

Coronavirus Response

This report sets out for the Panel the ways in which the Commissioner has responded to the Coronavirus (Covid19) crisis, ensured that North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service were responding appropriately, and engaged nationally on key issues to ensure the voice and needs of North Yorkshire were heard and understood.

Victims and domestic abuse

As the crisis emerged towards the middle of March, the Commissioner was aware of the trends and reports coming from other countries that had already entered lockdown about increases in domestic abuse and the impact lockdown was having on victims of abuse who were being forced into close confinement with their abuser. From the start, therefore, the Commissioner had a close eye to the crime statistics and to information from service providers and charities to notice any increases. While police figures did not increase early on, numbers accessing support service helplines and webchats jumped significantly in the first two weeks and it was clear that action was needed. Working with the police and support services the Commissioner ensured clear and widespread communications went out across North Yorkshire highlighting the support our local provider IDAS could give and that they were still open and ready to help. This went into testing sites, pharmacists, supermarkets and other local community sites that people have been able to continue to access. She made funds available for DA and sexual abuse support services to expand their helpline and remote support functions so they could help more people, including getting them access to emergency accommodation.

The Commissioner also raised this trend with government early on and, through her APCC Victims portfolio, engaged extensively with the Domestic Abuse Commissioner, Ministers and National Police Chiefs' Council leads to ensure rapid and enhanced support was put in place. As the MoJ moved to make £22million available to help DA support services, the Commissioner led lobbying to make sure that this would be distributed through PCCs. This ensured it would get through to the local services providing support as quickly as possible, rather than being swallowed by national organisations. As a result, she won £345,000 that was distributed to 12 local providers directly benefiting North Yorkshire victims.

Furthermore, the Commissioner was one of only two PCCs to attend the Prime Minister's 'Hidden Harms' COVID summit talking about domestic abuse and as a consequence, the OPFCC and North Yorkshire Police are now working closely with the Home Office as one of five deep dive policing areas to look at the impact of the crisis on the prevalence of, and response to, domestic abuse. This will seek to understand better the available data and to identify best practice that can be scaled-up and rolled out nationally.

To support all this work, the Commissioner and her team have been working hard internally to properly understand the data throughout the crisis period. Weekly trend, caseload, and crime

statistic analysis was conducted to enable the Commissioner to provide a real-world example to central Government, the Victims Commissioner and the Ministry of Justice. This covered DA incidents, crimes, victim entitlement ratings and DA support service referrals, and sexual offences and referrals into ISVA services and adult and child sexual assault referral centres. This has allowed for a clear comparison between police data of reported crimes and victim self-referrals, giving a clear evidence base which the Commissioner used to ensure NYP and policing nationally reacted appropriately.

The Commissioner's team have also ensured the viability of all our commissioned support services over this period, reviewing business continuity plans and working with providers to ensure service recovery plans were in place and instigating extraordinary service models where necessary, and providing emergency funding, for example to Parents Against Child Exploitation (PACE) and the Children's Society.

The team has also worked closely with partners, meeting weekly with health commissioners to discuss sexual assault services, and weekly with police and local authority representatives as part of the Domestic Abuse C19 Tactical Group. The latter group worked closely to understand any changes in referral pathways or multi-agency working arrangements as a result of the crisis and to disseminate information about these changes to keep them working smoothly, and worked to understand each other's demand and deal with areas of concern as they arose, such as the provision of emergency accommodation.

Policing response

The Commissioner is proud of the response that North Yorkshire Police have provided to the crisis. She has been closely monitoring both the operation and the internal business continuity measures NYP have put in place to ensure that the needs of the community are being met. She has closely engaged with Government to ensure the correct resources are in place and that there is a co-ordinated response to key concerns as they arise. She has communicated clearly with the public to make sure that awareness of the police response is high, and to try and prevent visitors from travelling to try to alleviate the burden on the Police (see Appendix 1).

NYP's Assistant Chief Constable, Mike Walker, has been the Gold Commander for the response, and has also chaired the Local Resilience Forum's Strategic Co-ordination Group (SCG) during the crisis. The Commissioner has had twice-weekly meetings with ACC Walker to fully understand the issues and response being provided. NYP Superintendents have chaired the LRF's Silver Tactical Co-ordination Group (TCG), and have been closely involved across the partnership response including the Military Assistance to Civil Communities (MACC) group.

The Commissioner is very pleased with the protection North Yorkshire Police have offered to our communities at this time. Throughout the crisis she has been adamant that NYP should continue to run business as usual as far as possible alongside the additional requirements, and she is pleased that this has largely been managed. Operation Talla (the national operation in response to COVID) has been run effectively locally at Gold, Silver and Bronze levels to manage the policing operation and the internal business continuity arrangements necessary to keep the service running. The Commissioner's Office have attended meetings at each level.

At the outset, North Yorkshire Police were expecting a potential 20% decrease in workforce levels as a result of the crisis. In reality, overall sickness rates have reduced, with new ways of working speedily adopted to enable those needing to shield or who were quarantining but not ill to

continue working. Due to the technological investments made by the Commissioner over recent years, NYP were able to transition most of their staff to working from home within the first two weeks, negating the need for them to attend an office environment despite being key workers. Moreover, these investments have meant that NYP has been able to maximise the use of interactive technology compared to other areas, moving to Microsoft Teams early on facilitating the continuation of business in a safe manner. This has ensured that all business functions have kept working smoothly. Where officers have had to shield or quarantine they have been placed on a 'response desk', picking up scheduled appointments where appropriate and engaging with callers where interaction with an officer is required to help manage the risk both to public and officers by minimising the need to conduct visits. They have been able to maximise the use of video software to engage with the public and NYP are now considering how they can build on this into the future to improve efficiency. Two weeks ago, the Chief Constable and the Commissioner presented the ICT team with certificates of commendation for their outstanding response to the crisis.

From the start, the Commissioner has been concerned about the impact this crisis could have on more rural communities, in particular from continued visitor access, and she has worked closely with the Chief Constable to make sure this is properly managed. She has spoken out publicly on several occasions to stress the importance that people stay away and lobbied hard with Government and the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) to ensure travelling restrictions and relaxations have taken the impact on rural communities into account, especially when poorly thought-through guidance had a significant impact on North Yorkshire. The crisis has seen increased patrols around beauty spots and key routes to monitor and manage visitors, with extensive communications out to communities both in and around North Yorkshire to raise awareness and make sure people stay at home. NYP have also worked closely with neighbouring Services when necessary to manage more targeted communications with particular communities or individuals.

NYP have issued the highest number of fines nationally for breaches of the regulations. The Commissioner is assured that this reflects the robust approach NYP have taken to protecting our communities, but has ensured that robust measures were in place to monitor and assess whether those fines were consistently legitimate and fair. Early on, these processes highlighted a disproportionality in fines being issued to ethnic minorities. The Commissioner undertook further scrutiny of these fines to understand whether there was a bias in how they were being issued. The full report is at Appendix 2. While there was no evidence that any officer had acted inappropriately and dip sampling found that all fines were legitimate, concern remained that the numbers indicated an underlying bias by officers against ethnic minorities. The Commissioner was clear that more work was required by NYP to look into this, and is pleased that they have responded proactively with a programme of work to understand and counter where bias has developed.

Reductions in crime (see Appendix 3) over this period due to lockdown have helped, enabling officers from specialist teams to be redeployed to frontline patrols where possible. It has also enabled investigators to complete investigations quicker and reduce the backlog of investigations. NYP have progressed more cases through to the Crown Prosecution Service in this period than they would have normally. While this is positive, delays and growing backlogs in the courts, discussed below, mean that victims are still waiting for justice to be completed. Extra resource has been assigned to the Prosecution team and the Witness Care team to support this process and

ensure victims and witnesses understand fully the issues in the wider criminal justice system and to support in terms of trial or hearing dates.

Unfortunately, during this period there has been an increase in anti-social behaviour, and the Commissioner has raised this with NYP through her Public Accountability Meeting to ensure a robust partnership response is enacted. She has had discussions with City of York Council to discuss ASB and their night-time economy, working with them to make sure robust recovery plans were in place that enable the local economy to revive while not creating further problems.

The capacity the reduction in crime brought, alongside the restrictions on movement, have enabled the police to make significant progress in tackling organised crime, especially around county lines. The reduction in movement had the initial impact of reducing trafficking and reducing drug-related incidents (down 25% in March and April on the previous year), but also exposed travelling criminals making them easier to identify and intercept (drug offences – i.e. arrests – have remained static year on year). Investigators were also able to conclude investigations which led to a number of well publicised, significant arrests of organised criminals related to county lines early on in the period. The intelligence resulting from this progress has put North Yorkshire Police on the front foot and able to respond effectively when activity ramped back up after restrictions relaxed (drug offences up 33% in May on previous year). With restrictions further relaxed in July, there has been a significant spike in drug-related incidents (up by over 50%). Partnership work to tackle organised crime has continued unabated during the crisis through the Serious Organised Crime Board, which the Deputy Commissioner has continued to chair.

There has not been any significant change in hate crime during this period. In the run up to lockdown there was a slight increase in March on the previous year (up 7 incidents). However, no one group was targeted in this, and there was only one incident against the Chinese community in the weeks prior to lockdown. There was a slight uptick in far-right activity with literature targeting the Muslim community immediately before Ramadan asserting the incorrect notion that Mosques would be allowed to stay open. The number of hate crimes dipped to 7 in April (down 75% on the previous year) in line with the general reductions in crime and has since risen as restrictions relaxed, though not to previous levels (down 25% in July compared to July 2019). There is no indication of any substantive link between levels of hate crimes and the coronavirus crisis in North Yorkshire. During this period a number of incidents have targeted black or Asian police officers.

Fire and Rescue response

The Commissioner is very pleased with the way in which the Fire and Rescue Service have stepped up and been fully involved in the response to the crisis, taking leading roles within the LRF, taking on new responsibilities, and pushing their ability to improve the capacity of partners to support and help the most vulnerable.

Through discussions with the Chief Fire Officer early in the crisis, the Commissioner set out clear expectations for NYFRS, after initial indications that participation might be limited due to workforce difficulties. The Commissioner is pleased that close working with unions has enabled NYFRS to take a leading role and has supported firefighters to maximise their contribution to the response. This has been particularly rewarding, as during lockdown on-call firefighter availability has been at its highest in years, meaning fire cover was exceptionally high and wholtime firefighters were able to be released to undertake more innovative roles.

In particular, the Commissioner was keen to see NYFRS take part in the Tripartite Agreement, established between the national Fire Brigades Union (FBU), Fire Chiefs, and Fire and Rescue Employers. It set out a range of additional firefighter duties including driving ambulances and delivering PPE and medical supplies to NHS staff and care facilities. The Commissioner was keen for the Service to partake actively in all additional activities whilst also continuing business as usual where possible. Take up of the additional activities was on a voluntary basis and good relationships with local representative bodies allowed for their swift adoption, ensuring each activity was locally risk assessed prior to commencing.

As a result of this, in March, NYFRS offered 12 volunteers under the Tripartite Agreement to drive ambulances for Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS) under blue light conditions and assist with transportation of COVID-19 patients to the new Nightingale Hospital in Harrogate. Furthermore, fire cover for the Harrogate area was increased in response to this additional risk, with a dedicated hospital fire appliance based at Harrogate station. All NYFRS volunteers trained by Yorkshire Ambulance Service and the dedicated Harrogate appliance have been stood down but remain on standby should they be required in the future.

The Commissioner has been working extensively over the last 18 months to balance NYFRS's budget and ensure that the Service is on a sustainable footing to begin to invest and improve. She has closely monitored the impact of the crisis on the Service and has engaged with the Home Office and the Fire Minister to ensure they understand this too. The Commissioner requested regular Chief Fire Officer/S151 Officer briefings on COVID-19 finances, tracking the value of central grant alongside forecasted spend relating to COVID-19. These briefings highlighted the impact of COVID-19 on future finances with concerns that residents may be less able to pay council tax, an increased pressure on business rates and a lower tax base than forecast with the pause in house building. The Commissioner engaged with the National Fire Chiefs' Council and the Fire minister to obtain additional funding beyond what was originally made available to cover C19 costs to ensure the hard work the Service have already put into making savings was not wasted and to protect the frontline in the future.

The Commissioner's Policy and Scrutiny Officer has attended the weekly NYFRS Business Continuity Meetings. The information and incident data from these meetings provided the Commissioner with an overview of the Service's response to COVID-19 as well highlighting any points of significance/concern to inform the Commissioner's ministerial and partner discussions. Hot and dry weather, together with an increase in burning of household waste whilst tips remained closed became a significant risk. The need to reopen tips as soon as possible was raised as a matter of urgency by the Commissioner with local councils.

NYFRS also undertook a full Business Continuity exercise during the COVID-19 period, named Exercise Bianco, based on the scenario of a local firefighter contracting the virus. The exercise tested local response to media enquiries, business contingency arrangements and central NFCC and Home Office response. This exercise highlighted significant learning points that are being compiled and will be shared nationally when complete.

The Commissioner emphasised the need for NYFRS to work in partnership with North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) in supporting the vulnerable people identified by the NHS/Government. NYFRS employees are making follow-up calls with 2,000 contacts from the 'shielded group', exploring individual's fire safety, providing advice, guidance and smoke alarms if required, as well as signposting to specialist support when necessary.

NYFRS has also been closely involved with the LRF's SCG, TCG and MACC. NYFRS has supported the LRF by embedding two members of staff into the MACC. A Station Manager has taken over from military planners to co-ordinate the response to PPE requests and a Watch Manager is assisting with the arrangements for mobile testing sites.

