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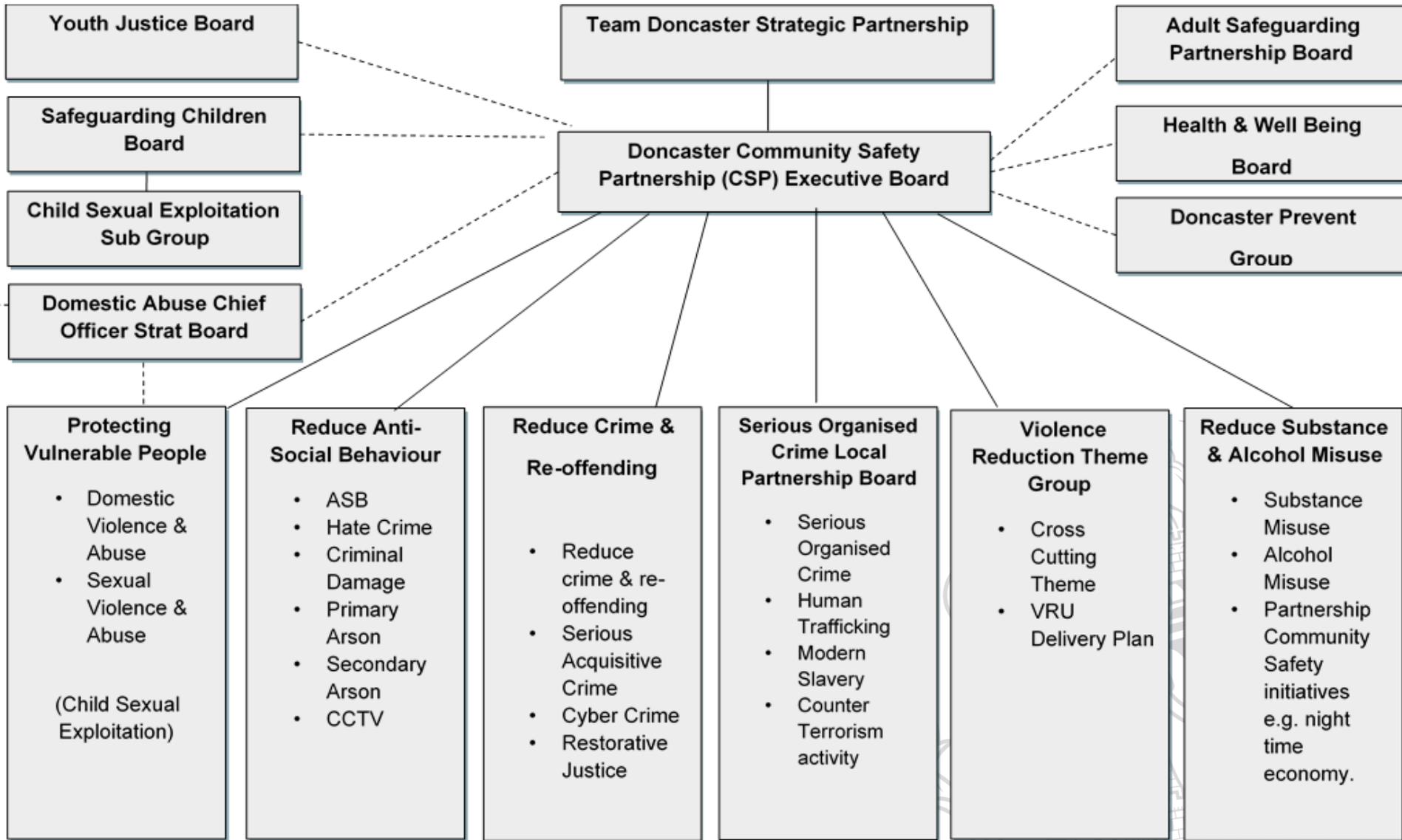
**Community and Environment  
(Crime and Disorder Committee)  
Overview and Scrutiny Presentation  
10.02.21**

# Topics to be covered

- Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership (SSDP) priorities and performance overview, including the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic
- Additional focus re. Domestic Violence following the session in November 2020



