the local level and engaging directly with the community. Neighbourhood policing continues to develop, with teams across all four districts engaging with their local communities through attending community meetings, linking with Neighbourhood Watch, using social media and engaging with children and young people through schools and universities. All districts now publish a Neighbourhood Newsletter circulated by Inspectors and there are currently over 30,000 people signed up to SYP's Community Alerts.

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

Barnsley

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

All hate crimes are now managed by Neighbourhood Policing Teams, allowing for a greater level of victim safeguarding and reassurance. There are a significant number of hate crimes and incidents recorded in schools. The district's targeted campaign around education continues through work with the Lifewise centre and locally with the district Hate Crime Coordinator and NPTs through a series of school engagement and learning sessions aimed at increasing overall awareness.

A recent example of the work undertaken by the Central NPT is the proactive drugs operation, Operation Sidewinder. This operation saw officers patrolling the streets of Barnsley town centre utilising a passive search dog. Numerous officers provided a high-visibility presence in the town centre concentrating on key areas and reacting to live time information provided by CCTV operators. The officers involved received a positive reaction from shoppers and local businesses. The team covered over 5km of the town centre, targeting hot-spot areas. 10 stop and searches for drug possession were conducted in 3 hours, including one male arrested for failing to appear at court.

Operation Duxford returned to the streets of Barnsley on the 2 March and saw Barnsley's Neighbourhood Policing Teams joined by other dedicated policing teams unite with key partner agencies for a heightened day of enforcement and community engagement.

Operation Duxford involves bolstering existing district resources with specialist teams from across the force for a dedicated day of action.

It is designed to create a day of heightened activity and enhance the work already under way to address concerns raised by local residents.

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The day's enforcement included:

- 16 arrests
- The seizure of a cannabis growing operation as well as a significant quantity of drugs suspected to be Class A as part of four search warrants executed
- Seven vehicles seized for having no valid insurance under Op Takeaway
- Knives and other dangerous weapons taken off Barnsley's streets
- 28 stop-and-searches conducted
- Patrols carried out to focus on nuisance street drinking
- Patrols conducted to clamp down on fly-tipping

The areas of the town in particular focus were Hoyland, Kendray, Cudworth, The Dearne and the town centre, as well as Mapplewell Park.

More than 3,200 members of the public were engaged with throughout the day via six pop-up police stations dotted around the district, child sexual exploitation engagement patrols and safeguarding checks for those sleeping in the town centre.

Doncaster

Tackling the production and supply of controlled drugs spans all policing teams, however the focus of efforts to disrupt sits predominantly with Fortify and the three NPTs. A large number of drug offences tend to be recorded as a result of positive and proactive policing action, as opposed to a reactive call to report from a member of the public, as is the case with most other crime types.

The NPTs also play a vital role in educational inputs within schools, intelligence development, reassurance patrols and the publication of the positive results outlined into the community through various mediums

such as SYP Alerts, Facebook, Twitter, newsletters and at Community Engagement Meetings.

Additionally, following the widely publicised national news stories relating to 'spikings' at the latter end of 2021, Doncaster district has seen an increase in the number of incidents reported. Simultaneous campaigns have been launched locally by both SYP Media Department and the Neighbourhood Policing Teams. The media output is a sustained campaign, aimed at raising awareness and providing guidance to pub goers, as well as a deterrent to would-be offenders.

The Neighbourhood Policing Teams have brought some focus to licensed premises and a number of initiatives were brought in which included town centre door staff being issued with needle detecting gloves to support their searches of customers as a condition of entry, as well as the use of knife arches across the town centre. The Neighbourhood Teams also facilitated the widespread distribution of bottle stoppers to prevent drinks from being spiked.

On 12 January 2022, Doncaster held an Operation Duxford. The activity included the execution of search warrants, a number of arrests for drug supply and for domestic violence and the recovery of drugs.

Significantly, much of the activity was around engagement. The neighbourhood team set up and ran 4 pop up police stations which were supported by council staff. Letter drops and reassurance patrols were conducted in high crime areas, and around locations where police search warrants had been executed. The team also worked with St Ledger homes to conduct joint housing visits.

The neighbourhood teams also used this opportunity to deal with a number of issues arising from use of the roads network.

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For example, schools in Armthorpe, Edenthorpe and Kirk Sandall were visited at school start times due to frequent complaints about parking. Speeding operations were also put in place with the Safety Camera Partnership in a number of locations in Wheatley, and Armthorpe. Over 580 vehicles were checked for speeding throughout the day.

