



ISLINGTON

# *Crime & Safety Annual Scrutiny*

***October 2020***

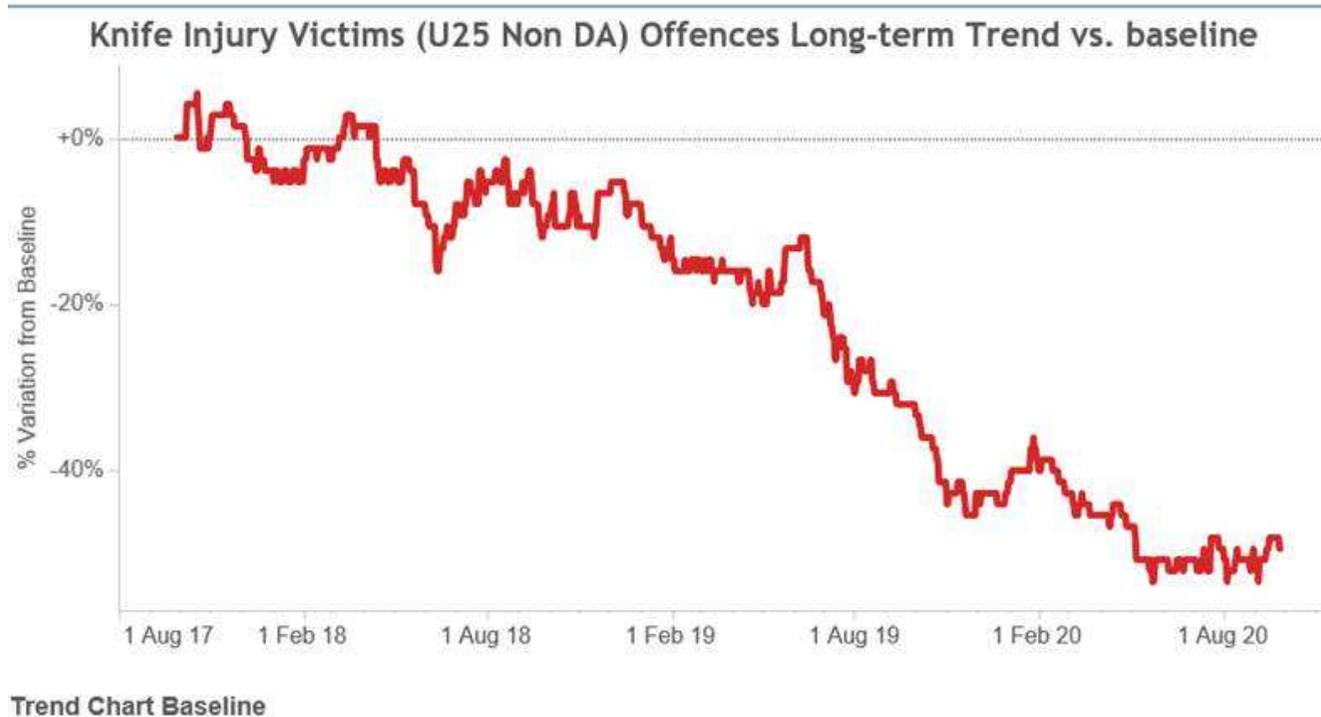
# Crime Performance Summary

## September 2019 to October 2020 vs previous year

- There were **27,333 total notifiable offences (TNO)** in 2019/20, representing a **7.8% decrease** from 2018/19. Across the MPS area of jurisdiction there was a **7.3% decrease** in TNO.
- Islington recorded a **2.6% decrease in violence against the person** in 2019/20 compared to 2018/19, whilst across the MPS area of jurisdiction there was a **1.1% increase**.
- Islington has recorded an **18.5% decrease in knife crime** in 2019/20, compared to 2018/19 whilst across the MPS we have seen a 10.7% decrease, and a **30.5% decrease in knife crime with injury offences**.
- Islington recorded a **4.9% decrease in youth violence and no change in serious youth violence** in 2019/20 compared to 2018/19. Compared to 14.6% decrease in youth violence and 11.5% decrease in serious youth violence across the MPS
- Islington has recorded reductions in all main crime types with the exception of drugs offences (positive due to increased detection) and **public order offences** (an increase of 9% in 2019/20 compared to 2018/19). Islington are ranked **8<sup>th</sup> out of 32 London boroughs for robbery** and **5<sup>th</sup> out of 32 London boroughs for theft**. Theft accounted for about a third of all crime on the borough. Robbery remains the priority, particularly detections.
- Domestic abuse incidents (+3.3%) and domestic abuse crime (+0.5%) has recorded increases in 2019/20 compared to 2018/19. There have been larger increases across the MPS.
- Overall Islington has seen a **13% increase in hate crime flagged offences**, which is in line with the MPS as a whole (+16%). There are variations by hate crime strand.

# Knife Crime Trends

September 2019 to October 2020 vs previous year



## Highlights:

- Sustained reduction over 3 years (Oct 17 – 79 victims and Aug 20 – 35 victims)
- Attributed to a number of initiatives including the IGT work managing intelligence risk and appropriate interventions, the partnership approach to youth offending, the out of court disposal scrutiny panel and the joined up police and partnership tasking
- This will be further supported with the No Knife Shop scheme and the introduction of the knife bins

# Policing Islington

## Successes, Changes and Challenges

- 9,594 stop and searches over the last 12 months with 2,045 positive outcomes (approximately half amounted to an arrest) - 6% were for weapons.
