

# Police, Fire & Crime Panel

## Tackling Drug Crime in North Yorkshire

Chief Inspector Lorraine Crossman-Smith

13<sup>th</sup> January 2022



# How do we tackle Drug Crime?

## INTELLIGENCE DEVELOPMENT

- The Public/Communities
- CrimeStoppers
- Partners
- Investigations
- Covert & Overt tactics

## DISMANTLE

- Successful prosecution
- Archive
- Debrief and learning

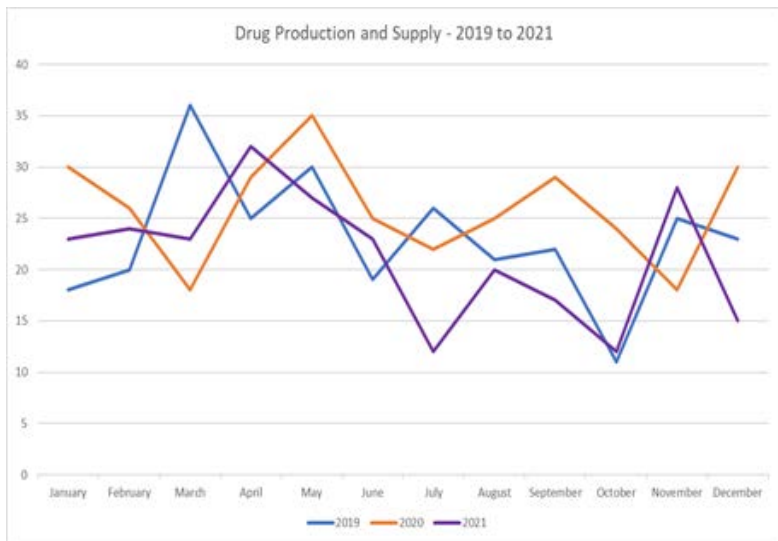
## DEVELOP A PLAN (5P)

- Register as an OCG
- Complete a MoRiLE scoring to assess threat, risk and harm
- Work with Partners
- Pursue, Prevent, Protect, Prepare

## DISRUPTION

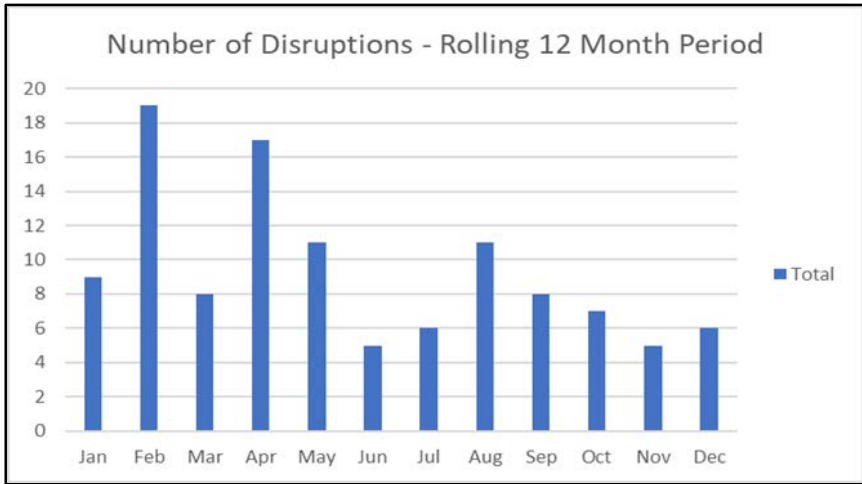
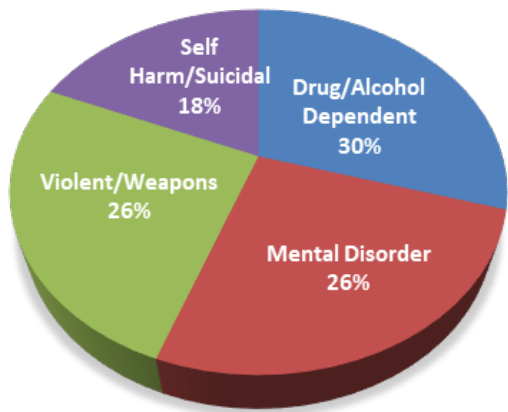
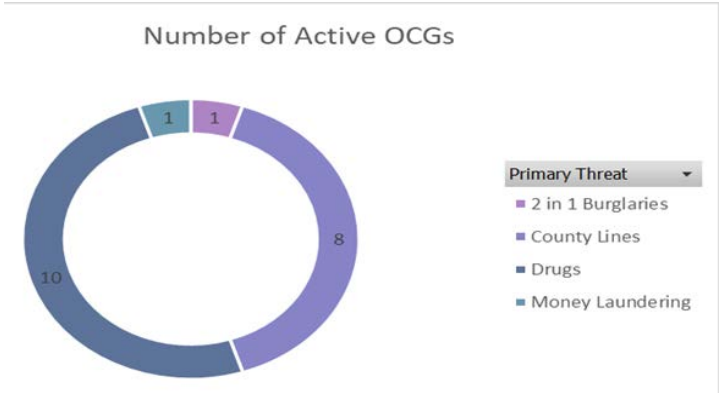
- Arrest Phase
- Search Warrant
- DTTRO
- Civil Orders
- 'Relentless disruption'
- Penocotomum effect
- Safeguarding visits

