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There are a number of other caveats specific to this data set. These have been referenced throughout the report where appropriate and should be taken into consideration when reviewing the information presented.

Abbreviations / Definitions

<u>Recorded Crimes:</u>

- 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.

- 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 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 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 persons / child abduction / procuring illegal abortion / kidnap / assault without injury on a constable / assault without injury / racially or religiously aggravated assault without injury / modern slavery

- Harassment - Harassment and Racially Aggravated Harassment

- Stalking - Stalking comes under the harassment group of offences

- Malicious Communications - Includes offences of online harassment

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

  - 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

  - 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

- Drug Offences - Drug offences include the trafficking in controlled drugs and the possession of drugs

- Alcohol Related Crime - Alcohol Related Crime is a flag which is added to an occurrence in Niche by the original crime recorder or subsequently by the officer in the case or their supervisor. The flag is added when alcohol can be established as a contributing factor to the crime being committed.

- Domestic Violence - Domestic Violence is a flag which is added to an occurrence in Niche by the original crime recorder or subsequently by the officer in the case or their supervisor. The flag is added if there is any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are or have been intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality. This can encompass but is not limited to the following types of abuse: psychological, physical, sexual, financial or emotional.

- Cyber Crime - Cyber-dependent crimes fall broadly into two main categories, illicit intrusions into computer networks, such as hacking; and the disruption or downgrading of computer functionality and network space, such as malware attacks. Cyber-dependent crimes are committed for many different reasons by individuals, groups and even sovereign states.

- Hate Crime - Hate Crime is a flag which is added to an occurrence in Niche by the original crime recorder or subsequently by the officer in the case or their supervisor. The flag is added where either a victim or witness has stated that a crime was motivated by hostility or prejudice towards a person's disability, gender identity, race, religion / beliefs or sexual orientation.

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

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

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

- 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 Residential - 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 Business and Community - 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

- 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 unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle / interfering with a motor vehicle

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

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

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

- 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

- 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.

<u>Recorded Incidents:</u>

Until February 2018 all police incidents in Cheshire were recorded on a system called NSPIS Command and Control. However in March 2018, recording of incidents changed and are now entered onto a system called Saab Safe. The incidents detailed in this appendix were extracted from Saab using a report designed in Power BI by analysts in the Planning and Performance Department.

It should be acknowledged that the relationship between incidents and crimes is not one to one as not all incidents become crimes, and due to crime recording standards it can be one incident to many crimes or several incidents to one crime. Crimes and incidents should not therefore be added together.

- Alcohol has an incident qualifier code (QAL) that can be applied to any type of incident.

- Drugs has an incident qualifier code (QDR) that can be applied to any type of incident.

- Domestic is a category made up of the following incident types; domestic incidents – between adults.

- Anti-social behaviour is a category made up of the following three incident types; ASB Environmental (BE) / ASB Nuisance (BN) and ASB Personal (BP):

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

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

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

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

- Hate Incidents is a category made up of the following Incident Type Code; H or QH and/or one of the following Closure Code Sub Codes; QHA, QHD, QHF, QHG, QHH, QHR, QHT, QHO which relate to the following types of Hate; age related, disability related, mental health related, gender related, transgender related, sexual orientation related or race related or other.

- Mental Health is a category made up of all recorded incidents which have the following incident closure sub-codes; QSG or QMH, indicating a mental health related issue.

- Missing Person is a category made up of the following incident types; an absconder from HM prison or truancy unauthorised absence or missing from school or home. Usually sub-categorised as absent or missing and adult or child.

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Introduction

The following Strategic Assessment is based on 2021 calendar year data for Cheshire West and Chester Local Authority. The report provides a picture of overall crime broken down into specific crimes, and goes on to address incident data across areas such as domestic violence, anti-social behaviour (ASB), begging, hate crime, youth, mental health, and missing persons.

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 police attention. Additionally, the recent Covid-19 pandemic and subsequebt periods of lock-down has made an impact on police crime and incident volumes recorded during 2020 and 2021.

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 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.

It is not, therefore, possible to make true comparisons with previous years' crime figures.

Method

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 exclude restricted crimes unless for internal intelligence reporting purposes, therefore this report does not contain any restricted crime figures.

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.

Findings

1. Total Crime -Cheshire West and Chester

Total - Recorded Crime				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
25,973	28,835	28,735	26,154	**27,381**
32.7%	11.0%	-0.3%	-9.0%	**4.7%**

In the last year there has been an increase of 1,227 offences (+4.7%) in total crime in Cheshire West and Chester; this follows a 9% reduction seen in 2020 but this could, in part, be distorted due to the impact of the national lockdown periods during the COVID-19 pandemic and their impact on street crime offences.

Across the Force area, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of (+1.1%) in total crime compared to the 4.7% decrease seen in the previous year.

When comparing total crime by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester has recorded the highest percentage increase, when compared to percentage change from 2020.

Total - Solved Rate				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
22.3%	17.2%	14.3%	11.1%	**12.9%**
-7.6	-5.1	-2.9	-3.2	**1.8**

In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 1.8 percentage points (p/pts) to 12.9% in the total solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester compared with 2020; this is the first increase seen across the 5-year period since 2017.

Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 0.4p/pts (to 11.2%) in the total All Crime solved rate when compared with the previous year (2020).

When comparing the total solved rate by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester has the joint highest percentage point increase, when compared to 2020.

2. Victim Based Crime -Cheshire West and Chester

Victim Based - Recorded Crime				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
19,453	21,549	22,032	20,287	**21,293**
20.9%	10.8%	2.2%	-7.9%	**5.0%**

In the last year there has been an increase of 5.0% (1,006 more offences) in victim based crime in Cheshire West and Chester; an increase in this crime category is possibly due to the impact of the periods of Covid-19 pandemic lock-downs which were more prevalent in 2020.

Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 1.2% in victim based crime, which means Cheshire West and Chester has experienced a slightly smaller percentage decrease.

When comparing victim based crime by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester has recorded the highest percentage increase, however, two Local Authority recorded small percentage point decreases when compared to 2020.

Victim Based - Solved Rate				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
21.6%	15.9%	12.7%	9.6%	**11.1%**
-5.8	-5.7	-3.2	-3.1	**1.5**

In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 1.5 percentage points bringing the solved rate for Victim Based Crime in Cheshire West and Chester to 11.1% - this is the first solved rate increase seen across the 5-year period.

Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a smaller increase of 1.2 percentage points in the victim based solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester has a higher percentage point increase.

When comparing the victim based solved rate by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester is the only authority area to see a percentage point increase when compared to 2020.

3. Violence against the Person -Cheshire West and Chester

Violence against the Person - Recorded Crime				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
7,794	9,895	11,244	11,550	**12,780**
41.5%	27.0%	13.6%	2.7%	**10.6%**

In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 10.6% in violence against the person in Cheshire West and Chester, a volume increase of 1,230 crimes.

Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 6.1% (2,328 offences) in violence against the person, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a larger percentage increase.

When comparing violence against the person by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester plus one other authority recorded increases, with the largest percentage increase being seen in CWaC when compared to 2020.

Violence against the Person - Solved Rate				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
23.9%	14.8%	10.6%	8.5%	**10.6%**
-12.1	-9.0	-4.2	-2.2	**2.1**

In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 2.1 percentage points to 10.6% in the violence against the person solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester; this is the only increase seen across the 5-year review period.

Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of just under 1% (0.9p/pts) in the violence against the person solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester has seen a higher increase to that of the Force.

When comparing the violence against the person solved rate by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester has a higher percentage point increase when compared to 2020, and in 2021 the highest solved rate.

a. Violence with Injury -Cheshire West and Chester

Violence with Injury - Recorded Crime				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
3,093	3,341	3,234	2,854	**3,131**
16.0%	8.0%	-3.2%	-11.8%	**9.7%**

In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 9.7% in violence with injury in Cheshire West and Chester; thus reversing the reductions observed since 2019. This represents 277 more crimes when compared to the previous year (2020).

Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 4.7% in violence with injury offences, which means Cheshire West and Chester has seen a larger percentage decrease.

When comparing violence with injury by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester has had the largest percentage increase, when compared to 2020.

Violence with Injury - Solved Rate				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
30.0%	22.8%	17.6%	16.2%	**16.6%**
-10.5	-7.2	-5.2	-1.4	**0.4**

In the last twelve months there has been a slight increase of 0.4 percentage points in the violence with injury solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester; this is the first increase in the solved rate across the review period, however, the solved rate is lower than in 2017.

Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of just 0.6 percentage points in the violence with injury solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester has a higher percentage point increase.

When comparing the violence with injury solved rate by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester and one other authority has seen a slightly higher percentage point increase, when compared to 2020.

b. Violence without Injury -Cheshire West and Chester

Violence without Injury - Recorded Crime				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
2,829	3,790	3,872	3,933	**4,203**
55.6%	34.0%	2.2%	1.6%	**6.9%**

In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 6.9% (270 more) in violence without injury in Cheshire West and Chester; this is the highest increase since 2019. The increase observed in 2021 is likely linked to relaxation of the COVID pandemic lockdowns and restrictions.

Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 3.2% in violence without injury, which means Cheshire West and Chester have experienced a higher percentage increase.

When comparing violence without injury by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester has had the largest percentage increase, when compared to 2020.

Violence without Injury - Solved Rate				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
22.3%	17.4%	10.2%	7.6%	**10.6%**
-9.3	-4.9	-7.2	-2.6	**3.0**

In the last year there has been an increase of 3.0 percentage points in the violence without injury solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester; over the review period this is the only increase observed, but with a solved rate which is half the rate recorded in 2017.

Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 1.2 percentage points in the violence without injury solved rate. This means Cheshire West and Chester has a higher percentage point increase.

When comparing the violence without injury solved rate by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester have the highest percentage point increase when compared to 2020 and in 2021 the highest solved rate.

4. Harassment -Cheshire West and Chester

Harassment - Recorded Crime				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
841	1,296	2,066	2,132	**2,606**
64.3%	54.1%	59.4%	3.2%	**22.2%**

During the last year there has been a 22.2% increase (or 474 crimes) in harassment offences in Cheshire West and Chester, which is a much higher increase than seen in the previous year, but half that recorded in earlier years across the 5-year comparative period.

Across the Force during the same period, there has been an increase of 13.6% in harassment cases recorded, which means Cheshire West and Chester had a higher percentage increase.

When comparing harassment by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester had the highest percentage increase, when compared to 2020.

Harassment - Solved Rate				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
21.2%	12.2%	6.9%	5.5%	**5.9%**
-17.5	-9.0	-5.3	-1.3	**0.4**

In the last twelve months there has been a small increase of 0.4 percentage points in the harassment solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester; over the review period this is the only increase observed, but remains a low solved rate.

Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a small increase of 0.1 percentage points in the harassment solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester recorded a slightly higher percentage point increase.

When comparing the harassment solved rate by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester had marginally the highest percentage point increase when compared to 2020, and for 2021 the highest solved rate across the Local Authorities.

5. Stalking -Cheshire West and Chester

Stalking - Recorded Crime				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
34	96	241	657	**783**
183.3%	182.4%	151.0%	172.6%	**19.2%**

In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 19.2% (plus 126 cases) in stalking offences recorded in Cheshire West and Chester; a lower increase seen compared with previous years.

Over the last twelve months across the Force there has been an increase of 10.7% in stalking, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a higher percentage increase.

When comparing stalking offences by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester has had the largest percentage increase, when compared to 2020.

The National Crime Recording Standards (NCRS) changed in April 2020 resulting in all post-separation course of conduct offences being also recorded as stalking by default, rather than just harassment. The reflection of this can clearly be seen in CWaC plus one other CSP and Cheshire Constabulary's figures. Anecdotally, similar results have also been seen across the country. The National Stalking Lead, DCC Mills and the National Crime Registrar, Steve Bond, have issued some guidance since to help crime recorders make proportionate decisions using the mnemonic FOUR (Fixated, Obsessive, Unwanted, Repeated) as there was concern the Force were recording behaviour that was not stalking as stalking.

Stalking - Solved Rate				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
29.4%	14.6%	6.6%	5.8%	**13.4%**
-37.3	-14.8	-7.9	-0.9	**7.6**

In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 7.6 percentage points in the stalking solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester; over the review period this is the first increase observed bring the solved rate up to 13.4%.

Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 5.9 percentage points in the stalking solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester recorded a 1.7 percentage point higher solved rate increase.

When comparing the stalking solved rate by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester have the highest percentage point increase, when compared to 2020, and for 2021 the highest solved rate across the Local Authorities.

6. Malicious Communications -Cheshire West and Chester

Malicious Communications - Recorded Crime				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
993	1,377	1,646	1,680	**1,654**
103.1%	38.7%	19.5%	2.1%	**-1.5%**

In the last year there has been a decrease of 1.5% (26 crimes) in malicious communications offences recorded in Cheshire West and Chester; however this is the first decrease recorded across the previous five years.

Across the Force area over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 2.6% percentage points in malicious communications, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a 1.1 lower percentage point decrease.

When comparing malicious communications offences by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester has the lowest percentage increase, when compared to 2020.

Malicious Communications - Solved Rate				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
10.8%	7.0%	3.5%	3.3%	**6.5%**
-12.5	-3.8	-3.5	-0.1	**3.1**

In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 3.1 percentage points in the malicious communications solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester; over the review period this is the first increase observed.

Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 1.3 percentage points in the malicious communications solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester recorded a higher percentage point decrease.

When comparing the stalking solved rate by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester have the highest percentage point increase, when compared to 2020.

7. Sexual offences -Cheshire West and Chester

Sexual Offences - Recorded Crime				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
769	900	821	807	**1,070**
23.4%	17.0%	-8.8%	-1.7%	**32.6%**

During the last twelve months there has been an increase of 32.6% (plus 263 crimes) in sexual offences recorded in Cheshire West and Chester; this follows reductions in offences recorded in 2019 and 2020, but the highest annual percentage increase across the 5-year review period.

Across the Force area over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 22.2% in sexual offences, which means Cheshire West and Chester has recorded a higher percentage increase.

When comparing sexual offences by Local Authority, all CSPs have recorded increases, but Cheshire West and Chester has the highest percentage increase, when compared to 2020.

Sexual Offences - Solved Rate				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
21.6%	15.2%	11.2%	7.8%	**11.3%**
-8.3	-6.4	-4.0	-3.4	**3.5**

In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 3.5 percentage points in the sexual offences solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester; over the whole review period this is the first increase seen.

Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 2.8 percentage points in the sexual offence solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester recorded a higher percentage point increase.

When comparing the sexual offence solved rate by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester have the second highest percentage point decrease, when compared to 2020.

a. Rape offences -Cheshire West and Chester

In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 16.1% (plus 49 offences) in rape offences recorded in Cheshire West and Chester; this is the highest increase seen across the review period since 2018. However, annual volumes have remained relatively consistent across the 5 year period.

Rape Offences - Recorded Crime				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
260	328	301	304	**353**
47.7%	26.2%	-8.2%	1.0%	**16.1%**

Across the Force area over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 19.7% in rape, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a lower percentage increase.

When comparing rape offences by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester has the third lowest percentage increase compared to 2020.

