



ISLINGTON

*Policy & Performance
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Crime Summary

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Total Notifiable Offences						
Total Notifiable Offences	30,390	28,746	-1,644	13	-5%	4.4%
Crime Type						
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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Other Measures						
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%
Hate Crime						
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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Domestic Abuse						
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

The Safer Islington Partnership has led on five priority areas: Crimes Involving Young People; Hate Crime & AS; 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% in same period
Small increase in violent crime (0.4%)

Significant reduction of over 60% in theft-snatch offences as a result of 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%)

77% 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 faster identification of perpetrators

Domestic violence offences continue to rise (7%), in line with a London-wide increase, and positive outcomes for victims remain a challenging area

There has been a small increase (6%) in racist hate crime, but reductions in all other forms of hate crime



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Issues Involving Young People



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Supporting Families Against Youth Crime funding for **Transitions** project on the Cally and Andover and free **Trauma Informed practice** training for local VCS organisations working with children and families

With council led events: YouthFest at Lift in April and SummerFest at Platform in July

Free crime information leaflet for parents to launch in October following consultation with parent groups

Proportionality project funded by the Youth Justice Board

Review plan from the scrutiny on **school exclusions** overseen by a task and finish group to address the connections between exclusions, offending and exploitation

Review under way of the **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 fatalities across London

Complexity of the issues that young people are presenting with, including trauma due to abuse and neglect and early childhood experiences, inability to self regulate and risk of criminal exploitation

Further reductions in first time entrants, and improved custody and reoffending rates among YOS young people

Prevention against Women & Girls and Domestic Abuse

The **Keel** DVA team has supported 50 families and includes a new DVA counselling service
A new **Health IDVA** post has started working at Whittington Hospital ED and with adult mental health services
A free, comprehensive, multi-agency **VAWG Training Programme** commissioned for 2019-2020
We 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
Generation Encompass is starting in Islington schools
The UK secured Home Office funding for **Safer Space** project, supporting 10 Islington families affected by domestic abuse
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
Launched in September: 80+ have signed up so far

Challenges

There has been a recent improvement in the DA crime sanction and detections rate, but work to hold perpetrators to account remains a priority for the VAWG Strategy Board
Maintaining specialist VAWG posts/services e.g. IDVA posts when short term funding ends in April 2020
Continuation of the good practice from the Keel prototype project, as funding currently ends in March 2020

Anti-Social Behaviour & Hate Crime

Islington Community MARAC 2018/19 review now complete, achieving excellent results on supporting 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 and 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 multi-agency 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.



Mult Offending & Drugs

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

Coordinating a range of partner activity to tackle crime and ASB in the Finsbury Park tri-borough hotspot – primarily 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

Exploitation & Extremism

Modern Day Slavery

Established a multi-agency board and 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 cut considerably, with only the Brave (gangs) Small Steps (Far Right) projects remaining
- Prevent training delivered to Islington G Mentors – where Grandparents mentor young people leaving care, the Light Project & Arsenal FC, with 180 Caretakers upskilled in Far Right awareness
- Far Right stickers / leaflets have appeared 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 10th 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 2,399, with 88% of all types currently broadly compliant, an increase on last year from 84%

The team's 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