

Performance and Resources Scrutiny Programme 2020/21

Report to the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex

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1.0 Purpose of Report

The report covers for each of the nine thematic strands of the Crime Prevention Strategy 2018-21 (herein 'the Strategy'):

- **Dashboard** of progress of the associated Delivery Plan;
- **Work strands at risk** and mitigating action leading to the transfer, tolerate, treat, terminate or take the opportunity in relation to that risk;
- **Insights** to show/illustrate data insights for minimum of rolling 12 months up to end of last quarter;
- **Delivery achieved previous quarter** and the impact on data, outputs and/or outcomes;
- **Delivery schedule for current quarter** and the anticipated impact on data, outputs and/or outcomes and when this will be realised.

2.0 Recommendations

No recommendations.

3.0 Executive Summary

3.1 Dashboard summary

Delivery Plan progress across the 9 thematic strands can be summarised as:

| | Total Strands | Complete | Ongoing/In progress | At risk |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| Domestic Abuse | 60 | 47 | 13 | 0 |
| Gangs and Knife Crime | 53 | 32 | 20 | 1 |
| Night-time Economy (NTE) | 25 | 13 | 12 | 0 |
| Child Abuse and Exploitation | 26 | 7 | 19 | 0 |
| Extremism and Radicalisation | 15 | 14 | 1 | 0 |
| Hate Crime | 30 | 15 | 15 | 0 |
| Digital Crime and Fraud | 48 | 17 | 31 | 0 |
| House Burglary and Street Robbery | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Serious and Organised Crime | 24 | 13 | 9 | 2 |
| Total | | | | |

3.2 Strands at risk

There are two thematic strands reported at risk of delivery (3 risks in total).

Gangs:

- 1) **Develop and support a cohort of community representatives that can provide the 'community voice' where appropriate devise community consultation groups – Community Listening events / Youth Ambassadors / Youths Parliament.** This activity has been hampered by the fact the Gangs officer started in January and then COVID arrived. This work will be recommenced once conditions allow.

Serious and Organised Crime:

- 2) **Produce thematic reporting products to Identify profiles of members of OCGs, hot spots and businesses linked to high harm OCGs** - This work has started with the analytical team and is being progressed.
- 3) **OCG Prevent Lead to explore opportunities around target hardening, education and diversionary programmes through industry, charitable organisations and the third sector** - This action has been hampered by COVID restrictions and will be pushed by Protect and Prevent post lockdown challenges.

3.3 Delivery/challenges by exception

3.3.1 Covid recovery

Operation Talla continues to operate with a dedicated Superintendent and Command structure.

Since the start of Operation Talla, Essex Police's (EP) approach to dealing with suspected breaches of the Coronavirus Act 2020 offences and the Health Protection Regulations has fallen in line with the national policing four-step escalation principles; Engage, Explain, Encourage and, as a last resort, Enforce. Since the last quarter more emphasis has been placed on the enforcement as governmental direction has been to increase enforcement.

EP has issued an increasing number of Fixed Penalty Notices which have been mainly for offences relating to people gathering in numbers in excess of the regulations. A number of business premises have been fined for either refusing to close or accommodating large gatherings. EP is part of a 'Compliance and Enforcement' Tactical Coordination Group which has representatives from all Essex Local Authorities (County, Unitaries & Districts). The local authorities remain responsible for the enforcement of the regulations with businesses whilst EP has primacy over individual breaches.

Essex Police issued its first fixed penalty notice on 1 April 2020 since then a total of 419 tickets have been issued; 171 during Q2.

A key message during the economic recovery has been 'Essex is open for business but closed for crime'. The Business Crime Team has continually worked with partners, commercial premises including Chamber of Commerce and Federation of Small Businesses to ensure an informed opening of trade in relation to regulations.

The Force has been monitoring public perception on how Essex Police's response to over the last several months. The latest survey (September) report:

- Overall, about 71% of those surveyed have confidence in the job the force is doing during the pandemic. This level has reduced slightly as a result of levels dropping in the last few weeks to below 70%. This may signal a reduction in public confidence per se now we are further into the Covid period and the high confidence levels (c.80%) recorded during the Q1 2020 in our wider survey may also be affected;
- Approximately 76% fully support the approach Essex Police is taking in policing the current situation.
- Overall, two thirds are satisfied with the communication about EP's approach - a broadly stable pattern.

3.3.2 Unlicensed Music Events (UME)

In line with national trends, Essex has seen an increase in the number of UME's being planned and executed during the summer period. Essex Police has recorded 69 UME's being executed within Essex, 62 during Q2.

Operation Silver Dawn is EP's response and the Force's position is clear; it is the aim of the Force to police 'raves' and other unlicensed music events in order to, minimise the disruption caused to the public, reduce and tackle anti-social behaviour and preserve the safety of the public, police officers and police staff.

EP is utilising a range of sources (local, national and global) in order to achieve early identification of UME in planning. Essex and Kent Serious Crime Directorate are running Op Victoria to accompany the Op Silver Dawn response plan. Op Victoria is the name of the intelligence collection for all unlicensed music events across both forces. This information is shared through regionally to ensure opportunities to disrupt events and reduce ASB within the community are taken and a suitable response is created.

4.0 Crime Prevention Strategy 2021-25 progress

As reported in Q1 report, Essex Police are committed to develop a stronger new Crime Prevention Strategy (2021-25). The proposed strategy is in progress with Chief Officers for consideration. The strategy model has been presented to Safer Essex and the SET Community Safety managers and has been well received.

Next Steps:

- Most thematic strands have developed a 4P Delivery Plan with all thematic strands scheduled to achieve this model by January 2021;
- December 2020 – final draft
- Q4 2020/21 – proposed Launch of Crime Prevention Strategy 2021-25 (format to be confirmed).

5.0 Thematic Strand Updates:

5.1 Domestic Abuse - Thematic Lead: Chief Superintendent Andrew Mariner

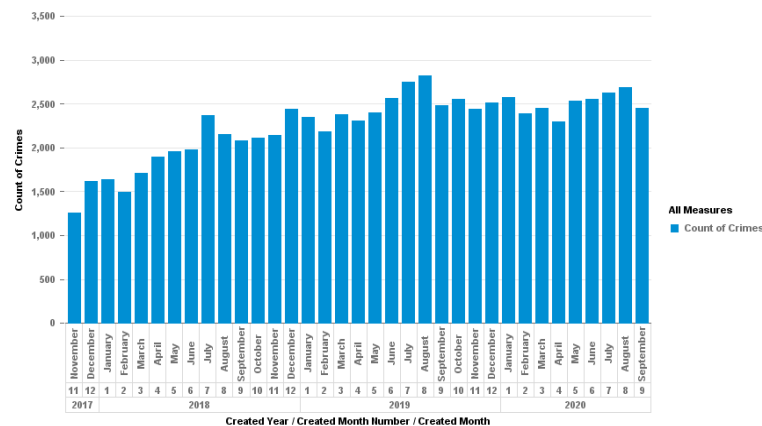
Delivery Plan progress dashboard:

| Domestic Abuse Delivery Plan Progress | 2020/21 | | | | 2021/22 | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------|----|----|----|---------|----|----|----|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
| Total strands | 60 | 60 | | | | | | |
| Complete | 41 | 47 | | | | | | |
| Ongoing / In progress | 18 | 13 | | | | | | |
| At risk | 1 | 0 | | | | | | |

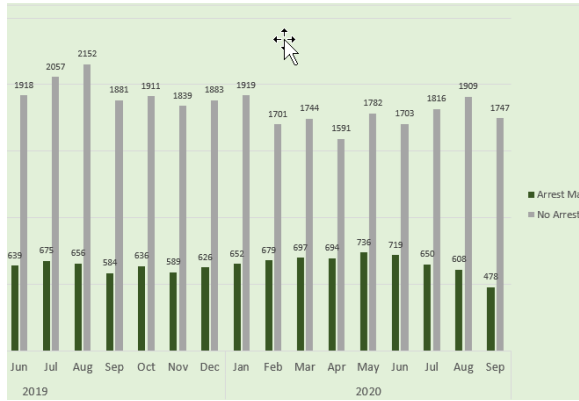
Identified risk: There are no risks identified.