- 19,606 calls to police requiring an immediate (I) or standard response. 90% I calls were attended within the target response time.
- Withdrawal of the Angel Town Centre team but introduction of a Business Crime Officer
- Creation of the Violence Suppression Unit to focus on all violent crime and an NPT Proactive team to support the neighbourhoods work
- Co-located officers in Public Protection and Street Population teams
- Pedal cycle enabled theft has risen significantly - investment in a police cycle team, purchased a fleet of marked and unmarked powered pedal cycles and this will be a priority under the robbery plan
- Increase in drug offences is a positive, reflecting an increase in enforcement from stop and search, execution of warrants and proactive deployments (Op Perch, etc)
- Operation Perch ran over summer with 16 arrests, 64 stop & search, 21 weapons sweeps, 11 seized vehicles, 6 warrants and numerous dispersals. Op Clementine has been brought in as the joint approach in EC.
- During COVID an increase of 6% was seen in domestic abuse. The Sanction Detection (SD) rate has increased to 17.8% while DA VWI is 23%. Introduction of daily multi-agency risk meetings for DA cases, alongside the VAWG mobile phone pilot and recording panic alarms. On the horizon is the provisions of the new domestic abuse bill.
- Sexual offences showing a significant reduction, impacted by COVID changes to the NTE. The return to designated investigating units (Sapphire, Community Safety Unit and Child Abuse) has had a significant impact on detection rates (7.9% this year vs 3.5% last year)

# Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG)

## Successes, Changes and Challenges

In 2020 the council invested £2million additional funding over 3 years in VAWG services and has also secured additional funding from the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local government and Public health and Violence Reduction Unit.

This is funding an ambitious programme to transform VAWG services to:

- **Increase support to victims and survivors and their families**
- **Work with perpetrators to change harmful and criminal behaviours**
- **Provide housing and homelessness work to support survivors into safe accommodation**
- **Enhance skills and knowledge of frontline practitioners to support individuals and families experiencing Domestic Abuse (DA)**

It is funding:

