



Working together for a safer London

SBPB Substantive Discussion Progress Against Priority One: Safer Neighbourhoods Quarter 4 End of year update					
Partner Met Police					
Crime Stats for 20-21 Context: Challenging performance is a key role which has been identified for the SBPB. This item updates partners in relation to the performance issues, highlights any new challenges, and gains consensus as to how the group can work together to address these. From This quarter forwards this report will present the ratified data collected by MOPAC for the high harm and volume crimes that have been identified as a priority for LB Bromley The high Harm Crimes reported on are: Domestic Abuse (Covered under Priority One Violence Against Women and Girls) Weapons based Crimes (Gun Crime, Knife Crime covered under Priority Three Keeping Young People Safe) Hate Crime (covered under Priority Four- Standing Together Against Hate Crime and Extremism) Sex Offences (Covered under Priorities Two and Three) The Volume Crimes that are reported on are: NDVWI Burglary ASB (all London Boroughs) At the time of writing this report in late February, the latest figures were January 21 – as such dates are between February 20 to January 21, compared to the previous year. The figures are taken from the MOPAC dashboard, and it should be noted that these are subject to change, as crimes can become reclassified during an investigation.					
	RAG Status				
Domestic Abuse Offences February 20– January 21 (latest available figures) <table border="1"><tr><td>Rolling Year Jan 21</td><td>% difference on previous year</td></tr><tr><td>2900</td><td>-5% (3054)</td></tr></table> <p>For consistency MOPAC data will now be used to report on this section.</p> <p>Total domestic abuse within Bromley has fallen between years by 5%</p> <p>The year has been a significant challenge in relation to COVID and the increased long periods at home for many people increasing incidents of domestic abuse in many areas. In the context of the national picture this represents a considerable success. This said we must ensure that every opportunity to report domestic abuse is open to victims to ensure under-reporting is not evident.</p>	Rolling Year Jan 21	% difference on previous year	2900	-5% (3054)	Green
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Gun Crime

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Rolling Year Jan 21	% difference on previous year
89	-27% (123)

For consistency MOPAC data will now be used to report on this section.

Total gun crime within Bromley has fallen between years by 27%

This is another piece of good work across both South area and more widely in London. Intelligence to disrupt gun related crime is being considered on a daily basis by specialist proactive units and the Force is more agile in obtaining warrants to disrupt gun supply. The effects of Covid reductions in overall criminal activity will impact slightly on lower level offences of gun crime such as street-based possession of a S5 firearm such as tasers or CS sprays.

Knife Crime

Green

Rolling Year Jan 21	% difference on previous year
639	-47% (1216)

For consistency MOPAC data will now be used to report on this section.

Total knife crime within Bromley has fallen by 47%

The majority of knife crime occurs as a result of street-based robberies or possession of an offensive weapon. The latter offence is a found committing offence resulting from proactive use of stop and search in most cases. The effect of lockdown of street-based populations has significantly reduced the number of potential victims of robberies across Bromley. This will need to be monitored carefully as lockdown eases and populations of young people and others increase at street level.

Hate Crime High Harm Crime

Amber

Green

Rolling Year Jan 21	% difference on previous year
513	+16% (441)

For consistency MOPAC data will now be used to report on this section.

You will note from the SBPS that the main focus here was to improve reporting of hate crime and to reduce repeat victimisation of victims of hate crime.

The recording of police recorded hate crime has increased country wide, and this has been driven by improvements in crime recording and a better identification of what constitutes a hate crime. Unsurprisingly, as a result of the above, together with the impact of COVID, the total recorded hate crime within Bromley has risen by 16% between years.

Hate crime has been the subject of a number of proactive media campaigns across London and there have been massive attempts to increase confidence in people to report. For example, last month was LGBT+ history month and officers are now flagging potential hate crimes differently. Bromley's response and NH teams have also been increasingly using crime report flagging to reengage with victims who may be subject to hate incidents. It would be a measure of success in many ways to see a broader increase in hate crime reporting as this suggests confidence is improving in coming forward. In a similar way to increases in ASB COVID had an impact on hate crime against Asian victims as blame by a minority against the Asian community for the pandemic led to a number of hate incidents.

The RAG status here is split, as the target for increasing the reporting of this crime type is being achieved, however, ongoing work and commitments need to be maintained, in order to effectively deal with this high harm issue. The BCU response to the propriety is contained in the Q4 propriety four partnership update.