Rotherham

As neighbourhood policing and partnership working continues to mature across the locality, the sharing of information/intelligence and the ability to respond accordingly has grown stronger. Use of social media platforms, such as Facebook and Twitter to engage with communities, ensure a wider audience when seeking information/intelligence, and promoting ongoing work.

The neighbourhood teams are working with the local intelligence unit, CID, and the public to identify key locations, methods of offending and arresting outstanding suspects for burglary. Focussed joint patrols are taking place, conducting appropriate searches of people/vehicles seen in identified areas of offending and acting suspicious. There have been more than 40 PACE compliant searches taking place in recent weeks. Arrests have resulted, along with a reduction in outstanding suspects/wanted people.

Working with partners and Elected Members, Rosehill Park has benefitted from extra CCTV cameras and work is ongoing to secure a gate to stop vehicles attending after the park has closed. SYP Designing Out Crime Officers (DOCOs) have conducted a site visit at the Park Café and made recommendations to reduce the vandalism that has taken place, these recommendations are being progressed.

The team have also conducted a number of operations to address community concerns of drug dealing in Rawmarsh. Activity has included

execution of warrants, arrests, and engagement events to promote ongoing activity and generate additional community intelligence.

In Dinnington, there is a Problem Orientated Partnership (POP) Plan in place to address ASB around the town centre and bus interchange. In partnership with the Council, there has been work undertaken to reduce the volume of rubbish being discarded near the market stalls, which can lead to small fires ignited by local youths. The team have worked with the market owner, educating stall holders, and issuing Community Protection Warning Notices where appropriate. Regular joint patrols have taken place when youths are often in the area.

On 2nd February, it was Rotherham's Operation Duxford. On this occasion, Rotherham focussed the additional resources of Op Duxford on the arrest of outstanding suspects, problem solving and public engagement. The activity was driven and coordinated by the Neighbourhood Chief Inspector. During the Op Duxford, four drugs' warrants were executed, two linked to Operation Grow.

Operation Grow is an example of neighbourhood teams and wider district resources working with partners to tackle crime and associated issues arising from cannabis cultivation. A number of warrants were executed within the Wharncliffe area which supported ongoing partnership working which involves multiple agencies attending at the location and addressing issues including lighting, waste management and crime prevention. Housing checks were also completed by South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue, working alongside SYP.

Engagement stalls were located within areas of key footfall across the District, and the opportunity utilised to give out crime prevention advice, discuss priorities and distribute alarms and other crime prevention items e.g., purse bells etc.

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The results of this operation were significant and include:

- Eighteen arrests for burglary, domestic assaults, and drug related offences.
- Four drugs' warrants executed - resulting in a quantity of drugs being recovered, two bladed articles being seized and disclaimed. Occupants at two addresses being interviewed for drug related offences.
- One RSCPA warrant executed, resulting in three dogs being recovered for their own welfare, with an ongoing investigation relating to the owner (s).
- Five stolen vehicles recovered.
- Twelve PACE stop searches of people and two vehicle searches.
- Two vehicles seized for no insurance.
- Eight people prosecuted for driving related offences.
- Two people offered pathways of support for cannabis possession/use and
- Eleven Operation slowdowns conducted across the District conducted resulting in 1133 vehicles being checked for speeding and 42 found travelling over the prescribed speed limit and offered appropriate advice.

Sheffield

Each Sheffield neighbourhood Inspector utilises a neighbourhood dashboard which collates responses from surveys that the public conduct online, via email or when engaging with officers directly on the officer's device. These define the priorities on a ward-by-ward basis, ensuring that local policing is tailored to local needs.

Whilst the survey collates hyper-local priorities, there are some common themes across Sheffield, which remain broadly the same as in the previous report;

- Speeding and vehicle ASB
- ASB and violence
- Drug dealing
- Residential burglary

The district response to these is bespoke on a ward-by-ward basis. Each of the neighbourhood teams have a capability to tackle speeding and continue to do so in locally identified hotspots. For example, in the South West, weekly speeding operations take place, and in the South East, a range of operations have been completed targeting off-road bikers with local officers and the Force's off-road bike team. All teams regularly brief and work alongside specific traffic officers who can tackle speeding on "fast roads" where specialist vehicles and training are needed. The district also bid for speed camera vans in hotspots.

Each team monitors recorded crime demand within their area to identify specific hotspots. At a district level these are managed through a tasking meeting, where strategic leaders review intelligence, offenders and locations, and implement plans to resolve identified trends. At a ward level, each neighbourhood team will identify hotspots and put in place local plans through POPs (Problem Orientated Policing) or using other methods.

