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Strategic Assessment of Crime & Disorder Based on 2017 Data

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Introduction

Welcome to the Cheshire West and Chester Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Strategic Assessment of Crime & Disorder based on 2017 data.

This assessment includes information on overall Crime and Disorder as well as data and information in relation to CSP Priorities as detailed in the CSP Strategy and Pan 2016-2020 and an overview from each Local Policing Unit Commander.

Nationally there has been a significant increase in recorded crime which has been replicated both in Cheshire and Cheshire West and Chester and Cheshire. It is generally accepted that this increase has been down to a change in recording practices rather than a significant uplift in crimes occurring. Therefore when making any comparison of overall crimes and in particular crimes relating to violence to previous years, caution must be exercised. It is felt that for more context comparisons should be made against percentage rises against Cheshire and other Community Safety Partnerships.

For overall crime Cheshire saw an increase of 31.1% from 2017/18 whilst Cheshire West and Chester saw an increase of 25.6% which is the smallest percentage rise compared to all the CSPs and when comparing overall levels of violence CWAC had the lowest percentage increase of 37.9% although it did have the joint highest fall in solved rate with a 12.2% reduction. Understanding the true meaning of these figures is difficult but the LPU Commanders do not report feeling that they are dealing with a significant rise in crime on the streets and do believe this is down to the change in recording practices.

Of those crimes where there is more confidence in comparing year on year figures such as burglary, vehicle crime, robbery and shoplifting there has been little statistical change with peaks and troughs through the year but overall remaining relatively stable. There have been some notable successes targeting organised criminality which are referred to in the Chief Inspector reports and of note this year the Cheshire West and Chester Serious and Organised Crime Board has launched and will focus amongst other things on Child Criminal Exploitation and County Lines teams that are targeting areas such as Northwich. In addition and of note the council have invested heavily in training around this particular subject with approximately 150 front line staff attending lunch and learn sessions to educate the staff on signs and triggers of serious and organised crime. In 2018 this training will be rolled out to wider partners.

There has been a continuing focus on domestic violence this year with Operation Enhance and the IDVA support being provided to victims. That said the overall number of incidents has remained relatively stable and whilst Domestic Abuse crimes have increased this does need to be caveated against the change to recording practices. Perhaps a more accurate picture is presented by the Domestic Violence with injury figures which have seen a decrease of 3.7% against a force increase of 2.2%. This will remain a focus for the CSP this year with continuing efforts around raising awareness, multi-agency training and continuing to promote the message that domestic violence is unacceptable to everyone.

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Anti-social behaviour incidents have seen a drop across Cheshire West by 16% which mirrors that of the fall seen across Cheshire. There is no doubt that this decrease has been influenced by many of these incidents being re-classified as crimes however the ASB unit continues to deliver a strong performance around preventative tactics and ASB interventions such as advisory letters, Acceptable Behaviour Discussions (ABDs), Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABCs), Community Protection Notice (CPN) warning letters and Protection Notices being used to prevent an escalation in behaviour. In addition in April 2018 a new model for PCSO deployment has been implemented across the force which will be focused in local communities providing the opportunity to identify and address issues at an even earlier stage. The model is supported by Cheshire West and Chester Council through funding for additional PCSOs who will have a focus around council priorities and be attached to the ASB unit's to enhance the work of the unit.

Reports of hate crime have seen an increase of 12.3% across the year which is the smallest rise seen across the force area and with hate crime being widely recognised as under reported efforts will continue to try and promote reporting via the various methods open to victims including third party reporting centres.

A significant amount of partnership work has been undertaken over the last year to address homelessness which is primarily impacting Chester City Centre. This continues to be an issue and therefore work will continue along with work to support the night time economy in support of Chester's success at being awarded Purple Flag status.

Chief Inspector Mike Evans Chester Local Policing Unit (LPU)

Whilst in the last 12 months we have seen a 27.6% increase in overall crime in Chester Local Policing Unit (LPU) area, this is due largely to changing crime recording practices and is 7% lower than the overall force increase. In addition to this, we have solved an additional 73 crimes and have seen significant reductions in traditional serious acquisitive crimes including Burglary (-6.6%) and theft from vehicles (-14.4%).

I am pleased that we have continued our rise in **Hate Crime** reports across Chester (8.4% / 20 offences) and believe this is testament to the work in building relationships across our communities by our PCSO's which should only improve as we move towards our PCSO's having a community base in each ward.

The close working relationship between the Local Policing Unit and the Cheshire West and Chester **Anti-Social Behaviour** Unit has continued and I have no doubt that this has contributed to the 4.5% reduction in antisocial behaviour incidents meaning 223 less victims.

Focussed on engagement, our PCSO's have now moved to a booking on basis within our local communities so we have a visible presence booking on at Dragon Hall, Chester Town Hall and Frodsham as well as Blacon deployment base and have been the first LPU

in the Constabulary to achieve this and a highlight of this work has been moving to a joint base with Cheshire Fire and Rescue in Frodsham.

Our diversion initiatives such as the deployment of the Panna football cage and Xbox tournament into areas with higher levels of antisocial behaviour have continued this year and through partnership working we hope to replace the Panna cage with a more modern option that is easier to deploy and work is ongoing to achieve this.

The policing of the night time economy has continued to challenge us but we have utilised strong working relationship mixed with enforcement when required to ensure that we make Chester as safe a city as possible for those who wish to socialise in the city at night – where premises have failed to engage and compromised the safety of patrons, we have taken action and a high profile licensing review of a premises within the city highlighted that this year.

The Community Safety Partnership provided additional funding to tackle the issue of rough sleeping in Chester City centre, aggravated by the use of Alcohol/NPS and controlled substances as we approached key dates for the area (Halloween, Festive lights switch on, Christmas markets and increased Night time economy). The operation enabled us to ensure visibility around prominent locations in the City Centre and provide reassurance to residents and visitors to the City at key times. The operation covered 6 weekends (Thurs, Fri & Sat) with 4 staff deployed between midday and 10pm.

During the period of the operation, 3 ASB advisory letters were issued, 7 dispersal notices, 79 begging/busking challenges, 6 drug related incidents attended and a significant recovery of 30 wraps of heroin was made. In total, the operation was directly responsible for 12 arrests.

Twelve months ago, I commented that the biggest challenge for us as a Local Policing Unit was the increase in **rough sleepers** travelling to the Chester area, predominantly from outside of the area.

Sadly, despite our best efforts, involving dedicated staff daily on foot policing the city, these numbers have continued to rise and it is clear that whilst it may not be a popular view point, there are some individuals making a lifestyle choice to sleep on the streets – most recently demonstrated by commissioned outreach data that 46% of those sleeping rough had an identified home address and I never fail to be amazed at some of the comments fed back from those sleeping rough when they are offered housing provision or emergency accommodation during the severe weather protocol. The acceptability of allowing those who sleep rough through choice makes the identification and protection of those most vulnerable in society even more challenging.

Finally, it was really pleasing to see Chester successful in its bid to be awarded purple flag which was a process heavily contributed to by Inspector Barry Brown and Sergeant Alex Jackson from the City Centre policing team.

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Chief Inspector Simon Draco Ellesmere Port Local Policing Unit (LPU)

Ellesmere Port LPU continues to prioritise domestic abuse and violent crime whilst maintaining a strong focus on ASB and those who cause the most harm in our communities. The reporting of domestic abuse remains stable; however the number of reports for the area is disproportionately high. In the last twelve months Ellesmere Port Local Policing Unit (LPU) received 763 reports of domestic abuse, only 20% less than the larger Chester LPU. Highlighting the risk, Ellesmere Port LPU has recorded 243 instances of domestic violence with injury which is only 14% less than Chester LPU. Our focus around Domestic abuse has secured a positive outcome rate for Domestic abuse offences of 32.5% and for domestic violence with injury 42.5%. As an LPU we ensure our teams secure early evidence and focus on the safeguarding of the victim. This is critical, especially around Domestic Violence/Abuse. We have also benefited from the specialist support of an independent domestic violence advocate (IDVA) as part **Operation Enhance**. The support and guidance of a dedicated IDVA at Ellesmere Port would provide significant benefits to DA victims, not always possible with Police only attendance.

Burglaries within dwellings continue to be a LPU priority. In the last 12 months Ellesmere Port LPU has seen an increase in these offences of 16%. The lead up to Christmas can see an increase in these offences, our Beat Initiative Team responsible for these investigations implemented **Operation Fang** in response to this threat.

This operation led to a reduction in these offences compared to the previous year. This team have also conducted a drugs enforcement operation - **Operation Masterclass**, resulting is 12 arrests for the supply of class A drugs in Ellesmere Port. This was a significant Operation which culminated in an arrest phase just before Christmas, with most of the suspects living in Ellesmere Port.

Operation Cashed was set up to reduce offences reported on the Cheshire Oaks site with specific attention paid to shoplifting offences. The demand from Cheshire Oaks site was high which usually coincided with peak demand elsewhere. This operation has been running since May 2017. Since the start of the Operation there has been a 41.9% reduction in shoplifting incidents reported. Officers worked closely with Cheshire Oaks and retail staff arranging security awareness meetings, staff training events and store management meetings to help combat theft. Alongside this, strong partnership relationships have been built with Cheshire Oaks site management. This cooperation has led to private funding streams providing patrols at peak trading times: further reducing demand. Cheshire Police designed shoplifting evidence packs & deterrent posters have also been used to encourage shop staff to report crime and provide evidence. **Operation Cashed** is also being rolled out to other local retail sites building on the success at Cheshire Oaks**.**

Operation Cavity which is the traffic management operation for the Cheshire Oaks site has also been successful this year, reducing the traffic congestion along the nearby major motorway networks. This joint agency approach has reduced the problems of traffic flow

and in and out of the Cheshire Oaks site. There has also been a significant reduction in congestion on the main arterial routes.

The identification and investigation of Hate Crime is key to our community engagement and the management of these crimes is reviewed by Detective Sergeant and LPU Inspector. We have a community cohesion group who are made up of our local partners. They will now be scrutinising our hate crimes presented by the LPU Inspector. There has been an increase of 49.2% in reports which are predominately public order offences.

The LPU will be implementing **Operation Proportion** which is the response to Anti-social Behaviour in the area, especially during the School holidays. There will be FIFA competitions, bike marking and PANNA football and other diversion activities provided. These will be situated in key locations such as Ellesmere Port Town Centre, Whitby Park and Stanney Fields, Neston. The LPU is working in close partnership with youth services. The provision of diversionary activities in Ellesmere Port remains a concern; the area has seen an increase in ASB in the Town Centre especially on evenings where no youth clubs are available.

Operation Sceptre will form part of our work with the local Schools and the Youth Services to educate young people regarding the dangers of carrying a knife.

Operation Crusher is the Ellesmere Port Local Policing Unit Response to the issues presented by the Anti-Social Use of off Road Motorcycles within the area. The aim of the operation is to reduce the anti-social use of off road motorcycles and similar vehicles across the Ellesmere Port and Neston Area and reduce the risk of serious injury or death on the roads and open spaces. We have invested in Selecta DNA kits to assist us in identifying bikes used in this manner and the training for Officers starts shortly. This operation has led to the seizure of 13 off road bikes and to a number of driving offences being prosecuted. This operation remains a focus for the LPU and causes understandable public concern.