# The Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership

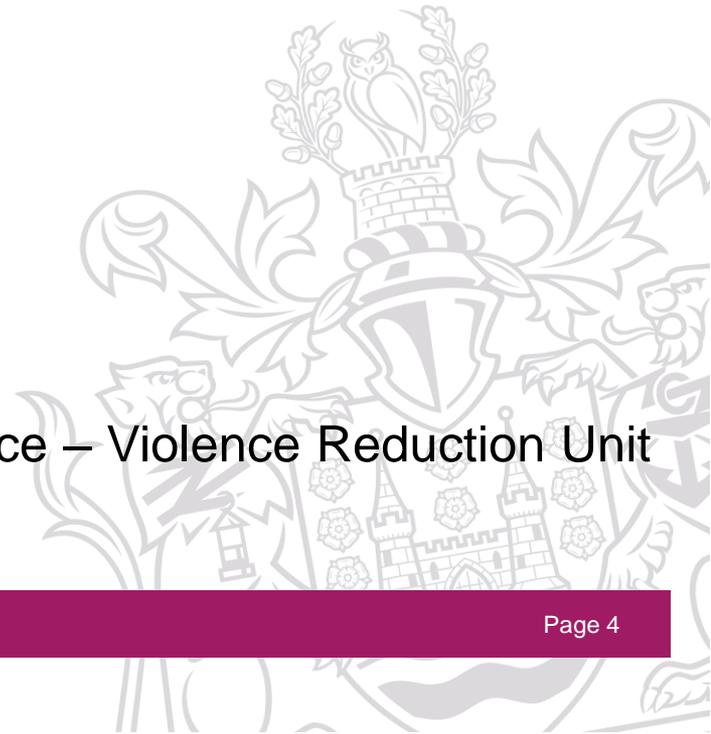


# Community Safety Partnership Priorities

- The Doncaster Community Safety Partnership is responsible for the delivery of the Community Safety Strategy for 2018 – 2021.
- This strategy is currently being renewed and will be available later in the year.

Our current priorities are:

- Reducing Crime and re-offending
- Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour
- Protecting Vulnerable People
- Tackling Serious and organised crime
- Reducing substance and alcohol misuse
- Additional dedicated theme of Reducing Violence – Violence Reduction Unit



# Priority One – Reducing Crime and Re-Offending

ALL CRIME	Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	Jan 2020 - Dec 2020	2019/20 % Change
Doncaster	37911	35850	-5.4%
SYP Forcwide Crime	147205	135049	-8.3%
Doncaster Crime as a % of Force	25.8%	26.5%	+0.8%

All Crime Doncaster	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2019	3101	2850	3276	3130	3101	2993	3462	3213	3031	3404	3293	3057
2020	3460	3067	3005	2519	2669	2815	3153	3114	3210	3201	3084	2888
2019/20 Change	11.5%	7.6%	-8.3%	-19.5%	-13.9%	-5.9%	-8.9%	-3.1%	5.9%	-6.0%	-6.3%	-5.5%

- Doncaster has seen an overall decrease in reported Crime during 2020.
- Reported crime increased in both January and February 2020. However from March 2020 (UK placed under national lockdown) most months have noted a decrease in crime compared to 2019, with the highest decrease - 19.5% noted in April.
- The exception to this decrease was in September which saw a 5.9% increase, in this month the district was not under lockdown or tier restrictions.
- Doncaster equates for 26.5% of SYP's total recorded crime, it is only exceeded by offending within Sheffield (37.8% of SYP overall crime).
- Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC) work with SYP to identify the high frequency cohort of offenders and these are managed through the local offender Mgt partnership (LOMP) This work has continued during Covid.

*Data extracted on the 29/12/2020 at 1243 pm from SYP Performance Dashboard, of note figures may change due to late reporting and reclassification.*

# Priority One – Reducing Crime and Re-Offending

- The Prison Investigation Team works in local prisons managing investigations and prison adjudications, offering speedier justice and assisting the Prison Establishment in managing their environment.
- The team drives proactive drug supply operations to disrupt supply routes and has established a process to fast track all prison staff assaults with reductions in staff assaults being recorded.
- Operation Shield continues within Doncaster with increased coverage into areas experiencing ongoing burglary issues, officers are engaging with the community and providing Smartwater packs to residents within the area. All areas are reviewed at the SSDP Reducing Crime Theme Group.
- IOM, CRC and the Probation Service have a structured process in place to manage prison releases ensuring licences, conditions and ongoing support to allow the individual to integrate back into the community with the aim of preventing any relapse back into offending.
- Targeted multi-agency work is undertaken at identified hotspot locations.
- This year the group have refreshed Terms of Reference a new Strategy & new co-chairs and updated attendees.