Criminal Justice

The Commissioner has played a key role in leading the Local Criminal Justice Partnership's (LCJP) response to the COVID-19 crisis, including instigating fortnightly emergency meetings to discuss issues and responses, and pushing for the development of a partnership risk register and action plan. This identified a number of priorities around which partnership task and finish groups (T&F) were set up. The Commissioner has worked hard to ensure that partners work collaboratively and quickly to address concerns.

One of the main challenges faced by the criminal justice system because of COVID-19 is the closure of the courts. There was already a backlog in the courts which has been greatly increased by this closure, now standing at up to two years in some courts. The Commissioner was particularly concerned about the impact that this backlog would have on public confidence in the justice system and on the stress felt by victims and witnesses.

As such, the first T&F was set up to coordinate a response to the needs of victims and witnesses due to attend court. The Witness Service produced an assessment of the different witness waiting areas to inform which courts may be suitable for trials in their current state, and have been able to coordinate with HMCTS to ensure appropriate cover can be provided in courts that are beginning to open for witnesses.

Prior to COVID-19, the Commissioner was exploring the possibility of introducing mobile live links for vulnerable victims and witnesses to give evidence in court. Due to the size and rurality of North Yorkshire, victims and witnesses often have to travel long distances using limited public transport networks in order to attend court. The current court issues have raised this area again as a prime opportunity to not only respond effectively to the current crisis, but also to optimise the system going forward and has opened new doors with HMCTS to move this forward.

To understand and reduce the backlog, the Commissioner has pushed for data to be collected that shows the LCJP the extent of the backlog and the best cases to target. By lobbying with ministers and through the APCC, she has raised the importance of HMCTS providing timely and useful data and received a direct promise that data would be provided. So far, some data has been made available, but it has only just been broken down to a level that is helpful, so in the meantime, a local measure has been devised using police and CPS data to estimate the extent of the backlog.

To help tackle the backlog, the Commissioner is also exploring diversion options with NYP and CPS that would reduce the number of cases required to go to court. This was initially explored through an Out of Court Disposal T&F, but initial findings concluded that most cases that could be diverted using existing procedures and services were already being diverted. Therefore either new services needed to be introduced or a national steer was needed to allow for more cases to be given an Out of Court Disposal. The Commissioner has assigned precept funding to introduce greater diversion options in North Yorkshire, both to reduce crime and reoffending, and to reduce the impact on the courts.

The Commissioner has also fought for North Yorkshire to not be ignored in regional considerations around the courts. Initially, the only hearings being held were taking place in Leeds, but there

were concerns that West Yorkshire cases were being unfairly prioritised. This came to a head when the decision was made to begin first hearings, but only for West Yorkshire cases, meaning that very few North Yorkshire cases had a chance of making it to trial. Although understanding that HCMTS were constrained as court listings are a judicial decision, the Commissioner stressed the unfairness of the situation and raised it with Ministers to ask them to apply pressure where appropriate to make sure local voices were representing our needs. Decisions around courts are now being made by the Magistrates Court North East Circuit Court Hearings Working Group, though this still does not link directly with LCJPs. Again, the Commissioner has raised concerns about this and ensured that individuals who sit on that group and its sub-groups are reporting into the LCJP.

Throughout the crisis, the Commissioner has had regular meetings with government ministers, including the Lord Chancellor Robert Buckland and Home Office Minister Victoria Atkins, when she has presented both local, regional and national issues that require a Government response. These include concerns around housing provision for prison leavers and victims and perpetrators of domestic abuse; a call for timely updates around national plans for the courts in order for local partners to make plans and decisions; and pushing for legislation to be introduced as a matter of urgency that would allow Prisoner Escort and Custody Services to assist with virtual court hearings from police custody.

Public and political engagement

The Commissioner has proactively undertaken a wide range of communications to keep the public updated about what is happening at every stage during this crisis. From live broadcasts and media appearances to a dedicated section of her website, the Commissioner has provided a one-stop-shop for information relating to the outbreak and the response.

Her new customer service team, which is the first line response to police complaints, has engaged heavily with the public over their concerns and experiences, also supporting MPs and Councillors with residents' concerns. Valuable learning has been fed into the Service around PPE and the public perception of police officers on joint patrol. They have also provided extensive reassurance to correspondents regarding the police response, and have flagged potential hotspots that required police attention and patrols to monitor the number of visitors.

The Commissioner has had extensive engagement with local leaders and Government to ensure that the needs of North Yorkshire communities have been met, and to raise and deal with national issues, throughout the crisis, some of which has been detailed above. As a result she now sits on both Outbreak Management Boards. This wider engagement included:

- Regular meetings with the Policing Minister and Secretary of State for Justice
- Weekly updates with MPs and Council Leaders
- Fortnightly calls with the Victims Minister
- Weekly calls with the Victims Commissioner
- Very regular meetings with officials from the Ministry of Justice and Home Office, but also with MHCLG and DEFRA

Live updates

From 24th March 2020, the Commissioner chaired a fortnightly COVID-19 Live Public Update that brought together North Yorkshire Police, North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue and the Chair of the North Yorkshire and York Local Resilience Forum.

The Public Update built on pre-existing structures for the North Yorkshire Public Accountability Meetings, which are chaired by the PFCC and streamed live on YouTube. This meant that the Commissioner was in a position to act swiftly to make sure that there was a channel to engage and update the public directly.

The Commissioner was keen that hot topics were dealt with through these updates to reassure the public, particularly on issues that were present in the media. Concerns around domestic abuse and organised crime, PPE, fire cover for the Nightingale Hospital and Harrogate, the growing backlog within the courts, and latterly face coverings and ongoing public health messaging were covered, with special guests such as the Chief Executive of IDAS and the North Yorkshire Director for Public Health attending in support.

In particular this allowed the Commissioner and emergency services to continue to push key messages relating to the need to stay at home and not to travel to beauty spots or elsewhere.

The public were also able to submit questions in advance and during the broadcast. Just under 100 questions were received in total, covering concerns over people traveling to rural areas, the number of C19 cases in North Yorkshire, cyclists, fixed penalty notices, young people gathering in groups, police road blocks, the use of PPE, speeding, schooling for key worker children, recycling and waste sites reopening, amongst many others.

So far, the live updates have been viewed nearly 9000 times on YouTube. Live broadcasts were watched by between 200 and 300 people during lockdown months.

Website

The Commissioner has had a dedicated section of her website for information updates, key messages, frequently asked questions, and information on the regulations and restrictions. This has been visited over 1780 times with visitors spending longer than average on the landing page compared to the rest of our website.

Media coverage

The Commissioner has undertaken significant media engagement during this period, detailed in Appendix 1 – Communications Summary.

Between 1 March and 31 July the Commissioner's communication channels reached around 1 million people. The Commissioner's Facebook content alone reached six times the number of people as in the same period as 2019, and engagement with those posts was eight times higher.

In the same period, media coverage featuring the Commissioner as PFCC and Chair of the Rural Crime Network reached 25.9 million people across 249 local and national newspaper and online



outlets. Broadcast content, featured across 12 national and regional broadcast outlets, reached a combined audience in excess of 10 million people.

Public concerns and compliments

The Commissioner's Customer Service team have dealt with 84 and her Office have responded to over 300 concerns between 23 March and the end of June. These were on a wide range of themes covering:

- The continued use of Safety Camera Vans
- Complaints that NYP were placing unnecessary signage encouraging people to stay away from bridleways and footpaths impacting on runners and walkers going out for their daily exercise
- Complaints that NYP were not providing enough signage in beauty spots and on public footpaths and bridleways encouraging people to stay at home
- Visitors to beauty spots unhappy with guidance leaflets left on their car windscreens
- Concerns over road checks that officers were not wearing PPE, gloves or sanitising hands between each check and not adhering to social distancing (This was raised urgently with NYP by the Commissioner's team and NYP reviewed their processes as a result)
- Reports of neighbours breaching lock down rules, for example having visitors in their homes
- Reports of people attending second/holiday homes
- Reports from members of the public concerned about the high levels of visitors to beauty spots not social distancing and concerns about the levels of anti-social behaviours
- Concerns officers were not social distancing or wearing PPE when engaging with members of the public
- General enquiries about what constituted essential travel
- Concerns that police presence in the streets to enforce social distancing and government guidance was too low

It should also be recognised that NYP received high levels of praise (in excess of 60) during this period including:

- Thanks for their presence at beauty spots over Easter/bank holiday weekends
- A company donated 1000 masks
- General thanks for police presence on the streets/roads

Appendix 1 – Communications Summary

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Appendix 3 - Crime and incident rates during Coronavirus



Communications Summary

1 March – 24 July 2020

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Summary

- **Between 1 March and 31 July 2020, our own communications channels reached around one million people with messages, comments and information.** This is a huge increase on the same period one year ago.
- **Between 1 March and 31 July 2020, media coverage featuring Julia Mulligan as North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner and Chair of the National Rural Crime Network reached 25.9 million people** across 249 newspaper and online outlets, and **12 broadcast outlets** whose combined audience is in excess of 10 million.
- **This included:**
 - **national broadcast coverage** on BBC national news bulletins, the ITV Tonight programme and BBC Countryfile
 - **regional broadcast coverage** on BBC Look North, BBC Radio York, Minster FM, Stray FM, BBC Radio Tees, BBC Radio Cumbria, ITV Calendar and ITV Tyne Tees
 - **national newspaper coverage** in The Economist, The Daily Telegraph, The Guardian, The Times, The I and Policing Insight
 - **regional newspaper coverage** in The Yorkshire Post, Northern Echo and local newspapers across North Yorkshire and across the country through the National Rural Crime Network.

OPFCC Channels

- **We have seen a huge increase in engagement on our social media channels during this period compared to the same period 12 months ago.**
- **Facebook** – reach of nearly half a million people from our channels – six times higher than in the same period in 2019. There has also been a 24% year-on-year increase in those liking our page, while engagement on our posts is eight times higher.
- **Twitter** – reach of 450,000 from our channels – double the reach of the same period in 2019. There has been a 5% year-on-year increase in those following our channel in this period.
- **Live Broadcasts** – our regular live broadcasts with coronavirus updates and representatives from partners, including North Yorkshire Police, North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue and North Yorkshire County Council have proved hugely popular and engaging, as well as providing content for the media to update their listeners, viewers and readers. Eight live broadcasts have taken place so far, with over 8,000 people watching the videos either live or after the event.
- **Website** – a new coronavirus support section, with content amalgamated by the OPFCC team, was set up in early April and has received 1,700 page views from 1,045 people since that time.

Broadcast Coverage

Date of Interview	Outlet
10 April	BBC Radio Tees
13 April	BBC Radio Tees
21 April	Bloomberg Westminster BBC Radio Cumbria
23 April	ITV Tonight
27 April	2x BBC News
8 May	BBC Countryfile
13 May	Minster FM Stray FM
15 May	BBC Radio York BBC Look North
18 May	Minster FM
19 May	ITV News
1 June	ITV Calendar BBC Look North
12 June	BBC Radio York
19 th June	BBC Radio Tees
6 th July	BBC Radio York
20 th July	BBC Radio York

Newspaper & Online Coverage

(Please note – due to the limitations of media monitoring available, this is not an exhaustive list but gives an overview of the sort of topics and their reach during this period)

Date	Publication	Headline	Reach
04/03/2020	Yorkshire Post	Communities playing vital part fighting rural crime, police say	18,534
04/03/2020	Yorkshire Post (Online)	Farmers, landowners and local residents - the volunteer groups providing "eyes and ears" for North Yorkshire Police	90,897
18/04/2020	This is Oxfordshire (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	5,571
18/04/2020	Coventry Telegraph (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	40,800
18/04/2020	Pontypool Free Press (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	1,687
18/04/2020	South Wales Guardian (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	2,712
18/04/2020	Essex Live (Online)	Live Essex coronavirus updates as UK enters fourth weekend in lockdown	53,851
18/04/2020	Northern Echo (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	62,604
18/04/2020	Malton Gazette and Herald (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	4,250
18/04/2020	Stoke-on-Trent Sentinel (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	91,482
18/04/2020	Irvine Times (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	4,730
18/04/2020	Chester Chronicle (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	32,912
18/04/2020	Knutsford Guardian (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	561
18/04/2020	The Huddersfield Daily Examiner (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	139,514
18/04/2020	Runcorn and Widnes World (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	3,280
18/04/2020	Essex Live (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	53,851
18/04/2020	Bolton News (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	57,644
18/04/2020	Belfast Live (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	62,559

18/04/2020	Dumbarton & Vale of Leven Reporter (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	2,463
18/04/2020	KentLive (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	113,166
18/04/2020	Basingstoke Gazette (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	12,526
18/04/2020	Hertfordshire Mercury (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	12,992
18/04/2020	Wharfedale & Airedale Observer (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	5,702
18/04/2020	Lincolnshire Live (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	48,752
18/04/2020	News Shopper (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	64,207
18/04/2020	Bristol Post (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	221,796
18/04/2020	Hexham Courant (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	3,642
18/04/2020	Get West London (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	111,649
18/04/2020	Droitwich Spa Advertiser (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	1,275
18/04/2020	Get Surrey (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	105,488
18/04/2020	Bracknell News (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	2,658
18/04/2020	Get Reading (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	51,625
18/04/2020	Isle of Wight County Press (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	1,945
18/04/2020	Burton Mail (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	31,535
18/04/2020	Whitehaven News (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	2,223
18/04/2020	Plymouth Herald (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	154,121
18/04/2020	Wilts and Gloucestershire Standard (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	12,760
18/04/2020	Daily Post (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	44,457
18/04/2020	York Press (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	2,302
18/04/2020	Gloucestershire Live (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	64,517
18/04/2020	East London & West Essex Guardian Series (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	43,166