Rape Offences - Solved Rate				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
7.3%	5.5%	8.3%	4.6%	**8.8%**
-16.6	-1.8	2.8	-3.7	**4.2**

In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 4.2 percentage points in the rape solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester; over the review period this is the highest increase when comparing to the previous years under review.

Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 2.3 percentage points in the rape solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester recorded a higher percentage increase.

When comparing the rape solved rate by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester marginally has the highest increase when compared to 2020.

b. Other Sexual offences -Cheshire West and Chester

Other Sexual Offences - Recorded Crime				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
508	572	520	503	**717**
13.6%	12.6%	-9.1%	-3.3%	**42.5%**

In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 42.5% (plus 214 offences) in other sexual offences recorded in Cheshire West and Chester; this is the highest increase recorded across the previous five years by a considerable margin.

Across the Force area over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 23.7% in other sexual offences, which means Cheshire West and Chester have a higher percentage increase.

When comparing other sexual offences by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester has the highest percentage increase, when compared to 2020.

Other Sexual Offences - Solved Rate				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
28.9%	20.8%	12.9%	9.7%	**12.6%**
-3.3	-8.1	-7.9	-3.1	**2.8**

In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 2.8 percentage points in the other sexual offences solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester; over the review period this is the first increase when comparing to the previous years under review.

Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 3.0 percentage points in the other sexual offence solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester recorded a slightly lower percentage increase.

When comparing the other sexual offence solved rate by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester recorded the third highest increase when compared to 2020.

8. Drug offences -Cheshire West and Chester

Drugs Offences - Recorded Crime				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
851	815	773	677	**535**
20.7%	-4.2%	-5.2%	-12.4%	**-21.0%**

In the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 21.0% (minus 142 offences) in drug offences recorded in Cheshire West and Chester; this is the equal lowest decrease recorded across the previous five years.

Across the Force area over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 18.1% in drug offences (-378 offences), which means Cheshire West and Chester have a higher percentage decrease.

When comparing drug offences by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester has the second largest percentage decrease when compared to 2020.

Drugs Offences - Solved Rate				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
85.7%	84.4%	84.6%	70.2%	**98.9%**
-4.7	-1.2	0.2	-14.4	**28.7**

In the last twelve months there has been a increase of 2874 percentage points in the drug offence solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester; over the review period this is the largest decrease when comparing to the previous years under review and represents a significant change.

Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 17.7 percentage points in the drug offence solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester recorded a notably higher percentage decrease.

When comparing the drug offence solved rate by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester recoded the highest decrease when compared to 2020.

9. Alcohol related crime -Cheshire West and Chester

Alcohol Related Crime - Recorded Crime				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
2,365	2,838	2,792	2,625	**2,739**
24.0%	20.0%	-1.6%	-6.0%	**4.3%**

In the last twelve months there has been a 4.3% increase (plus 114 offences) in alcohol-related offences recorded in Cheshire West and Chester; it should however be noted that much of 2020 was affected by the Covid pandemic when many licensed premises were closed. If we compare the number of offences to 2019 there has actually been a 1.9% (minus 53 offences) reduction.

Across the Force area over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 0.7% in alcohol-related offences, whilst Cheshire West and Chester has recorded a percentage increase.

When comparing alcohol-related offences by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester is the only authority area to record a percentage increase when compared to 2020.

Alcohol Related Crime Offences - Solved Rate				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
No Data	30.9%	24.1%	18.0%	**20.8%**
No Data	No Data	-6.8	-6.1	**2.8**

In the last twelve months there has been a 2.8 percentage point increase in alcohol-related offence solved rate across Cheshire West and Chester.

Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 0.3 percentage points in alcohol-related offence solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester recorded a higher percentage point increase.

When comparing the alcohol-related offence solved rate by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester recorded the highest increase when compared to 2020.

10. Domestic Abuse -Cheshire West and Chester

Domestic Abuse - Recorded Crime				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
2,949	4,831	4,885	5,262	**5,227**
21.4%	63.8%	1.1%	7.7%	**-0.7%**

In the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 0.7% (minus 35 offences) in domestic abuse offences recorded in Cheshire West and Chester. This is the first decrease recorded across the previous five year period; however, volumes have increased 77.0% since 2017.

Across the Force area over the last twelve months there has been an decrease of 4.0% in domestic abuse offences, which means Cheshire West and Chester have recorded a 3.4 percentage point lower decrease.

When comparing domestic abuse offences by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester has the smallest percentage reduction when compared to 2020.

Domestic Abuse Offences - Solved Rate				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
30.2%	15.4%	10.5%	9.3%	**14.0%**
-13.0	-14.8	-5.0	-1.2	**4.7**

In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 4.7 percentage points in domestic abuse offence solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester.

Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 2.7 percentage points in domestic abuse offence solved rate.

When comparing the domestic abuse offence solved rate by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester has recorded the highest increase when compared to 2020.

11. Cyber crime -Cheshire West and Chester

Cyber Crime - Recorded Crime				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
474	652	1,315	2,301	**2,788**
123.6%	37.6%	101.7%	75.0%	**21.2%**

During the last twelve months there has been an increase of 21.2% (plus 487 offences) in recorded cyber-crime in Cheshire West and Chester – the smallest increase noted throughout the 5 year review period.

Across the Force area over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 11.7% in cyber-crime offences, which means Cheshire West and Chester have recorded a higher percentage increase.

When comparing offences by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester has the highest percentage increase when compared to 2020.

Cyber Crime Offences - Solved Rate				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
19.2%	11.8%	4.0%	4.3%	**8.7%**
No Data	-7.4	-7.9	0.3	**4.5**

In the last twelve months there has been a slight increase of 4.5 percentage points in cyber-crime offence solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester.

Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a 3.0 percentage point increase in the cyber-crime offence solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester recorded a higher increase.

When comparing the cyber-crime offence solved rate by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester recorded the highest increase when compared to 2020.

12. Hate Crime -Cheshire West and Chester

Hate Crime - Recorded Crime				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
439	494	569	588	**741**
23.3%	12.5%	15.2%	3.3%	**26.0%**

In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 26.0% (plus 153 offences) in Hate Crime offences recorded in Cheshire West and Chester; this is the largest increase recorded across the previous five year review period.

Across the Force area over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 15.6% in Hate Crime offences, which means Cheshire West and Chester have recorded a much higher percentage increase.

When comparing hate crime offences by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester has the highest percentage increase when compared to 2020.

Hate Crime Offences - Solved Rate				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
26.9%	24.9%	16.0%	11.2%	**17.4%**
-17.8	-2.0	-8.9	-4.8	**6.2**

In the last year there has been an increase of 6.2 percentage points in the Hate Crime offence solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester, this represents the first increase in the past 5 year period.

Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a 2.4 percentage point increase in the Hate Crime offence solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester recorded a higher percentage point increase.

When comparing the Hate Crime offence solved rate by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester recorded the highest increase when compared to 2020.

13. Robbery offences -Cheshire West and Chester

Robbery - Recorded Crime				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
99	112	136	87	**101**
32.0%	13.1%	21.4%	-36.0%	**16.1%**

During the last twelve months there has been an increase of 16.1% (plus 14 offences) in robbery offences recorded in Cheshire West and Chester; thus reversing the trend observed last year.

Across the Force area over the last twelve months there has been a 1.2% increase in robbery offences, which means Cheshire West and Chester has recorded a much higher increase.

When comparing robbery offences by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester has the highest percentage increase when compared to 2020.

Robbery - Solved Rate				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
27.3%	18.8%	12.5%	17.2%	**19.8%**
5.9	-8.5	-6.3	4.7	**2.6**

In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 2.6 percentage points in robbery offence solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester.

Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 6.8 percentage points in robbery offence solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester recorded a higher percentage increase.