# Overview within NYP



North Yorkshire – Active OCGs

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## Op Expedite secures justice against another Class A drug dealer

A drug dealer from Harrogate has been jailed for seven-and-half years for supplying heroin and cocaine.

Mark Richard Bowden (pictured), aged 47, of Cheltenham Crescent, was sentenced at York Crown Court today - Thursday 23 December 2021 - after pleading guilty to seven drug supply offences at York Magistrates' Court earlier this month.



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## Police have 'obliterated' six county lines used to transport drugs to North Yorkshire towns

Police say they have "completely obliterated" six county lines which were being used to bring drugs into North Yorkshire.

By Nathan Hyde  
Sunday, 5th September 2021, 4:07 pm  
Updated



North Yorkshire Police

### 14 arrested in 'county lines' week of intensification

North Yorkshire Police arrested 14 people and made safeguarding visits to 38 vulnerable people during a week of action targeting county lines drug dealing.

21 Oct 2021



NEWS

4th October 2021

## OPERATION JACKAL: 18 people due in court charged with drug offences

By Simon Walton



## Encrypted Phones Used by County Lines Gangs Accessed by North Yorkshire Police



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Wednesday, December 22nd, 2021 7:28am

By Matthew Pells



Hi tech surveillance has helped North Yorkshire Police dismantle a number of county lines gangs over the last year.

Detective Superintendent Fran Naughton from the county's serious organised crime unit says national support has enable them to target encrypted phones used by the gangs.



## Three Men Jailed Following County Lines Investigation

Wednesday 17 November 2021

Three men have been jailed for county lines drugs trafficking following a multi-agency arrest operation.

Officers from North Yorkshire Police conducted a detailed investigation into Class A Drugs Supply in Scarborough and identified that drugs were being imported to the Scarborough area from Huddersfield. The investigation identified those responsible and in March this year, officers from North Yorkshire Police, West Yorkshire Police, British Transport Police (BTP) and the Yorkshire and Humber Regional Organised Crime Unit (ROCU) executed warrants in Huddersfield and Whitby and made arrests in Scarborough.

As a result, Ben Whitam, 26, of Hawthorne Terrace, in Huddersfield and 22-year-old Ben Heppenstall of Watercroft, Huddersfield and Christopher Watt, 37, of James Place, Scarborough were arrested.

Following a search of the properties, officers recovered a firearm and class A drugs from a Huddersfield address.

Heppenstall was charged with conspiracy to Supply Class A Heroin and Crack in the Scarborough area and Possession of a sawn-off shotgun.

Whitam was charged with Conspiracy to Supply Class A drugs in the Scarborough area.

Watt was charged with Conspiracy to Supply Class A drugs in Scarborough area.

All three men pleaded guilty to the offences at York Crown Court and today (17 November 2021), Heppenstall was jailed for 10 years nine months, Whitam received seven years and nine months and Watt has been jailed for seven and a half years.




# Any questions?

**CrimeStoppers.**  
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## Contact us

If you're concerned about drug-related crime in your area or think someone may be a victim of drug exploitation, please call us on [101](tel:101).

If it's an emergency, **please call [999](tel:999)**. If you have a hearing or speech impairment, use our textphone service 18000. Or text us on 999 if you've pre-registered with the [emergencySMS service](#) .