Chief Inspector Simon Meegan – Northwich Local Policing Unit

Northwich Local Policing Unit has seen an increase in total recorded crime over the last 12 months that is consistent with the overall force increase. For this area, this equates to an average of 21 crimes per day in Northwich, Winsford and Tarporley. We have placed an increased focus on victim based crime recording to improve compliance with national standards, with many reports now recorded at the first point of call. Changes to recording practices, which includes now recording much more anti-social behaviour as a crime, have contributed to this increase. The number of crimes solved in the last year, remains approximately the same despite the increase. The number of hate crimes decreased by over 7% in this period, with over a third of these solved. Hate crime, along with police use of Stop & Search, is the subject of scrutiny within our well-established Community Cohesion Group, along with other subjects concerning legitimacy including the treatment of young people in custody and dealing with mental health issues.

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Whilst some traditional acquisitive crime types, such as residential burglary, remain relatively rare, cyber related crime and fraud do continue as an emerging trend. A number of Northwich residents have been victims of a HM Revenue & Customs voucher fraud (iTunes), which operates internationally and can involve significant amounts of money. We have undertaken a number of initiatives to prevent people becoming victims to a crime which often targets the most vulnerable within the community.

Last year, our response to anti-social behaviour over the Halloween and Bonfire period, saw some significant reductions compared to the previous year, particularly in respect of fires in the Winsford area. With support from the Community Safety Partnership a significant amount of partnership work was undertaken both prior to and during this period, which will only be strengthened in the year ahead.

The development of the town centre in Northwich with Barons Quay, an expanding night-time economy and the hosting of the cycling Tour series has brought additional policing requirements. We are committed to ensuring that the area is a safe place to live, visit and work and continue to maintain a strong working partnership with the Northwich Business Improvement District (BID).

Our commitment to tackle Serious and Organised Crime continues, with particular focus on those involved with the County Lines drugs supply. These teams normally operate from adjacent metropolitan areas, transporting controlled drugs into rural areas and market towns, with an increasing trend to use young people as couriers who have been subject of exploitation and coercion into criminal behaviour. Whilst we continue with pursuing and prosecuting those responsible, via the Serious and organised Crime Board an effective partnership response needs to continue to protect these young people and prevent offending.

Over the next few months we will be developing our Community Bases for our Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs). These will be clearly identified locations, within each electoral ward in our area, where a named PCSO will work from and hold surgeries with advertised hours. Using our investment in mobile technology, this will increase visibility and reassurance. We have also trained all our PCSOs in the use of speed enforcement equipment, to support the response to community road safety concerns.

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Priority 1: Reducing Re-offending

The Navigate cohort continues to show performance figures of minimal or no reported crimes which are categorised as harmful or serious risk of harm to the public.

The Navigate cohort continues to show performance of the largest percentage of offending categorised as having no impact on the community which is the main aim of the team.

The below chart shows activity throughout the months, it should be understood that these figures change daily due to the fast pace of the department and is only accurate at the time of entry.

	Jan 2017	Feb 2017	Mar 2017	Apr 2017	May 2017	June 2017	July 2017	Aug 2017	Sept 2017	Oct 2017	Nov 2017	Dec 2017
New to Scheme	7	9	10	18	10	14	13	17	14	12	16	10
Denominated	3	6	11	9	11	4	5	4	8	5	8	7
Cohort	179	184	187	193	194	197	205	216	228	231	242	246
In Prison	63	61	62	77	84	85	91	83	79	76	77	84
RAG - Red	17	17	12	10	14	7	8	11	12	13	14	13
RAG - Amber	75	77	88	85	76	88	97	112	112	125	114	122
RAG - Green	31	30	21	22	26	23	20	18	23	26	30	29

Red	• **Circulated as wanted on PNC** • **Wanted for arrest (not on PNC)** • **Intelligence to suggest further offending <u>And</u> not complying with supervision/treatment requirements**
Amber	• **Intelligence to suggest further offender <u>Or</u>** • **Not complying with supervision/treatment services**
Green	• **No intelligence to suggest offending** • **Engaging with all relevant agencies**

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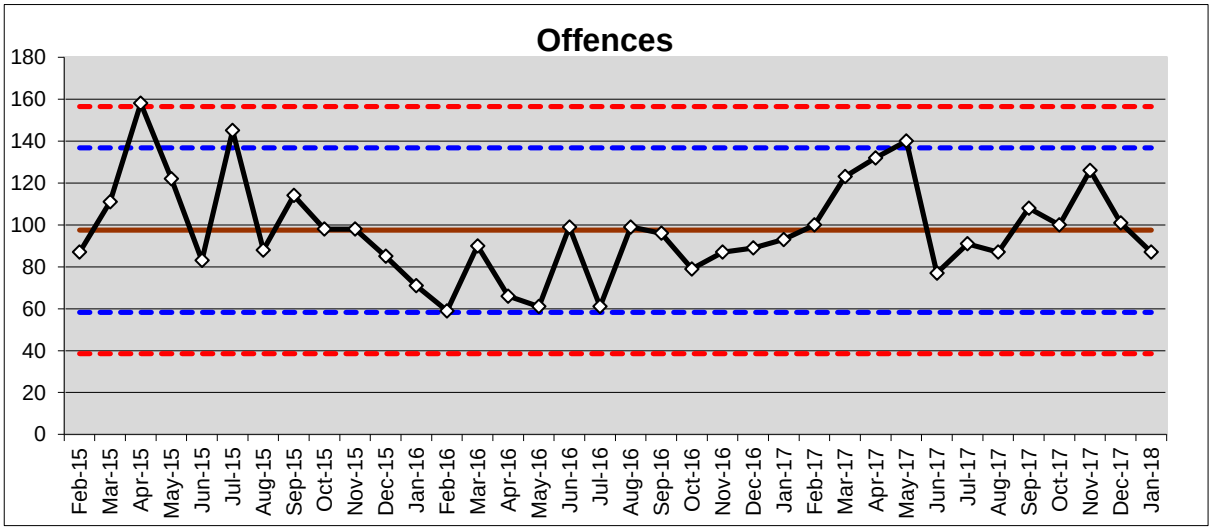
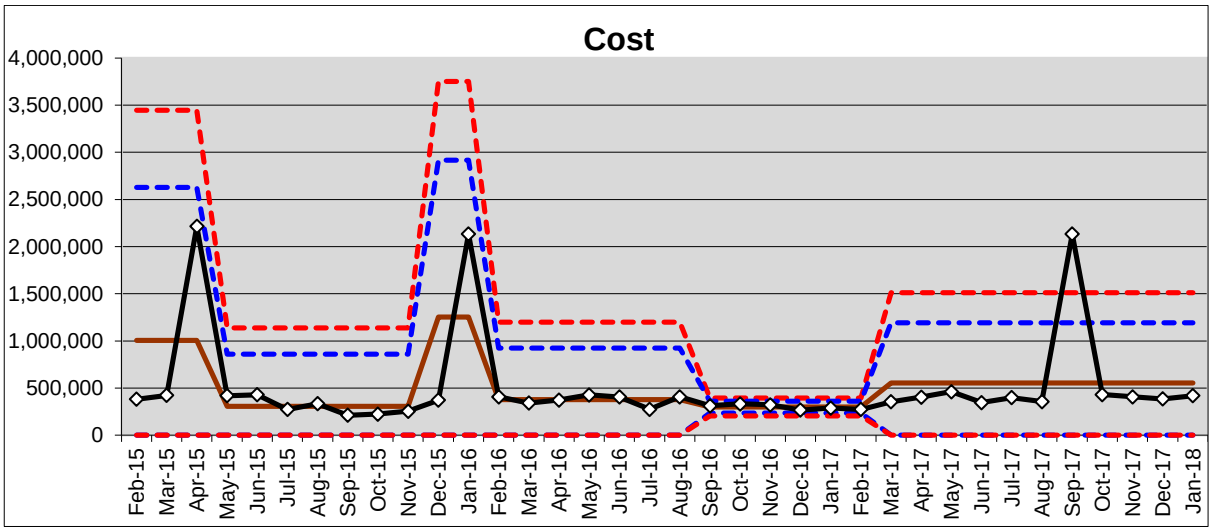
Offences & Costs

The below XML charts show the cost of crime variable for the Navigate cohort and the offences committed per month against the upper and lower control lines. Control charts are one of our methods for assessing if there have been any changes in the observed data and if there have been changes, are they significant? The upper and lower blue lines are warning lines to show that the cost or offence numbers are outside of our normal ranges, whilst the red control lines show the normal levels.

If the data remains between the upper and lower red lines, that this is normal and that there are no changes to report however any data which falls below or rises above the red lines would be classed as a significant variation. At this point the teams would be alerted and would require an explanation for this behavior. Due to the nature of the cost of crime the higher the offence type the more it will cost and therefore if a serious offence is committed this will show a significant spike in costs which can be shown here. In terms of the offence data chat a significant increase can usually be explained via the use of the table due to the nomination of one or more significant offender, on the reverse side of this a significant decrease is often due to a Navigate offender being taken in to custody or a new offender, after joining the scheme engaging thus no longer offending.





Harm levels

The below harm levels chart shows a comparison in harm levels compared to last month identified by the number of incidents in each category. The following chart explains the offences in each category. The colour of each area is representative of the change comparison from last months' data.

Therefore this box demonstrates that:

- The percentage of crimes committed have primarily been within the 0 crime category which pose no harm to the community
- The percentage of crimes committed within Category 1 (see below for full explanation of crime categories) has reduced compared to the previous month
- The percentage of crimes committed within Category 2 has decreased compared to the previous period, however this still equates to only 3 crimes in this period
- There was 1 crime reported Category 3 crimes which have the greatest impact on the community

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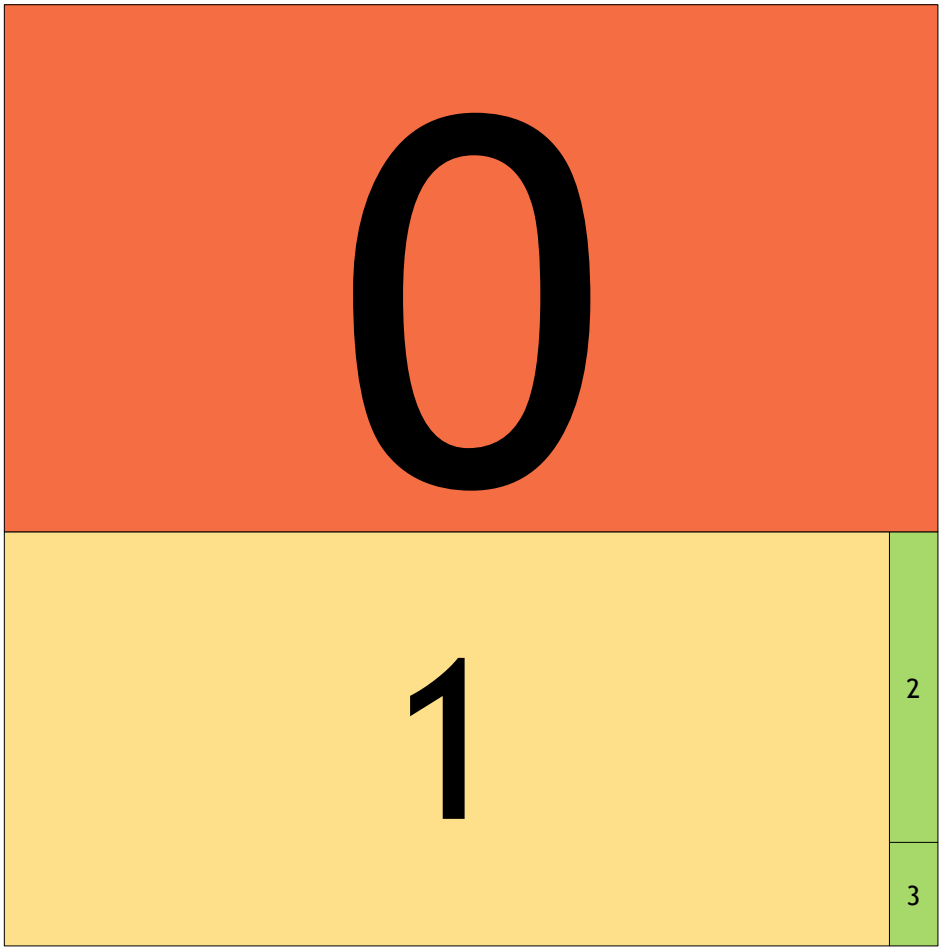
-1000% to	-10%		Increased rate
-9% to	-5%		
-4% to	0%		
1% to	5%		
6% to	10%		
11% to	25%		Reduction
26% to	50%		
51% to	120%		