- 8 new co-located Independent Domestic Violence Advocates (IDVA) roles in mental health, sexual health, housing, TYS, Early Help, MASH and the Samira service etc.
- Domestic Abuse Housing First project and Women's Street population Outreach Worker
- Domestic Abuse Daily Safeguarding Meeting starting October 2020
- New Intimate Partner Violence panel and service starting January 2021
- Counselling service for survivors of DA and new Family Workers in Islington refuges
- Replacement and emergency mobile phones for DA survivors
- Developing a DA practice model and workforce development programme to sustain the learning and good practice from the Keel project

# Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG)

## Successes, Changes and Challenges

### **Covid 19 and VAWG**

There has been a comprehensive partnership response in Islington during the pandemic:

- All DA services remained open and continued to support victims and families throughout
- Communications campaigns including supermarkets, estate electronic notice boards, and targeted comms aimed at perpetrators,
- Welfare grants to victims/ survivors via DA services and refuges
- Islington police redeployed resources to respond to DA in first few months of lockdown and DA sanction and detection rate was highest in MPS in May 2020
- The increased investment in VAWG services has meant that Islington DA services have been able to cope with the increase in referrals and service demand

### **Since April 2020**

**DV offences** increased 9% increase in Islington (MPS also 9% increase)

**Children Services Contact Team DA** remains the most frequent reason for contacting CSCT- there were 202 contacts due to DA in July 2020 (135 in July 2019)

**Solace** Islington service saw a 37% increase in referrals in April – June 2020

# Youth Crime Update

## Successes, Changes and Challenges

**Q1 20/21** national key performance indicators show improvements across all three areas – custodial sentences, first time entries and diversion away from the CJS

**Youth Safety strategy** is in the process of being finalised

**Recovery planning** for case holding services is complete with all teams working as part of a ‘new normal’ and delivering face to face supervision and interventions in a safe way

**Education and Employment** - The numbers of YOS young people attending school or AP at the moment isn't as high as we would like, but is increasing. The work in relation to Employability for the 16+ cohort is also a priority

**Disproportionality project** with City University, Haringey Council and the Youth Justice Board is completed and was published on 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Our action plan has been written and is being progressed, which includes a focus on reducing school exclusions and improving relations between the Police and young people

**Knife Crime Prevention film** featuring bereaved parents has been launched

**I-Work Coach** has been recruited to increase numbers of at risk young people in Training and Employment

**Violence Reduction Unit Parental Support project** has started and will be working with families in EC1 and Cally

**Gangs borough briefings** available for relevant practitioners and now includes cross borough incidents which have involved Islington residents and service users

# Key Partnership Initiatives

## Successes, Changes and Challenges

- Coordinated plan for business compliance and social distancing guidance still ongoing
- Violence Reduction Plan completed and will be overviewed through SIP
- Review of the ASB, Hate Crime, Drugs and Prevent strategies for 2021-24 underway
- Finsbury Park initiative focusing on Blackstock Road (Enforcement & Engagement)
- EC drug market (Op Clementine) days of action agreed with oversight through the ward delivery boards
- New Orleans gang / group partnership response under review
- Knife Crime Bins being installed on the 7<sup>th</sup> Oct
- Memorial Policy review following a number management of shrine sites over the last 12 months
- Hate Crime Awareness week and links to the Council's equalities programmes
- Modern Day Slavery Awareness online training and referral pathways
- CCTV improvements and control room upgrades
- Domestic Abuse Daily Safeguarding progressing with full partner support

# Tackling Rough Sleeping

## The Partnership Response

### Successes over the last 12 months:

- Managed to prevent any Covid deaths of rough sleepers by getting 'everyone in', ensuring all rough sleepers had access to an accommodation offer & support.
- Most people went indoors and have remained there. As a result, numbers of rough sleeping in Islington has significantly reduced.
- Secured additional funding from MHCLG to continue immediate accommodation and support for this winter, plus additional temporary accommodation placements.
- Additional roles now in place, offering specialist support, creating a multi disciplinary team able to ensure effective wrap around support; including – reconnections worker, substance use outreach worker, complex needs women's worker.
- New Street Users Outreach meeting established to tackle persistent and problematic ASB, where individuals are known, housed and receiving support.