18/04/2020	Leicester Mercury (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	159,810
18/04/2020	Grimsby Telegraph (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	45,170
18/04/2020	Evesham Journal (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	581
18/04/2020	Derby Telegraph (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	89,510
18/04/2020	Local Berkshire (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	1,989
18/04/2020	Cambridge News (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	54,477
18/04/2020	Stourbridge News (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	15,623
18/04/2020	Nottingham Post (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	151,829
18/04/2020	Gazette And Observer (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	3,493
18/04/2020	Somerset Live (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	36,901
18/04/2020	Chorley Citizen (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	1,318
18/04/2020	LancsLive (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	8,819
18/04/2020	Ardrossan & Saltcoats Herald (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	1,139
18/04/2020	LeedsLive (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	14,274
18/04/2020	Border Telegraph (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	8,619
18/04/2020	Hull Daily Mail (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	160,631
18/04/2020	PenarthTimes (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	1,292
18/04/2020	Wales Online (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	144,994
18/04/2020	Harrow Times (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	8,056
18/04/2020	Campaign Series (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	577
18/04/2020	Romsey Advertiser (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	1,967
18/04/2020	Salford City News (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	0
18/04/2020	This is Local London (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	44,268
18/04/2020	St Albans and Harpendon Review (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	7,164
18/04/2020	Stroud News & Journal (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	7,092
18/04/2020	Ealing Times (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	4,613

18/04/2020	Prestwich & Whitefield Guide (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	4,498
18/04/2020	County Times (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	2,341
18/04/2020	Banbury Cake (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	3,578
18/04/2020	Redhill & Reigate Life (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	1,069
18/04/2020	Southend Standard (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	3,187
18/04/2020	Basildon Recorder (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	3,323
18/04/2020	Dunfermline Press (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	2,900
18/04/2020	Craven Herald (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	8,428
18/04/2020	York Press (Online)	Stay at home: Police guidelines on visiting countryside `hugely unhelpful"	2,302
18/04/2020	Falmouth Packet (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	2,992
18/04/2020	Evening Gazette (Essex) (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	25,088
18/04/2020	Dorset Echo (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	43,436
18/04/2020	Greenock Telegraph (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	249
18/04/2020	Western Telegraph (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	7,807
18/04/2020	Glasgow Evening Times (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	90,563
18/04/2020	Sunday Post (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	14,196
18/04/2020	Basildon Standard (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	1,887
18/04/2020	Helensburgh Advertiser (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	4,612
18/04/2020	Tottenham & Wood Green Independent (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	3,931
18/04/2020	Winsford Guardian (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	834
18/04/2020	Malvern Gazette (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	316
18/04/2020	Ledbury Reporter (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	880
18/04/2020	Edware and Mill Hill Times (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	13,619
18/04/2020	Banbury Cake (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	3,578

18/04/2020	Richmond and Twickenham Times (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	6,925
18/04/2020	Swanage and Wareham Voice (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	3,971
18/04/2020	Telegraph & Argus (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	86,275
18/04/2020	Bury Times (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	24,863
18/04/2020	Halesowen News (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	2,040
18/04/2020	Hereford Times (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	4,607
18/04/2020	Kidderminster Shuttle (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	6,800
18/04/2020	Borehamwood Times (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	5,985
18/04/2020	Cotswold Journal (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	783
18/04/2020	West Cumberland Times and Star (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	12,302
18/04/2020	Barry & District News (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	6,988
18/04/2020	Bridport News (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	483
18/04/2020	This is the West Country (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	257
18/04/2020	Telegraph and Argus (Bradford)	Call for review of visiting guidelines	13,951
18/04/2020	Mail Online UK (Online)	Police guidelines suggesting the public can visit the countryside to exercise are "hugely unhelpful" and "could undo efforts to prevent the spread of coronavirus across rural Britain", Rural Crime Network warns	2,009,108
18/04/2020	Andover Advertiser (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	3,750
18/04/2020	Chelmsford Weekly News (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	3,632
18/04/2020	Bicester Advertiser (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	635
18/04/2020	Wimbledon Guardian (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	14,783
18/04/2020	Gloucestershire Gazette (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	4,982
18/04/2020	Wandsworth Guardian (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	11,421

18/04/2020	Bridgwater Mercury (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	486
18/04/2020	Windsor and Maidenhead Observer (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	3,959
18/04/2020	Hillingdon Times (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	1,355
18/04/2020	Maldon & Burnham Standard (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	712
18/04/2020	This Is Wiltshire (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	8,104
18/04/2020	Telegraph & Argus (Online)	`Approach will not change" - despite new lockdown guidance	86,275
18/04/2020	Yorkshire Post	No change in stay home advice despite relaxation of car rules	18,534
18/04/2020	Tewkesbury Admag (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	1,685
18/04/2020	Belfast Telegraph (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	20,445
18/04/2020	West Midlands Express & Star (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	134,364
18/04/2020	Guernsey Press (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful" The National Rural Crime Network has raised concerns about the guidelines issued to forces.	3,838
18/04/2020	Shropshire Star (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	21,473
18/04/2020	Wiltshire Gazette & Herald (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	12,168
18/04/2020	Witney Gazette (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	4,632
18/04/2020	Evening Telegraph (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	14,463
18/04/2020	Reading Chronicle (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	14,086
18/04/2020	South Wales Argus (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	68,859
18/04/2020	Wirral Globe (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	14,757
18/04/2020	Bucks Free Press (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	23,897
18/04/2020	Thisisjersey.com (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	24,820
18/04/2020	The Press	Call for review of visiting guidelines	14,075
18/04/2020	Wales Farmer (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	205
18/04/2020	Brentwood Live (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	1,349

18/04/2020	North West Evening Mail (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	18,262
18/04/2020	Carrick Herald (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	0
18/04/2020	Harwich and Manningtree Standard (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	1,475
18/04/2020	Evening Express (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	26,307
18/04/2020	Swindon Advertiser (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	9,591
18/04/2020	Cardigan and TivySide Advertiser (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	1,400
18/04/2020	Paisley Gazette (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	7,816
18/04/2020	Your Local Guardian (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	33,757
18/04/2020	Darlington & Stockton Times (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	6,066
18/04/2020	Enfield & Haringey Independent (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	4,598
18/04/2020	Brentwood Live (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	1,349
18/04/2020	Clacton, Frinton & Walton Gazette (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	561
18/04/2020	Bromsgrove Advertiser (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	3,494
18/04/2020	Northwich Guardian (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	5,983
18/04/2020	Burnham and Highbridge Weekly News (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	225
18/04/2020	Yeovil Express (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	257
18/04/2020	Asian Image (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	4,857
18/04/2020	Living Dorset (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	400
18/04/2020	Surrey Comet (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	10,850
18/04/2020	Ayr Advertiser (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	988
18/04/2020	St. Helens Star (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	13,903
18/04/2020	Redditch Advertiser (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	6,446

18/04/2020	Slough and Langley Observer (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	11,733
18/04/2020	Cardigan and TivySide Advertiser (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	1,400
18/04/2020	Central Fife Times (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	3,046
18/04/2020	East Lothian Courier (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	4,796
18/04/2020	Somerset County Gazette (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	17,178
18/04/2020	AOL UK (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	141,057
18/04/2020	Keighley News (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	10,155
18/04/2020	The Courier and Advertiser (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	56,534
18/04/2020	Press and Journal (Aberdeen) (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	46,031
18/04/2020	Peeblesshire News (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	4,446
18/04/2020	Salisbury Journal (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	28,852
18/04/2020	Epping Forest Guardian (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	3,531
18/04/2020	Lancaster & Morecambe Citizen (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	131
18/04/2020	Milford Mercury (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	1,123
18/04/2020	Didcot Herald (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	4,614
18/04/2020	Denbighshire Free Press (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	3,687
18/04/2020	Dudley News (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	2,907
18/04/2020	News and Star (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	20,048
18/04/2020	Bournemouth Daily Echo (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	118,482
18/04/2020	Strathallan Times (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	100
18/04/2020	Troon Times (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	2,705

18/04/2020	Border Counties Advertiser (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	773
18/04/2020	North Wales Chronicle (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	4,156
18/04/2020	Rhyl Journal (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	5,960
18/04/2020	North Wales Pioneer (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	687
18/04/2020	Ludlow Advertiser (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	6,383
18/04/2020	Clydebank Post (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	9,789
18/04/2020	Braintree & Witham Times (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	10,020
18/04/2020	Messenger Newspapers (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	4,887
18/04/2020	Watford Observer (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	30,391
18/04/2020	Westmorland Gazette (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	33,073
18/04/2020	Wiltshire Times (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	374
18/04/2020	Warrington Guardian (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	32,801
18/04/2020	Largs & Millport Weekly News (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	2,714
18/04/2020	This Is Lancashire (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	2,627
18/04/2020	Hampshire Chronicle (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	4,887
18/04/2020	Cumnock Chronicle (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	475
18/04/2020	The National (Scotland) (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	39,785
18/04/2020	Thurrock Gazette (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	308
18/04/2020	The Oldham Times (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	3,284
18/04/2020	Barrhead News (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	4,589
18/04/2020	Whitchurch Herald (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	2,148
18/04/2020	The Northern Farmer (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	0
18/04/2020	Southern Daily Echo (Online)	Police guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	176,179
18/04/2020	Western Daily Press (Late City)	Police guidelines over rural trips 'unhelpful'	11,591

19/04/2020	Mirror.co.uk (Online)	Police coronavirus lockdown rules on when you can leave home slammed	895,503
19/04/2020	Stoke-on-Trent Sentinel (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home are slammed	91,482
19/04/2020	Gazette Live (Online)	"Hugely unhelpful": Crime chief condemns new lockdown guidance and vows not to change approach	108,592
19/04/2020	The London Economic (Blog)	Guidelines on visiting countryside during lockdown `hugely unhelpful"	26,429
20/04/2020	Liverpool Echo (Online)	New police rules on when you can leave home during lockdown slammed as "hugely unhelpful"	872,556
20/04/2020	Birmingham Live (Online)	New police rules on "reasonable excuses" to leave the house slammed amid national calls for urgent review	323,081
21/04/2020	Newcastle Evening Chronicle (Online)	Police guidance slammed for saying it is ok to drive to countryside for exercise	414,560
21/04/2020	The Herald (Plymouth)	Police chief's warning: Don't drive to beauty spots to exercise	18,191
21/04/2020	Rural Services Network (Online)	Network urges rethink of Coronavirus policing guidelines	0
21/04/2020	The Huddersfield Daily Examiner (Online)	New police rules "an open invitation" for the virus to come to the Yorkshire Dales	139,514
21/04/2020	Western Morning News (Devon)	Exercise rule still in place, say police	22,266
22/04/2020	AgriLand (Online)	Rural organisations call for lockdown travel guidelines to be reviewed	104
22/04/2020	NFU Online (Online)	NFU joins forces to call for urgent review of lockdown travel guidelines	58
22/04/2020	Yorkshire Post	Urgent review of police guidance urged on journeys to countryside	18,534
22/04/2020	Yorkshire Post (Online)	Rural residents call for tighter lockdown restrictions over driving to the countryside for exercise	90,897
23/04/2020	Daily Star (Online)	Channel 4 programme hit by 388 Ofcom complaints as most controversial show of the year	432,428
24/04/2020	Forestry Journal (Online)	Rural organisations call for review of lockdown travel guidelines	0
24/04/2020	Farmers Guardian	Confusion over police's lockdown guidance	40,000
25/04/2020	Farmers Guide (Online)	Rural families `alarmed" by lockdown exercise advice	666
25/04/2020	Darlington And Stockton Times	Guidelines are not an open invitation to hills	13,117
25/04/2020	The Times Online	Coronavirus lockdown: Rise in car journeys prompts new appeal to obey the rules	60,372
25/04/2020	Mail Online UK (Online)	Police chief slams national guidance on driving for exercise and says people should not get in the car for fitness or dog walking while on lockdown	2,009,108
25/04/2020	Mail Online UK (Online)	Police chief slams national guidance on driving for exercise	2,009,108

25/04/2020	The Times	New appeal to stay indoors as sunshine proves too tempting	364,936
27/04/2020	The Guardian	Police warn rural vigilantes amid anger and threats against cyclists and drivers	129,053
27/04/2020	Scottish Sun Online	FLOUT & ABOUT Cops in England warn vigilantes off confronting cyclists and families travelling to countryside in coronavirus lockdown	40,640
27/04/2020	The Sun Online	FLOUT & ABOUT Cops in England warn vigilantes off confronting cyclists and families travelling to countryside in coronavirus lockdown	806,941
27/04/2020	Yahoo! Style UK (Online)	Police in England warn rural vigilantes not to take law into own hands during lockdown	35,521
27/04/2020	Yahoo! UK and Ireland (Online)	Police in England warn rural vigilantes not to take law into own hands during lockdown	1,030,766
27/04/2020	The Guardian.com (Online)	Police in England warn rural vigilantes not to take law into own hands during lockdown	1,944,228
28/04/2020	Bridport News (Online)	Rural organisations request review of lockdown enforcement measures	483
28/04/2020	Dorset Echo (Online)	Rural organisations request review of lockdown enforcement measures	43,436
28/04/2020	Gizmodo UK (Blog)	Police Remind Coronavirus Vigilantes it's Still Not OK to Murder Cyclists	223,449
28/04/2020	Yahoo! Style UK (Online)	Police warn lockdown rules are becoming unenforceable as people start returning to work	35,521
28/04/2020	Yahoo! UK and Ireland (Online)	Police warn lockdown rules are becoming unenforceable as people start returning to work	1,030,766
28/04/2020	The Daily Telegraph Online	Police warn lockdown rules are becoming unenforceable as people start returning to work	1,136,292
29/04/2020	Dorset Echo (Weymouth)	Calls for a review of lockdown rules	10,196
02/05/2020	Somerset County Gazette (Online)	Concerns about people journeying to exercise in rural areas	17,178
02/05/2020	South West Farmer (Online)	Concerns about people journeying to exercise in rural areas	1,397
02/05/2020	Country Smallholding	Rural crime and fly-tipping on the rise during coronavirus crisis	20,000
04/05/2020	Cycling UK (Online)	`Be kind to cyclists": Cycling UK and British Cycling call for end to hostility	0
15/05/2020	Farmers Guardian	Forces working to better tackle thefts	40,000
27/05/2020	Mail Online UK (Online)	Barbed wire "booby trap" is found on public footpath at woodland beauty spot	2,009,108
27/05/2020	Mail Online UK (Online)	Cyclist is left bloodied and bruised after smashing into wire booby trap	2,009,108
27/05/2020	Daily Express (Online)	Horror as cyclist injured after crashing into wire trap - warning over lockdown incidents	597,147
11/06/2020	Shooting UK (Online)	Want to have your say on policing and crime in rural areas?	20,734

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Police warn against visiting beauty spots despite new guidance

STAFFORDSHIRE'S top cop rural areas is not necessary or reasonable. The parks, forests and beauty spots in Staffordshire will still be here when this is over and people will be welcome back when it's safe to do so.