Insights 12 months to end of September 2020:

| 12 Month ending September 19 | 12 Month ending September 20 | Diff. | % Diff. |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------|---------|
| 28926 | 30059 | 1133 | 3.9% |



Arrests:



Arrests for DA are slightly lower than this time last year, however demand is also down. August 2020 was 3,367 versus 2,895 in September, this represents a 474 reduction in incidents. However, it is important to note incidents aren't necessarily crimes that are recorded. It is also important to note arrest is not the only way to progress reports of domestic abuse.

In August there were 2517 DA allegations recorded on Athena, this reduced by 292 to 2225 in September. Therefore, a reduction in arrests of 130 between August and September isn't something that should be an immediate cause for concern.

Outcome 16's which are an indication of maintaining victims throughout the policing aspect of the CJ process have again reduced. The lower the number it could be argued the more engaged victims are. In August there were 1460 allegations closed with outcome 16. In September there were 1361. This represents a reduction of 99. Interestingly in September 2019 there were 1883 outcome 16's. The difference between outcome 16's in September 2019 versus 2020 is a reduction of 522 for the month.

DVPO's

| Month DVPN/O granted | 2019 | 2020 | breaches | - % + |
|----------------------|------|------|----------|-------|
| January | 6 | 19 | | 216% |
| February | 14 | 19 | | 35% |
| March | 14 | 22 | 6 | 57% |
| April | 9 | 27 | 6 | 200% |
| May | 16 | 16 | 7 | 0% |
| June | 21 | 21 | 6 | 0% |
| July | 22 | 26 | 7 | 18% |
| August | 14 | 22 | 10 | 63% |
| September | 12 | 27 | 4 | 125% |
| October | 18 | | | |
| November | 11 | | | |
| December | 11 | | | |

We continue to maintain a strong, nationally significant level of performance for DVPNs.

Delivery achieved previous quarter:

Over the past three years there has been a continual increase in Domestic Abuse calls for service. We are now meeting or exceeding our targets consistently. This is measured through call attendance, arrests, positive outcomes and reduction of outcome 15/16 and implementation of DVPO'S. Performance in this area has seen sustained and continual improvement over the last 4 cycles.

Delivery scheduled for current quarter:

- Focus for this quarter is the realisation of the new DA problem solving teams.
- Scoping and understanding the implications for Essex Police along with partners of the Domestic Abuse Bill.

5.2 Gangs and Knife Crime - Thematic Lead: Detective Superintendent Leighton Hammett**Delivery Plan progress dashboard:**

| Knife Crime Delivery Plan Progress | 2020/21 | | | | 2021/22 | | | |
|---|---------|----|----|----|---------|----|----|----|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
| Total strands | 13 | 13 | | | | | | |
| Complete | 7 | 10 | | | | | | |
| Ongoing / In progress | 6 | 3 | | | | | | |
| At risk | 0 | 0 | | | | | | |

| Gangs/ County Lines Delivery Plan Progress | 2020/21 | | | | 2021/22 | | | |
|---|---------|----|----|----|---------|----|----|----|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
| Total strands | 23 | 40 | | | | | | |
| Complete | 11 | 22 | | | | | | |
| Ongoing / In progress | 10 | 17 | | | | | | |
| At risk | 2 | 1 | | | | | | |

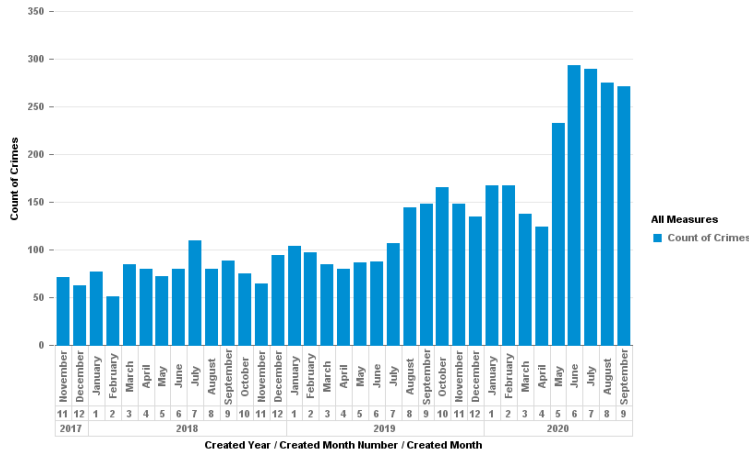
Strands at risk: The following strands of delivery have been identified as 'at risk'.

Develop and support a cohort of community representatives that can provide the 'community voice' where appropriate devise community consultation groups – Community Listening events / Youth Ambassadors / Youths Parliament - This activity has been hampered by COVID 19. This work will be re-commenced once conditions allow. Risk deemed low and can be tolerated.

Insight:

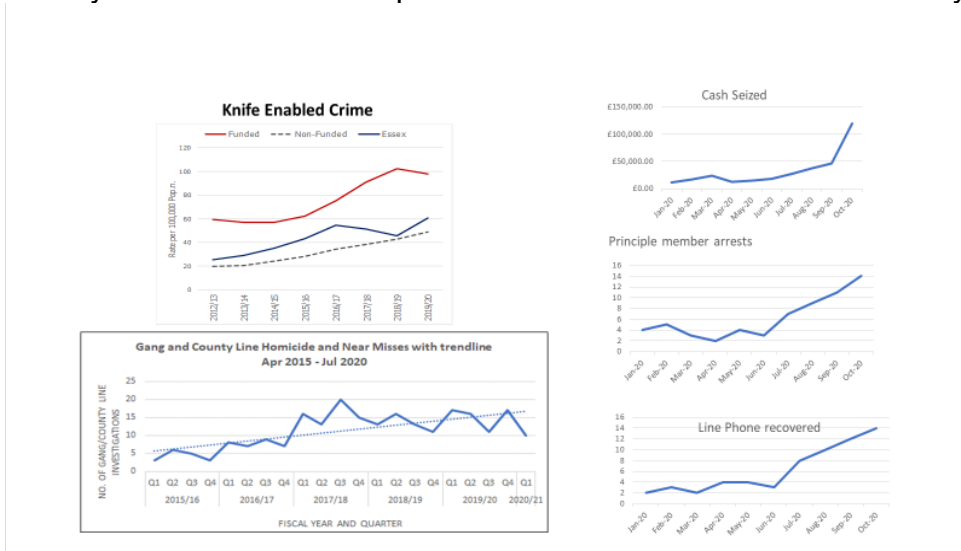
Knife Crime Offences 12 months to end of September 2020:

| 12 Month ending September 19 | 12 Month ending September 20 | Diff. | % Diff. |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1,174 | 2,405 | 1231 | +104.9% |



The above demonstrates the increased recording in knife enabled crime picture in Essex, albeit this is driven by improved data quality since June 2020, due to our revised tagging of such incidents. It also evidences the upward trend in near miss serious violence and homicides attributed to Gangs and County Lines in Essex over the past five years.