# Priority Two – Reducing Anti Social Behaviour

ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR	Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	Jan 2020 - Dec 2020	2019/20 % Change
Doncaster ASB	8,065	8,945	10.9%
SYP Forcewide ASB	32,902	37,030	12.5%
Doncaster ASB as % of Force	24.5%	24.1%	

- 2020 saw an increase in Force-wide Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents. Doncaster increased by 10.9%, below the Force's 12.5% increase.
- Between January to March 2020 ASB Incidents decreased by 21%. Since April 2020 incidents have increased compared to 2019 monthly figures.
- The highest increase 49% was noted in May 2020 compared to May 2019, the ASB categories that saw the highest increase were off road bikes (212%), Nuisance Neighbour (180%), and Rowdy/Inconsiderate Behaviour (60%) the increase in these incidents could reflect that in May 2020 the district was still under lockdown with people restricted within their locality.
- Similarly the ASB categories that saw the highest increase in incidents overall in 2020 were off road bikes (100%), Nuisance Neighbour (66%), and Rowdy/Inconsiderate Behaviour (8.1%) . Rowdy/Inconsiderate Behaviour incidents accounted for 40% of all ASB Incidents in 2020.
- Compared to 2019 Begging incidents have decreased by 38% in 2020, high volumes remain concentrated within the Town Centre as well as in Wheatley and Bentley. Vehicle Nuisance complaints also decreased by 8.4%.

*Data extracted on 04.01.2021 at 16:00 from SYP Performance Dashboard, of note figures may change due to incident reclassification.*

# Priority Two – Reducing Anti Social Behaviour

- ASB incidents have now tracked over our 3 year average consistently since April 20 (with the exception of September).
- Whilst we are still holding a 15% decrease over our 3 year average, when this period is compared to same period last year, we are showing an 8% increase.
- As a theme group we have examined the data and discussed underlying issues. Of note is that ASB in some guise is contained within the PACT priorities for 20/21 Doncaster ward areas (exception is Hatfield).
- The ASB Theme group acknowledges the clear correlation between the periods of lockdown and the reported increases.
- There is a sub issue that has arisen from fly-tipping, which is contributing to this data. The Theme Group asserts that during lockdown and many people carrying out work on their homes and gardens people, we have seen an increase in fly tipping. The new CCTV capital bid has increased availability of cameras to tackle this important issue.

# Priority Two – Reducing Anti Social Behaviour

- The theme group is concerned that the national pandemic may create an acceptance of the increase of ASB incidents and as a group we are keen to address this rather than accept it as inevitable.
- All partners have agreed to the ASB youth action plan which looks at a problem solving approach set in the context of a community in lockdown. A solutions based approach has been adopted for schools which, anticipating school closures, is designed to be delivered via on line platforms
- A Facebook marketing campaign with targeted demographics was trialed for two weeks commencing 20/11/20. This is currently being evaluated and updates to follow.
- Our current priorities are:
  - Rowdy/inconsiderate behaviour – statistically significant increase in last 6 months
  - Fly tipping – consistent increases in this type of ASB resulting in 121% increase in July 20
- Other Theme Group considerations:
  - Whilst off road bikes remains the second most reported incident type by communities the data supports focus on the priorities detailed above, although there are embedded processes via the off road bike team that regularly yield positive results and remains an area of close scrutiny.
  - The group remains vigilant around Criminal Damage which is hovering around the 12 month average

# Priority Three – Protecting Vulnerable People (SYP)

PRIORITY THREE - DOMESTIC ABUSE	Doncaster			SYP Force		
	Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	Jan 2020 - Dec 2020	2019/20 % Change	Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	Jan 2020 - Dec 2020	2019/20 % Change
<b>Total Domestic Abuse</b>	8,468	<b>9,852</b>	16.3%	34,256	<b>36,592</b>	6.8%
Domestic Abuse – Crime	5,354	<b>6,117</b>	14.2%	20,936	<b>22,467</b>	7.3%
Domestic Abuse - Non Crime	3,114	<b>3,735</b>	19.9%	13,320	<b>14,125</b>	6%

- Doncaster's Domestic Abuse saw an increase of 16.3% compared to 2019, with increases both in recorded crime and in DA non-crime.
- The launch of the Domestic Violence Protection Order (DVPO) unit in March, prompted an increase in the number of orders being applied for by the Force.
- In 2020 SYP ran the #CutTheStrings campaign and launched the online portal to encourage and reduce the barriers of reporting Domestic Abuse.

PRIORITY THREE – SEXUAL ABUSE	Doncaster			SYP (Force)		
	Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	Jan 2020 - Dec 2020	2019/20 % Change	Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	Jan 2020 - Dec 2020	2019/20 % Change
<b>Total Sexual Abuse</b>	972	<b>949</b>	-2.4%	4333	<b>4032</b>	-6.9%
Rape	304	<b>272</b>	-10.5%	1583	<b>1391</b>	-12.1%
Other Sexual Offences	668	<b>677</b>	1.4%	2750	<b>2641</b>	-4%

- Doncaster's total Sexual Abuse saw a decrease of 2.4% compared to 2019, with a 10.5% decrease noted for Rape.