New advice issued to the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) and the College of Policing (CoP) has suggested that driving to exercise this weekend and where they could be allowed providing someone spends far longer walking than driving.

The National Rural Crime Network - made up of around 30 police and crime commissioners - has called the guidance unhelpful and called for an urgent review.

But Staffordshire Police Chief Constable Gareth Morgan has urged families to stay away from beauty spots across the county. It comes as motorists have been spotted flouting the coronavirus lockdown rules at parks and green spaces such as the Roaches and Knyppersley Reservoir.

In a blog post, Mr Morgan said: "When leaving home we need to continue to do what is necessary and reasonable and this includes where we exercise."

"Now is not the time for people to be travelling to exercise in our rural communities or visit local beauty spots and parks and I am pleased that most people understand and support this."

"There has been some recent coverage in the media of additional guidance about what may constitute 'reasonable' in terms of the new legislation but I am clear this does not change our policing approach in Staffordshire and we will continue to use discretion and good judgement in deciding what is and what isn't reasonable."

The guidance from the government remains that exercise should be done locally, using open spaces near to your home where possible, and people should travel only when necessary and for a short distance.

"Travelling from other areas, like we have seen some examples of recently, to enjoy the county's

"My colleagues will continue to patrol all areas across the county to adhere to the social distancing guidelines, they will engage with them, explain the guidance and encourage people to go home, only as a last resort where reason fails, enforcement action will be taken."

Yesterday (Thursday) cabinet members announced the UK lockdown would be extended by a further three weeks as they try to battle against the ongoing crisis.



The Roaches. Photo by Mark Stuart Day

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Calls to review guidance on trips to country

By Tess de la Mare

Campaigners are calling for an urgent review of police guidance on visiting the countryside during the shutdown after receiving hundreds of messages from concerned residents.

They said recent advice to police forces that it is lawful to drive somewhere to exercise, including a trip to the countryside, would cause "untold anxieties" in their communities.

As a rule of thumb, police forces were told visiting the countryside was permissible if more time is spent walking than driving to the starting point.

Stopping to rest or eat lunch while on a long walk is also acceptable, the guidance said.

It was issued by the National Police Chiefs' Council and College of Police following complaints officers were being heavy-handed in their interpretation of the coronavirus restrictions.

But now the National Rural Crime Network (NRCN), National Farmers' Union (NFU), Countryside Alliance and the Country Land and Business Association (CLA) want restrictions tightened.

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Urgent review of police guidance urged on journeys to countryside

RURAL TRIPS

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The letter read: "There are great concerns that the new policing guidance will encourage even more people to carry out unnecessarily long journeys to exercise in rural areas, which will in turn put increased pressures on rural police forces and communities."

Human rights charity Liberty has called for careful scrutiny of the wide-ranging powers.

Director Martha Spurrier said: "The Government has responded to the coronavirus pandemic by giving police sweeping powers resulting in some heavy-handed policing. This needs to be urgently addressed."

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Open letter calls to review countryside visiting rules

CAMPAIGNERS concerned about guidance issued to police over people visiting the countryside have now written an open letter to the Justice Secretary.

As reported in Saturday's *Western Daily Press*, they are calling for an urgent review of police guidance on visiting the countryside during the shutdown after receiving hundreds of messages from concerned residents.

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Stopping to rest or eat lunch while on a long walk is also acceptable, the guidance said.

It was issued by the National Police Chiefs' Council and College of Police following complaints officers were being heavy-handed in their interpretation of the coronavirus restrictions.

Examples include Derbyshire Police filming walkers with drones to deter visits to the Peak District while North Yorkshire Police stopped drivers to see if their journeys could be deemed essential.

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"It is specifically the guidance on length of travel versus length of exercise that is likely to cause problems in the battle against Covid-19 and has a particular impact on the rural communities we represent.

"The key message needs to remain: stay home, save lives. Anything which complicates that message is unhelpful."

In the guidance to police, officers were told to keep in mind the purpose of the new legislation – to prevent the spread of infection – and to use their judgment in each case to determine what travel is "necessary" and "reasonable".

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Ms Mulligan said: "The main message from government and scientists is that to tackle coronavirus we need to stay at home.

These new guidelines go completely against that and are hugely unhelpful in the efforts we are making in rural Britain to stop people travelling to our communities and spreading this virus."

If people travelled a long way to exercise there was the potential to strain services in already struggling communities. "[This] stretches police resources and even adds strain to the NHS which is working so hard to keep us all safe," she said.

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Call for review of visiting guidelines

POLICE guidelines suggesting the public can visit the countryside to exercise could undo efforts to prevent the spread of coronavirus across rural Britain, it is claimed.

The National Rural Crime Network (NRCN) - which represents more than 30 police and crime commissioners - has called for an "urgent review" of the latest advice issued to officers.

The document lists a string of scenarios which were likely to be considered reasonable, including driving to the countryside and walking, when far more time is spent walking than driving, and stopping to rest or eat lunch while on a long walk.

Julia Mulligan, the police and crime commissioner for North Yorkshire and NRCN chair, said: "Saying individuals and families can travel long distances into the countryside has alarmed many for whom that is their home."

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No change in stay home advice despite relaxation of car rules

EXERCISE

POLICE AND local authority bosses say they will not change their approach or advice towards people leaving their homes despite receiving guidance that it is "lawful to drive for exercise".

North Yorkshire Police, North Yorkshire County Council and the Yorkshire Dales and North York Moors National Park Authorities have again appealed for people to stay at home after Crown Prosecution Service advice stating people can get in their cars to visit places to exercise was published.

The document, which has been published the National Police Chiefs' Council and the professional standards body, the College of Policing, said public statements made soon after the adoption of the lockdown regulations had suggested the public could leave their homes only if "essential" to do so.

Julia Mulligan, the Police and Crime Commissioner for North



OUT OF BOUNDS: Police and council leaders are still appealing for people to stay away from the Dales. PICTURE: JONATHAN GAWTHORPE

Yorkshire and the National Rural Crime Network's chairwoman, said the guidelines were "hugely unhelpful".

David Butterworth, the chief executive of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, encouraged people to exercise locally and not make "special journeys to access the countryside".

However, North Yorkshire Po-

lice's Assistant Chief Constable Mike Walker said the CPS guidance about what constitutes a reasonable journey still required police officers to use their judgment and discretion to assess each situation.

He added: "In some circumstances, we may have to use enforcement as a last but necessary resort, to keep the public safe."

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Police guidelines over rural trips 'unhelpful'

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POLICE guidelines suggesting the public can visit the countryside to exercise are "hugely unhelpful" and could undo efforts to prevent the spread of coronavirus across rural Britain, it is claimed.

The National Rural Crime Network (NRCN), which represents more than 30 police and crime commissioners who oversee countryside areas, has called for an "urgent review" of the latest advice issued to officers by the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) and the College of Policing (CoP) which used examples compiled by the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS).

The document, which emerged on Thursday and was sent to forces last week amid concerns some officers were misunderstanding the new powers, lists a string of scenarios which were likely to be considered reasonable under coronavirus lockdown rules.

These included driving to the countryside and walking, when far more time is spent walking than driving, and stopping to rest or eat lunch while on a long walk.

It also made clear to officers that it is "lawful" to drive somewhere to exercise.

But the NRCN warned the advice has prompted a "real risk" that more people will travel to rural towns, villages and the countryside.

Julia Mulligan, pictured, the police and crime commissioner for North Yorkshire and NRCN chairwoman, said: "The main message from government and scientists is that to tackle coronavirus we need to stay at home.

"These new guidelines go completely against that and are hugely unhelpful in the efforts we are mak-

ing in rural Britain to stop people travelling to our communities and spreading this virus.

"Saying individuals and families can travel long distances into the countryside has alarmed many for whom that is their home - it has the potential to strain services in already struggling communities, stretches police resources and even adds strain to the NHS which is working so hard to keep us all safe.

"We need an urgent review of these new guidelines and I will be having discussions with ministers, the College of Policing, police leaders and my fellow commissioners in the days ahead."

The document gives more advice to officers on how to interpret the lockdown restriction laws.

When details emerged, the CoP insisted it was not "new national guidance and the messaging for the public hasn't changed".

Although described as a "really useful practical guide", the examples given are not set out specifically in law under the regulations and the document says each case must be considered individually.

It adds: "Some public statements made soon after the adoption of the regulations suggested that members of the public could only leave their homes if 'essential' to do so.

"However, this is not the test set out in the regulations and there is no legal basis for a requirement in those terms to be imposed."

According to the document, incidents also likely to be reasonable include buying luxury items and alcohol; exercising more than once a day; moving to a friend's address for several days to allow a "cooling-off" following arguments at home; and buying tools and supplies for repairs and maintenance.

Incidents not likely to

be considered reasonable include someone who can work from home choosing to work in a nearby park; a short walk to a park bench when the person remains seated for a much longer period; buying paint and brushes simply to redecorate a kitchen; and driving for a prolonged period with only brief exercise.

A spokesman for the NPCC said: "While there is nothing in the legislation that prevents people from driving to exercise, police forces and the Government have rightly continued to advise the public not to travel long distances in the car to exercise.

"Therefore forces who have advised this are not out of step with the CPS guidance.

"Officers should continue to use discretion and judgment in deciding what is and what isn't 'necessary' and 'reasonable' in the circumstances being mindful of the purpose of the regulations - to prevent transmission of infection."

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Communities playing vital part fighting rural crime, police say

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The National Rural Crime Network - Coronavirus & Rural Communities

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Police guidelines suggesting the public can visit the countryside to exercise are "hugely unhelpful" and "could undo efforts to prevent the spread of coronavirus across rural Britain", Rural Crime Network warns

Mail Online UK (Web), Main, Unattributed, 17/04/2020

Rural Crime Network (NRCN), which warned it presents a 'real risk' of more people travelling to rural towns and villages and a possible spike in cases in Britain's countryside. Julia Mulligan, the police and crime commissioner for North Yorkshire and NRCN chairwoman, said the guidelines, produced by the National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) and College of Policing (CoP), 'go

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Police guidelines over rural trips 'unhelpful'

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`Approach will not change" - despite new lockdown guidance

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New police rules on "reasonable excuses" to leave the house slammed amid national calls for urgent review

Birmingham Live (Web), Main, Unattributed, 19/04/2020

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Police guidance slammed for saying it is ok to drive to countryside for exercise

Newcastle Evening Chronicle (Web), Main, Unattributed, 20/04/2020

can drive to rural areas to go walking, as long as they spend more time walking than they do driving to and from the rural destination. National Rural Crime Network chair Julia Mulligan, who is police, fire and crime commissioner for North Yorkshire, fears there is a real risk that people will travel from towns to the countryside. The National Rural Crime

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New police rules "an open invitation" for the virus to come to the Yorkshire Dales

The Huddersfield Daily Examiner (Web), Main, Unattributed, 20/04/2020

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Network urges rethink of Coronavirus policing guidelines

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is not fair for rural communities The Network represents more than 30 Commissioners from across rural England, as well as other organisations who promote a greater understanding of the countryside. Chair Julia Mulligan, the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire, now says there is a real risk that many more people will travel to rural towns, villages and countryside

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Exercise rule still in place, say police

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Rural organisations call for lockdown travel guidelines to be reviewed

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NFU joins forces to call for urgent review of lockdown travel guidelines

NFU Online (Web), Main, Unattributed, 21/04/2020

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Rural residents call for tighter lockdown restrictions over driving to the countryside for exercise

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Examples include criticism of North Yorkshire Police stopping drivers to check their journeys were essential. In a public coronavirus response meeting yesterday, chaired by North Yorkshire Police & Crime Commissioner Julia Mulligan, the force's Chief Constable Lisa Winward said: "We will be continuing to stop and engage with people about their journeys and assess whether those journeys are essential." The

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Channel 4 programme hit by 388 Ofcom complaints as most controversial show of the year

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sponsorship of the show. The National Pig Association (NPA) and other farming groups issued a whole host of complaints about the investigative programme. Chair of the National Rural Crime Network, Julia Mulligan, released a statement over Twitter saying: "Farmers are all too often living in fear of being targeted by crimes such as those seemingly normalised and glamorised by this

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Confusion over police's lockdown guidance

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National Rural Crime Network has called for urgent clarification on Covid-19 lockdown conditions, believing the guidance is unfair and harmful to rural communities. North Yorkshire police, fire and crime commissioner, Julia Mulligan, said: "There is a real risk many more people will travel to rural towns, villages and countryside because of the National Police Chiefs Council and College of Policing

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Guidelines are not an open invitation to hills

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countryside. Revised guidelines issued by the National Police Chiefs Council, the Police College and CPS asserted that it may be legally permissible to drive to rural areas to take exercise. Julia Mulligan, North Yorkshire's Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner and chairman of the national Rural Crime Network, has written to the Justice Secretary, Robert Buckland, asking him to urgently review

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Coronavirus lockdown: Rise in car journeys prompts new appeal to obey the rules

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concerns that some officers were misunderstanding their new powers. The National Rural Crime Network said the advice presented a "real risk" of more people travelling to rural towns and villages. Julia Mulligan, its chairwoman and the police and crime commissioner for North Yorkshire, said the guidelines "go completely against" government advice.