### Ongoing Challenges:

- Continuing to see flow of 'new' people rough sleeping in Islington, including people from out of London
- Expecting see an increase in rough sleeping, due to loss of job/impact of recession unfolds
- No second night out and church shelters – not able to offer accommodation this winter – likely to impact on numbers of people on the streets.
- Risk of Covid to service users and frontline workers, and working around restrictions.

# Overall Crime Performance Summary

October 2019 to September 2020 vs previous year

Crime Type	Number of Offences 2018/19 (between 1 Oct 2018 - 30 Sep 2019 (LBI))	Number of Offences 2019/20 (between 1 Oct 2019 - 30 Sep 2020 (LBI))	Difference between 2018/19 and 2019/20 (LBI)	MPS Rank* (out of 32 where 1 = highest levels of crime)	Percentage Change between 2018/19 and 2019/20 (LBI)	Percentage Change between 2018/19 and 2019/20 (MPS)
<b>Total Notifiable Offences</b>						
Total Notifiable Offences	29,818	27,016	● -2,802	15	-9.4%	-9.1%
<b>Crime Type</b>						
Violence Against the Person	6,381	6,285	● -96	23	-1.5%	0.6%
Sexual Offences	653	538	● -115	18	-17.6%	-5.8%
Robbery Offences	1,497	1,321	● -176	8	-11.8%	-16.9%
Burglary Offences	2,696	2,248	● -448	14	-16.6%	-18.4%
MV Offences	3,095	2,785	● -310	24	-10.0%	-7.5%
Theft Offences	10,270	8,378	● -1,892	5	-18.4%	-22.8%
Criminal Damage Offences	1,567	1,480	● -87	21	-5.6%	-7.6%
Drugs Offences	1,271	1,556	● 285	16	22.4%	14.4%
Possession of Weapons Offences	255	176	● -79	18	-31.0%	-11.3%
Public Order Offences	1,800	1,971	● 171	12	9.5%	6.6%
Other Offences	333	278	● -55	21	-16.5%	-2.4%

# Youth & Hate Crime Performance

October 2019 to September 2020 vs previous year

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Moped Enabled Crime	729	269	●	-460	3	-63.1%	-34.9%
Pedal Cycle Enabled Crime	1,592	1,691	●	99	2	6.2%	12.5%
Serious Youth Violence	232	233	●	1	14	0.4%	-13.9%
Youth Violence	483	478	●	-5	18	-1.0%	-16.5%
Gun Crime Offs	50	35	●	-15	22	-30.0%	-19.8%
Gun Crime Lethal Barrelled Discharged Offs	9	8	●	-1	13	-11.1%	-6.9%
Knife Crime Offs	552	466	●	-86	14	-15.6%	-12.9%
Knife Crime With Injury Offs	141	97	●	-44	19	-31.2%	-16.7%
Knife Crime Injury Victims 1-24 (Non DA)	50	38	●	-12	16	-24.0%	-22.9%
Knife Possession Offs	193	132	●	-61	16	-31.6%	-13.6%
Anti-Semitic Offs	14	12		-2	12	-14.3%	-0.6%
Disability Hate Crime Offs	23	25		2	3	8.7%	8.9%
Faith Hate Crime Offs	52	52		0	15	0.0%	-11.1%
Homophobic Hate Crime Offs	111	123		12	9	10.8%	13.2%
Islamophobic Offs	29	30		1	12	3.4%	-22.4%
Racist Hate Crime Offs	569	680		111	15	19.5%	19.5%
Transgender Hate Offs	12	13		1	4	8.3%	1.5%
Domestic Abuse Incidents	4,076	4,226		150	22	3.7%	8.5%
Domestic Abuse Offs	2,537	2,572		35	23	1.4%	5.6%
Domestic Abuse SDs (Rate)	16.3%	16.8%			6	0.5%	-0.7%