Harm levels	Offence Type
0 – No Harm	Prison Breach of Court Order
1 - Community impact / financial	Theft - not vehicle Theft of vehicle Theft from vehicle Attempted vehicle theft Criminal Damage Burglary not in a dwelling Shoplifting Any other offence
2 – Harmful	Common assault Burglary dwelling
3 - Risk of Serious Harm	Homicide Serious wounding other wounding Sexual offences Robbery

Pathways and barriers to resettlement

The following chart showing the identified areas of reoffending barriers and pathways which the current cohort have been identified as having (please note most Navigate nominals will have multiple pathway requirements)

Area	Pathway 1 Accommodation	Pathway 2 Physical Health	Pathway 3 Mental Health	Pathway 4 Education, Training & Employment	Pathway 5 Drugs
East	83%	29%	44%	69%	87%
Halton	80%	22%	63%	45%	90%
West	90%	30%	61%	34%	90%
Warrington	89%	37%	65%	85%	87%
Cheshire	86%	29%	56%	57%	89%
	Pathway 6 Alcohol	Pathway 7 Finance	Pathway 8 Safeguarding	Pathway 9 Domestic Abuse	Pathway 10 Attitudes/ Thinking/ Beliefs
East	35%	59%	32%	24%	96%
Halton	49%	59%	49%	20%	100%
West	34%	82%	19%	17%	97%
Warrington	48%	57%	20%	15%	85%
Cheshire	40%	65%	27%	24%	95%

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National Probation Service (NPS) March 2018

Adult Offenders Supervised by the National Probation Service (NPS) in Cheshire April 2017 – January 2018

The National Probation Service are responsible for supervising cases who present a High and Very High Risk of causing serious harm, those whose risk of recidivism is above a certain threshold and all cases subject to Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA). The NPS is split into 7 divisions, Cheshire Local Delivery Unit is part of the North West Division. Data for the NPS is collated on either a North West or pan-Cheshire basis.

On 7th March 2018 the NPS in Cheshire were supervising 1734 cases. 4% (67 cases) of these were women. On this date 53% (921 cases) of male cases were supervised in the community, and 54% (36 cases) of female cases in the community.

Of the Cheshire caseload 43% (744 cases) have been assessed as being a high or very high risk of serious harm; 71% (529 cases) of these are in custody.

The six measures in Table 1 have been selected from the service level performance framework to track outcomes for the supervision of offenders in Cheshire.

Between January 2017 to January 2018, performance has improved or remained static compared with the same period the previous year for: initial contact with offenders, risk escalation and recall timeliness. As awareness regarding the appropriate reasons for risk escalation has improved so the number of cases escalated by the CRC to the NPS has increased (by 100%).

The proportion of offenders successfully completing the Sex Offender Treatment Programme has reduced from 92% to 90% with the number of these cases reducing proportionately.

The proportion of successfully completed Community Orders and Suspended Sentence Orders has reduced from 84% to 75%. Whilst further analysis is required, this is in part related to efforts to drive appropriate enforcement.

Similarly, The proportion of Licences and Post Supervision Periods completed has reduced insignificantly by 2%. NPS performance for this measure is affected by national counting rules that require any recall to prison to count as an automatic ‘fail’ for an offender even if the same offender goes on to complete the Licence successfully following re-release.

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Table 1

Cheshire	April 2016 – Jan 17			April 17 – Jan 18		
	Total	Pass	%	Total	Pass	%
SL004 Initial Contact – custody releases	443	440	99	454	452	99
SL009 Sex Offender Treatment Programme	54	50	92	49	44	90
SL011 Response to Risk Escalation *	33	33	100	67	67	100
SL012 Recall Timeliness	125	125	100	101	101	100
SL018 Completion of Community Orders & Suspended Sentence Orders	159	133	84	187	149	75
SL019 Completion of Licence and Post Sentence Supervision	360	237	66	340	217	64

* = whole of North West figure

Cheshire MAPPA Cases Q3 April 2017 – January 2018

MAPPA Guidance is available on the MAPPA Website www.mappa.justice.gov.uk.

The MAPPA Annual Report is produced and published in October at www.gov.uk. This provides annual figures on the number of offenders managed under MAPPA by level and Category, Returns to Custody and Serious Further Offences.

Table 2 provides a snapshot of the number of MAPPA offenders resident in the community in 2017. This figure is relatively static. No serious case reviews have been required during 2017 -2018.

TABLE 2: Number of MAPPA offenders resident *in the Community* – 31.12.17

CHESHIRE EAST	Cat 1 Sexual Offenders	Cat 2 Violent Offenders	Cat 3 ODO	Total
Level 1	388	92	0	480
Level 2	1	2	0	3
Level 3	0	0	0	0
Total	389	94	0	483
CHESHIRE WEST	Cat 1 Sexual Offenders	Cat 2 Violent Offenders	Cat 3 ODO	Total
Level 1	350	70	0	420
Level 2	1	1	0	2
Level 3	0	0	0	0
Total	351	71	0	422
HALTON	Cat 1 Sexual Offenders	Cat 2 Violent Offenders	Cat 3 ODO	Total
Level 1	150	68	0	218
Level 2	0	0	2	2
Level 3	0	0	1	1
Total	150	68	3	221
WARRINGTON	Cat 1 Sexual Offenders	Cat 2 Violent Offenders	Cat 3 ODO	Total
Level 1	201	96	0	297
Level 2	0	0	0	0
Level 3	0	0	0	0
Total	201	96	0	297

	Cat 1 Sexual Offenders	Cat 2 Violent Offenders	Cat 3 ODO	Total
30.12.17 Totals	1091	329	3	1423
30.09.17 Totals	1062	166	1	1229
31.03.17 Totals	995	253	3	1251

Key Changes and improvements during 2017 – 2018

- A new process in place for Category 2, Level 2 and 3 offenders, where by Police from local Policing Units attend MAPPA meetings in their area, to ensure local issues are adequately addressed. MAPPA chair training has been undertaken across Police and NPS.
- Joint workshops with NPS and Police have been held in relation to ARMS (Active Risk Management system for adult male sexual offenders) to develop consistency and share best practice.

- VISOR is to become an integral tool in Offender Management work for the NPS. A three stage initial implementation plan has been devised which will include the VISOR Vetting of NPS staff, Training and Quality Assurance.
- The intention is for all Category 2, Level 1 cases to be added to ViSOR, with the intention of improving information sharing for these cases.
- We have two new Lay Advisers appointed by the Minister who will be critical friends to the MAPPA Strategic Management Board.
- We introduced a new MAPPA document set (referral and Minutes) which is now embedded in Cheshire and continues to incorporate the 4 pillars risk management plan.
- National and local work is being undertaken to develop relationships with the law Enforcement Engagement program, and Immigration Enforcement as a duty to cooperate (DTC) Agency.

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Priority 2: Exploitation (including Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE), and Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE)

Following the Community Safety Partnership Scrutiny session in June 2017 a decision was made to extend this priority from CSE and include CCE.

The term CSE stands for Child Sexual Exploitation. CSE is a form of sexual abuse that involves the manipulation and/or coercion of young people under the age of 18 into sexual activity in exchange for things such as money, gifts, accommodation, affection or status. The manipulation or 'grooming' process involves befriending children, gaining their trust, and often feeding them drugs and alcohol, sometimes over a long period of time.

The term County lines is becoming more widely recognised and used to describe situations where young people may be internally trafficked for the purpose of criminal exploitation. Wat is often less understood is the experiences a young person faces and the potential for them to be harmed through various forms of abuse and exploitation as a result.

During 2017/18 in Cheshire West and Chester there have been 45 children and young people have been referred to the Integrated Access and Referral team iArt following concerns by practitioners about CSE

In a recent Peer review it was suggested that i-ART fully understand the process and the pathway for victims of CSE however contrary to the pan Cheshire guidance not all cases that are flagged as Medium and High risk are open to Childrens social care, some are open to the early help and Prevention service, it was also found that this was appropriate. The routine application of the pan Cheshire CSE tool to assess risk is embedded in practice and all cases assessed as high and medium risk are considered and reviewed at the LSCB operational group.

The LSCB delivers a 4 day Basic Awareness training course in Child Sexual Exploitation. In 2017/18 65 staff have attended the course. It includes reference to Pan Cheshire Policies and Procedures, the Operational Group role and function and the information sharing form, the CSE screening tool and how to complete it and presentations from the Police around the role of the CSE missing co-ordinator, trafficking and sexting and from Catch 22 on the role of the CSE co-coordinator and the Missing from Home Service.
The Community Safety Partnership are involved in the dissemination of the Department for Educations Child Sexual Exploitation awareness marketing materials.
The community safety partnership have taken a particular interest in the “County Lines” issue and have set up a Serious Organised Crime Board as a sub group of the CSP. One workstream of this board is looking at specific CCE issues within the borough. An action plan has been produced which contains clear milestones and outcomes.

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Members of the partnership have attended a number of conferences facilitated by police partners. The CSP has worked with the Local Authority and the Police to deliver a number of lunch and learn sessions for front line workers to raise awareness of the Serious and organised crime including awareness of CCE. To date 136 front line workers have attended the sessions.

The CSP will be facilitating a session with the Health and Wellbeing board to explore with wider partners how the can support more of a coordinated prevention approach to SOC. The CSP has provided funding to the LSCB and is currently working with them to enable the development of specific awareness raising training offer for the children's workforce on CCE.

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Priority 3: To Reduce the Prevalence and Impact of Anti-Social Behaviour in our Communities

Anti-Social Behaviour Units

There are three dedicated ASB Units across the borough, all of which are based in police stations. The Community Safety Team includes non-uniformed Community Safety Officers (CSOs) and uniformed Community Safety Wardens (CSWs) and the ASB Units also have dedicated Police Officers from the Local Policing Units.

Working in such close partnership with the police reduces duplication and ensures that we maximise the resources available to respond to ASB reports. Community Safety staff are also accredited with a number of police powers under the National Community Safety Accreditation Scheme to tackle anti-social behaviour, and staff undertake annual training in relation to these powers. The partnership working that is managed through dedicated Community Safety management of the ASB Units ensures that resources are not being duplicated and that uniformed officers such as PCSO's and CSW's complement each other with their own focus on police and local authority priorities and sometimes patrol together.

Problem Solving Approach

Problem Solving Partnership Groups exist in each locality and are managed by the ASB Units. The Problem Solving Group brings statutory and non- statutory agencies together to work in partnership in order to address Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in Cheshire West and Chester.

