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# *Policy & Performance Scrutiny*

## ***Community Safety***

*25<sup>th</sup> July 2019*

# Crime Summary

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<b>Total Notifiable Offences</b>						
Total Notifiable Offences	30,390	28,746	 -1,644	13	-5%	4.4%
<b>Crime Type</b>						
Violence Against the Person	7,798	7,832	 34	19	0.4%	3.3%
Sexual Offences	675	644	 -31	15	-4.6%	-1.2%
Robbery Offences	1,937	1,415	 -522	8	-26.9%	6.5%
Burglary Offences	2,642	2,677	 35	16	1.3%	1.9%
MV Offences	2,480	2,612	 132	23	5.3%	10.1%
Theft Offences	11,017	9,941	 -1,076	7	-9.8%	7.1%
Criminal Damage Offences	1,716	1,638	 -78	21	-4.5%	-6.2%
Drugs Offences	1,371	1,176	 -195	16	-14.2%	9.0%
Possession of Weapons Offences	226	225	 -1	13	-0.4%	-7.3%
Other Offences	528	586	 58	13	11.0%	1.0%

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<b>Other Measures</b>						
Theft Snatch	4,654	1,690	-2,964		-63.7%	
Serious Youth Violence	230	222	-8	23	-3.5%	-2.8%
Youth Violence	519	485	-34	21	-6.6%	-1.4%
Gun Crime Offs	68	56	-12	19	-17.6%	-12.8%
Knife Crime Offs	633	542	-91	11	-14.4%	-2.2%
Knife Crime Injury Victims Not DA 1-24	68	61	-7	13	-10.3%	-20.6%
<b>Hate Crime</b>						
Anti-Semitic Offs	21	16	-5	7	-23.8%	11.9%
Disability Hate Crime Offs	25	22	-3	4	-12.0%	-3.2%
Faith Hate Crime Offs	87	58	-29	15	-33.3%	-7.5%
Homophobic Hate Crime Offs	105	97	-8	11	-7.6%	10.8%
Islamophobic Offs	58	35	-23	16	-39.7%	-18.9%
Racist Hate Crime Offs	522	554	32	12	6.1%	3.4%
Transgender Hate Offs	15	13	-2	4	-13.3%	40.2%
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<b>Domestic Abuse</b>						
Domestic Abuse Hate Crime Offs	2,418	2,590	172	19	7.1%	7.6%
Domestic Abuse Hate Crime Detections	402	418	16	20	4.0%	-17.0%

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## Crime Overview Summary

- Safer Islington Partnership have led on five key areas: Crimes Involving Young People, Hate Crime & ASB, Drugs & Adult Offending, VAWG & Domestic Abuse and Exploitation & Extremism
- Overall crime reduction of 5% (over 1,600 fewer victims) while crime across London rose 4%
- Small increase in violent crime (0.4%)
- Significant reduction of over 60% in theft snatch offences, through our coordinated partnership response
- Continued reductions in Serious youth violence (-3.5%), youth violence (-6%), gun crime (-17%), knife crime offences (-14%), and knife crime victims under 25 (-10%)
- 27% reduction in robbery offences in the past year (following a peak in offences in 2017/18). The police now have robbery cars available, allowing for quicker identification of perpetrators
- Domestic violence offences continue to rise (7%) in line with London increase but positive outcomes for victims remain a challenging area
- There has been a small increase (6%) in racial crime but reductions in all other forms of hate crime

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## Crimes Involving Youth People

- Supporting Families Against Youth Crime funding for **Transitions** project Cally and Andover and free **Trauma informed practice** training to local youth and family services
- **Youth council led events:** Youth Fest in April and #SummerFest at Platform in July
- **Knife crime information leaflet** for parents to be launched in summer, professionals guide to follow
- **Disproportionality** project funded by the Youth Justice Board
- Action plan from the scrutiny on **school exclusions** overseen by a task and finish group under the Children's Safeguarding Board to address the connection between exclusions, offending and exploitation
- Task & Finish group for review of **Working Together for a Safer Islington Plan**

## Challenges:

- Despite a reduction in violent crime types, the challenges remain with recent serious incidents in Islington and continued high numbers of fatalities across London
- Complexity of the issues that young people are presenting with including Adverse Childhood Experience, trauma, inability to self regulate and being
- Further reductions in first time entrants, however custody and reoffending rates are higher than we would like and the council and its partners are committed to a trauma informed approach to address these areas

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## Violence against Women & Girls

- **The Keel** DVA team has supported 50 families with support from the DVA counselling service
- A new **Health IDVA** post has started working at Whittington Hospital ED and adult mental health services
- A free comprehensive **VAWG Training Programme** commissioned for 2019-2020 for multi agencies
- LBI are working with 4 other North London Boroughs on addressing **Harmful Practices**
- The work around **FGM** will increase this year with an additional £10k has been received from government
- **Operation Encompass** has commenced in Islington schools
- Chance UK secured Home Office funding for **Safer Space** project supporting 10 Islington families affected by DVA
- Homes and Communities have pledged to '**Make a Stand**' against domestic abuse
- **Islington Says No More Ambassador** scheme - training for LBI staff and local businesses and community groups to commence in the Autumn