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Police chief slams national guidance on driving for exercise

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Rural families "alarmed" by lockdown exercise advice

Farmers Guide (Web), Main, Unattributed, 24/04/2020

who fear they may be put at risk by an influx of walkers. The National Rural Crime Network (NCRN) called for urgent clarification, describing the advice as "hugely unhelpful". Chair Julia Mulligan, the police, fire and crime commissioner for North Yorkshire, believes there is now a real risk that many more people will travel to rural towns, villages and countryside.

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New appeal to stay indoors as sunshine proves too tempting

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Police Remind Coronavirus Vigilantes it's Still Not OK to Murder Cyclists

Gizmodo UK (Blog), Main, Unattributed, 27/04/2020

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Rural crime and fly-tipping on the rise during coronavirus crisis

Country Smallholding, Main, p. 8, Unattributed, 01/05/2020

alert for livestock and machinery thefts as criminals take advantage of food shortages and the police being busy elsewhere due to the Covid-19 crisis, police and farming groups have warned. Julia Mulligan, chairman of the National Rural Crime Network, said: "We are receiving increasing feedback from the rural community that criminals are capitalising on police attention being diverted to target

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Somerset County Gazette (Web), Main, Unattributed, 01/05/2020

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`Be kind to cyclists": Cycling UK and British Cycling call for end to hostility

Cycling UK (Web), Main, Unattributed, 04/05/2020

exercise habits, including how long they're cycling for and where. That's led to careless language, including by some who are now concerned about threats of vigilante action against cyclists."Last month, Julia Mulligan, the Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire and chair of the National Rural Crime Network, told the BBC that cyclists were " a real worry ", saying

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Forces working to better tackle thefts

Farmers Guardian, Main, p. 5, Unattributed, 15/05/2020

later intercepted by West Yorkshire Police, were released without charge and only received a conditional caution." Responding, North Yorkshire police, fire and crime commissioner and National Rural Crime Network chairwoman Julia Mulligan highlighted in order to crack down on the issue it was now 'vital' for police dealing with crimes of this nature to 'establish relationships' with other agencies, such

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Barbed wire "booby trap" is found on public footpath at woodland beauty spot

Mail Online UK (Web), Main, Unattributed, 26/05/2020

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Horror as cyclist injured after crashing into wire trap - warning over lockdown incidents

Daily Express (Web), Main, Unattributed, 27/05/2020

the UK begins to ease coronavirus lockdown measures, the National Police Chiefs Council warned about an increase in vigilante attacks in beauty spots. Chair of the National Rural Crime Network Julia Mulligan previously told the Guardian: "We've had small-scale vigilantism, if you like, so communities blocking off roads, people driving aggressively at cyclists. "People have been making it clear that

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Want to have your say on policing and crime in rural areas?

Shooting UK (Web), Main, Unattributed, 11/06/2020

which has already attracted more than 11,000 responses, explores how crime and ASB, as well as the threat of potential crime, affects individuals, both financially and emotionally. Chair of the NRCN, Julia Mulligan, who is also North Yorkshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, commented: "We commissioned this survey to help build a more comprehensive picture of what a widespread but often misunderstood

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North Yorkshire Covid 19 Fixed Penalty Notices issued to BAME

Scrutiny report

Published July 2020 (*work undertaken May / June 2020*)



Foreword



Policing is rightly reflecting on itself at the moment, asking difficult but important questions about race, equality, policies and process, bias and whether policing is institutionally racist. This report does not answer those in the round, but does focus specifically on how COVID-19 Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) have been issued locally. This is set in the context of North Yorkshire Police having issued the most FPNs in England and Wales during the lockdown.

In our area, there is evidence of a clear bias in the data, showing young Asian males were far more likely to have been issued a FPN than our demographics would suggest. This is concerning, but we recognised the issue quickly and have undertaken a number of steps to understand the situation. These include raising our concerns at a national level, including with the Policing Minister, questioning the data, and undertaking a comprehensive and independent piece of local scrutiny work to understand the issue in detail.

In doing this, we found no evidence of any bias or discrimination in the individual issuing of FPNs, indeed all appear to have been issued fairly and appropriately in and of themselves. However, I remain very concerned that the sheer scale of FPNs issued to young Asian males is unfair and likely to be biased. This requires further work to understand; not only how the bias manifests in other places, but the policies and processes which can lead to activity of this kind. My office is working with the Deputy Chief Constable on this matter, treating it with the seriousness it deserves, and will be scrupulous in uncovering any conscious or unconscious bias in policing.

We must all do everything within our power to root out discrimination of any kind, and I am committed to doing so. Moreover, as the national lead for Police and Crime Commissioners on Integrity and Accountability, I am part of a working group of PCCs looking at the issue of race discrimination at a national level, working alongside senior policing colleagues in the National Police Chiefs Council.



Julia Mulligan
North Yorkshire Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner



Executive Summary



The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC) and North Yorkshire Police (NYP) have maintained a close watch on the issuing of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) against the Coronavirus regulations to understand any trends that may need to be addressed. It was identified early on that there seemed to be a higher than proportionate number of FPNs being issued to BAME members of the public and scrutiny was conducted urgently to review this. On 5th May the PFCC requested an analytical assessment of the data and on 14th May convened an extraordinary meeting of the Independent Out of Court Disposal Scrutiny Panel to review and assess the findings. Following on from this, recommendations have been provided to NYP for further work to review and understand these findings which will be subject to a Public Accountability Meeting later in the year. This work has progressed at speed, and is forming best practice nationally, being adopted by other policing areas.

In summary, it was found that there was a disproportionate number of FPNs issued to BAME individuals. This particularly affected young Asian males from West Yorkshire, mainly issued in the Craven district. Questions remain as to why BAME numbers are so high. Without a fuller picture of the total numbers of people present on each day or over the period, or the total number of stops and interactions by police, it is not possible to establish overall levels of engagement or to draw definitive conclusions as to whether specific discrimination took place. However, we find it difficult to believe that BAME individuals would be particularly more likely to contravene the regulations or be substantially more antagonistic or to refuse to follow guidance from officers, in a way which would lead to this outcome.

Our summary conclusions are:

- FPNs issued to local people (North Yorkshire residents) are proportionate to the local demographic.
- BAME visitors are disproportionately represented.
- BAME numbers have remained steady over time while White numbers have increased.
- Young Asian men travelling in groups feature prominently amongst BAME FPNs.
- There over representation of young people and males more generally may also be worth of further consideration.

We recommend that NYP conduct a further review into the results from Craven for the following reasons:

- They are a major factor in the high number of BAME FPNs.
- A significant proportion were issued to Asian visitors.
- There are periods when FPNs were only issued to BAME.
- While there is no evidence that any one officer or group of officers was particularly targeting BAME, indeed dip sampling would suggest all FPNs in and of themselves were issued appropriately, there is also no definitive explanation as to why BAME feature so significantly. A focus on the restriction of movement may have unconsciously biased against those who do not fit the local profile at beauty spots frequented by visitors living in relatively close proximity in north Bradford/Leeds.



Introduction



The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/350) empowered the police to issue Fixed Penalty Notices to any person in contravention of the regulations. From the start NYP made a conscious decision to manage FPNs centrally before submitting them for processing nationally, rather than their being sent direct from the officer or local station. Therefore consistent and substantial data was available for review. It was identified and raised early on that there seemed to be a disproportionate number of FPNs issued to BAME individuals and the Commissioner requested that scrutiny work be conducted to understand why and see whether the Service were in any way acting discriminatorily.

North Yorkshire has a BAME population of 3.4%. High level analysis showed that 20% of FPNs had been issued to BAME individuals, almost entirely visitors, with a significant proportion being Asians traveling into the Dales from Bradford. Anecdotal evidence suggested that an element of this was their tendency to travel in large groups, raising the number of FPNs issued in one incident. Anecdotal evidence also suggested that they were generally being stopped at destination, and not necessarily at any road check. The PFCC was also aware that each FPN was being triaged centrally before submitted, so the validity of the FPN was likely to be made out.

The aim of the scrutiny was therefore to understand whether any underlying reason for the disproportionality could be found, and to provide public assurance on whether there was any bias in NYP enforcement. We set out to confirm our high-level and anecdotal findings, considering the proportion, place of origin and geographical spread, movement in groups, rate of FPNs over time, proportionality and method of stop/issue, and any bias in enforcement.



Data limitations

We analysed 891 FPNs issued between 02 April 2020 (the first FPN to be issued by NYP following the introduction of the regulations) and 11 May 2020 when the regulations changed. We recognise the following limitations of the data we were analysing:

- The data provided can say who was given FPNs.
- The data cannot say who was stopped by police but not given an FPN, or who was seen by police but not stopped.
- The data cannot tell us the level of engagement/use of 4E model prior to FPN being issued.
- Ethnicity was not stated on 11% of FPNs.

It is therefore not possible to conclude whether certain ethnicities were more or less likely to break the rules, more or less likely to be stopped or engaged, or more or less likely to comply with police instruction. It is also not possible to definitively conclude if they were more or less likely to be issued an FPN as we do not know the ratio of persons in the area on the day. We can only assess the proportionality of FPNs issued against general population statistics.



Glossary

For the purpose of this report the following terms are understood to mean:

BAME

Unless otherwise stated, includes Black, Asian, Mixed race, Other minority (including Chinese, not including white minorities), and White minorities other than British.

White

White British (code W1) only

NS

Not stated (ethnicity not recorded)

FPN

Fixed Penalty Notice

Local/Visitor

Resident/Non-resident of North Yorkshire

Group

2+ people of different households unless otherwise stated

4Es

National Police Chiefs Council's recommended approach to ensuring compliance of the regulations – Engage, Educate, Encourage, Enforce.



Conclusions and Recommendations



Questions remain over why BAME numbers are so high. There is insufficient evidence to determine what factors may have been at play. It is difficult to believe that there were so many more BAME compared to White who contravened the restrictions or who were substantially more antagonistic or refused to follow guidance by officers.

However, without evidence as to numbers of all stops/interactions by police to establish overall levels of engagement, it is not possible to draw definitive conclusions other than what the data tells us related to FPNs actually issued.

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- BAME visitors are disproportionately represented.
- BAME numbers have remained steady over time while White numbers have increased.
- Young Asian men travelling in groups feature prominently amongst BAME FPNs, and are particularly frequent amongst FPNs issued in Craven.

We recommend that FPNs in Craven require further investigation by NYP.

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We also recommend that work should be done by NYP to review and reduce the number of FPNs (11%) where no ethnicity was recorded.



Findings

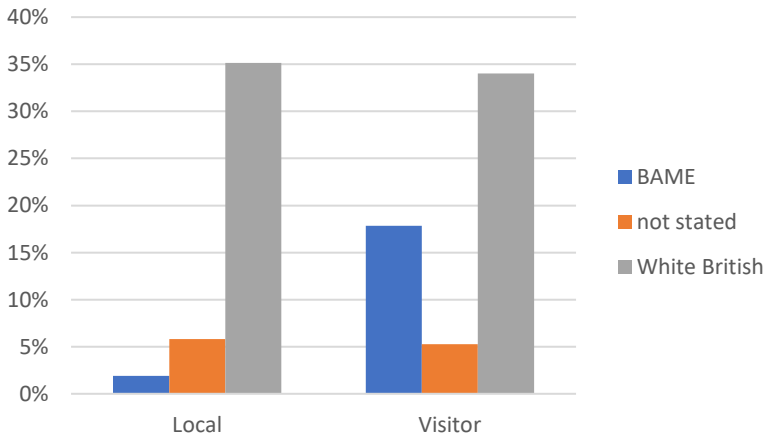


BAME as a proportion of all FPNs

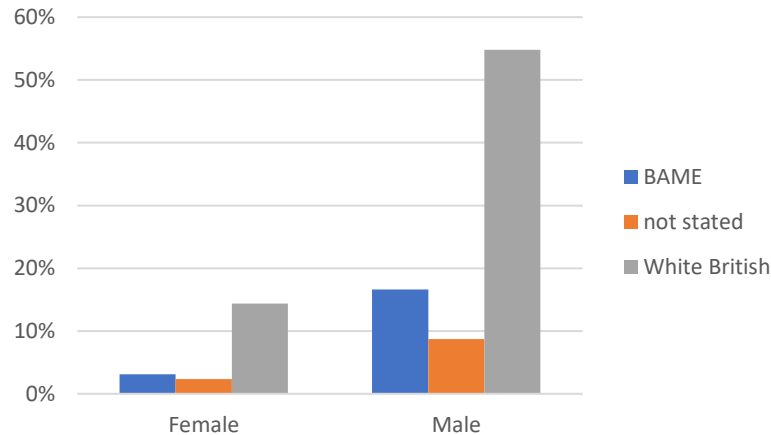
BAME account for 19.75% of all FPNs issued (White – 69.14%, NS – 11.11%)

- 18% of all FPNs have been issued to BAME visitors (white - 34%). Visitors account for 90% of BAME FPNs (white - 49%).
- 2% of all FPNs have been issued to BAME residents of North Yorkshire (white – 35%).
- 17% of all FPNs have been issued to BAME men (white men – 55%).
- 16% of all FPNs have been given to BAME in groups (white in groups – 43%). 14% to BAME men in groups (white men in groups – 33%). 17% of all groups are BAME (white – 62%).