ASB has seen an overall reduction

The following are different types of interventions used by the ASB Units in 2017:

Advisory Letter - Initial letter sent to perpetrator warning of behavior, in the case of a juvenile, the letter is hand delivered for early engagement with the parent.

Acceptable Behavior Discussion (ABD) – Takes place at a police station and is a face to face discussion regarding behavior, offer of support and possible consequences.

Acceptable Behavior Contract (ABC) – The same as an Acceptable Behavior Discussion, the next stage of discussion where the perpetrator sings a contact, agreeing a number of conditions.

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Criminal Behavior Orders (CBO) – Order granted by the court, following conviction of a criminal offence, imposing conditions to reduce offending behavior, these are used to address:

Persistent commission of burglary/theft offences
Vagrancy related ASB 0 drinking/begging etc.
Nuisance calls to emergency services
Offending relating to licensed premises

Civil Injunctions (previously ASBO) – This is a Civil Order made at court, designed to impose conditions and to prevent offending. Breaches result in arrests. Normally applied for when other interventions have failed

Community Protection Notice (CPN) – This is a two-step process:

CPN – Warning
CPN – Notice

Notices are issues with conditions to address behavior.
Breaches result in Fixed Penalty or summons to court.

The tables below show the numbers of interventions carried out by the ASB Units and broken down between adults and youths.

The Table showing Public Space Protect Order (PSPO) refers to the number of breaches that have been enforced in 2016 on the Chester PSPO

The table showing Activity refers to the other activity that has taken place within the ASB Units and shows where initial request have come from and the subsequent activity that has taken place across the borough.

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Anti-Social Behaviour Data						
2017	Advisory Letter - Adult	Advisory Letter - Youth	Acceptable Behaviour Discussion - Adult	Acceptable Behaviour Discussion - Youth	Acceptable Behaviour Contract - Adult	Acceptable Behaviour Contract - Youth
	172	249	12	70	4	0

Anti-Social Behaviour Data				
2017	Criminal Behaviour Order - Adult	Criminal Behaviour Order - Youth	Community Protection Notice - Warning Letter	Community Protection Notice
	14	0	24	6

Activity	**Numbers**	**Comments**
ASB Cheshire West and Chester Calls to Call Centre	176	ASB related .Doesn't include dog fouling notifications or Fire Notifications that are attended to address environmental issues
Councillor requests for service	48	Letters/emails to units for action
Other agency requests for service/support and partnership working to address a problem	880	Chester University, Registered Social Landlords, Police depts., Housing Trusts, Cheshire West and Chester other depts.(parking services /street scene/cctv) - list is not exhaustive and is across 3 units

Activity	**Numbers**	**Comments**
Community Impact Days	17	Carried out monthly across Cheshire West and Chester. Engagement /enforcement in specific areas. Address public concerns/dog fouling/school engagement, litter, speeding
FIFA XBOX youth Diversionary Events	42	Events delivered in youth related ASB hotpots to reduce ASB and engage with young people

Activity	**Numbers**	

		Comments
Gating Order Orders and Consultations PSPO On-going monitoring of compliance and maintenance - large scale PSPO transfer of all existing gates to new legislation	860 Properties directly affected and visited across the borough as part of consultation	Orders require public consultation carried out by Community Safety Wardens

Activity	**Numbers**	**Comments**
Chester Races Deployments	15 Race Dates 473 Alcohol Confiscations 10 Urination Prevention (actual offences incl. on PSPO Enforcement below) 11 Begging Interventions 4 Ticket Tout Interventions 2 Drugs Seizures (passed to Cheshire Police)	Deployment of 2 CSWs – foot patrols /enforcement/ engagement/prevention Dedicated to area where high numbers of resident complaints to reduce urination /ASB PSPO enforcement - alcohol and urination
Public Events	Numerous	Christmas Light switch on –across CWAC area Various city centre parades Dewali Parade - Chester High Profile Traveller funerals University – Freshers Fair and Accommodation Fair – crime reduction/personal safety Schools inputs Young Carers Project School visits Cycle Marking Warden talks – Schools and OAP homes
Police ASB Operations	Numerous	Operation Shield - prevention of domestic burglaries - Roll-out of this in Rural area - extensive project Halloween and Bonfire night – Op Treacle Operation Cathedral - City Centre ASB Crime stoppers - leaflet distribution following drugs warrants

Activity	Numbers	Comments
Home visit/vulnerable risk assessments	9	To determine risk and vulnerability of repeat callers. Complete Risk Assessments and enter onto systems for visibility and action

Activity	Numbers	Comments
PSPO Enforcement - Urination	27	Enforcement of PSPO BY Police and CSW – whilst on operational duties, deal with persons committing offence .Obtain details, submit file of evidence for prosecution files
PSPO Enforcement - Legal Highs	0	Enforcement of PSPO for use of Legal Highs. Deal with persons in contravention of this and seize products, issuing FPN
PCN issued (parking)	34	Target areas out of city for enforcement - schools, other complaints to CWAC
FPN issued (dog fouling and littering)	57	Litter and dog fouling. In addition , Dog Fouling Impact Days, Joint patrol with CWAC Warden and targeting of hotspots for enforcement and education Weekly joint patrols with Regulatory Services Officer to target litter in Chester City Centre

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Activity	Numbers	Comments
Police Niche NOISE TASKING	61	**CSWs all tasked via police niche** Allocated directly NOISE ASB - work with Regulatory Services to address.
Police Niche ASB tasking	30	**CSWs all tasked via police niche.** Allocated all ASB environmental calls to the police
Police niche Dog related ASB tasking	6	Jointly tasked with dog related incidents that are ASB related (not dog bites) Follow up visit to: educate and advise problem solve reduce risk of harm

Activity	Numbers	Comments
Collection of discarded needles and other drug related paraphernalia	167 syringes 180 sharps 25 full sharps boxes of varying amounts from various random locations around the Chester locality.	Public use of intravenous drugs in the city centre These figures are in addition to those collected by Street Scene Teams

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Priority 4: To Reduce the Negative Impact of Alcohol and Substance Misuse

In order to reduce the harms associated with substance misuse we seek to deliver three interlinked outcomes:

- The population of Cheshire West and Chester live free from health harms caused by substance misuse.
- Local people and communities live free from crime and antisocial behaviour caused by substance misuse.
- Actively promote a diverse, vibrant and safe night-time economy.

These principles for the basis of an alcohol and substance misuse strategy, developed by a partnership from a range of agencies. This strategy is currently out for public consultation.

Substance Misuse Treatment Services (Including Alcohol)

We recognise that some people will have established issues with substance misuse, for these people, our focus will be on Recovery, which will allow people to maximise their potential and have a positive contribution to society. Residents experiencing problems with substance misuse are supported by a range of agencies across the borough including the Integrated Substance Misuse Service commissioned by the Council. This service is currently being redesigned and commissioned. The service will retain its focus on recovery, priorities for the revised service will include:

- Increased use of the digital medium including self help
- A stronger focus on support for people with co-existing mental health and substance misuse problems
- Increased support for those experiencing or at risk of homelessness
- Increased support for people using New Psychoactive Substances
- A stronger focus on those experiencing problems with prescription and over the counter medicines

The new service will be launched in April 2019.

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New Psychoactive Substances (NPS)

New Psychoactive Substances (NPS) refers to a range of compounds designed to mimic the effects of drugs including cannabinoids, stimulants and hallucinogens. Previously referred to as 'legal highs', the New Psychoactive Substances act (2016) made it an offence to supply NPS. It is not illegal under the act to possess or consume NPS; however under the Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) it is an offence to consume NPS in Chester City.

Concerns were raised by Cheshire Police during summer 2017 that beat officers had come across an increase in the numbers of people who had collapsed or been found unconscious as a result of NPS use. A strategic group was quickly established to examine the nature and potential cases of the rise in incidents. The strategic group oversaw a range of actions to respond to these incidents including:

Enforcement
Joint assertive outreach
Improved data collection
Education & Training

The outcome of the joint work was a rapid decline in reported incidents of harm and the establishment of new ways of partnership working. The NPS Strategic Group will reconvene in April 2018 to review partnership working and current issues in relation to NPS.

A multi-agency NPS learning event was held in October 2017. Over 60 frontline staff attended. Agencies represented included:

Substance misuse services
Primary and Secondary care
Housing and homelessness services
Youth services
Police and community safety
Voluntary sector

National and local experts presented on a wide range of topics including:

Local and national patterns of use
Health harms and harm reduction
Best practice in treatment
Improving data collection
Current local activity to engage with users

Following this learning event a number of training sessions focussing on NPS use and aimed at frontline staff were provided by Turning Point (Substance Misuse Service) across the borough.

The Community Safety Partnership funded during 2017 a system to improve collection and dissemination on use of NPS locally. This includes promoting the use of a web based system for recording NPS established by Liverpool John Moore's University Centre for Public Health known as the Integrated Monitoring System (IMS). IMS now contains a module for services to record NPS use and several local services have signed up to collect this data

Alcohol and the Night-time Economy

In February of this year Chester was awarded Purple Flag Status in recognition of strong partnership working to create a safe and thriving night-time economy. The campaign for Purple Flag status was driven by CH1ChesterBID – Chester's Business Improvement District (BID) – in partnership with Cheshire West and Chester Council and other organisations, including Cheshire Police, Chester Pubwatch, the University of Chester, and several third sector groups - Chester was one of only two places to receive a new Purple Flag accreditation. Purple Flag requires partners to work to improve across the following domains:

The Policy Envelope: An after-hours policy that shows a clear strategy based on sound research, integrated public policy and a successful multi-sector partnership.

Wellbeing: Successful destinations are all safe and welcoming with all sectors playing their part in delivering high standards of customer care.

Movement: Getting home safely after an evening out is crucial, as is the ability to move around the centre on foot with ease.

Appeal: Successful destinations offer a vibrant choice of leisure and entertainment for a diversity of ages, groups, lifestyles and cultures.

Place: Successful areas are alive during the day, as well as in the evening. They contain a blend of overlapping activities that encourage people to mingle and enjoy the place.

To support the partnership in developing its Purple Flag status £210,000 of funding was secured over two years by the council to support a range of initiatives aimed at reducing alcohol related harm. Initiatives to be funded include:

Drink Less Enjoy More Campaign – This 3 year campaign targets residents aged between 18-35 and aims to: increase awareness of legislation preventing sales and purchasing of alcohol to and for intoxicated people; support bar staff compliance with the law; provide a strong deterrent to selling alcohol to intoxicated people; and promote responsible drinking amongst night-life users. The campaign was launched in December 2017.

Blue Light Project - The *Blue Light* project is Alcohol Concern's national initiative to develop alternative approaches and care pathways for change resistant drinkers who place a huge burden on public services. It has shown that there are positive strategies that can be used with this client group, whilst saving money and resources. This initiative has been developed in partnership with Public Health England and approximately 50 local authorities across the country. In Cheshire West & Chester the project will be facilitated by Alcohol Concern and will be launched in spring 2018.

Safe-Space: Safe Space is a term for partnership schemes (often based in buses or town centre buildings) that operate to make the night-time economy safer. Typically, safe spaces provide a combination of medical assessment, supervised recovery and discharge for vulnerable or intoxicated individuals. This can keep people safe whilst reducing demands on services such as police, ambulance and A&E. Safe Space will be piloted during 2018 – 19 in Chester.