When comparing the robbery offence solved rate by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester recorded the second highest increase when compared to 2020.

a. Robbery of Personal Property -Cheshire West and Chester

During the last twelve months there has been a increase of 17.9% (plus 14 offences) in personal robbery offences recorded in Cheshire West and Chester; thus reversing the trend observed in 2020 which was likely as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Robbery of Personal Property - Recorded Crime				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
82	86	118	78	**92**
32.3%	4.9%	37.2%	-33.9%	**17.9%**

Across the Force area over the last twelve months there has been a increase of 6.0% in personal robbery offences, which means Cheshire West and Chester has recorded a higher increase.

When comparing personal robbery offences by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester has the highest percentage increase when compared to 2020.

Robbery of Personal Property - Solved Rate				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
23.3%	10.2%	15.4%	14.1%	**15.2%**
8.3	-13.1	5.2	-1.3	**1.1**

In the last twelve months there has been a small increase of 1.1 percentage points in personal robbery offence solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester.

Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 8.0 percentage points in personal robbery offence solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester recorded a higher percentage point increase.

When comparing the personal robbery offence solved rate by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester recorded the second highest increase when compared to 2020.

b. Robbery of Business Property -Cheshire West and Chester

During the last twelve months there has been no change in the number of business robbery offences recorded in Cheshire West and Chester.

Robbery of Business Property - Recorded Crime				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
17	27	18	9	**9**
30.8%	58.8%	-33.3%	-50.0%	**0.0%**

Across the Force area over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 30.9% in business robbery offences.

When comparing business robbery offences by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester is the only Local Authority to have not recorded a decrease when compared to 2020.

Robbery of Business Property - Solved Rate				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
41.2%	74.1%	77.8%	33.3%	**88.9%**
-5.0	32.9	3.7	-44.4	**55.6**

In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 55.6 percentage points in business robbery offence solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester, leading to the highest solved rate seen across the 5 year review period.

Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 10.4 percentage points in business robbery offence solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester recorded a higher percentage increase.

When comparing the business robbery offence solved rate by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester recorded the highest increase when compared to 2020.

14. Burglary -Cheshire West and Chester

Burglary - Recorded Crime				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
1,396	1,426	1,206	981	**839**
-6.9%	2.1%	-15.4%	-18.7%	**-14.5%**

During the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 14.5% (minus 142 offences) in burglary offences recorded in Cheshire West and Chester; thus continuing the reductions seen over the past 3 years.

Across the Force area over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 12.8% in burglary offences, which means Cheshire West and Chester has recorded a larger percentage decrease.

When comparing burglary offences by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester has the second largest percentage decrease when compared to 2020.

Burglary - Solved Rate				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
13.0%	11.8%	10.7%	10.5%	**16.0%**
-1.6	-1.2	-1.1	-0.2	**5.5**

In the last year there has been an increase of 5.5 percentage points in burglary offence solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester.

Across the Force, over the last twelve months the burglary offence solved rate has increased by 2.0 percentage points, Cheshire West and Chester recorded a higher percentage point increase.

When comparing the burglary offence solved rate by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester recorded the highest increase when compared to 2020.

a. Residential Burglary -Cheshire West and Chester

Burglary Residential - Recorded Crime				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
852	1,039	834	705	**610**
43.9%	21.9%	-19.7%	-15.5%	**-13.5%**

During the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 13.5% (minus 95 offences) in burglary residential offences recorded in Cheshire West and Chester.

Across the Force area over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 11.8% in burglary residential offences, which means Cheshire West and Chester has recorded a larger percentage decrease.

When comparing burglary residential offences by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester has recorded the second largest percentage decrease when compared to 2020.

Burglary Residential - Solved Rate				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
11.7%	11.9%	10.0%	10.8%	**13.4%**
-7.0	0.2	-2.0	0.8	**2.7**

In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 2.7 percentage points in burglary residential offence solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester.

Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a 1.6 percentage point increase in the burglary residential offence solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester recorded a higher percentage point increase.

When comparing the burglary residential offence solved rate by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester recorded the smallest increase when compared to 2020 (with one Local Authority recording a decrease).

b. Business and Community Burglary -Cheshire West and Chester

During the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 17.0% (minus 47 offences) in business and community burglary offences recorded in Cheshire West and Chester; this follows on from a reducing trend to the lowest volume recorded across the five year review period.

Burglary Business and Community - Recorded Crime				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
544	387	372	276	**229**
-40.0%	-28.9%	-3.9%	-25.8%	**-17.0%**

Across the Force area over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 15.9% in business and community burglary offences, which means Cheshire West and Chester has recorded a higher percentage decrease.

When comparing business and community burglary offences by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester has the second largest percentage decrease when compared to 2020.

Burglary Business and Community - Solved Rate				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
14.9%	11.4%	12.4%	9.8%	**22.7%**
3.1	-3.5	1.0	-2.6	**12.9**

In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 12.9 percentage points in business and community burglary offence solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester. This represents the highest solved rate seen in the 5 year review period.

Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a 3.5 percentage point increase in business and community burglary offence solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester recorded a significantly larger percentage point increase.

When comparing the business and community burglary offence solved rate by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester recorded the highest increase when compared to 2020.

15. Vehicle Crime -Cheshire West and Chester

Vehicle Offences - Recorded Crime				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
1,014	968	864	600	**556**
7.1%	-4.5%	-10.7%	-30.6%	**-7.3%**

During the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 7.3% (minus 44 offences) in vehicle offences recorded in Cheshire West and Chester.

Across the Force area over the last twelve months there has been a small decrease of 1.9% in vehicle offences, which means Cheshire West and Chester has recorded a larger percentage increase.

When comparing vehicle offences by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester has the second largest percentage decrease (with 2 Local Authorities seeing increases) when compared to 2020.

Vehicle Offences - Solved Rate				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
8.1%	10.5%	8.6%	8.5%	**8.1%**
-1.5	2.5	-2.0	-0.1	**-0.4**

In the last twelve months there has been a small decrease of 0.4 percentage points in vehicle offence solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester. Across the 5 year period the solved rates have remained fairly consistent.

Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a 3.7 percentage point decrease in vehicle offence solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester recorded a smaller percentage decrease.

When comparing the vehicle offence solved rate by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester recorded the smallest percentage point decrease when compared to 2020.

16. Shoplifting -Cheshire West and Chester

Shoplifting - Recorded Crime				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
2,535	2,226	2,094	1,654	**1,209**
20.7%	-12.2%	-5.9%	-21.0%	**-26.9%**

During the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 26.9% (minus 445 crimes) in shoplifting offences recorded in Cheshire West and Chester.

Across the Force area over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 20.1% in shoplifting offences, which means Cheshire West and Chester has recorded a larger percentage decrease.

When comparing shoplifting offences by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester has the second largest percentage decrease when compared to 2020.

Shoplifting - Solved Rate				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
50.0%	43.5%	37.7%	28.6%	**29.2%**
-6.0	-6.5	-5.8	-9.1	**0.6**

In the last twelve months there has been a 0.6 percentage point increase in shoplifting offence solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester thus changing the reduction trend which can be observed from 2017 to 2020.

Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a 3.6 percentage point decrease in shoplifting offence solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester recorded a higher percentage increase.

When comparing the shoplifting offence solved rate by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester recorded the second highest increase when compared to 2020.

17. Theft from the Person -Cheshire West and Chester

During the last year there has been a 54.0% increase (plus 36 offences) in theft from the person offences recorded in Cheshire West and Chester; this is the largest percentage increase observed in the five year review period by a considerable margin.

Theft from the Person - Recorded Crime				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
171	193	228	63	**97**
-9.0%	12.9%	18.1%	-72.4%	**54.0%**

Across the Force area over the last twelve months there has been a 19.8% increase in theft from the person offences, which means Cheshire West and Chester has recorded a significantly higher percentage increase.