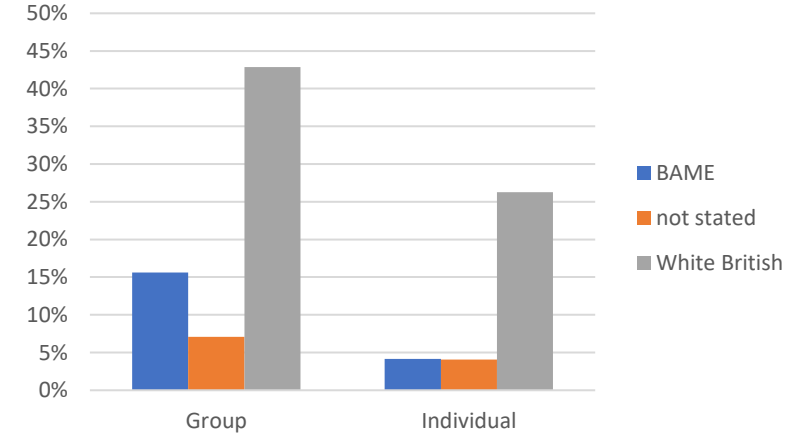
Local/visitor by ethnicity as proportion of all FPNs



Gender by ethnicity as proportion of all FPNs



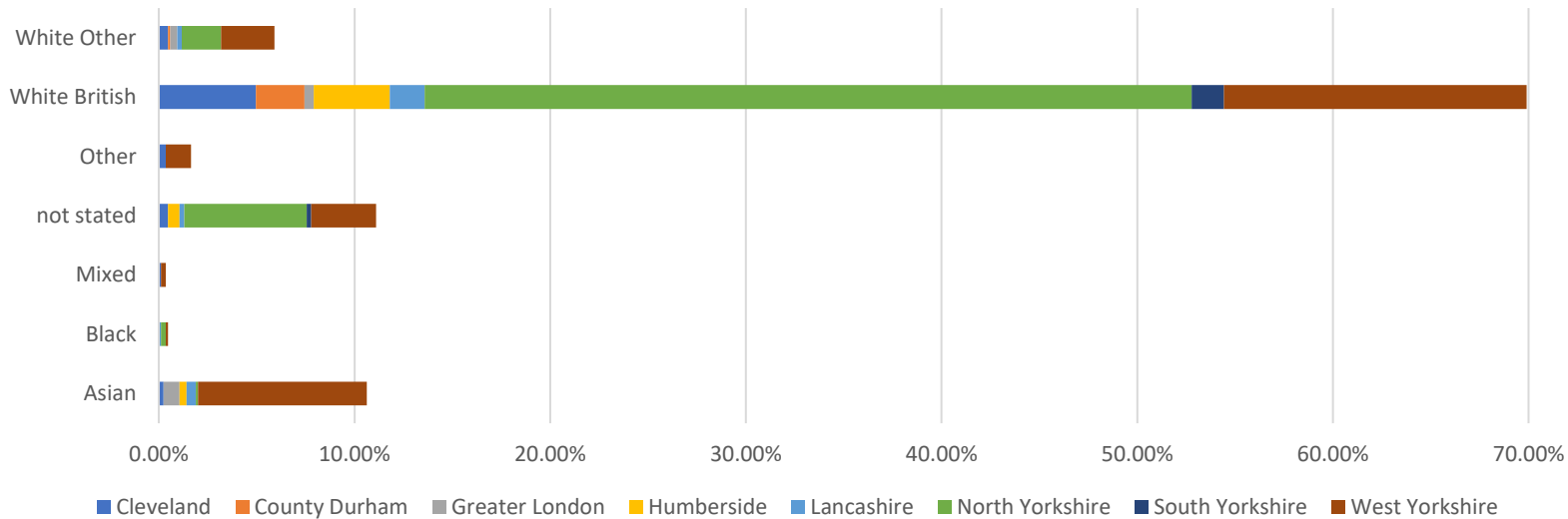
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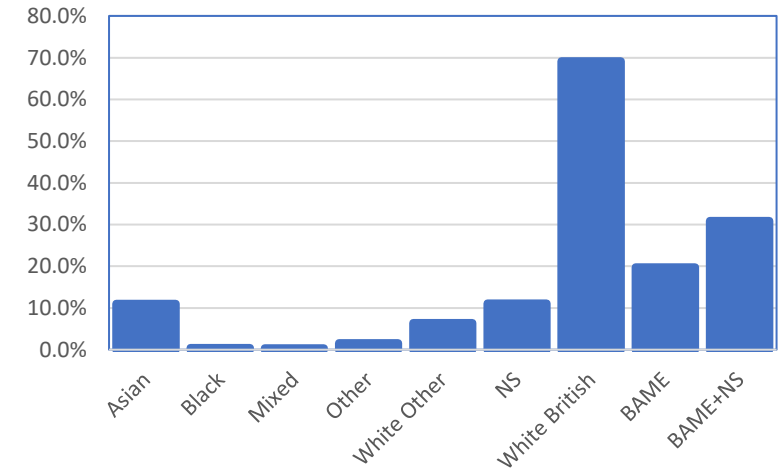
Ethnic breakdown of all FPNs

- 11% of all FPNs have been issued to Asians.
- 10% of all FPNs have been issued to Asian males
- 9% of all FPNs have been issued to Asian males aged 18-34.
- Asians from Bradford account for 5.7% of all FPNs, the third highest proportion after White British from York (13.4%) and Scarborough (10.55%)

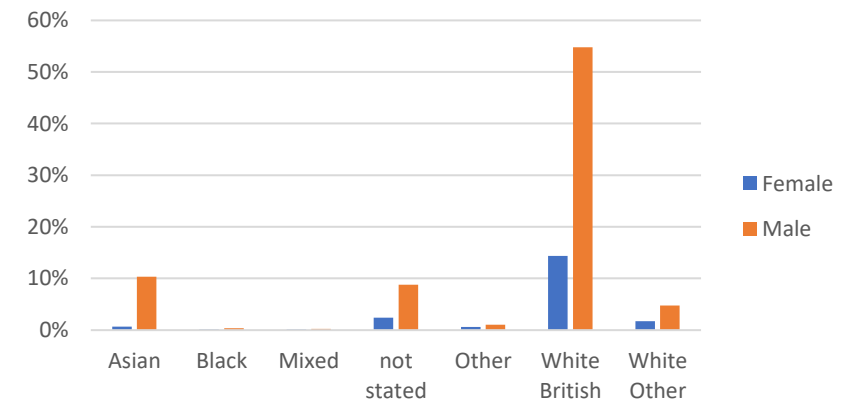
Ethnicity and point of origin (% shared between top 8 origins)



All FPNs by Ethnicity

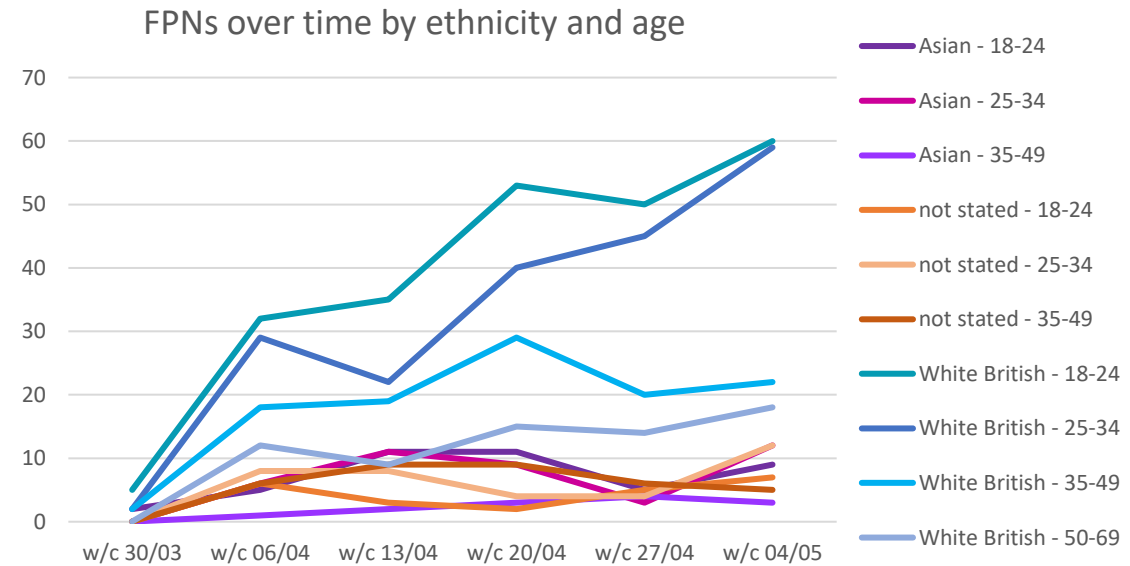
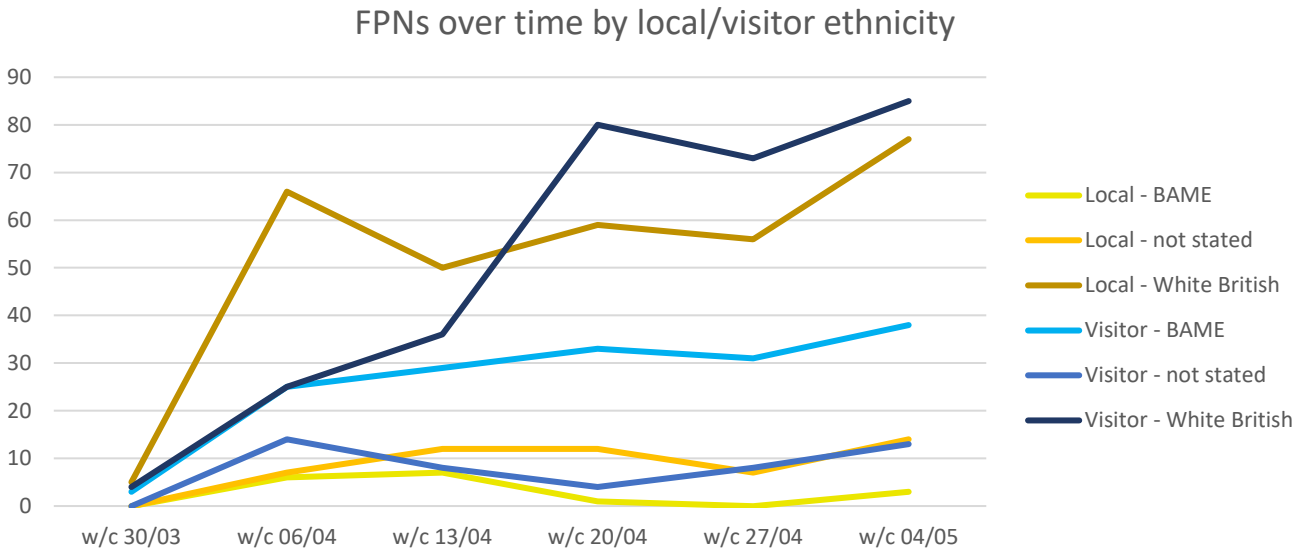
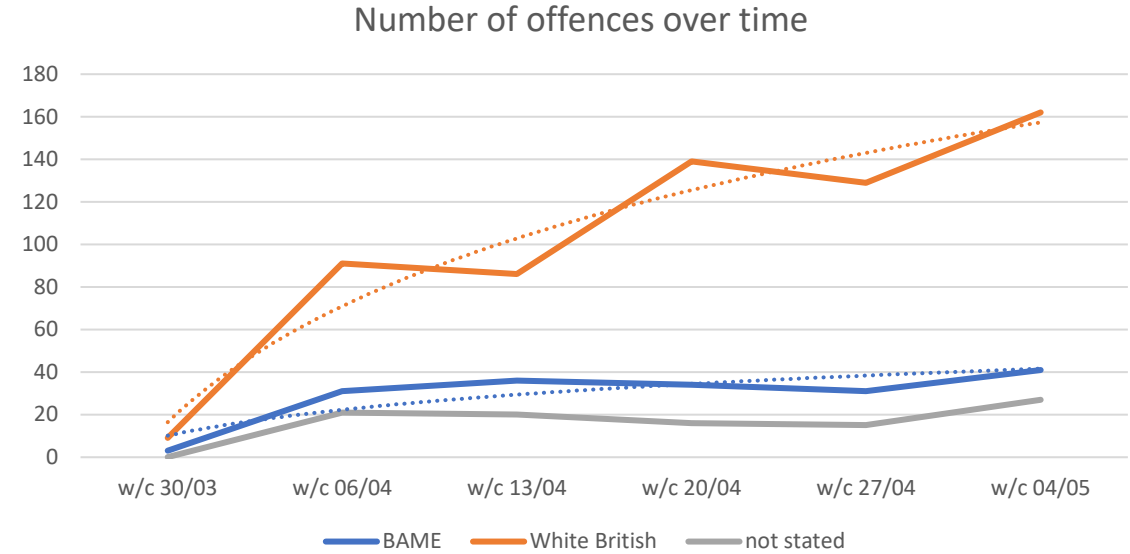