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment Substance Misuse and Alcohol

The JSNA Chapters on Substance Misuse and Alcohol were refreshed with the latest available data. These Chapters can be found via the following links:

Alcohol JSNA (January 2018)
Drug misuse JSNA (January 2018)

Cardiff Model Report

The spreadsheet received from the Countess details the number of people arriving into A&E, who have consumed alcohol prior to being involved in an assault.

	Number of assaults	Number of Alcohol related assaults	% alcohol related assaults
Jan-17	26	11	42.3%
Feb-17	33	10	30.3%
Mar-17	37	10	27.0%
Apr-17	40	14	35.0%
May-17	42	4	9.5%
Jun-17	33	6	18.2%
Jul-17	47	14	29.8%
Aug-17	31	9	29.0%
Sep-17	38	10	26.3%
Oct-17	33	4	12.1%
Nov-17	33	12	36.4%
Dec-17	50	16	32.0%

The forms received from Blacon Custody detail the number of people arriving into custody, who have consumed alcohol prior to being involved in an assault.

	Number of Alcohol related assaults
Jan-17	9
Feb-17	8
Mar-17	12
Apr-17	7
May-17	7
Jun-17	9
Jul-17	5
Aug-17	3
Sep-17	12
Oct-17	12
Nov-17	5
Dec-17	12

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Priority 5: To Increase the number of Domestic Violence and Abuse (DVA) reports across West Cheshire, allowing us to offer support to more victims, children, and perpetrators and start to reduce the number of incidents within those families.

Domestic violence and abuse (DVA) can, and does, have a devastating and lasting impact on victims, their children, their families and the communities in which they live. It is an issue unrestricted by age, gender, sexual orientation or background and requires a broad, universal response at every level of risk across a wide variety of agencies

Each year, at least 1.4 million women (8.5% of the population) and 700,000 men (4.5% of the population) experience DVA in England and Wales, with more than 100,000 people in the UK at high and imminent risk of being murdered or seriously injured as a result. However, on average, high risk victims live with DVA for nearly two-and-a-half years before getting help. That in itself represents not only a worrying insight but a significant opportunity to reduce both the amount and the level of harm experienced by victims and their families. To do so, we need to create an environment where DVA is considered unequivocally unacceptable by everyone, where signs and issues are seen and truly understood, people are empowered to speak out early and agencies have the structures in place to deal effectively with disclosures

In West Cheshire, reported incidents have significantly increased in the last year; the result, at least in part, of effective awareness raising, significant multi-agency training (initiating a huge increase in referrals from GPs, for example) and the integration of IDVAs within multi-agency teams across the borough. As above, rising referrals is a positive statistic; providing a strong indication that victim awareness and confidence is rising, people's tolerance of abuse is reducing and the training of front line staff to deal appropriately with DVA is becoming increasingly effective.

Our Domestic Violence and Abuse Strategy 2016-20 underwent a rigorous multi-agency review in the last year, and was previously the subject of an extensive consultation process involving victims, the wider public and organisations across the public and voluntary sectors. As a result, we remain confident not only that it reflects what people want but that it is achievable.

Our Vision is for everyone to have a safe and happy life outside an abusive relationship, and we propose that this will be delivered through five priorities:

- **Intervening earlier**
- **Assessing risk**
- **Providing services for victims**
- **Providing services for children and young people**
- **Challenging perpetrators and giving them effective support to change**

The Domestic Violence and Abuse Service provided by the Local Authority transferred from Adults Services to Early Help and Prevention (within children's services) in October 2017. A full time manager was appointed to the team and came into post in January 2018. Since January 2018 the core team has comprised of:
1 x full time team manager
1 x full time senior practice lead
0.5fte trainer,
2 x full time performance and support officers
5 x permanent full time Independent Domestic Violence Advocates(IDVAs)
2.8 x temporary IDVAs.

Funding is comprised of Local Authority budget and temporary funding from various sources. This temporary finding involves ongoing instability within the service.
The core team support high risk clients who are subject of MARAC. Additionally there is IDVA support within the children's services front door, attached to the police iDAT team, supporting the Operation Enhanced project, delivering the IRIS project for the Cheshire West CCG and based within the Countess of Chester hospital.

In addition the service delivers:

- Gateway Programme for survivors of domestic abuse across Cheshire West and Chester Commissioned Refuge Provision
- Commissioned Perpetrator Programme
- Commissioned a small Medium Risk Service
- Contributes to the SARC/RASAC Sub Regional Commission
- Commissioned Support for children who have experienced Domestic Violence and Abuse in their life

The service has experienced ongoing increasing demand.

Our aspiration is that front-line professionals see the signs of DVA at the earliest possible and stage have the confidence to ask questions and are able to deal appropriately and effectively with disclosures. The Local Authority employ a part time trainer to coordinate and deliver training, she is supported by a multi-agency training pool. The programme offer a mix of learning opportunities, including e-learning, bespoke single agency training, multi-agency training, briefing and workshops. This year 785 professionals were trained. Attendees report that their overall aims and objectives are consistently met, enhancing knowledge and awareness of domestic violence and abuse. Post course evaluations indicate an improvement in practice and increased use of assessment tools and resources. The positive outcomes of this that non police referrals to MARAC remain high

The service provides support for victims in high risk cases and advice and information for the agencies involved. Locally the CWaC Domestic Abuse Service receives on average 140 referrals a month and this is growing.

Women's Housing Action Group (WHAG), our refuge provider since 2014, has continued to exceed its targets. In this year the service received 71 referrals and supported 48. The contract is in place until 2019.

Domestic Violence Crime

Domestic Violence Crime can be any type of crime; which have been identified as including domestic violence. A domestic violence flag has to be manually entered onto the crime by the crime recording operator.

*This data should be treated with caution because due to changes in the crime recording system there have been problems identified in collating this data.

Domestic Violence - Recorded Crime					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
1,528	1,811	2,102		2,427	**2,762**
3.7%	18.5%	16.1%		15.5%	**13.8%**

- In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 13.8% in domestic violence crime in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is a smaller percentage increase than in 2016.
- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 17.3% in domestic violence crime, so Cheshire West and Chester have a smaller percentage increase.
- When comparing domestic violence crime by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the second smallest percentage increase, when compared to 2016.

Domestic Violence Offences - Solved Rate					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
42%	44%	48%		43%	**32%**
+4pp	-1pp	+4pp		-5pp	**-11pp**

- In the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 11 percentage points in the domestic violence crime solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is the highest decrease for five years.

- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 14 percentage points in the domestic violence crime solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a smaller percentage point decrease.

- When comparing the domestic violence crime solved rate by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the smallest percentage point decrease, when compared to 2016.

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Priority 6: Embed Prevent in to mainstream Activities, including the management of the Hate Crime Strategy and Action Plan

The Counter Terrorism & Security Act put Prevent and Channel on a statutory footing for a range of public sector partners in 2015 as the central government response to the attack on Fusilier Lee Rigby in London. Included within the Prevent Guidance which accompanies it is a duty on those agencies to embed the work and intentions of the programme into mainstream activity - in particular safeguarding - and considerable progress continues to be made in that regard within West Cheshire

- Our multi-agency Channel Panel, which discusses the safety and support needs of individuals identified as being at risk of radicalisation, is now fully embedded into our local safeguarding landscape. It continues to be extremely well attended by a wide variety of professionals and has served, in some cases, to highlight broader unmet needs (DVA and mental health, for example), enabling us to protect and support a greater number of vulnerable people
- Referral trends are regularly monitored to ensure that awareness, staffing and support interventions are suitably targeted
- and the Government's 'Run Tell Hide' Guidance has been widely shared across the borough to promote a safe response in the unlikely event of an attack within Cheshire West and Chester

The strategic oversight and operational management provided by our multi-agency Channel Panel partners received independent approval from the Home Office last year, following an on-site visit. We will ensure that progress continues to be made in effectively safeguarding those identified as being at risk, through a refreshed Business Plan and robust scrutiny by our Safeguarding Boards

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Hate Crime

Hate Crime is a crime including racially or religiously aggravated offences or where a hate crime flag has to be manually entered onto the crime by the crime recording operator.

Hate Crime - Recorded Crime					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
236	212	293		432	**485**
27.5%	-10.2%	38.2%		47.4%	**12.3%**

- In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 12.3% in hate crime in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is a smaller percentage increase than in 2016.
- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 23.7% in hate crime, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a smaller percentage increase.
- When comparing hate crime by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the smallest percentage increase, when compared to 2016.

Hate Crime Offences - Solved Rate					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
37%	47%	37%		43%	**31%**
-3pp	+9pp	-9pp		+6pp	**-12pp**

- In the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 12 percentage points in the hate crime solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is the highest decrease for five years.
- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 12 percentage points in the hate crime solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester have the same percentage point decrease.
- When comparing the hate crime solved rate by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester has the second smallest percentage point decrease, when compared to 2016.

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Priority 7: Reduce the Number of Killed and Seriously Injured people on our roads, including road safety.

Through a multi- agency approach we encourage a coordinated and effective delivery of road safety improvements in Cheshire West and Chester. The ultimate aim is to reduce the numbers of people killed and seriously injured on the roads throughout 2018/19. This will be achieved through intelligence led road safety activity aligned to the local authority's statutory road safety plan.

The main delivery strands include Education, Enforcement & Engineering:

- Increase awareness of contributing factors that cause road traffic collisions and increase the severity of injury, examples: speeding, impairment (alcohol/drugs), distractions (mobile phones), not wearing of seatbelts, not using the correct child restraint system.

- Ensure that the road network is maintained in a good condition, in order to reduce and prevent road traffic accidents and improve road safety. Identify collision hotspot locations and investigate potential engineering solutions to reduce the risk.

- Carryout targeted enforcement campaigns based on sound intelligence.

- Utilise safety/speed cameras to reduce speed in identified high risk locations.

- Respond to local concerns about road related ASB/crime. This could include deployment of Speed Indicator Device (SID) and community speed watch campaigns.

- Explore the links with Speed limits and KSI and the impact of the proposed 20mph speed limit across the borough

The data recorded for Road Traffic Collisions is collated on a system called 'Stats19' Application, which was developed by the Cheshire Constabulary. The road traffic collisions detailed in this appendix were extracted from Stats19 Application using a reporting software tool called Business Objects.

The accuracy of the data collated on Stats19 is reliant upon the timely and correct completion of the electronic forms officers complete either at the scene or once they return to their stations.