The final image evidence the upturn in performance around key areas to tackle Gangs and County Lines since the inception of the Serious Violence Unit in July 2020.



Delivery achieved previous quarter

Knife Crime Op Sceptre proactive deployments in Q1 & Q2 have resulted in:

| Q1 & Q2 Sceptre Results | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|-------------------|------------|---------|
| | Stop & Search | Intelligence submissions | Foot patrol hours | ANPR stops | Arrests |
| Total | 2,635 | 2,250 | 2,914 | 585 | 979 |

Knife enabled crime has shown an increase in the last six months to 60 offences per 100,000 population, that said we are a positive outlier when compared to other surge funded forces who average at 100 offences per 100,000 population. Improved data quality has contributed to the increase.

Home Office Surge funding has supported Essex Police setup Op Gloss. This sees Essex Police work in partnership with the UK Border Force to intercept parcels destined for Essex which contain prohibited Weapons and Drugs inside. To date we have seized 76 packages with weapons, 54 packages with drugs (7 Kilograms) and have had 71 positive outcomes with offender follow up.

Gangs / County Lines

The Serious Violence Unit (SVU) since inception in July 2020 has delivered 64 Warrants executed, 127 Arrests made, £230k Cash Seized and £128k Drugs seized.

- Upturn in criminal assets seized, line phones recovered, and principle members identified and arrested. (See graphs in Insight section)
- Significant investment with ERSOU (£90k) to see planned operations across the force.
- Two civil lawyers working within the SVU – ensuring we maximise all options around the 4P's to tackle Gangs and County Lines.
- Delivery of the Hampshire Scoring Matrix into Force and SVU tasking, we can now prioritise our work on a THR basis. We currently have 50 active County Lines in Essex.

Delivery scheduled for current quarter:

Knife Crime

- Evaluation of the 90-day hot spot trial in Southend supported by Home Office funding. Full details will be known in Jan 2021.
- A six-month review led by ACC Prophet to look at spending of the Home Office surge funding, in order to revise our plans for the next six months.
- The use predictive modelling to identify adults at risk of harm of knife crime. PAU have developed the algorithm that uses many data sets across the partnership to generate persons at risk. This program is due to start at the beginning of Dec 2020 and will involve the Priority Offender Team, Probation and Adult Social Care.

Gangs / County Lines

- Training to all our Raptor officers in the use of analytical software that will allow them to investigate County Lines, exploiting large amounts of passive data.
- The delivery of two dedicated CPS lawyers, working with SVU to give consistency, collaborative working and ensuring speedier justice.

5.3 Night-Time Economy - Thematic Lead: T/ Chief Superintendent John Hallworth

Delivery Plan progress dashboard:

In September 2020 the Night-Time Economy Harm Reduction Group met and updated the 4P plan. The delivery plan is centred around the objectives set out in the Crime Prevention Strategy.

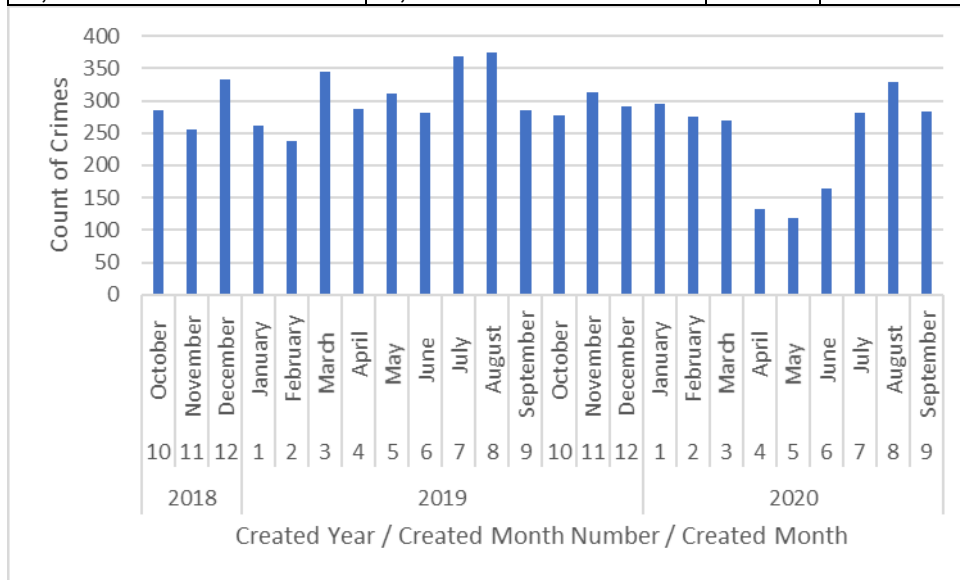
Delivery Plan progress dashboard:

| Delivery Plan Progress | 2020/21 | | | | 2021/22 | | | |
|------------------------|---------|----|----|----|---------|----|----|----|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
| Total strands | 24 | 25 | | | | | | |
| Complete | 1 | 13 | | | | | | |
| Ongoing / In progress | 23 | 8 | | | | | | |
| Paused due to COVID | 0 | 4 | | | | | | |
| At risk | 0 | 0 | | | | | | |

Insight:

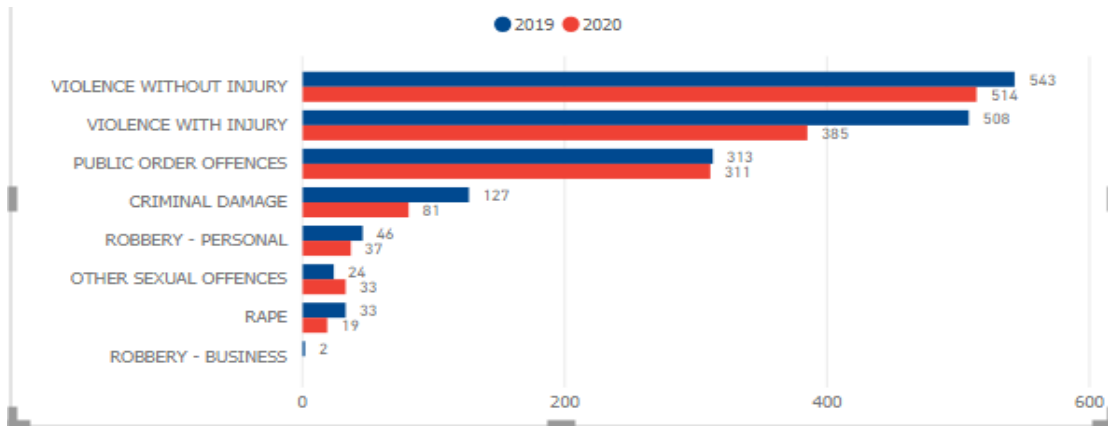
NTE Offences 12 months to end of September 2020:

| 12 Month ending September 19 | 12 Month ending September 20 | Diff. | % Diff. |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------|---------|
| 3,625 | 3,030 | -595 | -16.4% |