In Ellesmere Green, within the North East, neighbourhood team local priorities include ASB and drug dealing. In response NPTs have a local POP plan to address this which has resulted in the arrest of three people and the recovery of a large amount of Class A drugs. Teams have undertaken environmental work to remove shrubs and a bench which was a focal point for ASB, and closed a linked property through a closure order. Coupled with proactive neighbourhood patrols this is having a positive impact.

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In the North West, a local priority is burglaries. In response the local team have undertaken a specific operation to deliver targeted patrols, crime surveys, smart water (property marking) and cocooning (target hardening neighbouring addresses). This runs alongside another operation which looks to target insecure premises and prevent people becoming victims.

In the City Centre the team have focused an operation on the street drug user cohort, which works with the harm reduction pathway to identify vulnerable people and assist their access to appropriate support pathways whilst identifying and enforcing activity with those who choose not to engage. This is supported by the use of a passive drugs dog through Operation Sidewinder.

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Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) Community Grant Scheme

The Commissioner Community (POCA) Grants Scheme has been in operation for over 8 years. During this period, the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) has awarded almost £2million in grants to non-profit organisations in South Yorkshire. These grants have enabled organisations to deliver projects aimed at keeping people safe, tackling crime and anti-social behaviour and supporting victims of crime. The scheme is funded from the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA) and the PCC's policing budget. The Proceeds of Crime Act refers to monies confiscated from criminals and awarded to worthy causes to help reduce crime and the impacts of crime in South Yorkshire. Applicants can apply for grants of up to £7,500 to deliver projects lasting up to 12 months.

The P.O.C.A Community Grants Scheme panel has sat on three occasions this financial year to review and award applications. The following grants have been awarded during this period.

| Organisation | Project Name | District | Funding Amount |
|--|---|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Sives Community Sports Club | Anti-Vandalism Project | Barnsley | £ 1,300 |
| NSPCC | Letting the Future In (LTFI) | Sheffield | £ 7,500 |
| Doncaster Deaf Trust | Healthy Minds | Doncaster | £ 7,500 |
| Eden House Community Links | Community Links | Doncaster | £ 7,120 |
| Clifton Learning Partnership | Finding Normality after lockdown | Rotherham | £ 7,500 |
| HOPE SY | Hope is here for you | South Yorkshire | £2,300 |
| Crosspool FC | Myers Grove Fencing & Signage | Sheffield | £7,500 |
| The Youth ASSOC | Street Safe | Doncaster | £7,047 |
| Crimestoppers | Firearms in Sheffield | Sheffield | £7,500 |
| Sport For Good CIC | Fight For Good | Doncaster | £7,400 |
| Sheffield City Boxing Club | Punch Through it Programme | Sheffield | £5,250 |
| Prisoners' Education Trust (PET) | Reducing Reoffending and Increasing Employment Opportunities: Education for Prisoners from SY | South Yorkshire | £5,380 |
| Sheffield Wednesday FC Community | Batemoor Junior & Youth Club | Sheffield | £4,550 |
| Kickback Recovery | Kickback Recover Together Project | Sheffield | £7,500 |
| Reds in the Community | Kicks | Barnsley | £7,455 |
| Diversify Now | Preventative Engagement, Mentoring and Follow-Up Support to protect vulnerable young people | Barnsley, Rotherham, Sheffield | £7,500 |
| Sharrow Community Forum | Developing Youth Voice | Sheffield | £6,200 |
| Lowedges Community Festival Group | Lowedges against knife crime | Sheffield | £600 |
| Breakout Arts | Home Safe | Rotherham | £7,464 |
| Active Fusion | Fusion Streets | Doncaster | £7,452 |
| Sheffield Street Pastors | Street Pastors | Sheffield | £7,500 |
| RFEA | Project Nova | South Yorkshire | £7,500 |
| Club Doncaster Community Sports & Education Foundation | Kicks Targeted | Doncaster | £ 5,500 |

For more information please visit: [Grants - South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner \(southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk)

3. Treating People Fairly

The areas of focus under this priority for are:

- Creating trust and confidence in policing and crime services through a representative workforce, visible policing and effectively engaging with local communities
- Understanding and tackling the disproportionate effects of crime and tackling crime both in policing and the wider criminal justice system.

Independent Ethics Panel (IEP)

One of the main ways of gaining assurance that people are being treated fairly is through the work of the Independent Ethics Panel.