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Table 1 - Number of KSI Casualties across CWAC in 2017

Month	Fatal	Serious	KSI
January		7	**7**
February		6	**6**
March		11	**11**
April	2	4	**6**
May		7	**7**
June		11	**11**
July	1	2	**3**
August		12	**12**
September		9	**9**
October	1	7	**8**
November	1	16	**17**
December		9	**9**
TOTAL	**5**	**101**	**106**

Table 2 - Profile of KSI Casualties in CWAC by vehicle type

Vehicle type	Fatal	Serious	KSI
Car		47	**47**
Motorcycle	4	19	**23**
Pedestrian	1	14	**15**
Pedal Cycle		14	**14**
Other		7	**7**
TOTAL	**5**	**101**	**106**

Table 3 - Age and gender of KSI Casualties across CWAC

Age group	Female	Male	Total
0 - 15	2	5	**7**
16 - 24	5	10	**15**
25 - 34	7	14	**21**
35 - 44	6	8	**14**
45 - 54	7	11	**18**
55 - 64	4	11	**15**
65+ years	10	6	**16**
TOTAL	**41**	**65**	**106**

Table 4 - Age profile of KSI Casualties in CWAC by vehicle type

Vehicle Type	0 to 15	16 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	44 - 54	55 - 64	65+	Total
Car	1	11	9	3	6	6	11	**47**
PTW	0	2	8	3	4	5	1	**23**
Pedestrian	2	1	2	3	2	2	3	**15**
Pedal cycle	4	1	2	3	2	1	1	**14**
Other				2	4	1		**7**
Grand Total	**7**	**15**	**21**	**14**	**18**	**15**	**16**	**106**

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Table 5 - Temporal analysis of KSI Casualties in CWAC

Hour	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun	Total
00	3							**3**
01					1		1	**2**
02	1							**1**
03						1		**1**
04						1		**1**
05	1				1			**2**
06		1	1					**2**
07		1	1	1				**3**
08			3	1		1	1	**6**
09			1					**1**
10								**0**
11			2			2		**4**
12			1	1		7	1	**10**
13							2	**2**
14			1		2		1	**4**
15	1	1	1	2	2	3		**10**
16		1	3		3		2	**9**
17	1	4	2	2	1	1	4	**15**
18	1				2		2	**5**
19	1		1	1			1	**4**
20	1	1	2	1	2			**7**
21	2	2			2			**6**
22	2	2				1		**5**
23		1		1		1		**3**
Grand Total	**14**	**14**	**19**	**10**	**16**	**18**	**15**	**106**

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Table 6 - Temporal analysis of KSI Collisions in CWAC

Hour	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun	Total
00	2							**2**
01					1		1	**2**
02	1							**1**
03						1		**1**
04						1		**1**
05	1				1			**2**
06		1	1					**2**
07		1	1	1				**3**
08			3	1		1	1	**6**
09			1					**1**
10								**0**
11			2			2		**4**
12			1	1		2	1	**5**
13							2	**2**
14			1		2		1	**4**
15	1	1	1	2	2	2		**9**
16		1	3		3		2	**9**
17	1	3	2	1	1	1	3	**12**
18	1				2		2	**5**
19	1		1	1			1	**4**
20	1	1	2	1	2			**7**
21	1	2			2			**5**
22	1	1				1		**3**
23		1		1		1		**3**
Grand Total	**11**	**12**	**19**	**9**	**16**	**12**	**14**	**93**

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Crime and Incident Data

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Crime and Incident Data

The crimes in Cheshire are recorded on a system called Niche. The crimes detailed in this appendix were extracted from Niche using a reporting software tool called Business Objects. In order to extract the data in Business Objects there have been various parameters applied to a report to ensure that the finished data is as accurate as possible, these are; that the date is taken from the date that the crime was entered onto Niche and that the offence type is taken from the final classification applied to the crime. There are a few caveats to consider when perusing the data, these are; that after the initial investigation of a crime has commenced occasionally, if it doesn't follow Home Office guidelines, it is deemed no longer a crime, at this stage it needs to be flagged as a "no crime" on Niche, this report doesn't contain any "no crimes". There are occasionally specific crimes which are restricted, due to the sensitive nature of the crime, the standard practice in Force is to not include restricted crimes in external reports, and therefore this report doesn't contain any restricted crimes. During 2016 there were several boundary changes made within the Force and since these changes issues have been identified with the process of recording the location of a crime in Niche, there are currently 0.7% crimes recorded in Niche which don't have a specific location attributed to them, but work is continuously being carried out to rectify the accuracy of this data.

Since March 2014 onwards, total police recorded crime has increased. It is thought this is principally owing to the renewed focus on the quality of crime recording and is the result of improved recording practices and process improvements, rather than an actual increase in crime coming to their attention".

In November 2015, HMIC also commenced a programme of rolling inspections of crime recording. This led to improved compliance with the National Crime Recording Standard (NCRS), leading to a greater proportion of reported crimes being recorded by the police. Early findings from Inspections across the country suggested that there was generally a failure to make the right crime-recording decision at the first point of contact, be it by attending police officers or call handlers.

In 2017, HMIC visited Cheshire Constabulary and conducted an audit on how their crimes are recorded. They made several recommendations, which resulted in changes to several processes which have impacted upon and increased volume in recorded crime. The Constabulary has introduced an Occurrence Management Unit responsible for the recording of crime in Cheshire. This has provided increased rigor to practices and processes associated to crime recording.

Therefore it is not possible to make true comparisons with previous years crime figures.

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Total Crime

Total - Recorded Crime					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
17,935	17,873	17,136		19,519	**25,529**
-2.0%	-0.3%	-4.1%		13.9%	**30.8%**

- In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 30.8% in total crime in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is the highest increase for five years.

- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 36.0% in total crime, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a smaller percentage increase.

- When comparing total crime by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the smallest percentage increase, when compared to 2016.

Total - Solved Rate					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
30%	33%	33%		30%	**23%**
-4pp	+3pp	0pp		-2pp	**-7pp**

- In the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 7 percentage points in the total solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is the highest decrease for five years.

- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 9 percentage points in the total solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a smaller percentage point decrease.

- When comparing the total solved rate by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the smallest percentage point decrease, when compared to 2016.

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Victim Based Crime

Victim Based Offences is a category made up of the following Home Office groups; violence against the person / sexual offences / robbery / theft and criminal damage and arson

Victim Based - Recorded Crime					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
15,973	15,630	14,824		16,045	**19,155**
0.2%	-2.1%	-5.2%		8.2%	**19.4%**

- In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 19.4% in victim based crime in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is the highest increase for five years.
- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 24.8% in victim based crime, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a smaller percentage increase.
- When comparing victim based crime by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the smallest percentage increase, when compared to 2016.

Victim Based - Solved Rate					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
25%	27%	27%		28%	**22%**
-2pp	+2pp	0pp		+1pp	**-6pp**

- In the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 6 percentage points in the victim based solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is the highest decrease for five years.

- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 7 percentage points in the victim based solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a smaller percentage point decrease.

- When comparing the victim based solved rate by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the smallest percentage point increase, when compared to 2016.

Violence against the Person

Violence against the person is a category made up of the following Home Office groups; homicide / violence with injury and violence without injury

Violence against the Person - Recorded Crime					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
3,195	3,626	4,198		5,494	**7,684**
-2.7%	13.5%	15.8%		30.9%	**39.9%**

- In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 39.9% in violence against the person in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is the highest increase for five years.

- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 42.6% in violence against the person, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a smaller percentage increase.

- When comparing violence against the person by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the smallest percentage increase, when compared to 2016.

Violence against the Person - Solved Rate					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
40%	39%	40%		36%	**25%**
-2pp	-1pp	+1pp		-3pp	**-11pp**

- In the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 11 percentage points in the violence against the person solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is the highest decrease for five years.

- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 13 percentage points in the violence against the person solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a smaller percentage point decrease.

- When comparing the violence against the person solved rate by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the smallest percentage point decrease, when compared to 2016.

Violence with Injury

Violence with injury is a category made up of the following Home Office code descriptions; attempted murder / intentional destruction of a viable unborn child / causing death or serious injury by dangerous driving / causing death by careless driving under the influence of drink or drugs / cause or allow death or serious physical harm to child or vulnerable person / causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving / causing death or serious injury by driving unlicensed, disqualified or uninsured drivers / assault with intent to cause serious harm / endangering life / assault with injury / racially or religiously aggravated assault with injury / causing death by aggravated vehicle taking

Violence with Injury - Recorded Crime					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
1,805	1,911	2,181		2,668	**3,046**
20.7%	5.9%	14.1%		22.3%	**14.2%**

- In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 14.2% in violence with injury in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is a smaller percentage increase than in 2016.

- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 18.8% in violence with injury, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a smaller percentage increase.

- When comparing violence with injury by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the smallest percentage increase, when compared to 2016.

Violence with Injury - Solved Rate					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
38%	39%	41%		41%	**31%**
0pp	+1pp	+2pp		+1pp	**-10pp**

- In the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 10 percentage points in the violence with injury solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester.
- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 12 percentage points in the violence with injury solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a smaller percentage point increase.
- When comparing the violence with injury solved rate by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the smallest percentage point increase, when compared to 2016.

Violence without Injury

Violence without injury is a category made up of the following Home Office code descriptions; conspiracy to murder / threats to kill / harassment / racially or religiously aggravated harassment / stalking / cruelty to children, young person's / child abduction / procuring illegal abortion / kidnap / assault without injury on a constable / assault without injury / racially or religiously aggravated assault without injury / modern slavery

Violence without Injury - Recorded Crime					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
1,387	1,715	1,964		2,347	**3,695**
-22.2%	23.6%	14.5%		19.5%	**57.4%**

- In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 57.4% in violence without injury in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is the highest increase for five years.

- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 53.1% in violence without injury, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a higher percentage increase.

- When comparing violence without injury by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the highest percentage increase, when compared to 2016.

Violence without Injury - Solved Rate					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
33%	30%	30%		24%	**17%**
-2pp	-3pp	0pp		-6pp	**-7pp**

- In the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 7 percentage points in the violence without injury solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is the highest decrease for five years.

- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 10 percentage points in the violence without injury solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a smaller percentage point decrease.

- When comparing the violence without injury solved rate by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the smallest percentage point decrease, when compared to 2016.

Harassment

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Harassment - Recorded Crime					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
184	253	303		516	**854**
-22.2%	37.5%	19.8%		70.3%	**65.5%**

- In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 65.5% in harassment in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is the highest increase for five years.

- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 66.7% in harassment, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a smaller percentage increase.

- When comparing harassment by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the third highest percentage increase, when compared to 2016.

Harassment - Solved Rate					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
67%	56%	58%		39%	**22%**
-2pp	-11pp	+2pp		-19pp	**-17pp**

- In the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 17 percentage points in harassment solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester.

- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 53 percentage points in harassment solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a smaller percentage point decrease.

- When comparing the harassment solved rate by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the smallest percentage point decrease, when compared to 2016.

Malicious Communications

Includes offences of online harassment

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Malicious Communications - Recorded Crime					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
No Data				478	**942**
				0.0%	**97.1%**

- In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 97.1% in malicious communications in Cheshire West and Chester.
- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 121.2% in malicious communications, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a smaller percentage increase.
- When comparing malicious communications by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the smallest highest percentage increase, when compared to 2016.

Malicious Communications - Solved Rate					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
No Data				23%	**11%**
				0pp	**-12pp**

- In the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 12 percentage points in malicious communications solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester.
- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 6 percentage points in malicious communications solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a bigger percentage point decrease.
- When comparing the malicious communications solved rate by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the biggest percentage point decrease, when compared to 2016.

Sexual Offences

Sexual offences is a category made up of the following Home Office groups; rape and other sexual offence

Sexual Offences - Recorded Crime					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
284	327	414		610	**702**
26.2%	15.1%	26.6%		47.3%	**15.1%**

- In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 15.1% in sexual offences in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is a smaller percentage increase than in 2016.

- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 33.1% in sexual offences, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a smaller percentage increase.

- When comparing sexual offences by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the smallest percentage increase, when compared to 2016.

Sexual Offences - Solved Rate					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
27%	26%	34%		30%	**25%**
+5pp	-1pp	+8pp		-2pp	**-5pp**

- In the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 5 percentage points in the sexual offences solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is the highest decrease for five years.

- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 10 percentage points in sexual offences solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester have smaller percentage point decrease.

- When comparing the sexual offences solved rate by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the smallest percentage point decrease, when compared to 2016.