When comparing theft from the person offences by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester has the largest percentage increase when compared to 2020 with one Local Authority recording a decrease.

Theft from the Person - Solved Rate				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
3.5%	4.7%	6.6%	12.7%	**2.1%**
-7.1	1.2	1.9	6.1	**-10.6**

In the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 10.6 percentage points in theft from the person offence solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester, which follows on from a three year increasing trend since 2018.

Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a 5.9 percentage point decrease in theft from the person offence solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester recorded a higher percentage point increase.

When comparing the theft from the person offence solved rate by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester recorded the second largest decrease when compared to 2020.

18. Bicycle Theft -Cheshire West and Chester

During the last year there has been a decrease of 37.8% (minus 124 recorded offences) in bicycle theft recorded in Cheshire West and Chester; this is the largest percentage reduction seen in the five year review period.

Bicycle Theft - Recorded Crime				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
454	436	318	328	**204**
7.8%	-4.0%	-27.1%	3.1%	**-37.8%**

Across the Force area over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 29.7% in bicycle theft, which means Cheshire West and Chester recorded a higher percentage decrease.

When comparing bicycle theft by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester has seen the largest percentage decrease when compared to 2020.

Bicycle Theft - Solved Rate				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
6.8%	5.7%	4.1%	3.7%	**11.3%**
-0.5	-1.1	-1.6	-0.4	**7.6**

In the last twelve months there has been a 7.6 percentage point increase in bicycle theft offence solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester.

Across the Force, over the last year there has been a 0.8 percentage point increase in bicycle theft offence solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester recorded a higher percentage point increase.

When comparing bicycle theft offence solved rate by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester has recorded the highest percentage point increase when compared to 2020. It is also worth noting that 2 Local Authorities recorded percentage point decreases.

19. All Other Theft offences -Cheshire West and Chester

All Other Theft Offences - Recorded Crime				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
2,258	2,464	2,475	1,661	**1,796**
16.9%	9.1%	0.4%	-32.9%	**8.1%**

During the last twelve months there has been an increase of 8.1% (plus 135 offences) in Other Theft recorded in Cheshire West and Chester.

Across the Force area over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 2.5% in Other Theft, which means Cheshire West and Chester has recorded a higher decrease.

When comparing Other Theft by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester has recorded the highest percentage increase compared to 2020.

All Other Theft Offences - Solved Rate				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
7.4%	7.4%	6.1%	3.6%	**3.0%**
-2.2	0.0	-1.2	-2.5	**-0.6**

In the last year there has been a decrease of 0.6 percentage points in Other Theft offence solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester.

Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a 0.3 percentage point decrease in Other Theft offence solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester recorded a larger percentage decrease.

When comparing other theft offence solved rate by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester recorded the second largest percentage point decrease when compared to 2020. Of note 2 Local Authorities have seen percentage point increases in their solved rates.

20. Criminal Damage and Arson -Cheshire West and Chester

Criminal Damage and Arson - Recorded Crime				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
2,963	2,949	2,949	2,555	**2,628**
6.3%	-0.5%	0.0%	-13.4%	**2.9%**

During the last twelve months there has been an increase of 2.9% (plus 73 offences) in Criminal Damage and Arson offences recorded in Cheshire West and Chester.

Across the Force area over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 6.0% in Criminal Damage and Arson offences, which means Cheshire West and Chester has recorded a higher percentage increase.

When comparing Criminal Damage and Arson offences by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester is the only Local Authority to have seen a percentage increase when compared to 2020.

Criminal Damage and Arson - Solved Rate				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
14.1%	11.6%	9.6%	7.1%	**9.8%**
-4.1	-2.5	-2.0	-2.5	**2.7**

In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 2.7 percentage points in Criminal Damage and Arson offence solved rate in Cheshire West and Chester, thus reversing the trend seen in previous years.

Across the Force, over the last twelve months there has been a 1.2 percentage point increase in Criminal Damage and Arson offence solved rate, which means Cheshire West and Chester recorded a higher percentage increase.

When comparing criminal damage and arson offence solved rate by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester recorded the highest percentage point increase when compared to 2020.

21. Total Incidents - Cheshire West and Chester

Total - Incidents				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
81,991	77,006	77,871	73,236	**71,159**
9.7%	-6.1%	1.1%	-6.0%	**-2.8%**

During the last twelve months there has been a 2.8% decrease (minus 2,077) in Total incidents recorded in Cheshire West and Chester. It is also worth noting that volume are the lowest they have been in the 5 year review period.

Across the Force area over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 1.1% in total incidents, which means Cheshire West and Chester has recorded a larger percentage reduction.

When comparing the volume of total incidents by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester has recorded the smallest percentage reduction compared to 2020 with one Local Authority recording an increase.

22. Alcohol Related Incidents - Cheshire West and Chester

Alcohol - Incidents				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
4,507	2,603	2,610	2,368	**2,292**
-6.9%	-42.2%	0.3%	-9.3%	**-3.2%**

During the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 3.2% (minus 76) in alcohol-related incidents recorded in Cheshire West and Chester; although a lower decrease than in some other years this continues the overall reducing trend observed over the past 5 years.

Across the Force area over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 3.2% in alcohol-related incidents, which means Cheshire West and Chester is in line with the Force reduction.

When comparing the volume of alcohol-related incidents by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester has recorded the second smallest percentage decrease compared to 2020.

23. Drug Incidents -Cheshire West and Chester

Drug - Incidents				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
2,699	1,733	1,919	2,556	**2,007**
1.7%	-35.8%	10.7%	33.2%	**-21.5%**

In the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 21.5% (minus 549) in drug-related incidents recorded in Cheshire West and Chester.

Across the Force area over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 20.1% in drug-related incidents, which means Cheshire West and Chester has recorded a larger percentage decrease.

When comparing the volume of drug-related incidents by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester has recorded the second largest percentage decrease when compared to 2020.

24. Domestic Incidents -Cheshire West and Chester

Domestic - Incidents				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
3,858	4,538	5,252	5,575	**5,136**
1.6%	17.6%	15.7%	6.2%	**-7.9%**

In the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 7.9% (minus 439) in domestic-related incidents recorded in Cheshire West and Chester.

Across the Force area over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 4.8% in domestic-related incidents, which means Cheshire West and Chester has recorded a slightly larger percentage decrease.

When comparing the volume of domestic-related incidents by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester has recorded the second largest percentage decrease when compared to 2020. Of note, one Local Authority recorded an increase in incidents.

25. Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents -Cheshire West and Chester

Anti-social Behaviour - Incidents				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
10,149	7,677	6,554	8,755	**6,874**
-2.7%	-24.4%	-14.6%	33.6%	**-21.5%**

During the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 21.5% (minus 1,881) in Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents recorded in Cheshire West and Chester. Some of this reduction could be attributed to improved crime recording standards at Cheshire Constabulary with more 'crimes' being removed from this incident type.

Across the Force area over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 23.3% in Anti-Social Behaviour incidents, which means Cheshire West and Chester has recorded a slightly lower percentage decrease.

When comparing the volume of Anti-Social Behaviour incidents by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester has recorded the second smallest percentage decrease when compared to 2020.

The following table provides a breakdown of Anti-Social Behaviour incidents by sub-category, LPU and Beat Team Cluster (BTC). Analysis of incidents by Local Policing Unit indicates that during 2021 42% of all ASB occurred in Chester LPU; 34% in Northwich LPU and 24% in Ellesmere Port LPU. Looking at the volume table of ASB incidents by BTC this order changes Chester City (15.2%); Winsford (13.1%); Ellesmere Port West & Neston (12.4%); Northwich North (12.2%) and Ellesmere Port East (12.0%).

a. Covid-19 related breaches of Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents -Cheshire West and Chester

Further research identified that COVID-19 ASB Breaches accounted for 7.2% (496) of all ASB incidents recorded during 2021, which is a decrease of 24.4% from 2020 (or 1,537 fewer reports year-on-year). The highest volumes in 2021 being recorded in January (39%), February (26%) and March (19%) with diminishing proportions during subsequent months of 2021.