The Independent Ethics Panel has a role in helping the PCC and Chief Constable build the trust and confidence of the public and partners in South Yorkshire Police, by ensuring the code of ethics is culturally embedded across the organisation and is demonstrated through the way South Yorkshire Police thinks and behaves. The Panel receive reports and discuss ethics in particular areas such as:

- Stop and search
- Complaints
- Workforce data including around equality and diversity.

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

At the IEP meeting in March, the panel considered presentations and discussed detailed information provided around:

- Hate Crime
- Stop and Search
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion within SYP
- Professional Standards Department within SYP
- SYP Complaints
- Digital Policing

An exception report to the Public Accountability Board on 11th April 2022 giving more details of the above can be found here: (page 107-111 of the agenda pack) [Public Accountability Board Meetings - South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner \(southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk\)](#)

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 \(southyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk\)](#)

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Independent Custody Visitors Scheme

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

Visitors normally divide into teams of two and go to police custody suites at whatever time of the day or evening suits them. They arrive unannounced and the custody sergeant is obliged to welcome them and facilitate their visit. However, because of the Coronavirus restrictions, the current scheme had to be put on hold at the end of March 2020 with agreement from the Home Office.

The ICV Scheme restarted in June 2020 with a small number of ICVs undertaking sole visits. In addition to this, officers within the OPCC have been looking at samples of custody records to make sure correct processes and procedures are taking place and are being logged. From this, officers are able to ensure that people detained in custody are receiving the correct treatment and are being treated properly.

OPCC officers are also monitoring the Force custody dashboard. This enables them to track performance information including, the number of detainees, ethnicity, number of young people and the average length of time detainees are in custody. The additional desktop reviewing of custody records and performance information will not replace the usual custody visiting but it has been found to give added assurance to supplement physical visits and so will continue for some time.

ICV volunteers also undertake animal welfare checks of the South Yorkshire Police kennels. The OPCC were awarded an Animal Welfare Scheme certificate by the Dogs Trust in February and SYP are entitled to suitable working dogs from Dogs Trust.

Physical custody visits have still been taking place during Q4 21/22, albeit on a smaller scale than usual to take account of restrictions and to ensure the safety of custody visitors and those in custody. During Q4 the OPCC recruited and trained 3 new Independent Custody Visitors. The Commissioner held an in-person conference for ICVs at the end of Q4 with speakers from OPCC, SYP and stakeholders/commissioned services contributing. It is hoped that these physical visits will increase as restrictions have now eased. The OPCC is also in regular contact with officers from SYP in relation to findings from visits and the checking of records to share findings and set actions for improvement.