All FPNs by ethnicity and gender



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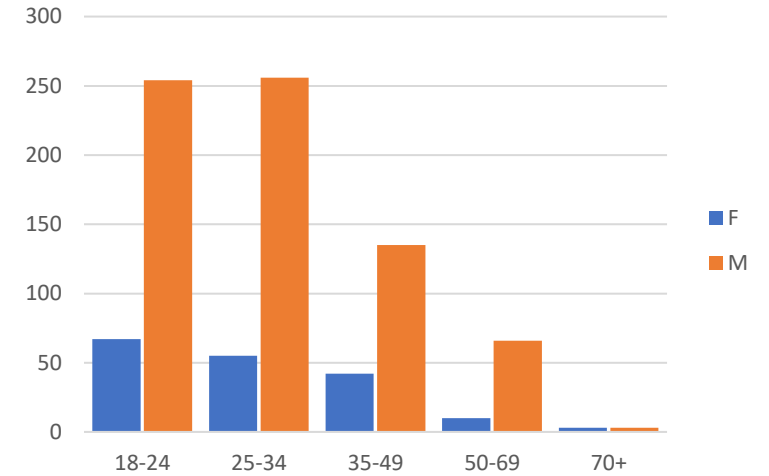
- The number of White British individuals given FPNs has continued to increase over time, whereas BAME FPNs levelled out since mid-April.
- It is possible that joint comms with West Yorkshire around the weekend 11-13 April may have been a factor in this.
- It is notably White British individuals aged 18-34 driving the sustained increase.



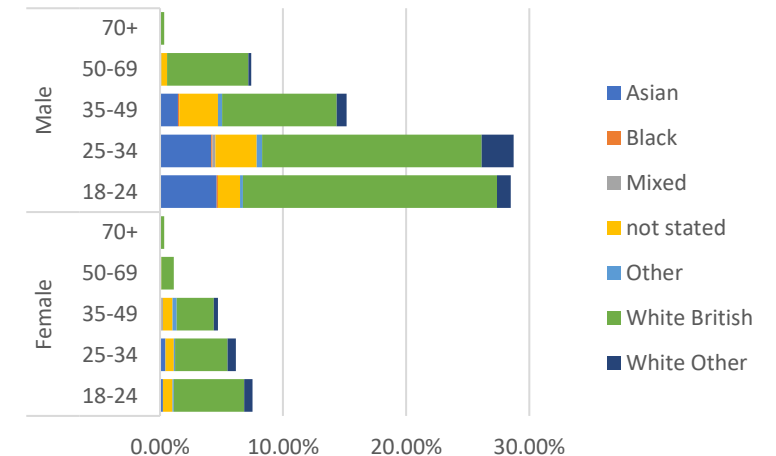
Age and gender

- Of all FPNs, Males aged 18-34 account for 58%, Males 35-49 15% and Females 18-34 14%.
- The top 5 groupings by ethnicity/gender are White British(WB) Male(M) (54.8%), WB Female(F) (14.4%), Asian(A) M (10.3%), Not Stated(NS) M (8.8%) and White Other(WO) M (4.7%).
- The top 5 groupings by ethnicity/age are WB18-34 (48.5%), WB35-49 (12.3%), A18-34 (9.4%), WB50-69 (7.6%) and NS18-34 (6.6%).
- The top 5 groupings by ethnicity/gender/age are WBM18-34 (38.5%), WBF18-34 (10%), WBM35-49 (9.3%), AM18-34 (8.8%) and WBM59-69 (6.6%).
- To compare between WBM18-34 and AM18-34:
 - Of WBM18-34, 53% came from North Yorkshire, 23% from West Yorkshire. 29% were given an FPN in Scarborough, 20% in York and 19% in Craven. 66% were travelling in a group. 16% were travelling in a group of 5 or more.
 - Of AM18-34, 77% came from West Yorkshire, 9% from London, none from NYorks. 64% were given an FPN in Craven, 10% in Harrogate, 6% in both Richmondshire and Scarborough. 91% were travelling in a group. 37% were travelling in a group of 5 or more.

Age and Gender as a % of all FPNs



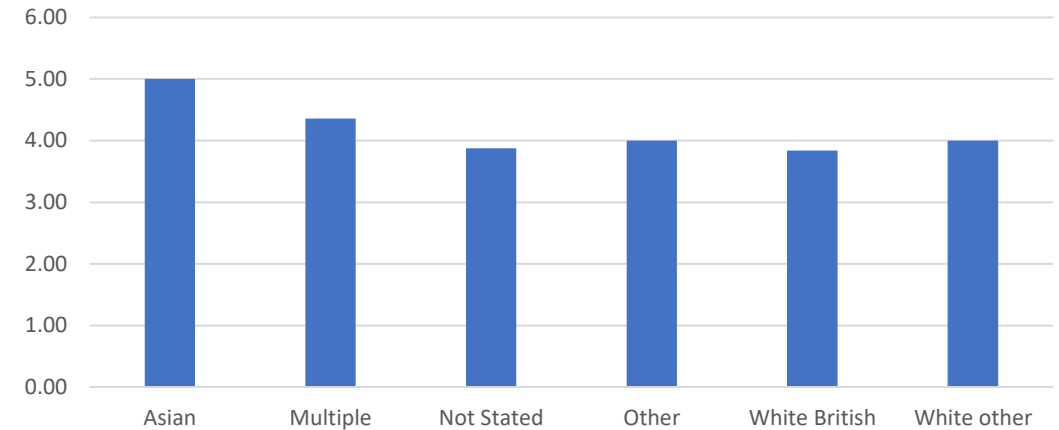
Ethnicity by Gender and Age Range



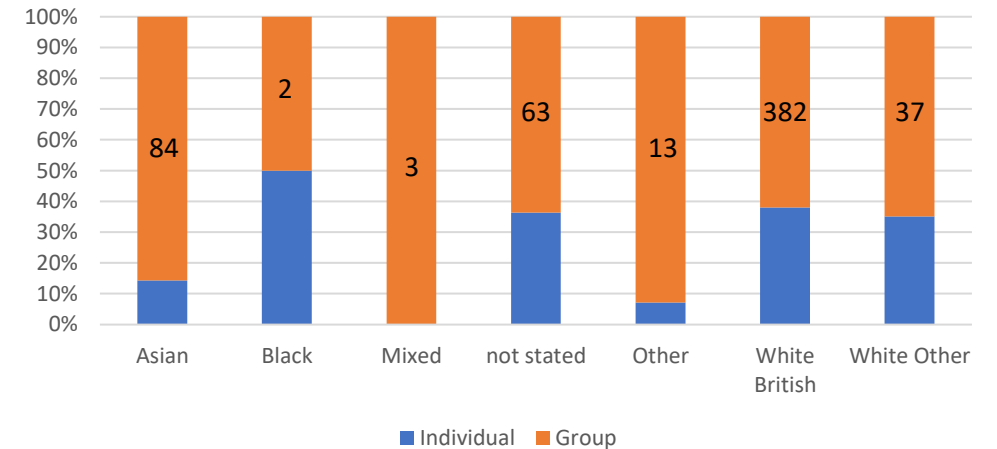
Groups

- 16% of all FPNs have been given to BAME in groups (white in groups – 43%). 14% to BAME men in groups (white men in groups – 33%). 17% of all groups are BAME (white – 62%).
- 79% of BAME given FPNs were in a group, compared to 62% of White British and 64% not stated.
- The average group size is 2.97 for BAME groups compared to 2.72 for White British.
- Of all groups (2+), Asian groups had the largest average group size – 3.09.
- Excluding pairs (which account for 59% of groups) the average group size goes up to 4.62 for BAME, 3.84 for White British and 5.00 for Asian groups.
- Comparing group sizes, 84% of White British and 78% of Asian groups were 2 or 3 people. 14% of both WB and Asian groups were 4 or 5. 4% of WB groups were 6-9 people compared to 10% of Asian.

Average Group Size (where a group is defined as 3 or more people)



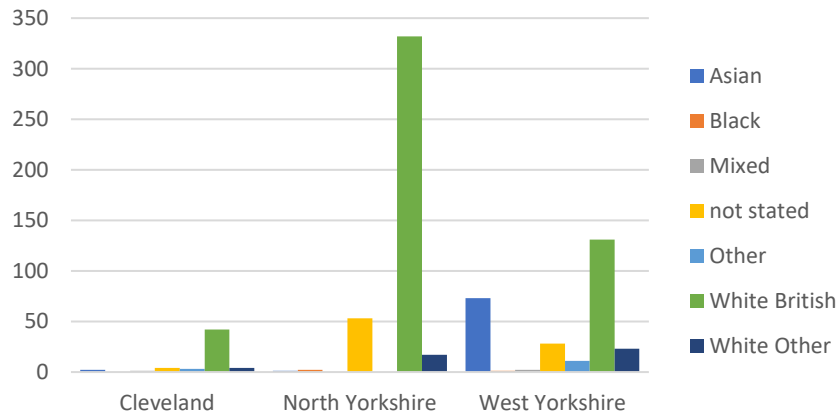
Proportion of each ethnicity to be given an FPN as part of a group or as an individual



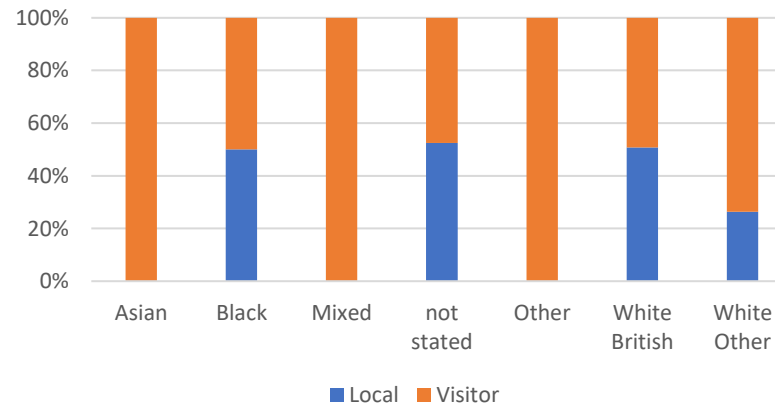
Ethnic breakdown of local/visitor FPNs

- Of local FPNs, 4.5% have been issued to BAME people (White – 82%, NS 14%)
- Of visitor FPNs, 31.2% have been issued to BAME people (White – 60%, NS – 9%)
- 100% of Asians receiving FPNs were visitors (98 FPNs).
- Main origins for BAME were West Yorkshire (62.5%), North Yorkshire (11.4%), Cleveland (5.7%) and London (5.7%).
- Main origins for White were North Yorkshire (53.9%), West Yorkshire (21.3%), Cleveland (6.8%) and Humberside (5.4%).
- Of FPNs given to West Yorkshire residents, 41% were to BAME, 27% to Asians.
- Bradford accounts for 54% of WY BAME FPNs, 70% of WY Asian.