Sex Offences

April 19 – February 20	April 20 – February 21
496	-9% (545)

For consistency category MOPAC data will now be used to report on this section.

Total sex offence crime within Bromley has fallen by 9%

COVID and the associated lockdowns has impacted on opportunities for alcohol and youth related allegations of sexual assault to take place. Schools officers and safeguarding officers continue to see reporting of online based relationships and domestic allegations of sexual assaults and during lockdown there has been a rising trend in online dating sites which may impact sexual offence allegations once lockdown eases and meetings between parties are allowed once again.

Local Crime Priorities

Local crime priorities measure the things that matter; the police and crime plan established an innovative approach to make room what success looks like for London. Instead of rigid citywide targets and blanket offence types, MOPAC proposed that police and crime priorities be set locally and based upon evidence. This aims to promote local solutions to local problems in which borrowers prioritise and problem solved between 2 and 4 volume crime priorities as well as ASB.

Bromley has been set 2 local crime proprieties, and these are:

- NDVWI
- Residential Burglary

ASB has been set as a priority for all London boroughs

NDVWI

Rolling Year Jan 21	% difference on previous year
1280	-12% (1451)

For consistency MOPAC data will now be used to report on this section.

Total NDVWI offences within Bromley have fallen by 12%

As stated above COVID has had a massive suppressing effect on many crime types. NDVWI is largely but not entirely associated with the night-time economy and street based criminal activity. As lockdown eases it would be prudent to monitor the rise to any new normality and ensure, where possible that the impact of reopening of licensed premises, schools and other premises has on crime. This is an ideal time to ensure the impact of particular premises is understood in communities and to send clear messages in advance of re-opening of the need for responsible management of these premises.

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Total Burglary

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Rolling Year Jan 21	% difference on previous year
1634	-40% (2738)

Residential Burglary

Rolling Year Jan 21	% difference on previous year
1270	-40% (2121)

For consistency MOPAC data will now be used to report on this section. Met police data will be used for residential burglary.

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Total burglary offences as well as residential burglary within Bromley have fallen by 40% between years

Again, COVID has positively impacted domestic burglary offences as many people now work from home or remain in lockdown. This has increased the number of active guardians within and around properties. Now would be an ideal opportunity for the local authority and police to increase its publicity in the value of sensible burglary reduction measures as lockdown eases. There may be an ongoing suppressing effect as office workers continue to work from home into next year and beyond.

ASB

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Rolling Year Jan 21	% difference on previous year
13110	+94% (6764)

For consistency, MOPAC data will now be used to report on this section.

Total ASB offences within Bromley have risen by 94% between years

The dramatic increases in ASB are largely associated with COVID related reporting of breaches in new legislation associated with lockdowns. There was a particular spike through March to May during the first lockdown. Whilst the number of calls for service has reduced steadily over the latter part of the year, they remain higher than average. Dedicated response vehicles have responded to COVID calls for service across Bromley since May as a result of these increases for service. Most are low level and have been dealt with by suitable words of advice.

Theft of Motor Vehicles Volume Crime

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Rolling Year Jan 21	% difference on previous year
950	-8.6% 1040

For consistency MOPAC data will now be used to report on this section.

Total theft of MV offences within Bromley have fallen by 8.6%

Proactive joint operations across the South of England by Forces including the Met have identified the increasing numbers of catalytic converter thefts. With rises in precious metal prices and the loss of opportunity for other offending such as burglary thieves have chosen to target vehicles. This has largely retained the overall volumes of crime. Bromley has benefited from these proactive operations as well as local targeting of known criminal networks such that there has been a positive impact on overall crime levels in this area this year to date.

How Covid has affected BAU

Police have maintained core services and local policing response throughout COVID. There has been little if any impact on 999 response times and the overall numbers of officers on duty has largely been consistent, albeit with a small dip in proactive capacity during the last lockdown as a result of increased Covid related isolation and sickness. It is testament to professionalism and dedication of the Metropolitan Police that officers have continued to deal positively with offences and support victims throughout the pandemic, often in the most difficult of circumstances where use of PPE to protect themselves and more widely their families has been impossible.

Forward plan

Police will continue to focus on what matters to the public locally and deliver against the MOPAC priorities for London. We are planning now for the lockdown easing of restrictions and working alongside the LA who have supported police superbly throughout the pandemic.