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Hate Crime

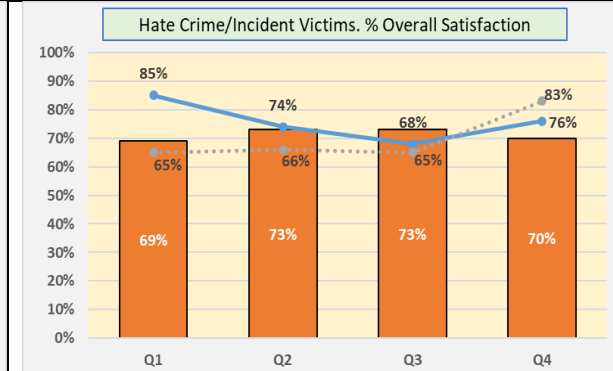
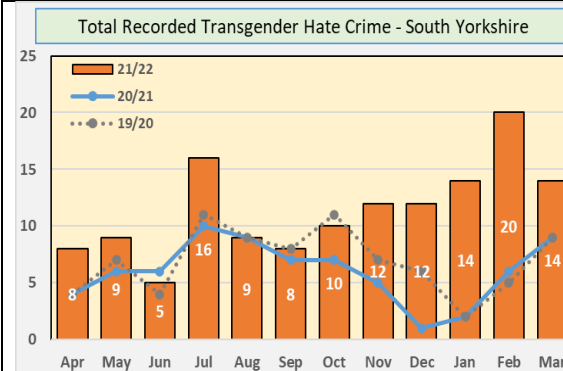
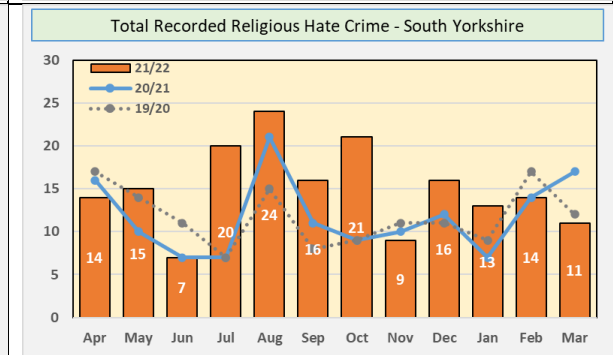
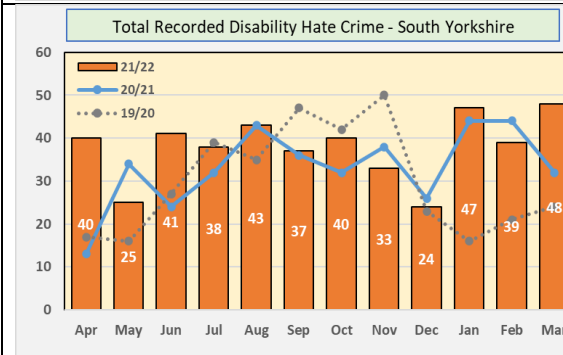
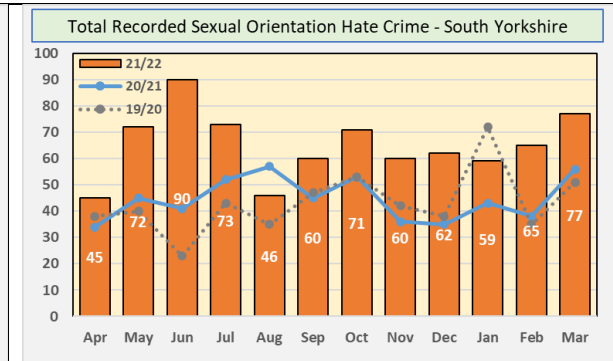
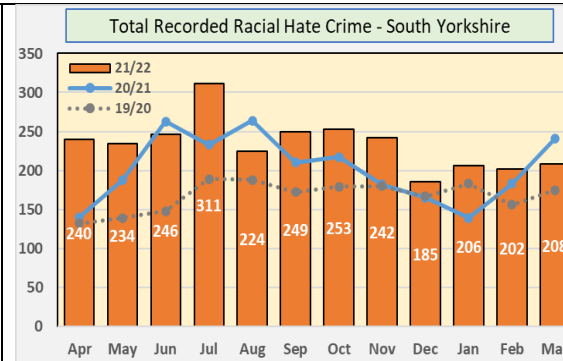
Total hate crimes recorded in 21/22 have seen a 22% increase compared to the previous 12-month period. In Q4 21/22 there was a slight decrease (-2%) in the volume of hate crimes recorded compared to the previous quarter.

Current activity to support increased reporting and investigative delivery in this area includes:

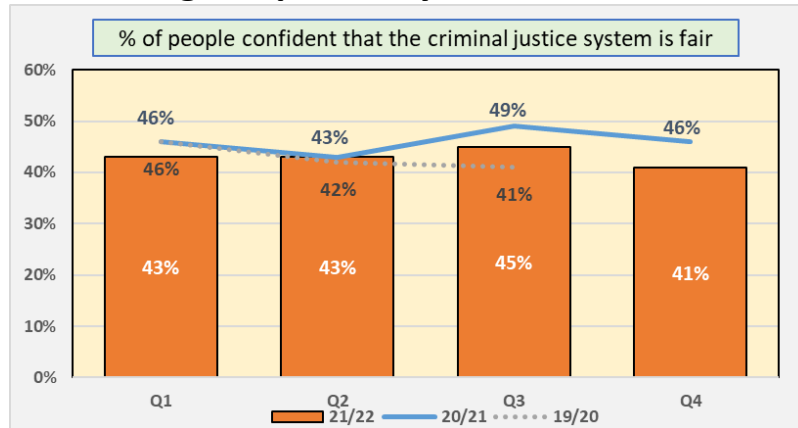
- Mandatory hate crime training for all police officers, PCSO's, Special Constables and Force Control Room staff who come into contact with members of the public affected by hate crime or hate incidents as part of their role
- Continued support of the external hate hurts campaign that aims to raise awareness of hate crime, encourage reporting and reassure the public of SYP's commitment to tackling it
- The development of a force level investigations improvement unit designed to improve the quality of investigations and investigative standards across the force including hate crime
- A force hate crime working group, that analyses the quarterly performance document provided to districts to review longer-term issues regarding hate crime and incidents and identify proactive opportunities to intervene before escalation.