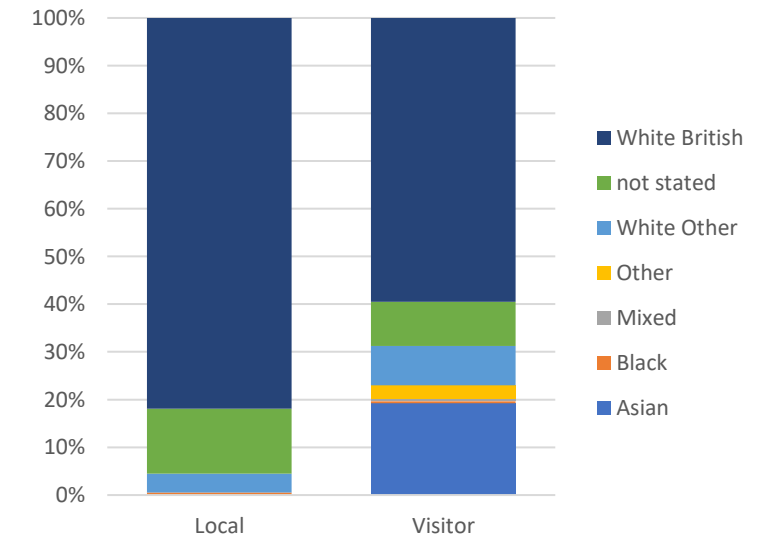
Top 3 origins by ethnicity



Ethnicity by local/visitor



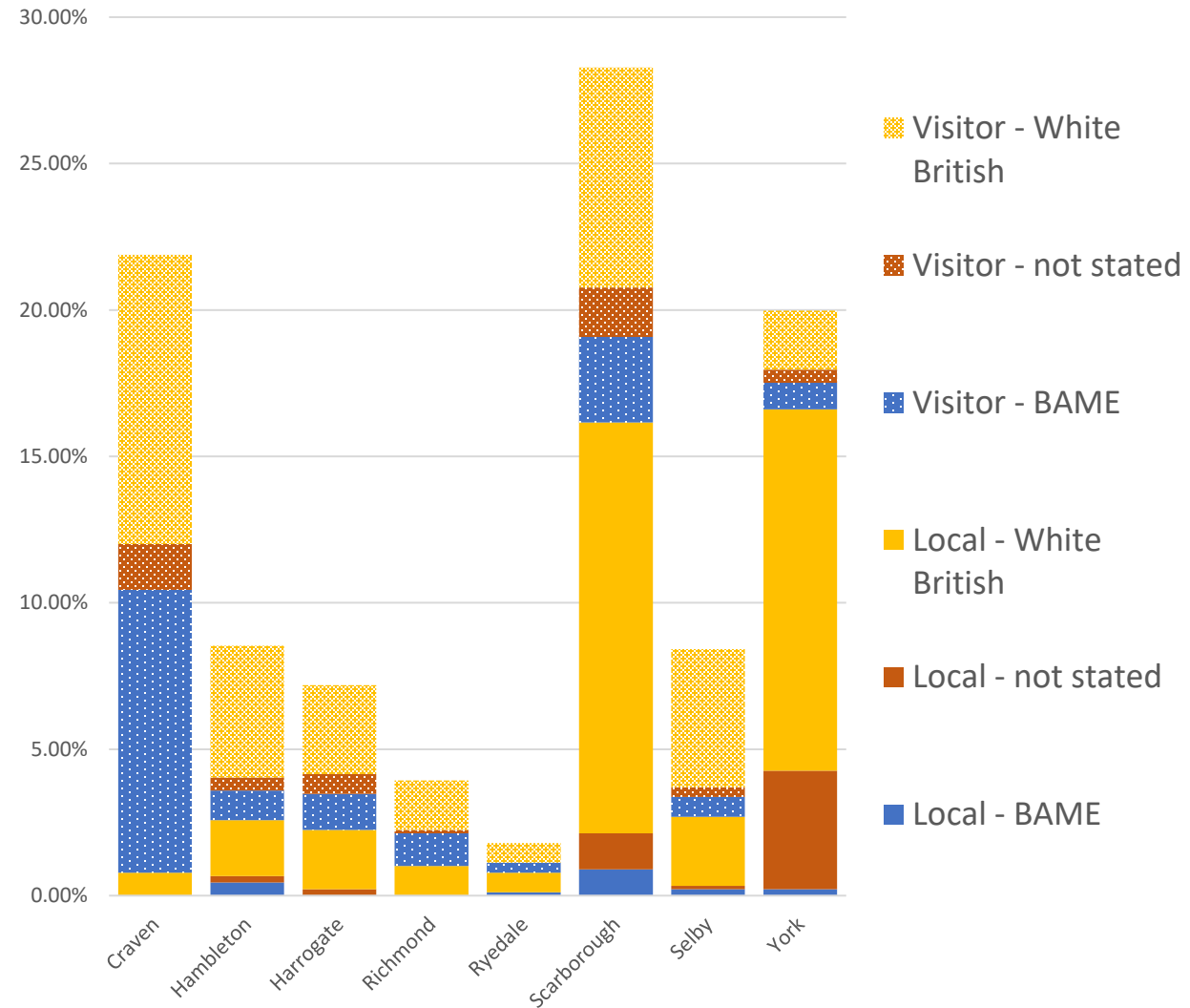
Local/visitor by ethnicity



Offence location and type

- No notable trends in offence type.
- Most FPNs were given out in Scarborough, Craven and York.
- Of these Craven stands out for the following reasons:
 - 9.7% of all FPNs were issued in Craven to BAME individuals. 6.9% of all FPNs were issued in Craven to Asians.
 - 49% of FPNs issued to BAME persons were issued in Craven, followed by 19% issued in Scarborough.
 - Visitors to Craven make up 21% of all FPNs. Of these, 44% are BAME (31% Asian) and 45% White.
 - Of Craven FPNs, 26% were issued to Asian men 18-34, 33% to White men 18-34.
 - 74% of FPNs in Craven were given to people from West Yorkshire, compared to just 3% to people from North Yorkshire.

Proportion of all FPNs by offence location by local/visitor ethnicity



Craven Deep Dive Summary

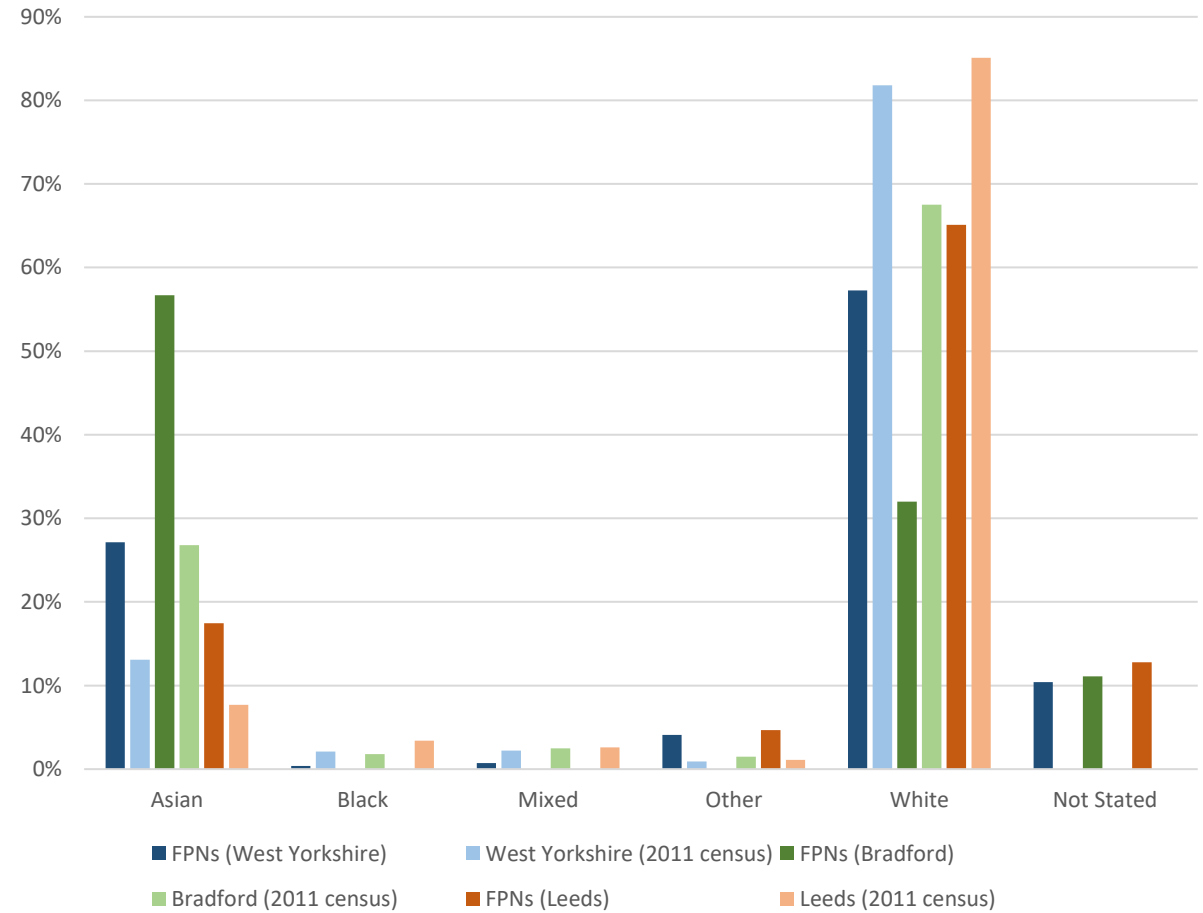
- Craven was identified as having a disproportionately high number of FPNs given to BAME individuals, including a large number of Asians from West Yorkshire.
- In total, 43% of FPNs given in Craven were to BAME individuals. In April, there were 61 FPNs given to BAME individuals compared to 50 given to White British individuals and 11 not stated.
- Between 8th and 13th April, there were no FPNs given to White British individuals, but 14 given to BAME individuals and 5 not stated.
- There were 3 later dates (15 April, 19 April, 2 May) with a notably high number of BAME FPNs compared to White British FPNs.
- Review of officers giving FPNs found no notable trends, primarily due to the small number of FPNs each officer gave out. Indications are that the large number of FPNs given to BAME individuals was spread across a number of officers rather than being driven by the behaviour of a smaller subset of officers.
- While there is no evidence of conscious bias, questions remain as to the reasons why BAME feature so prominently.
- That this trend is driven by the whole officer cohort suggests evidence of unconscious bias given the obvious difference to the local population. Without further data as to all stops/engagement it is not possible to draw definitive conclusions.
- This requires further investigation and assessment by NYP.



Ethnic breakdown of West Yorkshire

- 63% of BAME individuals given FPNs were from West Yorkshire, of which 67% were given FPNs in Craven.
- Of FPNs given to West Yorkshire residents, 27% were to Asians. According to the 2011 census, 13% of the West Yorkshire population are Asian.
- Of FPNs given to West Yorkshire residents, 33% came from Bradford and 32% came from Leeds.
- 27% of the population of Bradford and 8% of the population of Leeds are Asian.
- There were nearly twice as many FPNs given to Asian residents of Bradford as were given to White residents of Bradford, despite the Bradford population having over twice as many White residents as Asian.
- In all cases the proportion of FPNs issued to Asians is double the demographic and consistently below the demographic for White.

Comparison of FPN Ethnic Breakdown to Population Ethnic Breakdown (based on 2011 census data)



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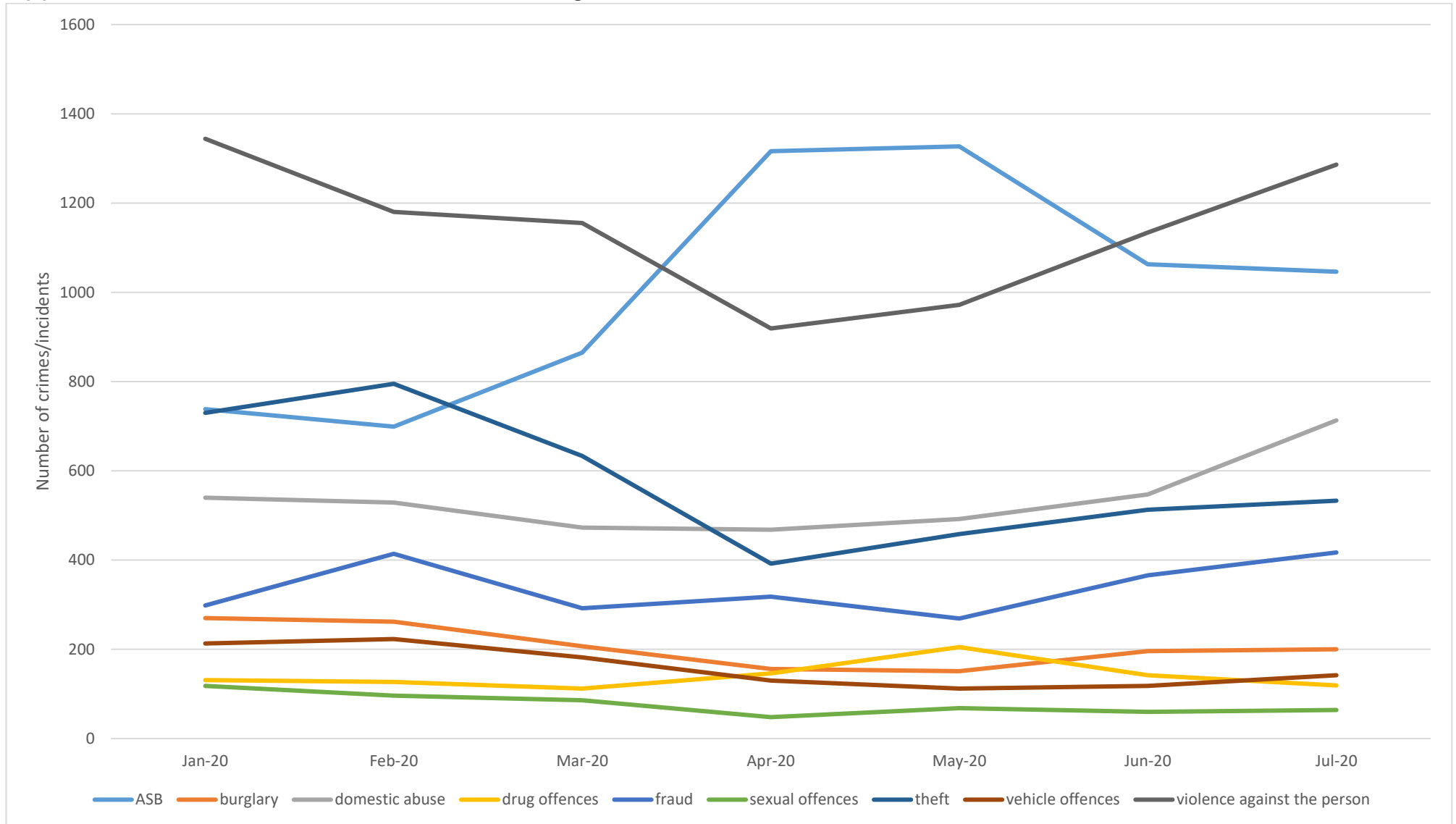
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Appendix 3 – Crime and incident rates during Coronavirus



Note: ASB and DA are incident rates while all others are crime rates