Local Policing Unit (LPU)	Police Beat Team Cluster (BTC)	ASB - Environmental	% of LPU	ASB - Nuisance	% of LPU	ASB - Personal	% of LPU	Total ASB	% of LPU
CHESTER	CHESTER CITY	88	31.8%	761	39.0%	199	30.7%	1048	36.4%
	CHESTER NORTH	59	21.3%	369	18.9%	133	20.5%	561	19.5%
	CHESTER RURAL AND FRODSHAM	69	24.9%	459	23.5%	165	25.4%	693	24.1%
	CHESTER SOUTH	61	22.0%	363	18.6%	152	23.4%	576	20.0%
	CHESTER LPU TOTAL	**277**	**43.6%**	**1952**	**41.1%**	**649**	**43.6%**	**2878**	**41.9%**
ELLESMERE PORT	ELLESMERE PORT EAST	69	49.3%	595	50.1%	160	45.5%	824	49.1%
	ELLESMERE PORT WEST AND NESTON	71	50.7%	592	49.9%	192	54.5%	855	50.9%
	ELLESMERE PORT LPU TOTAL	**140**	**22.0%**	**1187**	**25.0%**	**352**	**23.6%**	**1679**	**24.4%**
NORTHWICH	NORTHWICH NORTH	71	32.4%	605	37.6%	161	32.9%	837	36.1%
	NORTHWICH SOUTH	64	29.2%	395	24.5%	123	25.2%	582	25.1%
	WINSFORD	84	38.4%	609	37.8%	205	41.9%	898	38.8%
	NORTHWICH LPU TOTAL	**219**	**34.4%**	**1609**	**33.9%**	**489**	**32.8%**	**2317**	**33.7%**
CWaC Grand Total		**636**	**100.0%**	**4748**	**100.0%**	**1490**	**100.0%**	**6874**	**100.0%**

69.4% of Covid-related ASB were recorded as Nuisance ASB, 18.8% as Environmental and 11.9% as Personal ASB. Chester LPU recorded the greatest volume with 38.9% (193) of Covid-related ASB, 38.1% (189) Northwich LPU and 23% (114) in Ellesmere Port LPU.

Covid-19 Related ASB Breaches	ASB - Environmental	ASB - Nuisance	ASB - Personal	Grand Total	
CHESTER	**34**	**130**	**29**	**193**	**38.9%**
CHESTER CITY	15	44	12	71	14.3%
CHESTER NORTH	7	22	3	32	6.5%
CHESTER RURAL AND FRODSHAM	4	35	9	48	9.7%
CHESTER SOUTH	8	29	5	42	8.5%
ELLESMERE PORT	**24**	**78**	**12**	**114**	**23.0%**
ELLESMERE PORT EAST	11	36	4	51	10.3%
ELLESMERE PORT WEST AND NESTON	13	42	8	63	12.7%
NORTHWICH	**35**	**136**	**18**	**189**	**38.1%**
NORTHWICH NORTH	12	45	8	65	13.1%
NORTHWICH SOUTH	13	41	4	58	11.7%
WINSFORD	10	50	6	66	13.3%
Grand Total	**93**	**344**	**59**	**496**	**100.0%**
	18.8%	69.4%	11.9%	100.0%	

b. <u>Environmental Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents -Cheshire West and Chester</u>

ASB Environmental - Incidents				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
653	373	267	670	**511**
-12.0%	-42.9%	-28.4%	150.9%	**-23.7%**

In the last twelve months there has been a <u>decrease of 23.7%</u> (plus 159) in Environmental Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents recorded in Cheshire West and Chester; despite this clear reduction volumes are still much higher than those recorded in 2018 and 2019.

Across the Force area over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 21.0% in Environmental Anti-Social Behaviour incidents, which means Cheshire West and Chester has recorded a higher percentage increase.

When comparing the volume of Environmental Anti-Social Behaviour incidents by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester has recorded the second largest percentage decrease when compared to 2020.

c. Nuisance Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents -Cheshire West and Chester

ASB Nuisance - Incidents				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
4,559	3,958	4,103	6,071	**4,748**
9.4%	-13.2%	3.7%	48.0%	**-21.8%**

During the last twelve months there has been an decrease of 21.8% (minus 1,323) in Nuisance Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents recorded in Cheshire West and Chester. Of note, 2020 figures were impacted by the inclusion of Covid-19 restriction breaches.

Across the Force area over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 23.7% in Nuisance Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents, which means Cheshire West and Chester has recorded a slightly smaller percentage decrease.

When comparing the volume of Nuisance Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester has recorded the third largest decrease when compared to 2020.

d. Personal Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents -Cheshire West and Chester

ASB Personal - Incidents				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
4,854	3,299	2,133	1,929	**1,490**
-11.0%	-32.0%	-35.3%	-9.6%	**-22.8%**

In the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 22.8% (minus 439) in Personal Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents recorded in Cheshire West and Chester. It should be noted that data for 2020 also includes the recording of Covid-19 restriction breaches.

Across the Force area over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 23.0% in Personal Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents, which means Cheshire West and Chester has recorded a slightly smaller percentage decrease.

When comparing the volume of personal anti-social behaviour incidents by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester has recorded the second largest percentage decrease when comparing to 2020.

26. Begging Incidents -Cheshire West and Chester

Begging - Incidents				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
518	199	158	80	**27**
40.8%	-61.6%	-20.6%	-49.4%	**-66.3%**

During the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 66.3% (minus 53) in begging incidents recorded in Cheshire West and Chester; which extends a continuing downward trend since 2018. Figures for 2020 and 2021 are likely to have been affected by the reduction in town centre footfall due to Covid-19 pandemic restrictions.

Across the Force area over the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 54.8% in begging incidents, which means Cheshire West and Chester has recorded a larger percentage decrease.

When comparing the volume of begging incidents by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester has recorded the largest percentage decrease when compared to 2020.

27. Hate Incidents -Cheshire West and Chester

Hate - Incidents				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
330	238	317	334	**407**
20.0%	-27.9%	33.2%	5.4%	**21.9%**

In the last twelve months there has been a year-on-year increase of 21.9% (plus 73) in Hate Incidents recorded in Cheshire West and Chester; bringing volumes to the highest seen in the 5 year review period. This increase could be due to increasing tensions throughout the Covid-19 pandemic or potentially greater belief in Cheshire Constabulary's response to such incidents.

Across the Force area over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 20.3% in Hate Incidents, which means Cheshire West and Chester has recorded a larger percentage increase.

When comparing the volume of hate incidents by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester has recorded the third largest percentage increase when compared to 2020.

28. Mental Health Incidents -Cheshire West and Chester

Mental Health - Incidents				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
2,364	1,670	1,736	2,182	**2,355**
-1.0%	-29.4%	4.0%	25.7%	**7.9%**

During the last twelve months there has been a year-on-year increase of 7.9% (plus 173) in Mental Health Incidents recorded in Cheshire West and Chester.

Across the Force area over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 10.8% in mental health incidents, which means Cheshire West and Chester has recorded a smaller percentage increase than the Force.

When comparing the volume of mental health incidents by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester has recorded the second smallest percentage increase when compared to 2020.

29. Youth Related Incidents -Cheshire West and Chester

Youth Related - Incidents				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
No Data	1,851	1,881	1,560	**1,547**
No Data	**No Data**	1.6%	-17.1%	**-0.8%**

Only partial data since 2018 is available. During the last twelve months there has been a decrease of 0.8% (minus 13) in Youth Related Incidents recorded in Cheshire West and Chester.