Overall satisfaction of hate crime victims was 70% in Q4 21/22. There has been no statistically significant change in the Q4 figure compared with the previous quarter or the same period last year. Hate crimes are reviewed on a daily, weekly and monthly basis to ensure that they are allocated and investigated effectively. The force continues to work with partners, and the OPCC to seek feedback from victims in order to support improvements in service delivery, and increase the confidence of victims to report to the police.

Source: SYP- unaudited data subject to change



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Source: SYP Your Voice Counts Survey

41% of people surveyed in Q4 think that the criminal justice system is fair. This change is not statistically significant compared to the previous quarter. This is a significant decrease from 46% recorded in the equivalent period in 20/21.

The Police Workforce

SYP overall workforce representation has remained static over the last three months. Female representation remains good at 49.3% and there continues to be small increases in people reporting protected characteristics such as their disability and LGBT+ status. SYP are developing a self-service option to make this easier for people to update.

Heritage other than white representation remains low, but is up 0.2% this quarter to 3.8%. This compares to the last reported census data (2011) of a resident population of 9.4% heritage other than white. It is expected that this population figure may rise following the next census and so the improvement the force needs to make will be greater.

Police officer ethnic minority appears to have stabilised and is up 0.1% at 5%. This is a small improvement on the quarter before. The force are slightly higher than previously reported for disability representation at 3.8% however LGBT+ representation has decreased slightly in Q4 to 2.9%.

Female representation continues to be at high of 36.2%, this quarter up slightly on the one before. Police officer representation from heritage other than white continues to be an issue at 3.8% as there are no significant improvements over the last 12 months.

Since August 2021 SYP's positive action activity has been increasing to address this. With some additional resources in place for the core recruitment windows in March-May 2022 which will help support talent pipelines into the final year of Police Uplift. It is hoped this positive action activity will result in improvements to overall representation, starting from the basis of building genuine trust and confidence.

SYP and the PCC would like to see more balanced female representation across the ranks and greater improvement at Sergeant level. Female Sergeant representation remains fairly consistent at 28.9%, and it is the critical pipeline for the other ranks.

Ethnic minority representation in police officer leadership roles continues to be poor at all levels. SYP currently do not have any ethnic minorities above the rank of Chief Inspector (CI) (CI - 4.4%) and (4.2% Inspector). At three levels of leadership, the force have no ethnic minority representation – Superintendent, Chief Superintendent, and Chief Officer. Representation at Sergeant rank has remained similar at around 2.5% and has been around this point for the last 18 months. As indicated with female representation, the entry level pipeline is critical to success in more representation at higher ranks.

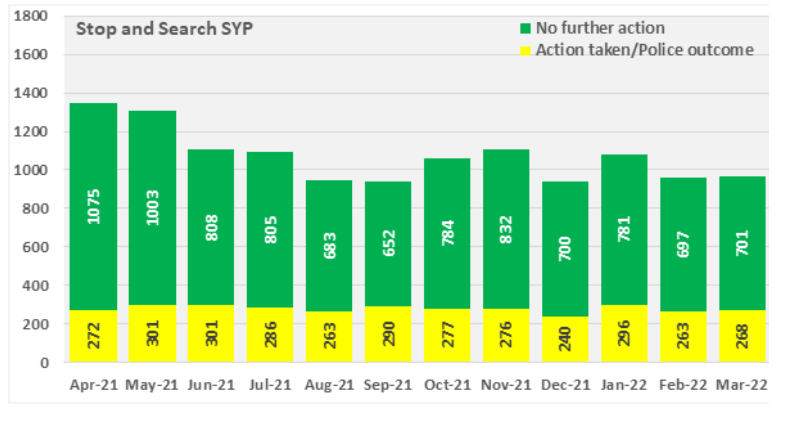
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Stop and Search

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

Public external scrutiny of stop and search incidents re-started during Q4, following their suspension due to Covid restrictions. A panel of members of the public are now able to review stop and search incidents by viewing body worn video footage where available. Meetings of the panel are held every two months and findings from the scrutiny are discussed by the Panel members with SYP’s Stop and Search Lead and an Inspector.

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



The chart to the left shows the numbers of stop and searches undertaken. The yellow areas show where there is positive action taken or a police

outcome when someone is stopped and searched. This includes outcomes such as arrest, warning, caution and summons/charge by post or penalty notice. The percentage of positive outcomes in January and February 2022 was 27% and 28% in March 2022.

