

Crime Post Lockdown

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Introduction

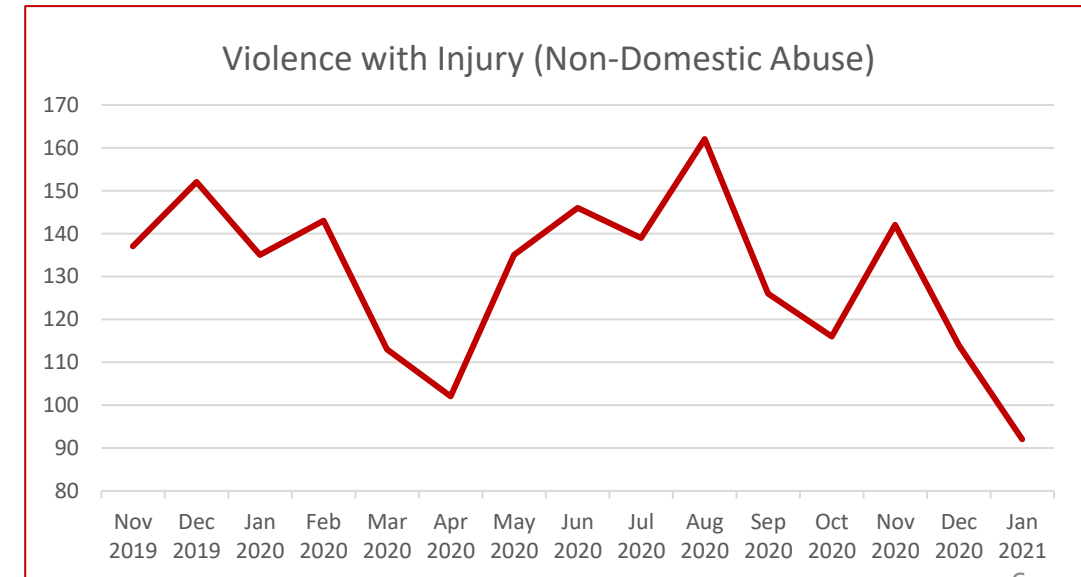
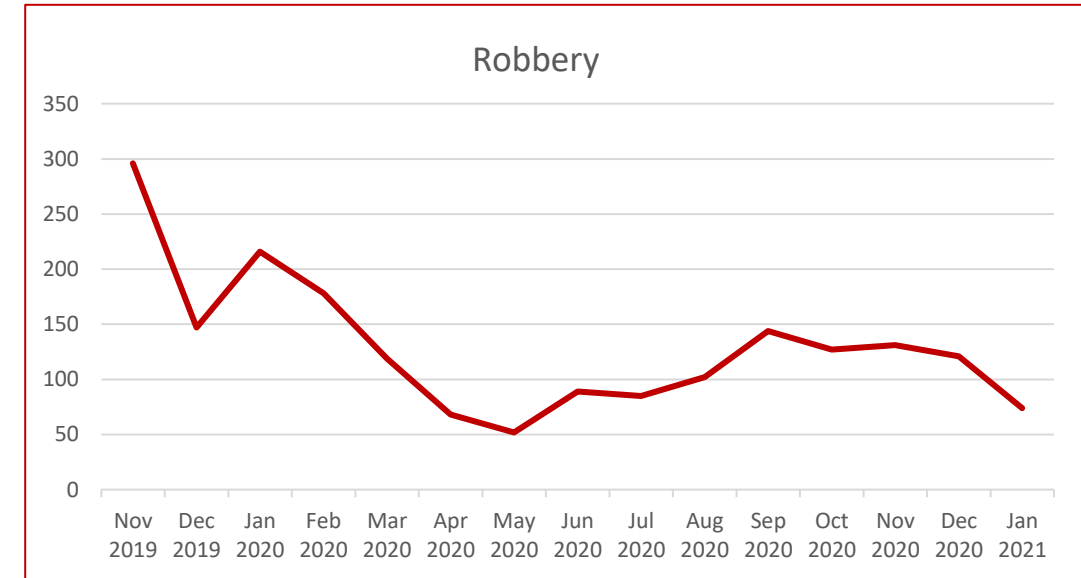
- As more and more of the population begin to get vaccinated there is a lot of political pressure to restart the economy and get the UK back to some form of normality.
- Colleagues would have seen the Prime minister's announcement on 22nd February about how the government are planning to move us out of lockdown over the coming months.
- Alongside this within the Council there several aligned workstreams, Business and economy, Parks, Community Safety and policing, where some of this has already begun to take shape focusing on the planning, around how we can jointly mitigate some of the potential increases in crime and infection rates, as we begin to emerge from the pandemic.
- In relation to crime and ASB, we also raised this as an agenda item at the Partnership Problem Solving Group on 10/02/2021. Stakeholders were sent some questions and asked to feedback their initial thoughts about how their agencies will be contributing to this important piece of work. The same process is also taking place with stakeholders and colleagues from the North Area Violence Reduction Group which is attended by colleagues across various sectors, and organisations from both Haringey and Enfield.
- The purpose of today's presentation is to ask for your thoughts and ideas about how your services, organisations and networks can contribute to supporting this work, especially as we move towards spring, summer months.
- In order to understand the unprecedented impact that the Pandemic has had on criminality not only in Haringey and London but nationally, I am going to take you through a couple of slides which demonstrate this in stark detail