# Doncaster DA Serviced Performance Update

Hub/DAC referrals			
Monthly breakdown of referrals, from April to December.	2019		2020
April			147
May			148
June	Q1 252	195	Q1 490
July			152
August			136
September	Q2 439	182	Q2 470
October			152
November			165
December	Q3 377	132	Q3 448
<b>Total</b>	1068		1408
			(31.83 % increase)

IDVA referrals	2019	2020
Quarter 1 April to June	235	317
Quarter 2 July to September	260	336
<b>Quarter 3 October to December</b>	264	365
<b>Total</b>	759	1018 (34.12 % increase from 2019 to 2020)

Monthly breakdown of referrals, from April 2020.	2020
April	103
May	105
June	109
July	105
August	84
September	147
October	102
November	109
December	154
<b>Total</b>	1018

# Domestic Abuse - Responding to imminent challenges

- A dashboard has been developed to map DA across Doncaster and highlight incidents linked to serial perpetrators and victims. The dashboard provides information on the current numbers of referrals received by the DA service. It will be extended to include wider partner data.
- The partnership is developing a process, to manage serial DA perpetrators - Multi Agency Tasking and Coordination (MATAC) sharing data from partners to better manage the risk. MATAC will be embedded into business as a monthly meeting.
- Operation Encompass, the sharing of information between the Police and schools, highlights to a school that a DA incident has occurred in the home environment. It is an early warning system. Schools only need to take action if they find the child or young person in distress. 86 out of 99 primary schools, 15 out of 19 secondary schools and 6 out of 7 special schools are signed up. Our goal is that all schools will be part of the scheme.

# Domestic Abuse - Responding to imminent challenges

- The DA Chief Officer Group Strategic Board continues to meet, driving our strategic priorities.
- A new role (Domestic abuse strategic lead) has been appointed with a proposed start date in early March.
- The post is pivotal to driving forward the new DA strategy and ensuring cross partner working in relation to domestic violence and abuse.
- The Strategic lead will not carry responsibility for managing staff or operational services.
- They will chair the dedicated task group, which sits below the DA Chief Officer Strategic Board.

## Priority Four - Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

- Doncaster currently have 16 Active mapped OCG's comprised of 142 individuals that are identified as forming part of an OCG. The majority of criminality associated with OCGs is drug related.
- Doncaster OCG's undergo regular review and scoring. The Risk Score presents the level of risk posed. This method of scoring provides a structure in which to prioritise activity based on threat, risk and harm. The highest scoring attracting the highest resources.
- A bronze, silver and gold structure continues to drive our OCG activity. This captures work undertaken under Pursue, Prepare, Protect and Prevent and supports joint working between police and partners to disrupt OCG activity
- A long term deployment of police resources has been focussed on a Mexborough / Conisbrough / Denaby based OCG, this has attracted significant resources and has allowed disruption of key individuals linked to this OCG with drugs, cash and a firearm being recovered and a number of OCG members being imprisoned or pending sentence.
- There have been fourteen firearms discharge incidents in Doncaster throughout 2020, two of which resulted in injury. Nine firearms have been recovered in the same period and are now no longer in criminal circulation for use by Organised Criminals. However in the early part of 2021 there was fatal shooting in Mexborough which is still being investigated.

## Priority Four - Tackling Serious and Organised Crime

- The impact of covid on SOC crime levels and service provision from partners has been minimal on operations with restrictions to access prisons being only a minor hurdle.
- The partnership continue to work closely to focus on the exploitation of children exposed to OCG activity with dedicated resources tasked with tackling CCE and those vulnerable to becoming involved in 'county lines'.
- A separate OCG in Doncaster has identified possible links to county lines drug dealing across the region. Joint work has been undertaken by both forces and with the support of the Regional Organised Crime Unit. Due to the sustained activity this group is now effectively dormant and therefore allowing investigative time and significant opportunities to protect vulnerable children.
- Significant impact has been made on a further OCG in Doncaster , with a number of warrants executed. During this reporting period we have focused on the top tier seeking disruptive charging decisions to allow deeper investigative work, whilst protecting the wider community. We have trials awaited for serious criminal offences and principle members are currently remanded.