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 to Mar 21 | | | | |
|--|-----------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Ethnicity | No. of searches | % of searches | % positive outcome | Rate per 1000 population* |
| White | 7494 | 67% | 27% | 6.2 |
| Black | 533 | 5% | 28% | 20.7 |
| Asian | 757 | 7% | 30% | 11.8 |
| Other | 100 | 1% | 30% | 6.6 |
| Mixed | 203 | 2% | 35% | 9.8 |
| Not Stated | 2054 | 18% | 19% | |

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

*Rate per 1000 population is based on 2011 population census data. These are the latest official statistics available that break down the ethnicity of the UK population and so need to be used as a guide only as population demographics may have changed.

Between January 2022 and March 2022, 86% of stop and searches were conducted on males, 14% on females. Although the actual numbers of searches of people from Black, Asian and Minority ethnic communities are lower than for white people, the rate per 1000 population shows that there is disproportionality in the use of stop and search within these communities. Work is underway 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>

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Restorative Justice (RJ) - Remedi

Remedi, a registered charity, is the provider commissioned by the PCC 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 Q4, 1st January 2022– 31st March 2022, Remedi received a potential 390 referrals into the service. Potential referrals are when one party has agreed to a restorative justice intervention. To become an ‘active referral’ both parties must consent to RJ. Potential referrals were received via agency and/or self-referrals or as a result of a sentence outcome at court, enabling Remedi to make proactive victim contact.

Of the 390 potential referrals, 94 victims of crime have been spoken to and offered RJ during this quarter and the service are still attempting to contact a further 296 cases. Remedi offer 3 proactive calls at different times of the day in an attempt to speak to victims about the service, with 5 attempts on all cases where the victim is deemed vulnerable as in line with the national Code of Practice for Victims of Crime (VCOP).

RJ practitioners continue to hold a mix of standard, sensitive and complex and out of court disposal cases. The following interventions have taken place across South Yorkshire during this quarter:

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

RJ Service User feedback:

‘Restorative Justice for me has been very interesting and helpful I am glad that you contacted me. I am pleased that the person responsible has taken time to write to myself, it is appreciated’.

‘I feel guilty, so many people have had extra work because of me, and I’ve wasted so much of other people’s time. I want the emergency worker who was dealing with my case to know that I am serious when I say that I will not do it again and I want to thank him for all of the time he’s put into my case and I want him to know that the crime prevention order slowed my offending right down, so it did have a positive effect and it wasn’t all in vain. I am paying for what I did now, and Restorative Justice has helped me to wipe the slate clean for when I get out so I can move on. I owed everybody who was hurt in any way an apology’.

‘Thank you for supporting me through this process, it has allowed me to have a true understanding of the person responsible for my offence, it was nice to hear why he committed the offence and the circumstances surrounding his personal hardships, this has reassured me that this wasn’t a directed attack on myself, thank you Remedi, I would highly recommend this service’.

‘After talking with Remedi, I took part in RJ to let the offender know how it made me feel, but also it was good for me to get some perspective and understanding as to why it happened. I wanted the offender to know how his crime affected others, innocent people, and to help him think twice in future. I give the RJ experience with Remedi a 10 out of 10’.

The RJ Hub is based within Snig Hill Police Station and operates working hours 9am – 5pm Monday-Friday. An answerphone facility is available out of hours and all calls will be responded to. Remedi welcome referrals for RJ from victims & offenders themselves or any professional working with those persons.

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

4. Providing Value for Money for Policing and Crime Services

Whilst working towards delivering the priorities and areas of focus within the Police and Crime Plan, all partners will need to have regard to providing value for money. The plan focuses value for money on:

- Maximising Economy, Efficiency and Effectiveness in all that we do.
- Achieving the right balance of resources for the most efficient and effective policing and crime services - e.g. the balance between funding policing and enforcement activity versus funding early intervention and prevention activity.

Economy, Efficiency and Effectiveness

There are two main ways currently that value for money aims to be measured; through the quarterly Budget Monitoring Report covering “economy” and “efficiency” and the quarterly Police and Crime Plan Performance Report covering “effectiveness”. Both these reports are presented and discussed at the Police and Crime Panel meetings. Further work is being undertaken during 2021/22 looking at measuring value for money

Financial Position

This data has not been updated for Q4 and remains as per the quarter 3 report presented to the Police and Crime Panel on 25th April 2022. The data will be update as soon as possible during June 2022.