	Haringey		North Area BCU	London
	Offences Current R12	Offences % Change	Offences % Change	Offences % Change
Total Crime	28,325	-12%	-10%	-17%
Violence with Injury - Non Domestic Abuse	1,538	-15%	-12%	-18%
Robbery of Personal Property	1,285	-51%	-48%	-38%
Total Knife Crime	543	-49%	-43%	-31%
Knife Injury Victims (Under 25 Non Domestic)	49	-35%	-31%	-30%
Total Gun Crime	69	-48%	-40%	-26%
Lethal-Barrelled Firearm Discharges	25	-22%	-30%	+2%

- As the previous table shows we have seen significant reductions in all crime types but more importantly in the two key crime priority offences of Violence with Injury- -15% and Robbery -51%. We have seen fewer victims of high harm offending such as knife injury victims, gun crime injury and lethal barrel discharge.
- Whilst these unprecedented reductions in crime are welcomed, and should be celebrated it is of note that there were still three murders that took place during the pandemic, one of which was as recently as January where a young man under 18 was stabbed to death and four young people under the age of 18 have now been charged with murder.
- We also continue to see ongoing tensions taking place between some of the established groups in Tottenham, Wood Green, and Enfield with the release of drill video's and tit for tat violence.
- It is also evident that whilst the Class A drug trade has been impacted by the Pandemic, there is an increasing use of Skunk Cannabis, both in terms of illegal grows, street dealing activities and associated violence.
- We are mindful of the potential under reporting of Domestic Abuse and there are already national concerns that we may begin to see a surge in reported offences and victims as we come out of lockdown.
- We also need to acknowledge the (once in a lifetime), impact that lockdown restrictions have had on opportunities to commit crime especially with more people, (including our young people), at home with less activity taking place in our streets and communities.
- Notwithstanding these reductions and by way of illustrating the point the next couple of slides do indicate based on previous years data that it is highly likely that as we begin to come out of lockdown during the spring and summer months of this year that we may begin to see criminality returning to base levels we were experiencing in 2019.

Total Crime





Questions:

Having set some of the context around the rationale for us to plan for crime post lockdown, we would be grateful if you could reflect on the following four questions. If time allows it would be good to get some feedback from you today and can I suggest we come back together in ten minutes for some quick feedback.

- ***What changes to crime and disorder has your organisation/department noticed since March 2020 (beginning of lockdown)?***
- ***Has your service offer changed as a result of COVID and/or the related restrictions, if so what plans are in place to return to business as usual?***
- ***Are there any improved practices (as a result of COVID, e.g. use of technology) that you will maintain post lockdown?***
- ***What steps will your organisation/department take to prevent crime/disorder rates rising to pre-lockdown levels once COVID restrictions are lifted?***

Next steps.

- All feedback from today, from PPSG and other colleagues will be collated and tabulated into a document covering each agencies responses.
- The intention is to incorporate crime post lockdown and police planning and align this to the business, schools re-opening and the work we will be doing with our parks and leisure colleagues
- I would be grateful if you could forward the questions to your networks and send your responses to myself and Sandeep by 5th March latest.
- All responses will then be incorporated into a formal partnership planning document which we can then review, jointly through the Community Safety Partnership Board, and adapt as things unfold over the next 10 months or so.
- Many thanks and stay well.