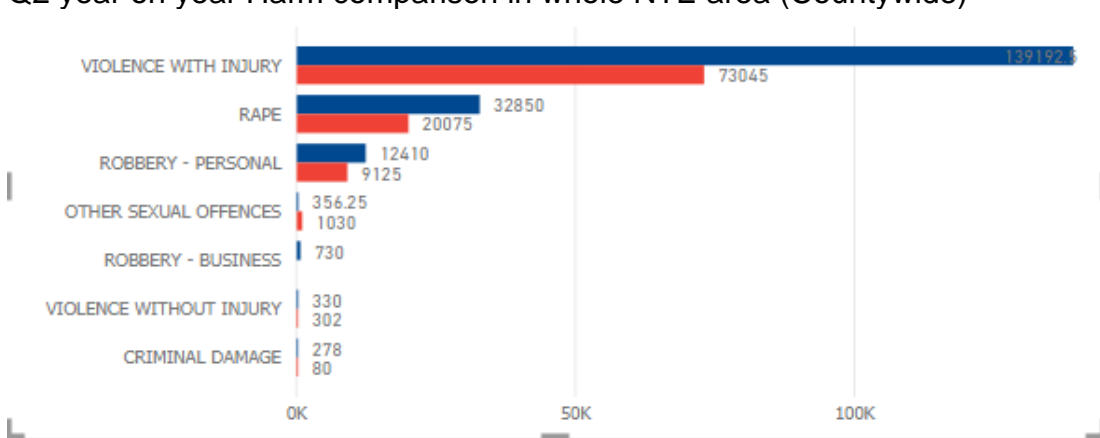


The interactive dashboard is complete and available with Power Bi, meaning Insights are instant. Accessibility to this Dashboard among the partnerships will be delivered as part of the Analytics For Everyone programme, (currently accessible by the NTE Harm Reduction Group and District Commanders). Key findings remain as per last quarter, with Harm heavily concentrated spatially, repeat victimisation rare and risky behaviours most linked to alcohol harm. The dashboard was used to inform the recent Homicide Prevention Plan, NTE section.

Q2 year on year offence comparison in whole NTE area (Countywide).



Q2 year on year Harm comparison in whole NTE area (Countywide)



Delivery achieved previous quarter:

The main activity across Q2 was in the following areas and much other activity was stymied due to Covid:

- District Commander and CPT Inspector ‘training’ input on the dashboard.
- Evidence base applicable to Insight data on our problem examined and disseminated.
- Deployment plans informed by the dashboard data created for Primary NTE areas.
- Risky venue engagement in the re-opening of licensed premises, dedicated plans and responses in all Districts and a reinvigoration of Op Benison engaging the Special Constabulary.

Delivery scheduled for current quarter:

The main activity that is and will be delivered across Q3 is:

- Plan for test purchase operations in all primary NTE areas in Q1/2 21/22
- Monitor the changing data landscape during COVID re-opening for flexible deployment plans as hot spots that have traditionally been stable are fluctuating significantly.
- External media strategy is to be developed to address the issues around NTE crime and Disorder, focusing on alcohol moderation, responsible behaviour, journey planning and the consequences of criminal activity.

- Work with Contact Management Command to increase the tagging of alcohol/drugs markers on NTE crime to provide a richer dataset and allow more effective harm prevention.

5.4 Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation - Thematic Lead: T/Detective Chief Superintendent Elliot Judge

Delivery Plan progress dashboard:

| Delivery Plan Progress | 2020/21 | | | | 2021/22 | | | |
|------------------------|---------|----|----|----|---------|----|----|----|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
| Total strands | 29 | 26 | | | | | | |
| Complete | 12 | 7 | | | | | | |
| Ongoing / In progress | 29 | 19 | | | | | | |
| At risk | 0 | 0 | | | | | | |

Strands at risk:

There are currently no strands contained within the delivery plan at risk at this time. However, associated risks currently being managed, as set out on the Force risk register are:

Risk 1634 The volume of potential offenders for Online Child Sexual Abuse (OCSA) and Online Child Sexual Exploitation (OCSE) is increasing. Consequently, there is an increase in demand/workload specifically in relation to registered sex offenders. Crime and Public Protection need to identify/understand the current capacity and develop an approach to meet and deal with this emerging demand. Numerous mitigation actions are being progressed to address this risk.

The CSEA Vulnerability Action Plan (VAP) 2018-21 was formulated in early 2018. It is one of five key areas of vulnerability subject to a VAP selected by Chief Officers on the basis it is a priority area of vulnerability for the Force.

The CSEA VAP is aimed at delivering against findings and recommendations of the NPCC National Vulnerability Action Plan, HMICFRS inspection reports, as well as operating in support of locally identified Force and partnership developments required.

The Essex VAPs are aimed at supporting focussed targeted local delivery of activity associated to the NPCC National (VAP) under seven identified key themes:

- Early Intervention and Prevention
- Protecting, Supporting, Safeguarding and Managing Risk
- Information, Intelligence, Data Collection and Management Information
- Effective Investigations and Outcomes
- Leadership
- Learning and development
- Communication

Following the latest review of the plan on 30th October 2020, the CSEA VAP contains 23 live actions, 6 actions being completed and closed so far in Q2 to date. 25 actions have been completed and closed on the CSEA VAP to date since its inception.

Insight:

- POLIT received 60 referrals from the NCA and executed 67 warrants, this is an increase in 2 referrals and 9 warrants compared to Q1 2020/21. During this quarter POLIT safeguarded a total of 77 children¹.
- C&PP Operations Centre received 103 CSE triage referrals, an increase of 13, compared to 90 the previous quarter.
- C&PP Operations Centre received requests to attend 99 CSE triage meetings, an increase of 20 from 79 the previous quarter. 100% of Strategy Meetings were managed by the team.

Delivery achieved previous quarter:

- The introduction of the CSE Proactive Investigation Team. The purpose of the team is to investigate the most serious, complex and organised CSE.
- There were 103 investigations classified as CSE on Athena. Of these 70² were filed due to risks being negated through work with partner agencies.
- POLIT worked closely in partnership with the Essex Safeguarding Children's Board (ESCB) regarding content for inclusion in the Online Exploitation and safety media campaign.
- Internally the Force arranged the delivery of training by The Children's Society via webinars on the subject of understanding and supporting BAME young people.

Delivery scheduled for current quarter:

- Operation Henderson 2020 will take place between 23rd November - 6th December 2020, to concentrate on the transport networks across Essex to identify and engage with children that may be at risk of CSE.
- Renewed focus is being placed on Prevent work conducted by POLIT and a plan generated to set out at short and long-term engagement projects.
- Plan to train MOSOVO and other Public Protection staff to become Nationally Accredited to grade IIOC, ensuring consistency and improve staff confidence.
- The use of an Athena tag to capture reports generated from OCAAGs, this will help improve the Force's response in identifying and tracking activity.