# Priority Five—Reducing Substance and Alcohol Misuse

Priority Five	Doncaster			SYP Force		
	Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	Jan 2020 - Dec 2020	2019/20 % Change	Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	Jan 2020 - Dec 2020	2019/20 % Change
Total Drug Offences	878	<b>931</b>	6.0%	3398	<b>4471</b>	31.6%
Possession of Drugs	599	<b>570</b>	-4.8%	2323	<b>2839</b>	22.2%
Trafficking of Drugs	279	<b>361</b>	29.4%	1075	<b>1632</b>	51.8%

- Approximately 50% of all opiate users in Doncaster are in structured specialist treatment, with the remainder able to access needle exchange through a network of pharmacy exchanges and the specialist needle exchange at Aspire on Thorne Road
- However it is estimated that there is a 90% unmet need for alcohol treatment, with evidence that referrals to alcohol treatment have increased by 100% during the covid 19 period
- An Alcohol Alliance has been formed which meets monthly to address the unmet need and reducing alcohol related harm, and 2 additional alcohol workers have been recruited to address the increased demand
- A piece of action research work with Huddersfield University will take place during 2021 to improve local responses to the harms caused to children and young people by parental alcohol misuse
- Substance misuse treatment services have remained operational during the covid 19 period, with virtual methods being adopted for one to one and group work, however face to face work is being delivered in a covid secure way where clinically indicated. The inpatient detoxification facility at New Beginnings remains open

# Additional Theme –Reducing Violence

- This is a cross cutting issue amongst Theme Groups, i.e. domestic abuse, organised crime, substance misuse.
- In response to the creation of the South Yorkshire Violence Reduction unit, SSDP have acknowledged that work to reduce violent crime in Doncaster should have parity with other Theme Groups.
- The Doncaster Violence Reduction Unit Action Plan was developed in response and contains a range of relevant actions.
- Group are currently mapping what work does not fall within the remit of other Theme Groups using the ward profile.
- The night time economy and youth violence/crime are 2 areas that are not currently covered by existing sub groups.
- The effect of Covid 19 has been to decrease violent crime in the night time economy but increase the level of domestic abuse

# Violence Reduction – data and headlines

	Doncaster			SYP Force		
	Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	Jan 2020 - Dec 2020	2019/20 % Change	Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	Jan 2020 - Dec 2020	2019/20 % Change
Violence Against Person Offences						
<b>Total VAP</b>	12,059	<b>12577</b>	4.3%	46,102	<b>46526</b>	0.9%
Death Serious Inj by Illegal Driving	3	<b>4</b>	33.3%	32	<b>18</b>	-43.8%
Homicide	5	<b>5</b>	-	16	<b>19</b>	18.8%
Stalking and Harassment	4,320	<b>4963</b>	14.9%	17,025	<b>18393</b>	8.0%
Violence with Injury	3,877	<b>3502</b>	-9.7%	14,645	<b>12824</b>	-12.4%
Violence without Injury	3,854	<b>4103</b>	6.5%	14,384	<b>15272</b>	6.2%

Violence Against Person offences saw an increase of 4.3% compared to 2019, with increases of both in Stalking and Harassment offences and Violence without Injury

## Breakdown of Domestic related VAP Offences

	Doncaster			SYP Force		
	Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	Jan 2020 - Dec 2020	2019/20 % Change	Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	Jan 2020 - Dec 2020	2019/20 % Change
DV Tagged Violence Against Person Offences						
<b>Total DV tagged VAP</b>	4064	<b>4491</b>	10.5%	15851	<b>16673</b>	5.2%
Death Serious Inj by Illegal Driving	0	<b>0</b>	-	0	<b>1</b>	-
Homicide	1	<b>1</b>	0.0%	1	<b>3</b>	200.0%
Stalking and Harassment	1465	<b>1697</b>	15.8%	5,489	<b>6036</b>	10.0%
Violence with Injury	1119	<b>1230</b>	9.9%	4,684	<b>4733</b>	1.0%
Violence without Injury	1479	<b>1563</b>	5.7%	5677	<b>5900</b>	3.9%

VAP offences that were tagged with a DV indicator saw an increase by 10.5% compared to 2019.

# In Summary

- The Covid emergency and a series of restrictions on the public have seen an impact on crime and anti-social behaviour.
- Our areas concern remain Domestic Abuse, where like other areas, we have seen an increase in reports and referrals. We have invested in additional service support and strengthened our Governance and monitoring.
- During lockdown our Partnership has continued to deliver services and respond to any emerging issues and challenges.
- The updated Community Safety Strategy and revised priorities will reflect the learning and the new and emerging challenges we have seen in the last year.

# Questions ?

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