The high-level forecast financial position for the OPCC and South Yorkshire Police for the year ending March 2022 at the end of December 2021 is:

Revenue budget £1.267m underspend:

- The group will have to anticipate an underspend by £1.25m, which will be transferred from the general fund reserve to the unusable pension reserve. This treatment is in line with external audit edict after the budget was set for 2021-22 on prepayment of pension deficits should not be recorded as in year expenditure but be taken directly through reserves. If the aforementioned amount is not met, then other reserves would have to be used.
- OPCC £0.322m underspend. This relates to underspends on:
 - ⊖ Staffing: Repayment of the 2021/22 staff pension lump sum payment paid to South Yorkshire Pensions Authority in 2020/21 and funded by reserves (underspend £49k), recharges to externally funded projects and staff turnover.
- SYP underspend £0.266m.
- Commissioning and Partnerships £0.360m underspend, mainly due to additional external funding that was confirmed after budget setting.
- Capital Financing £0.144m underspend. This is in line with the strategy of utilising internal borrowing for as long as possible. Long term borrowing is likely to be needed in the new financial year, and in line with the strategy.
- Legacy £0.18m underspend, this relates to Hillsborough, the Stovewood enquiry, and CSE civil claims and this figure may move based on the outcome of various activities.

Capital budget:

- The approved capital programme has been revised up during the year from £17.8m to £19.63m due to previous year’s slippage being added. Expenditure to 31st December 2021 is £10.76m. It is anticipated that the programme will spend in full.

Regional Collaboration

Taking a regional approach to procurement is one way in which the Force aims to be as efficient as possible. The Regional Yorkshire and Humber Procurement Team was established in 2012. The four forces involved currently spend in excess of £220 million per annum on goods and services. The Procurement Strategy sets out the commitment to achieve value for money for the public purse through all procurement and commissioning activity, in order to both protect frontline services and support a sustainable economic environment.

In the period 1st January 2022 to 31st March 2022, twenty four procurement contracts were awarded for SYP with twelve of these collaborative. For the full financial year 2021/22, actual cashable savings achieved stand were 99.4% against the target set by the Home Office.

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Public Engagement

In addition to virtual engagement with partners and community groups, the PCC and his engagement officer attended a variety of face-to-face events across the county during quarter 4. This included meetings with MPs and ward councillors.

- The PCC's weekly Blog is sent to nearly 3,000 local residents, community group recipients, partner organisations and businesses. It continues to be a valuable source of dialogue between the Commissioner and members of the public.
- Rural crime was discussed with farmers, local councillors and parish councils who had been the targets of criminal and threatening behaviour on their land. Members of the Neighbourhood Policing Team attended and are working with them to tackle the issues.
- Maltby residents were reporting increasing crime issues in the community and held an emergency meeting of the town council. The PCC met with members of the town council following the meeting to discuss the issues in detail and then later attended a walkabout in the area with councillors and the neighbourhood officers where he was able to speak to residents about their experiences. As a result of the visit a number of actions were taken including improved security measures at a community centre and involvement of the Community Payback Scheme to tidy up Coronation Park and some surrounding streets.
- An increase in public concerns about road safety (in particular speeding) at a number of local community meetings led to the PCC hosting a Road Safety Round Table event with partners to enable clearer understanding of roles and responsibilities and sharing of good practice which will help with responding to public concerns about which agencies are responsible for traffic solutions including cameras and speeding restrictions.
- Speeding was discussed in detail at Bramley Parish Council where there are increasing concerns about a particular road that has seen fatalities in recent months. The council expressed concerns around drug use and requested attendance at their meeting from the Neighbourhood Policing Team. Discussions also took place around how the police support Remembrance Day Parades.
- A meeting with members of the Dinnington Town Council discussed ways of closer working between the police and the local community and led to arrangements being made for the Neighbourhood Policing Team using the council officers a base for meeting with the public.

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 |
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| Trust and Confidence Steering Group | To improve the trust and confidence that the communities of South Yorkshire have in South Yorkshire Police | 4 meetings held between Apr 2021 – Mar 2022 |
| Monthly Public Accountability Board meetings | An opportunity for the PCC and members of the public to question the Chief Constable and his team | 12 meetings held between Apr 2021 – Mar 2022 |
| Quarterly Joint Independent Audit Committee meetings | Focussing on governance and risk management – exception reports to the Public Accountability Board meetings | 4 meetings and 1 workshop held between Apr 2021 – Mar 2022 |
| 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 Apr 2021 – Mar 2022 |
| 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 4, 111 desktop custody record checks, 7 physical ICV visits and 3 visits to the kennels 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 Apr 2021 – Mar 2022 |
| 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 | 27 decisions made and published on the website between Apr 2021 – Mar 2022 |
| Joint Corporate Governance Framework | Making sure the PCC and Chief Constable conduct business correctly in line with the statutory framework. | |