5.5 Extremism and Radicalisation - Thematic Lead: Supt Michelle Davies

Delivery Plan progress dashboard:

In May 2020 the Essex CONTEST Board EP adopted a local Prevent Delivery Plan (Appendix 1). The PDP focusses on the 9 national recommendations from the HMICFRS CT4 inspection; these national recommendations were distilled into 15 local

¹ POLIT child safeguarding numbers refer to the number of PP57 referrals made to social services. These are made as a result of POLIT having established suspects have contact with children in some capacity and a need to reduce the risk.

² The remaining 33 investigations are ongoing into Q3.

work strands. HMICFRS have indicated January 2021 as completion for recommendations.

| Extremism and Radicalisation Delivery Plan Progress | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | | | | 2021/22 | | | |
|---|---------|---------|----|----|----|---------|----|----|----|
| | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
| Total strands | 15 | 15 | 15 | | | | | | |
| Complete | 7 | 11 | 14 | | | | | | |
| Ongoing / In progress | 8 | 4 | 1* | | | | | | |
| At risk | 15 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | |

* annual cycle

In addition, EP and ERSOU are required to update a CTLP Action Tracker.

| CTLP progress | 2019/20 | 2020/21 | | | | 2021/22 | | | |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|----|----|----|---------|----|----|----|
| | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
| Unallocated / Not progressed | 3 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | |
| Deferred | N/A | 0 | 0 | | | | | | |
| Ongoing / In progress | 5 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | |
| Complete | 22 | 25 | 25 | | | | | | |

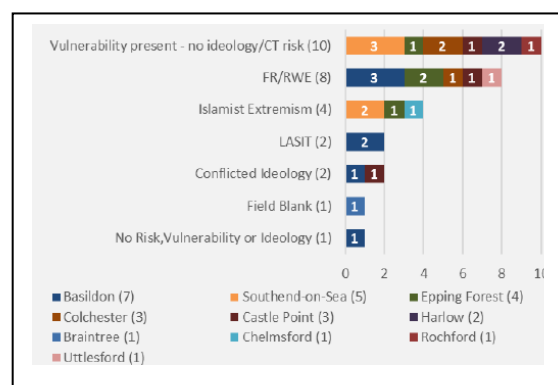
Strands at risk: There are currently no strands at risk.

Insight - Extracted from CTLP Q2 2020/21 (ERSOU) (latest Region and Force level data).

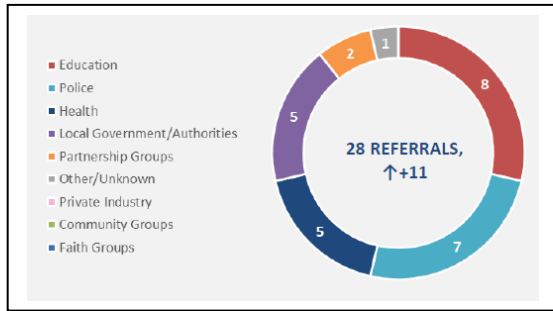
Across the Eastern Region, there were 112 referrals were recorded in Q2 (increase from 82 Q1). Despite this increase, referrals were down 16 when compared with the same time period of the previous year suggesting that Covid restrictions continued to hinder referral volumes. It is anticipated that the Covid restrictions post lockdown phase II will further impact referral volumes.

Essex recorded the highest density of Prevent referrals across the Eastern region (Beds 22, Cambs 19, Norfolk 16, Herts 15, Suffolk 12). The delivery of the Prevent Training Matrix has contributed to this local increase with referrals being generated from commands and partners that have received input and have Prevent Champions.

Locally, in Essex there were 28 referrals during Q2 which represented a 11 referral increase from the previous quarter.



Analysis of referral by ideology and geography evidences the greatest risk presenting 'Vulnerability present/no ideology identified' (36%) and Far Right/Right Wing Terrorism accounting for 29% of referrals. Basildon generated the highest number of referrals (25%) with the other referrals spread across the remaining 11 Districts.



Historically, Education facilities made up approximately 60% of the referees locally; this has decreased to 36% of Q2. The rationale is two-fold; 1) the impact of Covid on schools' openings saw referrals across the region declined dramatically with lockdown and 2) proportionally, the increase in referral generated from other referral sources such as the increase from 1 to 5 referral generated by local

government/authorities.

Of the 28 referrals:

- 6 are pending assessment
- 11 were closed at initial assessment
- 2 are CT escalated
- 9 are Prevent managed cases.

Delivery achieved previous quarter:

The main Q2 activity has been in the following areas:

- Completed delivery of CTLP recommendations and HMICFRS CT4 recommendations and submitted to ACC Prophet for sign off
- Delivery of the Prevent Training Matrix as:
 - Increase from 54 to 88 internal and additionally 57 external Prevent Champions (represents total growth from 10 (May 2020) to 145 (November 2020);
 - Internal Prevent Champions identified across range of commands LPT, CPT, CID, DAIT, all OPC teams, FCR, Media, Executive Support, PSD;
 - External Prevent Champions identified across a range of partners Local Authority, Children Services, Health, CRC, NPS, Education (schools, FE & HE), Community Safety Partnership Managers, Housing;
 - PSD in relation to Insider Threat
- Extended Contest Board ToR to include partners – Essex Fire & Rescue Service, East of England Ambulance Service, Chairs from Prevent Delivery Groups (SET);
- Force Strategic Prevent Lead completed national training requirement;

Delivery scheduled for current quarter:

The main activity for Q3 is in the following areas:

- Development of Op Javelin presentation to Contest Board to facilitate cross partnership learning and improvement for estate and IT/telephony security;
- Review of SET Channel Panels ToR and self-assessment against new Home Office Guidance.

5.6 Hate Crime - Thematic Lead: Detective Superintendent Scott Cannon

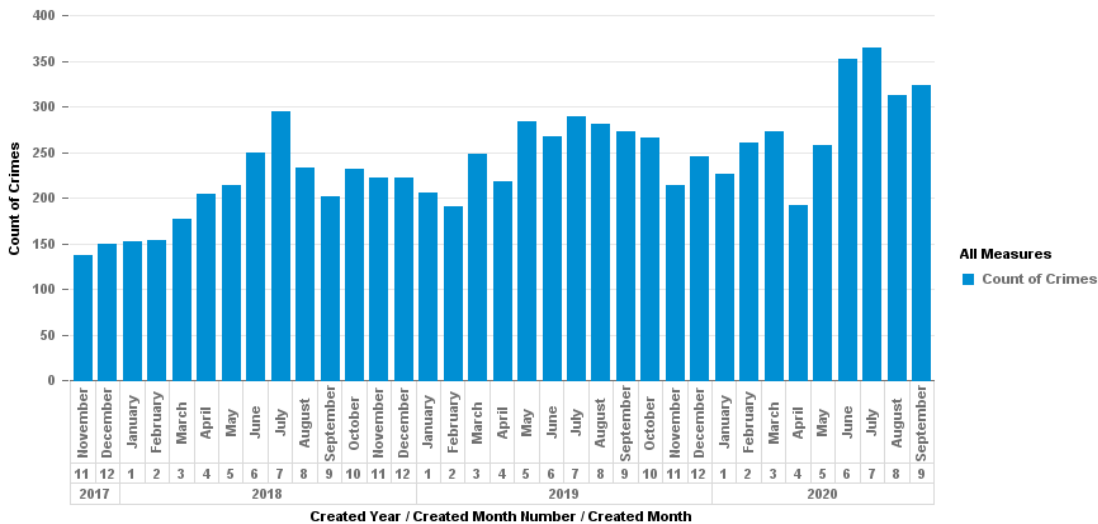
Delivery Plan progress dashboard:

| Delivery Progress | Plan | 2020/21 | | | | 2021/22 | | | |
|-----------------------|------|---------|----|----|----|---------|----|----|----|
| | | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
| Total strands | | 30 | 30 | | | | | | |
| Complete | | 15 | 15 | | | | | | |
| Ongoing / In progress | | 15 | 15 | | | | | | |
| At risk | | 0 | 0 | | | | | | |

Strands at risk: There are currently no strands contained within the delivery plan at risk at this time.