## Challenges

- Holding more perpetrators to account - DA Crime detections down 17% in June 2019 compared to same period in 2018
- Sustaining specialist VAWG posts/services e.g. IDVA posts when short term funding ends in April 2020



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### Anti-Social Behaviour & Hate Crime

- Islington Community MARAC 2018/19 review now complete achieving excellent results on supporting 46 high risk vulnerable victims of crime. Now considered one of the best CRMs in England with Islington Learning Disability Partnership now referring victims of Hate Crime
- Creation of a wide ranging action plan following a multi-agency workshop on dealing with the complex street population issues in Stroud Green Road (to be rolled out borough wide)
- Plan in place to continue to increase the number of young people undertaking Hate Crime training & delivery of a successful Hate Crime Awareness week (13th to 20th October)
- Over 40 confirmed Safe Haven locations, with many more interested venues
- There has been ongoing multiagency work around hot spots across the borough that are recording higher rates of crime and ASB compared to the borough average. This includes the Finsbury Park area, Archway/New Orleans and Cally among others.

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## Adult Offending & Drugs

Camden & Islington Drugs Strategy 2018-21 to deliver our response to rising drug issues – focusing on four areas (Reducing Supply, Reducing Demand, Reducing Harm & Reducing Crime)

Co-ordinating a range of partner activity to tackle crime and ASB in Finsbury Park tri-borough hotspot – mainly linked to drug dealing and use

Islington's Integrated Offender Management (IOM) Scheme supported 119 service users with 49 prolific offenders successfully exiting the scheme due to reducing risk of offending and taking up education, training and employment opportunities. MOPAC have recognised Islington's IOM approach as one of the best in London.

The IOM now supports habitual knife crime perpetrators and is exploring ways to work with DV perpetrators

Community Rehabilitation Company contract ending in March 2020 with migration into the National Probation Service





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## Exploitation & Extremism

### Modern Day Slavery

- Established a multi agency board action plan
- Working closely with the Human Trafficking foundation to produce materials for communities in Islington
- Identifying good practice from across London through the pan London MDS board
- Council Web page under development
- Extending training roll out (online and verbal) to front line staff across the board
- Analysis underway of cases and issues seen in Islington
- Exploring how the MDS charter is being implemented across the range of contracts awarded
- MDS awareness day – 18th Oct

### Prevent

- Funding now confirmed for 2019/20 but has been cut considerably with only the Brave (gangs) and Small Steps (Far Right) projects remaining
- Prevent training delivered to Islington Grand Mentors – where Grandparents mentor young people leaving care, the Light Project & Arsenal with 180 Caretakers upskilled in Far Right awareness
- Far Right stickers / leaflets appearing across the borough
- Planning is underway for post March 2020 to source new funding streams or products
- Monitoring of the Home Office Prevent Review
- Increasing the knowledge of and how to report far right activities for both front line staff and members of the public

## Public Protection – Trading Standards

- Letting agent fees are now banned and they have to be a member of a client money protection scheme (CMPS). We will be able to issue monetary penalties for non-compliance. These two big changes came into force in 2019 and the CMPS might have saved the victims of Crestons (below) their combined £100,000 losses.
- We prosecuted three officers of the letting agent known as Crestons, leading to significant custodial sentences in January 2019.
- We prosecuted a business that claimed it was a membership club and not a letting agent (to avoid the laws regulating them). This is the first prosecution of its type. The director has pleaded guilty and sentencing is on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019.
- Other current prosecutions include: a removal firm that (allegedly) charges more than agreed and threatens not to unload goods until payment in full is made; a locksmith that (allegedly) charges more than agreed and makes a misleading “local” claim; two different doorstep traders that have (allegedly) ripped off people for overpriced and unnecessary roofing and other repairs.
- We continue to carry out lots of test purchasing, usually leading to licence reviews where the sale of alcohol occurs or prosecution where it’s a knife

## Public Protection – Environmental Health

- The total number of food businesses as of May this year is 2399, with 88% of all types currently broadly compliant, an increase on last year from 84%
- The teams enforcement activities to increase rate of compliance include:
  - Programmed inspections resulting in 62 Hygiene improvement notices served on 36 businesses and four voluntary closures of businesses
  - One successful prosecution for food hygiene offences, one adjourned prosecution and two pending submission to legal. One prosecution referred to Blackfriar's Crown Court for sentencing, to be heard this month
  - Two simple cautions have been issued, one for allergen offences
  - Seven alleged food poisoning outbreaks have been investigated
- Outside of the food regime, work continues in relation to health and safety and statutory nuisance:
  - Four Health and Safety Improvement Notices served on two businesses and one Health and Safety Prohibition Notice served
  - There are currently two live prosecutions for odour nuisance originating from businesses, one is set for trial next month, and the other has been adjourned