Across the Force area over the last twelve months volumes have remained static (0% change), which means Cheshire West and Chester has recorded a larger percentage decrease.

When comparing the volume of youth-related incidents by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester has recorded the smallest percentage decrease when compared to 2020.

30. Road Traffic Collisions (RTC) -Cheshire West and Chester

RTC - Fatal Collisions				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
6	11	10	8	6
-53.8%	83.3%	-9.1%	-20.0%	**-25.0%**

During the last twelve months there has been a small volume (minus 2) decrease of 25% in fatal RTCs recorded in Cheshire West and Chester; which is similar to 2020.

Across the Force area over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 14.3% (+4) in fatal RTCs.

When comparing the fatal RTC volumes by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester is the only Local Authority to have recorded a decrease when compared to 2020.

RTC - Serious Collisions				
2017	2018	2019	2020	**2021**
90	115	72	75	**90**
-19.6%	27.8%	-37.4%	4.2%	**20.0%**

In the last twelve months there has been an increase of 20.0% (+15) in serious RTCs recorded in Cheshire West and Chester. The considerable reduction in 2019 could potentially be linked to less traffic flow at times due to Covid-19 travel restrictions.

Across the Force area over the last twelve months there has been an increase of 13.2% (+30) in serious RTCs, which means Cheshire West and Chester has recorded a higher percentage increase.

With relatively small volumes, when comparing the volumes of serious RTCs by Local Authority, Cheshire West and Chester has recorded the second highest percentage increase when compared to 2020 with only one Local Authority recording a decrease.

Road Traffic Collision and Casualty Analysis

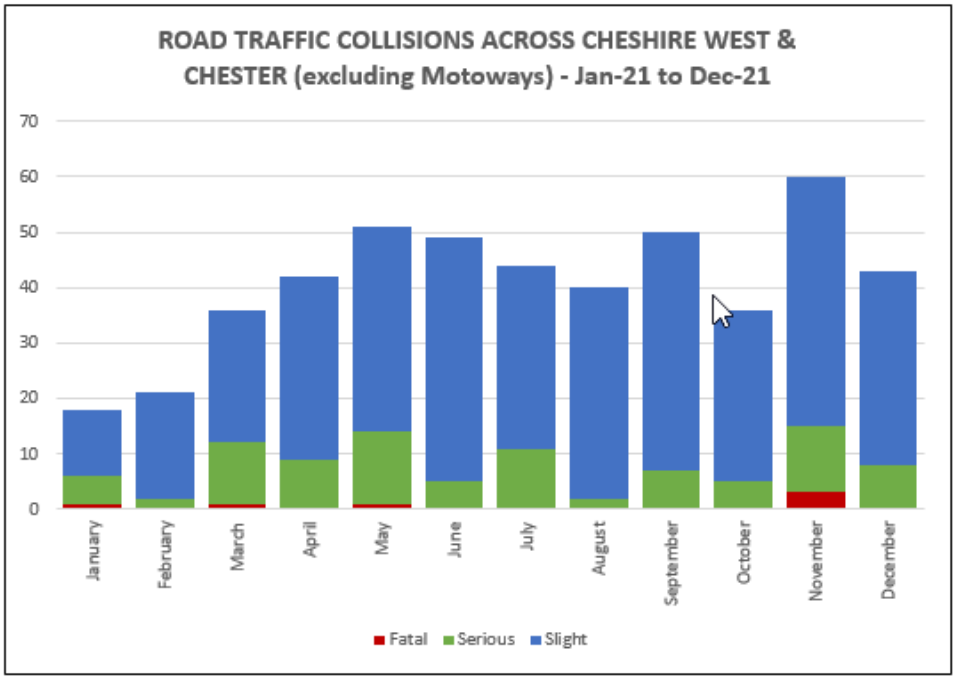
Further analysis of the Road Traffic Collisions in 2021 shows that 27 KSI collisions occurred on the Motorway network within Cheshire West and Chester (6 serious). As well as the KSI collisions a further 415 slight injury collisions were also recorded as occurring on roads within Cheshire West and Chester (including motorways). To put this into context there were 0.34 collisions per mile of road in Cheshire West and Chester during 2021 compared to 0.38 collisions per mile of road across the Force (including motorways). If we exclude motorways, which are managed by National Highways, there has been 0.33 collisions per mile of road across Cheshire West and Chester compared to 0.36 collisions per mile of road across the Force area.

Due to the motorway network being managed by National Highways the following section will exclude any collisions that occurred on the motorways. Collisions resulting in slight injuries will be included as they can often be a precursor to more serious collisions.

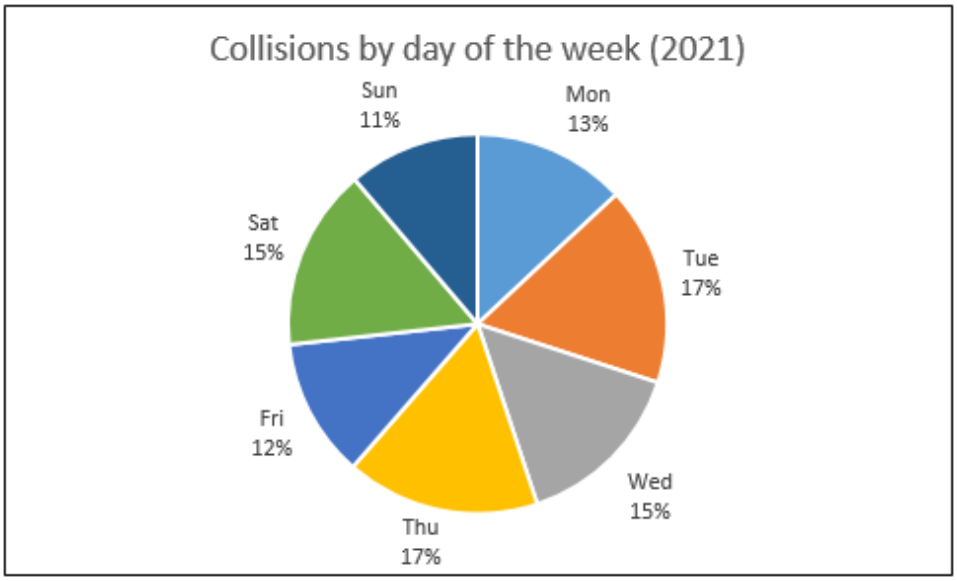
Analysis of collisions by road identifies the following roads as the main locations of collisions during 2021:

- A41 – 40 collisions (7 serious and 33 slight)
- A5032 – 21 collisions (1 serious and 20 slight)
- A540 – 19 collisions (3 serious and 16 slight)
- B5132 – 17 collisions (1 serious and 16 slight)
- A54 – 16 collisions (5 serious and 11 slight)
- A5117 – 14 collisions (2 fatal, 5 serious and 7 slight)
- A56 – 13 collisions (1 fatal and 12 slight)
- A49 – 12 collisions (5 serious and 7 slight)
- A51 – 11 collisions (3 serious and 8 slight)
- A5268 – 10 collisions (3 serious and 7 slight)
- A559 – 10 collisions (1 serious and 9 slight)

Temporal analysis indicates that the highest volume of overall collisions occurred in November (60); May (56); June (51) and September (50). The following bar chart illustrates the volume of collisions by month. Of note, the highest number of KSI collisions occurred in November (3 fatal, 12 serious), this is also the month that saw the highest number slight collisions (48).



Further temporal analysis also indicates that the peak day for collisions across Cheshire West and Chester was Tuesday (17%, 83 collisions) and Thursday (17%, 81 collisions), followed by Saturday (15%, 76 collisions) whilst the least (11%, 55 collisions) occurred on a Sunday. A review of KSI collisions indicates that most happened on a Wednesday (18) and a Thursday (17).