Hate Crime Offences 12 months to end of September 2020:

| 12 Month ending September 19 | 12 Month ending September 20 | Diff. | % Diff. |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------|---------|
| 2,931 | 3,286 | 355 | 12.1% |



Insight: Data extracted from the hate crime incidents dashboard:

- There were 64 solved outcomes in Q2 compared to 98 solved outcomes on Q1 a decrease of 34.
- The work loads of Community Policing Teams have increased by 21.5 % (697 reports in Q1 increasing 847 reports in Q2) This equates to an additional 150 reported hate crimes.
- Of these additional reports 31.3% are still under investigation. This equates to 47 reports and it is envisaged that the number of positive outcomes will increase in the next quarter once these investigations are finalised.
- Essex Police has seen a 48.9% increase in the number of non-crime hate incidents in Q2 compared and Q1. This equates to an additional 48 no-crime hate incidents being recorded this quarter.
- Public Order Act offences are the most prevalent type of hate crime accounting for 40% of all recorded hate crimes in Q2. This is a change from Q1 when assaults without injury where the most prevalent type of hate crime amounting to 38% of all recorded hates crimes for that quarter.

- 'Other' offences excluding Assaults, Public Order, and criminal damage are the least prevalent type of hate crime accounting for just 1.2% of all hate crimes in Q2 and this remains unchanged from Q1.

In respect of individual protected characteristics, the data suggests the following:

- **Disability** hate crimes have increased by 10.6% (or 13 reports) in Q2 compared with Q1. For hate incidents a 26% increase has been recorded although this only equates to an additional 4 reports for Q2 compared with Q1.
- **Sexual Orientation** hate crimes have increased by 58.9% (or 46 reports) in Q2 compared with Q1. For hate incidents a 110% increase has been recorded although this only equates to an additional 11 reports for Q2 compared with Q1.
- **Race** hate crimes have increased markedly by 35.2% (or 172 reports) in Q2 compared with Q1. For hate incidents a 2.2% increase has been recorded (or 2 reports) has been recorded in Q2 compared with Q1.
- **Transgender** hate crimes have also increased by 280% in Q2 (or an additional 14 reports from 5 reports on Q1). For hate incidents a decline of 14.2% has been recorded (1 report) in Q2 compared to Q1.
- **Religious** hate crimes have decreased by 22% (or 6 reports in Q2 compared with Q1. For hate incidents an increase of 1 additional report has been recorded for Q2 compared with Q1.

The continued increased reporting of hate crime would tend to indicate that trust and confidence in the police is increasing and as part of the crime data accuracy programme of work. Events such as Covid and the Black Lives Matter movement have not evidentially resulted in significant increases in hate crime reporting at this time.

However, it is widely acknowledged that such emotive topics undoubtedly have an impact on reported hate crime in other ways. An example of this would be victims coming forward to report hate crimes which they historically may not have reported but in the current climate they could feel more compelled to do so.

- In Q1 the force recorded 16 hate crimes whereby Covid or Black Lives Matter was an initiating factor in the incident. Of these 16 incidents BAME individuals were targeted on 7 Occasions.
- In Q2 the force recorded 10 hate crimes whereby Covid or Black Lives Matter was an initiating factor in the incident. Of these 10 incidents no BAME individuals have been targeted in Q2.

Delivery achieved previous quarter:

Hate Crime priorities have been agreed with the Strategic Hate Crime partnership (SHCP) these are:

- Prevention activity (including promoting restorative justice).
- Targeting awareness and support to identified vulnerable groups.
- Delivering education to young people
- Raising awareness of hate crime and its connection with hate crime.
- Exploring and tackling online hate crime.
- CPT inspectors now dip sample hate crimes to ensure better objectivity.

Delivery scheduled for current quarter:

- Continued monitoring of hate crime returns within force in order to identify the ongoing impacts of COVID-19.
- During National Hate Crime Awareness Week (9th-16th October) the force delivered virtual hate crime training to colleges, community groups and councils.
- Monitoring of EU Exit related hate crime as part of the wider force plans and response to EU Exit.
- Review the current hate crime training programme delivered in schools.
- Contribute to the Law Commission Consultation on Hate Crime, which could see changes in legislation and the broadening of current legally identified protected characteristics.

5.7 Digital Crime and Fraud - Thematic Lead: DCI Stuart Truss

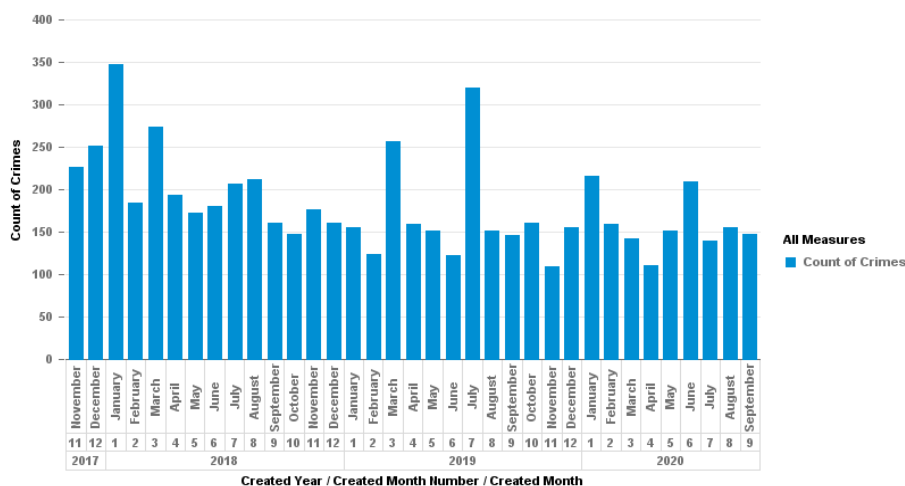
Delivery Plan progress dashboard:

| Delivery Plan Progress | 2020/21 | | | | 2021/22 | | | |
|------------------------|---------|----|----|----|---------|----|----|----|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
| Total strands | 48 | 48 | | | | | | |
| Complete | 17 | 17 | | | | | | |
| Ongoing / In progress | 31 | 31 | | | | | | |
| At risk | 0 | 0 | | | | | | |

Strands at risk: There are currently no strands contained within the delivery plan at risk at this time.