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Rape Offences

Rape is a category made up of the following Home Office code descriptions; rape of a female aged 16 and over / rape of a female child under 16 / rape of a female child under 13 / rape of a male aged 16 and over / rape of a male child under 16 / rape of a male child under 13

Rape Offences - Recorded Crime					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
91	100	145		168	**221**
30.0%	9.9%	45.0%		15.9%	**31.5%**

- In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 31.5% in rape offences in Cheshire West and Chester, over the date period reviewed it is a bigger percentage increase than in 2016.
- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 45.3% in rape offences, which means Cheshire West and Chester, have a smaller percentage increase.
- When comparing rape offences by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester has the smallest percentage increase, when compared to 2016.

Rape Offences - Solved Rate					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
16%	20%	21%		25%	**9%**
-5pp	+4pp	+2pp		+4pp	**-16pp**

- In the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 16 percentage points in the rape offences solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is the highest decrease for five years.
- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 14 percentage points in the rape offences solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a bigger percentage point decrease.

- When comparing the rape offences solved rate by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the highest percentage point decrease, when compared to 2016.

Other Sexual Offences

Other sexual offences is a category made up of the following Home Office code descriptions; sexual assault on a male aged 13 and over / sexual assault on a male child under 13 / sexual assault on a female aged 13 and over / sexual assault on a female child under 13 / sexual activity involving a child under 13 / causing sexual activity without consent / sexual activity involving a child under 16 / incest or familial sexual offences / sexual activity etc. with a person with a mental disorder / abuse of children through sexual exploitation / abuse of position of trust of a sexual nature / sexual grooming / other miscellaneous sexual offences / unnatural sexual offences / exposure and voyeurism

Other Sexual Offences - Recorded Crime					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
193	227	269		442	**481**
24.5%	17.6%	18.5%		64.3%	**8.8%**

- In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 8.8% in other sexual offences in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is a smaller percentage increase than in 2016.

- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 28.1% in other sexual offences, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a smaller percentage increase.

- When comparing other sexual offences by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the smallest percentage increase, when compared to 2016.

Other Sexual Offences - Solved Rate					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
33%	29%	41%		33%	**32%**
+10pp	-4pp	+12pp		-6pp	**-1pp**

- In the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 1 percentage point in the other sexual offences solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is a smaller percentage point decrease than in 2016.

- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 8 percentage points in the other sexual offences solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a smaller percentage point decrease.

- When comparing the other sexual offences solved rate by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the smallest percentage point decrease, when compared to 2016.

Robbery

Robbery is a category made up of the following Home Office groups; robbery of personal property and robbery of a business property

Robbery - Recorded Crime					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
99	78	70		75	**96**
5.3%	-21.2%	-10.3%		7.1%	**28.0%**

- In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 28.0% in robbery in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is the highest increase for five years.

- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 33.9% in robbery, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a smaller percentage increase.

- When comparing robbery by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester has the second smallest percentage increase, when compared to 2016.

Robbery - Solved Rate					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
25%	35%	36%		21%	**29%**
+4pp	+10pp	+1pp		-13pp	**+8pp**

- In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 8 percentage points in the robbery solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is the highest increase in three years.

- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 4 percentage points in the robbery solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a bigger percentage point increase.

- When comparing the robbery solved rate by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the second highest percentage point increase, when compared to 2016.

Robbery of Personal Property

Robbery of personal is a category made up of the following Home Office code description; robbery of personal property

Robbery of Personal Property - Recorded Crime					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
66	63	60		62	**80**
-13.2%	-4.5%	-4.8%		3.3%	**29.0%**

- In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 29.0% in robbery of personal property in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is the highest increase for five years.

- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 47.0% in robbery of personal property, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a smaller percentage increase.

- When comparing robbery of personal property by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the smallest percentage increase, when compared to 2016.

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Robbery of Personal Property - Solved Rate					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
23%	33%	27%		16%	**26%**
+5pp	+10pp	-6pp		-9pp	**+10pp**

- In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 10 percentage points in the robbery of personal property solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is the highest increase for three years.

- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 3 percentage points in the robbery of personal property solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a bigger percentage point increase.

- When comparing the robbery of personal property solved rate by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the second highest percentage point increase, when compared to 2016.

Robbery of a Business Property

Robbery of a business is a category made up of the following Home Office code description; robbery of a business property

Robbery of Business Property - Recorded Crime					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
33	15	11		13	**16**
83.3%	-54.5%	-26.7%		18.2%	**23.1%**

- In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 23.1% in robbery of a business property in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is the highest increase for three years.

- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 11.3% in robbery a business property, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a bigger percentage increase.

- When comparing robbery of a business property by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester has the third highest percentage increase, when compared to 2016.

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Robbery of Business Property - Solved Rate					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
30%	40%	82%		46%	**44%**
-3pp	+10pp	+42pp		-36pp	**-2pp**

- In the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 2 percentage points in the robbery of a business property solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is a smaller percentage decrease than in 2016.

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- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 4 percentage points in the robbery of a business property solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a bigger percentage point decrease.

- When comparing the robbery of a business property solved rate by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the highest percentage point decrease, when compared to 2016.

Theft Offences

Theft offences is a category made up of the following Home Office groups; burglary / vehicle offences / shoplifting / theft from the person / bicycle theft and other theft

Theft Offences - Recorded Crime					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
9,395	8,751	7,489		7,081	**7,754**
2.0%	-6.9%	-14.4%		-5.4%	**9.5%**

- In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 9.5% in theft offences in Cheshire West and Chester, over the date period reviewed it is the highest percentage increase for five years.

- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 13.1% in theft offences, which means Cheshire West and Chester, have a smaller percentage increase.

- When comparing theft offences by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the smallest percentage increase, when compared to 2016.

Theft Offences - Solved Rate					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
22%	26%	22%		24%	**22%**
-3pp	+4pp	-4pp		+3pp	**-2pp**

- In the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 2 percentage points in the theft offences solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is the highest percentage point decrease for two years.

- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been there has been a decrease of 3 percentage points in the theft offences solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a smaller percentage point decrease.

- When comparing the theft offences solved rate by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the smallest percentage point decrease, when compared to 2016.

Burglary

Burglary is a category made up of the following Home Office code descriptions; burglary in a dwelling / attempted burglary in a dwelling / distraction burglary in a dwelling / attempted distraction burglary in a dwelling / aggravated burglary in a dwelling / burglary in a building other than a dwelling / attempted burglary in a building other than a dwelling / aggravated burglary in a building other than a dwelling

Burglary - Recorded Crime					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
2,268	2,035	1,799		1,499	**1,391**
9.4%	-10.3%	-11.6%		-16.7%	**-7.2%**

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- In the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 7.2% in burglary in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is a smaller percentage decrease than in 2016.

- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 6.1% in burglary, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a bigger percentage decrease.

- When comparing burglary by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester has the highest percentage decrease, compared to 2016.

Burglary - Solved Rate					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
11%	17%	12%		15%	**13%**
-4pp	+6pp	-5pp		+3pp	**-2pp**

- In the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 2 percentage points in the burglary solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is the highest decrease for two years.

- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 1 percentage point in the burglary solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a bigger percentage point decrease.

- When comparing the burglary solved rate by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the highest percentage point decrease, compared to 2016.

Burglary Residential

Burglary is a category made up of the following Home Office code descriptions; burglary in a dwelling / attempted burglary in a dwelling / distraction burglary in a dwelling / attempted distraction burglary in a dwelling / aggravated burglary in a dwelling

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Burglary Residential - Recorded Crime					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
894	774	634		593	**849**
9.4%	-13.4%	-18.1%		-6.5%	**43.2%**

- In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 43.2% in burglary residential in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is the highest percentage increase in five years.

- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 56.3% in burglary residential, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a smaller percentage increase.

- When comparing burglary residential by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester has the second highest percentage increase, compared to 2016.

Burglary Residential - Solved Rate					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
18%	30%	18%		19%	**12%**
-4pp	+6pp	-5pp		+3pp	**-7pp**

- In the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 7 percentage points in the burglary residential solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is the highest decrease for five years.

- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 4 percentage points in the burglary residential solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a bigger percentage point decrease.

- When comparing the burglary residential solved rate by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the highest percentage point decrease, compared to 2016.

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Burglary Business and Community

Burglary is a category made up of the following Home Office code descriptions; burglary in a building other than a dwelling / attempted burglary in a building other than a dwelling / aggravated burglary in a building other than a dwelling

Burglary Business and Community - Recorded Crime					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
1,374	1,261	1,165		906	**542**
9.4%	-8.2%	-7.6%		-22.2%	**-40.2%**

- In the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 40.2% in burglary business and community in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is the highest percentage decrease in five years.
- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 32.0% in burglary business and community, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a bigger percentage decrease.
- When comparing burglary business and community by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester has the highest percentage decrease, compared to 2016.

Burglary Business and Community - Solved Rate					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
6%	9%	8%		12%	**15%**
-4pp	+6pp	-5pp		+3pp	**+3pp**

- In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 3 percentage points in the burglary business and community solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is the same percentage increase as in 2016.

- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 3 percentage points in the burglary business and community solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester have the same percentage point increase.

- When comparing the burglary business and community solved rate by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the second highest percentage point increase, compared to 2016.

Vehicle Offences

Vehicle offences is a category made up of the following Home Office code descriptions; aggravated vehicle taking / theft of a motor vehicle / theft or un-authorised taking of a motor vehicle / interfering with a motor vehicle

Vehicle Offences - Recorded Crime					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
1,582	1,430	1,160		947	**1,004**
0.8%	-9.6%	-18.9%		-18.4%	**6.0%**

- In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 6.0% in vehicle offences in Cheshire West and Chester, over the date period reviewed it is the highest percentage increase in five years.

- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 14.4% in vehicle offences, which means Cheshire West and Chester, have a smaller percentage increase.

- When comparing vehicle offences by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the smallest percentage increase, compared to 2016.

Vehicle Offences - Solved Rate					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
10%	9%	8%		10%	**8%**
0pp	-1pp	-1pp		+2pp	**-2pp**

- In the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 2 percentage points in the vehicle offences solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is the highest decrease for five years.

- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 2 percentage points in the vehicle offences solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester have the same percentage point decrease.

- When comparing the vehicle offences solved rate by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester has the second highest percentage point decrease, when compared to 2016.

Shoplifting

Shoplifting is a category made up of the following Home Office code descriptions; shoplifting

Shoplifting - Recorded Crime					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
2,270	2,190	1,871		2,100	**2,519**
6.9%	-3.5%	-14.6%		12.2%	**20.0%**

- In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 20.0% in shoplifting in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is the highest increase for five years.

- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 22.1% in shoplifting, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a smaller percentage increase.

- When comparing shoplifting by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester has the second smallest percentage increase, when compared to 2016.

Shoplifting - Solved Rate					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
60%	67%	59%		56%	**50%**
-8pp	+7pp	-8pp		-2pp	**-6pp**

- In the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 6 percentage points in the shoplifting solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester.
- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 11 percentage points in the shoplifting solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a smaller percentage point decrease.
- When comparing the shoplifting solved rate by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the smallest percentage point decrease, compared to 2016.

Theft from the Person

Theft from the person is a category made up of the following Home Office code descriptions; theft from the person

Theft from the Person - Recorded Crime					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
369	365	295		187	**165**
25.5%	-1.1%	-19.2%		-36.6%	**-11.8%**

- In the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 11.8% in theft from the person in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is a smaller decrease than in 2016.
- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 16.2% in theft from the person, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a smaller percentage decrease.
- When comparing theft from the person by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester has the second smallest percentage decrease, when compared to 2016.