Analysis by hour of the day indicates that most collisions have occurred at 08:00 (7.18%, 35) and between 13:00 and 18:59 (48.4%, 237).

The 490 collisions recorded resulted in 609 casualties – 7 fatalities, 104 seriously injured and 498 with slight injuries.

The table below illustrates the casualty profile and the changes when compared with 2020, increases in casualties have been noted in many of the vehicle groups, most notably car passengers (+24) and pedestrians (+26). This is most likely to be linked the COVID19 pandemic lockdown restrictions and subsequently relaxing of said restrictions.

Type of vehicle casualty travelling in	2020	2021	Volume Change	% Change
Car Occupant	**291**	**332**	**41**	**14.1%**
Car Driver	225	242	**17**	**7.6%**
Car Passenger	66	90	**24**	**36.4%**
Pedal Cycle	80	94	**14**	**17.5%**
Pedestrian	49	75	**26**	**53.1%**
Power Two Wheels	**57**	**66**	**9**	**15.8%**
<125cc	24	30	**6**	**25.0%**
125-500cc	5	11	**6**	**120.0%**
>500cc	26	23	**-3**	**-11.5%**
unknown cc	2	2	**0**	**0.0%**
Goods vehicle / van	35	31	**-4**	**-11.4%**
Other	8	11	**3**	**37.5%**

NB: Other vehicles: 5x Bus or coach; 3x Agricultural vehicles; 3x mobility scooters

Conclusions / Summary

Recorded Crime

Cheshire West and Chester recorded a year-on-year increase in Total Crime volumes of 4.7% with a 1.1% increase recorded at Force level.

Overall, 2021 has again presented a mixed picture with Violence offences, Sexual Offences, Stalking and Harassment increasing quite considerably by 10.6%, 32.6%, 19.2% and 22.2% respectively –all of which are higher increases than seen at Force level. Further increases were recorded in Child Sexual Abuse (plus 47.7%), Cyber-crime (plus 21.2%) and Hate Crime (plus 26.0%), again larger percentage increases than recorded at Force level; however, these offences have received increased focus and were possibly under recorded in previous years.

However, Burglary, Vehicle Offences, Shoplifting, Bicycle Theft and Drug Offences have reduced by -14.5%, -7.3%, -26.9%, and -21.0% respectively (although the volume of recorded Drug Offences is impacted by the number of targeted operations undertaken in the period).

Year-on-year there was little change in Domestic Abuse (minus 0.7%), Malicious Communications (minus 1.5%), Alcohol-related crime (plus 4.3%) and Criminal Damage (plus 2.9%).

Robbery of Personal Property in Cheshire West and Chester has increased, this year by 17.9% which is the highest percentage increase at both Force (plus 6%) and CSP levels; although in terms of volume they remain below both Cheshire East and Warrington CSP volumes, and also lower than in 2019. Business Robbery has remained low with 9 offences recorded last year and in 2020.

Incidents

Total incidents decreased by 2.8% across CWaC (minus 1.1% at Force level). Overall the increases and reductions in incident volumes across CWaC are consistent with those seen at a Force level. The only exception to this is Domestic incidents where CWaC recorded a 3% greater decrease in volume last year (minus 7.9%) whilst a reduction of 4.8% was recorded at Force level.

Anti-social behaviour incidents decreased in CWaC when compared to 2020, which is in line with percentage reductions recorded at Force level. Nuisance, Personal and Environmental ASB all recorded decreases greater than 20% (i.e. minus 21.8%, minus 22.8% and minus 23.7%), again fairly consistent with Force level reductions. However, observed reductions in ASB volumes may be impacted by Covid-related ASB type breaches being reported via the Single Online Home platform submissions during this period.

Alcohol, begging, drug and youth-related incidents decreased in 2021, these incidents are affected by the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and associated public movement restrictions.

Hate incidents increased when compared to 2020 to a similar extent as recorded at Force level (plus 21.9% and plus 20.3% respectively). Other CSPs have recorded slightly higher percentage increases in Hate incidents with the exception of Halton.

Mental Health incidents increased by 7.9% across CWaC, as did Missing Person incidents (plus 6.7%), again these increases are in line with Force level percentage increases in 2021.

Road Traffic Collisions

Volumes of Fatal Collisions have reduced in line with Force reductions whilst the number of collisions resulting in serious injuries have increased.

Appendix A: Crime -Table of Comparative Change 2020/21

The following table illustrates the percentage change in Recorded Crime compared to 2020 and whether or not this change is higher or lower than the change seen at Force level.

RECORDED OFFENCES	CWaC	FORCE
	Percentage change on 2020	Percentage change on 2020
Total Crime	4.7%	1.1%
Victim Based Crime	5.0%	1.2%
Violence Against the Person	10.6%	6.1%
- Violence With Injury	9.7%	4.7%
- Violence Without Injury	6.9%	3.2%
Harassment	22.2%	13.6%
Stalking	19.2%	10.7%
Malicious Communications	-1.5%	-2.6%
Sexual Offences	32.6%	22.2%
- Rape offences	16.1%	19.7%
- Other Sexual Offences	42.5%	23.7%
- Child Sexual Abuse	44.7%	23.9%
Drug Offences	-21.0%	-18.1%
Alcohol Related Offences	4.3%	-0.7%
Domestic Abuse Offences	-0.7%	-4.0%
Cyber Crime	21.2%	11.7%
Hate Crime	26.0%	15.6%
Robbery Offences	16.1%	1.2%
- Personal Robbery	17.9%	6.0%
- Business Robbery	0.0%	-30.9%
Burglary Offences	-14.5%	-12.8%
- Residential Burglary	-13.5%	-11.8%
- Business & Community Burglary	-17.0%	-15.9%
Vehicle Crime	-7.3%	-1.9%
Shoplifting	-26.9%	-20.1%
Theft from the Person	54.0%	19.8%
Bicycle Theft	-37.8%	-29.7%
All Other Theft offences	8.1%	2.5%
Criminal Damage & Arson	2.9%	-6.0%

Appendix B: Incident -Table of Comparative Change 2020/21

The following table illustrates the percentage change in Reported Incidents compared to 2020 and whether or not this change is higher or lower than the change seen at Force level.

INCIDENTS	CWaC	FORCE
	Percentage change on 2020	Percentage change on 2020
Total Incidents	-2.8%	-1.1%
Alcohol Related Incidents	-3.2%	-3.2%
Drug Incidents	-21.5%	-20.1%
Domestic Incidents	-7.9%	-4.8%
Anti-Social Behaviour	-21.5%	-23.3%
- Environmental ASB	-23.7%	-21.0%
- Personal ASB	-22.8%	-23.0%
- Nuisance ASB	-21.8%	-23.7%
Begging Incidents	-66.3%	-54.8%
Hate Incidents	21.9%	20.3%
Mental Health Incidents	7.9%	10.8%
Missing Persons	6.7%	6.0%
Youth Related Incidents	-0.8%	0.0%

Appendix C: RTC -Table of Comparative Change 2020/21

The following table illustrates the percentage change in Recorded Road Traffic Collisions compared to 2020 and whether or not this change is higher or lower than the change seen at Force level.

ROAD TRAFFIC	CWaC	FORCE
	Percentage change on 2020	Percentage change on 2020
Collisions		
- Fatal Collisions	-25.0%	14.3%
- Serious Collisions	20.0%	13.2%
- KSI Collisions	15.7%	13.3%
- Slight Collisions	16.6%	16.9%
Casualties		
- Fatal Casualties	-22.2%	10.0%
- Serious Casualties	29.4%	12.5%
- KSI Casualties	24.5%	12.2%
- Slight Casualties	18.0%	15.9%