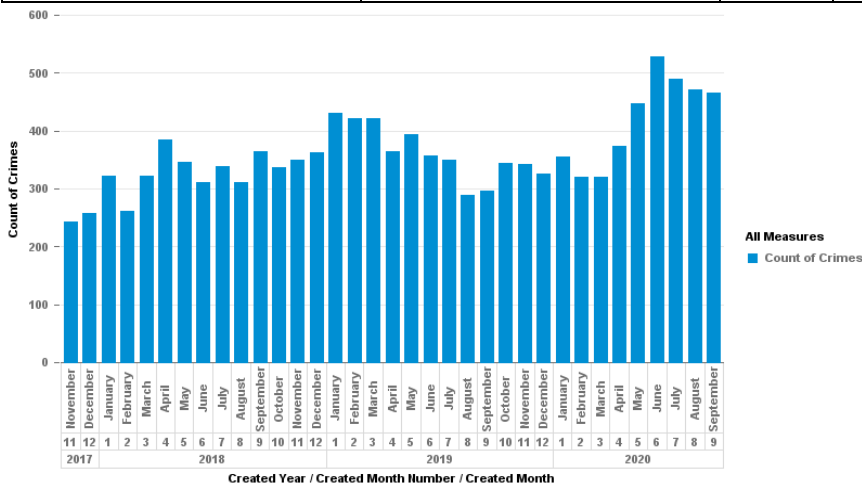
Fraud Offences 12 months to end of September 2020:

| 12 Month ending September 19 | 12 Month ending September 20 | Diff. | % Diff. |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------|---------|
| 2,070 | 1,854 | -216 | -10.4% |



Cyber / Online Offences 12 months to end of September 2020:

| 12 Month ending September 19 | 12 Month ending September 20 | Diff. | % Diff. |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------|---------|
| 4,373 | 4,787 | 414 | 9.5% |



Delivery achieved previous quarter:

- Support of national romance fraud operation (Op Tonic). Whilst no offenders were charged, disruption of offenders committing offences from outside the UK was achieved.
- Review and changes made to Banking Protocol 2, extending current processes to include telephone customers. Incidents are now directed into FCR for response.
- Further recruitment of Fraud volunteer in the insolvency area of business.
- Cyber Crime Unit supported Op Beguileful – a national op whereby purchasers of personal data through weleakinfo.com have been identified. Intervention tactics used to avert offenders from committing Computer Misuse offences.

Delivery scheduled for current quarter:

- Regional work to improve fraud investigation and prevention.
- Circulation of a developed fraud crime prevention leaflet through supermarkets.
- Press releases regarding prevention of fraud during Christmas shopping period.
- Further development and training of fraud and cyber volunteers.
- Fraud will be one of the Analytics for Everyone use cases and is under development. This is a performance data app available to police staff, which will quickly provide access to performance data.

5.8 House Burglary and Street Robbery -Thematic Lead: Chief Superintendent Simon Anslow

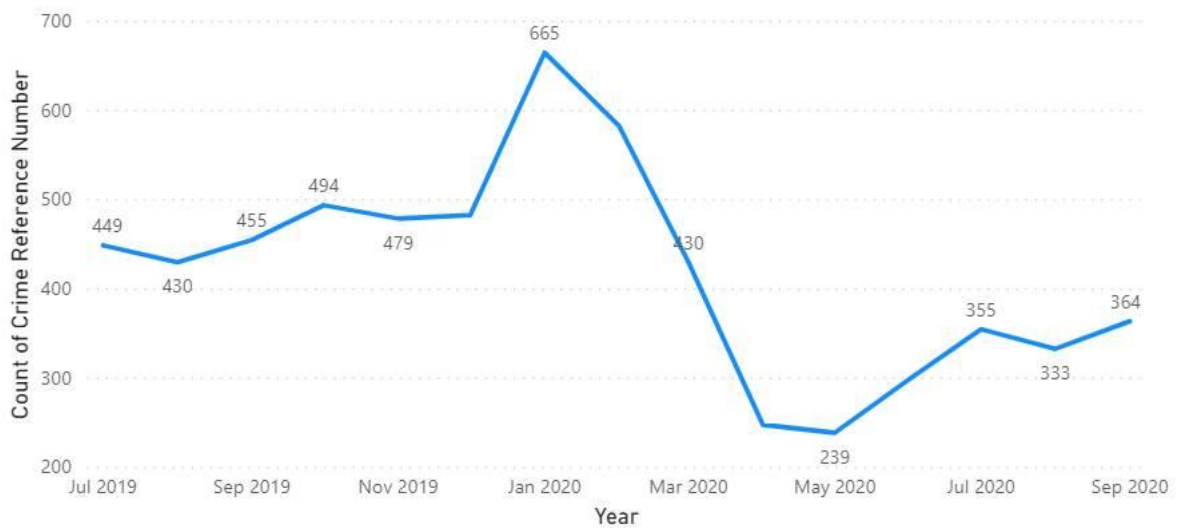
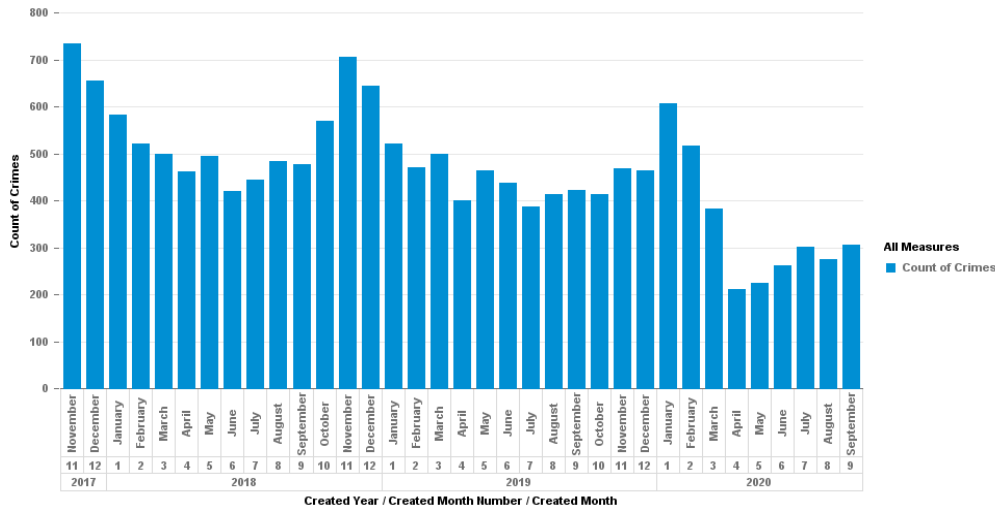
Delivery Plan progress dashboard:

A delivery plan is being developed as part of the CP Strategy refresh in Q3 of this year.