Theft from the Person - Solved Rate					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
14%	10%	12%		11%	**4%**
+5pp	-4pp	+2pp		-1pp	**-7pp**

- In the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 7 percentage points in the theft from the person solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is the highest decrease in five years.

- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 1 percentage point in the theft from the person solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a bigger percentage point decrease.

- When comparing the theft from the person solved rate by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the highest percentage point decrease, when compared to 2016.

Bicycle Theft

Bicycle theft is a category made up of the following Home Office code descriptions; theft or unauthorised taking of a pedal cycle

Bicycle Theft - Recorded Crime					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
572	534	454		421	**452**
4.0%	-6.6%	-15.0%		-7.3%	**7.4%**

- In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 7.4% in bicycle theft in Cheshire West and Chester, over the date period reviewed it is the highest increase for five years.

- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 7.4% in bicycle theft, which means Cheshire West and Chester have the same percentage increase.

- When comparing bicycle theft by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the second highest percentage increase, compared to 2016.

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Bicycle Theft - Solved Rate					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
8%	7%	12%		7%	**7%**
+2pp	-1pp	+5pp		-5pp	**0pp**

- In the last twelve months there has been no change in the bicycle theft solved rate
- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 2 percentage points in the bicycle theft solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a smaller percentage point decrease.
- When comparing the bicycle theft solved rate by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the highest percentage point increase, when compared to 2016.

All Other Theft Offences

All other theft offences is a category made up of the following Home Office code descriptions; blackmail / theft in a dwelling other than from an automatic machine or meter / theft by an employee / theft of mail / dishonest use of electricity / theft from an automatic machine or meter / other theft / theft - making off without payment

All Other Theft Offences - Recorded Crime					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
2,334	2,197	1,910		1,927	**2,223**
-10.2%	-5.9%	-13.1%		0.9%	**15.4%**

- In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 15.4% in all other theft offences in Cheshire West and Chester, over the date period reviewed it is the highest increase for five years.
- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 13.1% in all other theft offences, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a smaller percentage increase.

- When comparing all other theft offences by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the second highest percentage increase, compared to 2016.

All Other Theft Offences - Solved Rate					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
9%	10%	10%		10%	**8%**
-5pp	+1pp	0pp		0pp	**-2pp**

- In the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 2 percentage points in the all other theft offences solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is the highest decrease in four years.

- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 2 percentage points in the all other theft offences solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester have the same percentage point decrease.

- When comparing the all other theft offences solved rate by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the highest percentage point decrease, when compared to 2016.

Criminal Damage and Arson

Criminal damage is a category made up of the following Home Office code descriptions; criminal damage to a dwelling / criminal damage to a building other than a dwelling / criminal damage to a vehicle / other criminal damage / racially or religiously aggravated criminal damage / arson endangering life and arson not endangering life

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Criminal Damage and Arson - Recorded Crime					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
3,000	2,848	2,653		2,785	**2,920**
-4.1%	-5.1%	-6.8%		5.0%	**4.8%**

- In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 4.8% in criminal damage and arson crime in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is a smaller increase than in 2016.

- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 17.4% in criminal damage and arson, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a smaller percentage increase.

- When comparing criminal damage and arson by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the smallest percentage increase, when compared to 2016.

Criminal Damage and Arson - Solved Rate					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
17%	16%	19%		18%	**15%**
-1pp	-1pp	+3pp		-1pp	**-3pp**

- In the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 3 percentage points in the criminal damage and arson solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is the highest decrease in five years.

- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there been a decrease of 5 percentage points in the criminal damage and arson solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a smaller percentage point decrease.

- When comparing the criminal damage and arson solved rate by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the smallest percentage point decrease, when compared to 2016.

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Incident Data

The incidents in Cheshire are recorded on a system called Command and Control. The incidents detailed in this appendix were extracted from Command and Control using a reporting software tool called Business Objects. In order to extract the data in Business Objects there have been various parameters applied to the report to ensure that the finished data is as accurate as possible, these are; that the date is taken from the date that the incident was entered onto Command and Control and that the incident type is taken from final classification applied to the incident. There are a few caveats to consider when perusing the data, these are; that there are a number of qualifiers that can be applied to an incident of any type in order to categorise it as a specific incident type. For example any type of incident reported to the Force can subsequently have a qualifier applied to say that alcohol or drugs were found to be a contributing factor, therefore please note that any data provided is representative of when the qualifier has been accurately applied. Finally a code has been applied to the report to remove duplicate incidents.

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Total

Total - Incidents					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
76,256	75,815	73,828		76,184	**75,909**
-0.2%	-0.6%	-2.6%		3.2%	**-0.4%**

- In the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 0.4% in total incidents in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is the highest decrease for three years.
- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 0.6% in total incidents, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a bigger percentage decrease.
- When comparing total incidents by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the second highest percentage decrease, compared to 2016.

Alcohol

Alcohol is a qualifier that can be applied to any type of incident

Alcohol - Incidents					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
5,864	6,334	5,543		4,831	**4,398**
-0.7%	8.0%	-12.5%		-12.8%	**-9.0%**

- In the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 9.0% in alcohol incidents in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is a smaller decrease than in 2016.
- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 10.3% in alcohol incidents, which means Cheshire West and Chester, have a smaller percentage decrease.

- When comparing alcohol incidents by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the second smallest percentage decrease, compared to 2016.

Anti-social Behaviour

Anti-social behaviour is a category made up of the following incident types; ASB environmental / ASB nuisance and ASB personal

Anti-social Behaviour - Incidents					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
14,353	13,117	12,019		11,353	**10,060**
0.1%	-8.6%	-8.4%		-5.5%	**-11.4%**

- In the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 11.4% in anti-social behaviour incidents in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is the highest decrease for five years.

- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 11.2% in anti-social behaviour incidents, which means Cheshire West and Chester, have a bigger percentage decrease.

- When comparing anti-social behaviour incidents by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the second highest percentage decrease, compared to 2016.

ASB Environmental

Anti-social behaviour Environment is a sub category of ASB – an example of this type of incident would be fly-tipping

ASB Environmental - Incidents					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
1,136	905	736		854	**611**
7.8%	-20.3%	-18.7%		16.0%	**-28.5%**

- In the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 28.5% in ASB environment incidents in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is the highest decrease for five years.

- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 28.9% in ASB environment incidents, which means Cheshire West and Chester, have a smaller percentage decrease.

- When comparing ASB environment incidents by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the second smallest percentage increase, compared to 2016.

ASB Nuisance

Anti-social behaviour Nuisance is a sub category of ASB – an example of this type of incident would be a group youths causing a disturbance outside

ASB Nuisance - Incidents					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
5,157	5,460	4,926		4,624	**4,483**
3.3%	5.9%	-9.8%		-6.1%	**-3.0%**

- In the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 3.0% in ASB nuisance incidents in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is a smaller decrease than in 2016.

- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 6.0% in ASB nuisance incidents, which means Cheshire West and Chester, have a smaller percentage decrease.

- When comparing ASB nuisance incidents by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester has the second smallest percentage decrease, compared to 2016.

ASB Personal

Anti-social behaviour Personal is a sub category of ASB – an example of this type of incident would be someone receiving unwanted communication

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ASB Personal - Incidents					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
7,992	6,715	6,285		5,806	**4,866**
-2.9%	-16.0%	-6.4%		-7.6%	**-16.2%**

- In the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 16.2% in ASB personal incidents in Cheshire West and Chester; over the period reviewed it is the highest decrease for three years.
- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 14.0% in ASB personal incidents, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a bigger percentage decrease.
- When comparing ASB personal incidents by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the second highest percentage decrease, compared to 2016.

Begging

Anti-social behaviour is a category made up of the following incident type; in a street in public or vagrancy anywhere

Begging - Incidents					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
316	530	423		368	**518**
84.8%	67.7%	-20.2%		-13.0%	**40.8%**

- In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 40.8% in begging incidents in Cheshire West and Chester; over the period reviewed it is the highest decrease for three years.
- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 22.6% in begging incidents, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a bigger percentage increase.
- When comparing begging incidents by local authorities in Cheshire, Cheshire West and Chester have the second highest percentage increase, compared to 2016.

Drugs

Drugs is a qualifier that can be applied to any type of incident

Drug - Incidents					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
2,209	2,970	2,784		2,672	**2,715**
1.9%	34.4%	-6.3%		-4.0%	**1.6%**

- In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 1.6% in drugs incidents in Cheshire West and Chester over the period reviewed it is the highest increase for three years.
- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 0.4% in drugs incidents, which means Cheshire West and Chester, have a bigger percentage increase.
- When comparing drugs incidents by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the second highest percentage increase, compared to 2016.

Hate

Hate is a category made up of the following incident types; hate – age related, hate – disability related, hate - mental health related, hate – gender related, hate - sexual orientation related or hate – race related

Hate - Incidents					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
208	215	213		276	**335**
20.9%	3.4%	-0.9%		29.6%	**21.4%**

- In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 21.4% in hate incidents in Cheshire West and Chester, the increase is not as big as the previous twelve months.
- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 25.3% in hate incidents, which means Cheshire West and Chester, have a smaller percentage increase.
- When comparing hate incidents by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the second highest percentage increase, compared to 2016.

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Mental Health

Mental Health is a category made up of the following incident types; voluntary hospitalisation or concern for safety and welfare

Mental Health - Incidents					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
1,845	2,202	2,291		2,399	**2,365**
2.4%	19.3%	4.0%		4.7%	**-1.4%**

- In the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 1.4% in mental health incidents in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is the highest decrease for five years.
- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 2.7% in mental health incidents, which means Cheshire West and Chester, have a smaller percentage decrease.
- When comparing mental health incidents by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the second smallest percentage decrease, compared to 2016.

Missing Person

Missing Person is a category made up of the following incident types; an absconder from HM prison or truancy unauthorised staying away from school

Missing Person - Incidents					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
1,041	1,225	1,351		1,778	**2,108**
10.4%	17.7%	10.3%		31.6%	**18.6%**

- In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 18.6% in missing person incidents in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is smaller than the increase in 2016.

- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 17.7% in missing person incidents, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a bigger percentage increase.

- When comparing missing person incidents by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester have the second smallest percentage increase, compared to 2016.

Youths

Youths is a category made up of the following incident type; youths or children involved as a protagonist that are under the age of 18

Youth - Incidents					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
4,643	4,644	4,167		3,995	**4,342**
-0.8%	0.0%	-10.3%		-4.1%	**8.7%**

- In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 8.7% in youth incidents in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is the highest percentage increase for five years.

- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 6.7% in youth incidents, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a bigger percentage increase.

- When comparing youth incidents by local authorities in Cheshire, Cheshire West and Chester have the second smallest percentage increase, compared to 2016.

Domestic

Domestic is a category made up of the following incident types; domestic incidents – between adults or domestic incidents – involving a juvenile

Domestic - Incidents					
2013	2014	2015	Change in Crime Recording Practice	2016	**2017**
4,433	4,337	4,102		3,776	**3,898**
-3.6%	-2.2%	-5.4%		-7.9%	**3.2%**

- In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 3.2% in domestic incidents in Cheshire West and Chester; over the date period reviewed it is the highest increase for five years.

- Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 3.0% in domestic incidents, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a bigger percentage increase.

- When comparing domestic incidents by local authorities, Cheshire West and Chester has the second highest percentage increase, compared to 2016.