Insight:

Burglary (Dwelling) Offences 12 months to end of September 2020:

| 12 Month ending September 19 | 12 Month ending September 20 | Diff. | % Diff. |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------|---------|
| 8,256 | 6,379 | -1877 | -22.7% |



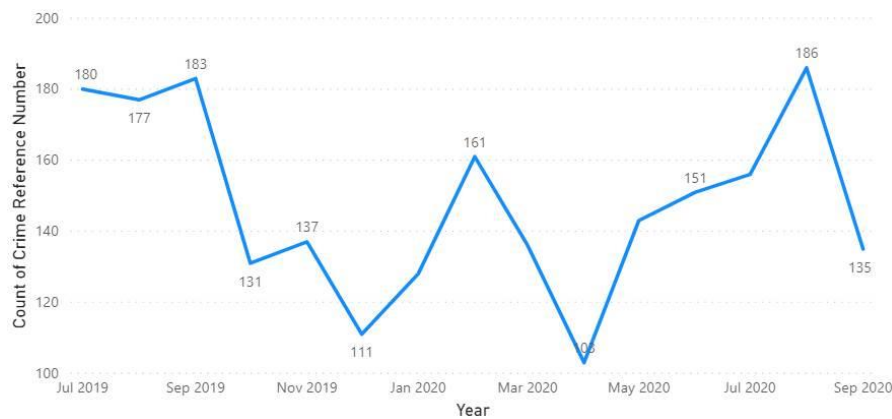
Although Burglary offence levels increased in Q2 compared to Q1, volumes remain significantly below those reported in previous years. However, since the easing of the Government's Covid restrictions, offence levels have been rising, due to an increase in both the number of homes that are unoccupied and the opportunity to offend during the summer months with premises left unsecured.

The densely and highly populated districts of Basildon, Colchester, Southend, Epping and Thurrock experienced the most offences in Q2 of 2020; these are also the same districts in which the most offences have been consistently committed in the past three years.

Burglary follows a reasonably statistically consistent seasonal pattern, with offences increasing in the lead up to Christmas. However, while it is forecast that Burglary offences will continue to increase in December, (in line with the pre-COVID pattern experienced in previous years) offences are likely to decrease slightly during the four-week lockdown period in November.

Robbery (Personal) Offences 12 months to end of September 2020:

| 12 Month ending September 19 | 12 Month ending September 20 | Diff. | % Diff. |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------|---------|
| 1,684 | 1,275 | -409 | -24.3% |



Robbery increased in Q2 2020 (July to September) compared to Q1 (April to June inclusive). However, offence-levels by month remain lower than in 2019, except for in August, when 9 more offences were committed. This August increase was driven by sharp increases in offending in Basildon and Southend-on-Sea Districts. This August increase was also experienced across other victim-based crime types. Over a quarter of all of Robbery offences (28.7%) were committed in Southend in Q2 of 2020. The other highest repeat districts were Basildon, Colchester and Thurrock; all of these (as well as Southend) are the districts in which the most offences have been consistently committed in the past three years. Since the easing of Government Covid restrictions offence levels increased every month between April and August.

Strands at risk: There are currently no strands at risk.

Delivery achieved previous quarter:

The main activity for Q2 has been in the following areas:

- Op Meteor – development of a ‘darker nights’ operation targeting repeat and near-repeat victims in hotspot areas.
- Review and consultation on existing house burglary and street robbery prevention strategy leading to a revised strategy for publication in January 2021. Appointment of a Detective Chief Inspector Tactical lead.
- Inspection of LPA residential burglary investigations and burglary dwelling forensic identifications by the Audit & Inspection Team, concluded at the end of September 2020.
- Established a new quarterly Burglary & Robbery Reduction Group diarised to deliver the tactical reduction plan (first meeting 20th November 2020)
- Agreed performance data to support the Burglary & Robbery Reduction Group.

Delivery scheduled for current quarter:

The main activity for Q3 will be in the following areas:

- Finalisation of the tactical delivery plan. Burglary & Robbery Reduction Group which will provide oversight of progress on the delivery plan.
- Implementation of the Op Meteor Darker Nights plans.
- Completion of first draft of ARU's final Op Meteor academic report on the effectiveness of property marking initiatives.
- Review of learning material for initial police officer training to assess whether it remains appropriate and if changes can be made to improve victim satisfaction and solved outcomes.

5.9 Serious and Organised Crime - Thematic Lead: D/Ch/Inspector Lee Morton

Delivery Plan progress dashboard:

| Delivery Plan Progress | 2020/21 | | | | 2021/22 | | | |
|------------------------|---------|----|----|----|---------|----|----|----|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 |
| Total strands | 17 | 24 | | | | | | |
| Complete | 9 | 13 | | | | | | |
| Ongoing / In progress | 8 | 9 | | | | | | |
| At risk | 0 | 2 | | | | | | |

Strands at risk: There are currently 2 strands at risk.

Serious and Organised Crime:

Produce thematic reporting products to identify profiles of members of OCGs, hot spots and businesses linked to high harm OCGs - This work has started with the analytical team and is being progressed.

OCG Prevent Lead to explore opportunities around target hardening, education and diversionary programmes through industry, charitable organisations and the third sector - This action has been hampered by COVID restrictions and will be pushed by Protect and Prevent post lockdown challenges.

Insight: Essex Police Serious Organised Crime Unit completed a large amount of activity linked to the disruption of Organised Crime groups. The total results are as follows:

- 70 Arrests, 47 charges, 42 remands, 5 suspects sentenced totalling 96 years
- 56 Warrants
- 182.9 KG Class A drugs seized (street value approximately £28 million)
- 32 KG Class B, 2361 un-harvested cannabis plants seized
- £2,693,500 in cash seized
- 10 viable firearms recovered
- 29 people safeguarded, one of which was a child

Delivery achieved previous quarter:

The main activity across Q2 was in the following areas:

- Creation of the Essex Police Modern Slavery Human Trafficking unit.

- Essex Police SOC Partnership work with the Prevent and Protect Team includes working with schools, business and partners.
- Justice and Care dedicated MSHT victim navigators have been embedded.
- MSHT updates/training material on the intranet, links to mobile devices.
- Enhancing the local SOC boards through the inclusion of SCPO briefings and the use of MoRile scoring to focus on the highest risk.
- Work with Justice for care to increase safe house options.
- Briefing with CPS to share challenges faced by police through CPS protocols for MSHT casework.

Delivery scheduled for current quarter:

The main activity for Q3 has been in the following areas:

- Enhanced officer training in MSHT and Money Laundering.
- Development of SOC system tasking into force structure to align to region.
- Justice for care safe house delivery with MOU.

6.0 Implications (Issues) - There are no implications anticipated.

6.1 Links to Police and Crime Plan Priorities

The thematic strands deliver against the priorities identified within the PCC Plan.

6.2 Demand - This report has considered the Essex Demand Review initially undertaken by PA Consulting in 2017 and subsequently developed by the Essex Police Performance and Analysis Unit (PAU).

6.3 Risks/Mitigation - No risks identified.

6.4 Equality and/or Human Rights Implications

No specific equality and/or Human Rights Implications identified. Implications are considered as part of each of the individual workstreams.

6.5 Health and Safety Implications

No Health and Safety Risks identified.

7.0 Consultation/Engagement

Thematic leads have all contributed to the report.

8.0 Actions for Improvement

There are no outstanding HMICFRS improvement plans or Areas for Improvement (AFIs) relating to the Crime Prevention Strategy.

9.0 Future Work/Development and Expected Outcome

As described under section 4.0 Crime Prevention Strategy 2021-25 progress

Appendix

Appendix 1: ACRO: Statistical return: COVID-19 enforcement notices issued in England and Wales



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