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## POLICE AND CRIME PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT

### Police and Crime Plan 2025-2026 Performance Report

QUARTER 2 2025/26 - 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2025 TO 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

This report covers the period for Quarter 2 2025/26 (1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025). It is structured around the five priorities in the Mayor's Police and Crime Plan for South Yorkshire 2025-2029. These priorities are:

- Improving trust and confidence in the police and criminal justice system
- Preventing and reducing crime and anti-social behaviour
- Improving Safety on all our transport networks
- Breaking the cycle of offending and harm
- Tackling the most serious offences and building resilient communities

Underpinning these five priorities are two cross cutting themes:

- Preventing and reducing crime and anti-social behaviour
- Working in partnership to improve outcomes for everybody

This report aims to provide an overview of the progress of all policing and crime partners across South Yorkshire against achieving the priorities of the 2025-2029 Plan. The quarterly reports cannot include everything being delivered, however more information can be found online here: [www.southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk/explore/policing-and-reform-directorate](http://www.southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk/explore/policing-and-reform-directorate).

## National Priorities for Policing

The National Priorities for Policing were introduced by the Government in 2021/22. The priorities are specified by the Government in the National Crime and Policing Measures. The aim of the national measures is to complement existing local priorities set out in the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Plan. All of the national priorities are included in the current Police and Crime Plan.

The key national policing priorities are:

- Reduce murder and other homicide.
- Reduce serious violence.
- Disrupt drugs supply and county lines.
- Reduce neighbourhood crime.
- Improve victim satisfaction with a focus on victims of domestic abuse.
- Tackle cybercrime.

There is a requirement for the local policing body (either a Police and Crime Commissioner or a Mayor) to provide a statement on the contribution of South Yorkshire Police to achieving improvements against these national priorities and the latest statement can be found online here: [www.southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk/explore/policing-and-reform-directorate](http://www.southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk/explore/policing-and-reform-directorate).

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## Police and Crime Plan Summary Dashboard

*(Notes to accompany the Dashboard are shown on the following page)*

1. Improving Trust and Confidence			
Measure	12 months to Mar 25	12 months to Jun 25	Comparison*
% of people agreeing that the police do a good or excellent job (1)	48%	49%	↑
% of people agreeing that police are dealing with things that matter in their local area (1)	46%	46%	
Measure	12 months to Jun 25	12 months to Sept 25	Comparison*
% of victims overall satisfied with service received from SYP (2)	70%	71%	↑
2. Preventing and Reducing Crime and ASB			
Measure	12 months to Jun 25	12 months to Sept 25	Trend*
Recorded level of all crime (excl. Fraud) (3)	148,071	146,652	↓
SYP recorded level of Anti-Social Behaviour (3)	26,391	27,214	↑
Recorded level of Neighbourhood Crimes (4)	21,021	20,284	↓
Measure <i>(Lower numbers are better, updated annually)</i>	12 months to Dec 23	12 months to Dec 24	Trend*
No. of first-time entrants into the criminal justice system (aged 10-17) (5)	231	258	↑
3. Improving Safety on all our Transport Networks			
Measure <i>(Lower numbers are better, updated annually)</i>	12 months to Dec 23	12 months to Dec 24	Trend*
No. of people killed or seriously injured on South Yorkshire's roads (6)	841	791	↓
Measure	12 months to Jun 25	12 months to Sept 25	Trend*
SYP recorded level of vehicle-related Anti-social Behaviour (7)	12,408	12,982	↑
4. Breaking the Cycle of Offending and Harm			
Measure <i>(Lower rates are better)</i>	Data published Jul 25 (Oct-22 - Sept 23 cohort)	Data published Oct 25 (Jan-23 - Dec 23 cohort)	Trend*
Rate of proven reoffending (aged 18+) (8)	32.5%	33.1%	↑
Rate of proven reoffending (aged 10-17) (8)	27.7%	27.2%	↓
5. Tackling the Most Serious Offences and Building Resilient Communities			
Measure	12 months to Jun 25	12 months to Sept 25	Trend*
Recorded level of homicides (3)	8	7	↓
Recorded level of firearms offences (3)	222	190	↓
Measure	12 months to Mar 25	12 months to Jun 25	Trend*
Recorded level of offences involving knife or sharp instrument (9)	1,427	1,457	↑

## Dashboard Notes

**Sources:** (1) ONS Crime Survey for England and Wales, (2) SYP survey undertaken 6 to 8 weeks after the crime, (3) SYP data, (4) SYP data [including Residential Burglary, Personal Robbery, Theft from the Person and Vehicle Offences], (5) MoJ [updated annually], (6) DfT [updated annually, provisional estimates released in May and ratified figures published in Sep], (7) SYP ASB data [including the following incident types: Vehicle Nuisance, Off Road Bikes/Quads, Abandoned Vehicle - not stolen], (8) MoJ, (9) ONS

**\* Unless otherwise stated, the arrows denote the direction of travel rather than any statistically significant increase/decrease.**

Statistical significance is used in this report in relation to survey data to help understand whether one set of responses is actually different to another set of responses, taking account of differences in size of survey sample or population. If the result is not statistically significant, then this means that the results for each group are not considered to be sufficiently different to demonstrate any real change in perception.

## Other notes

1. Some of the graphs in this report include error bars, which show confidence intervals. Since surveys rely on samples—not entire populations—confidence intervals help reflect uncertainty. For example, a 95% confidence interval means that if the survey were repeated with the same sample size, the result would fall within that range 95% of the time. Smaller samples lead to wider intervals.

## **1. Improving Trust and Confidence in the Police and Criminal Justice System**

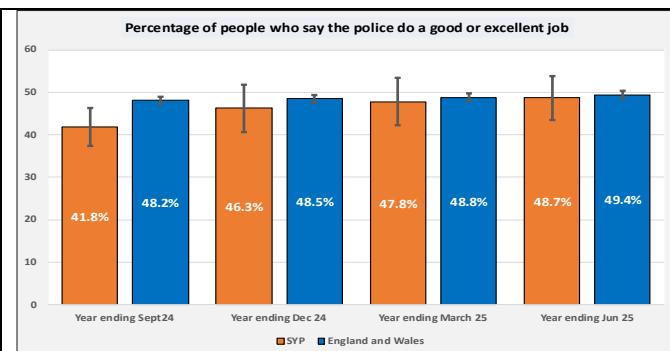
South Yorkshire should be a place where everyone feels safe and secure, whoever they are and wherever they are. Where people report crime or ASB, they expect their concerns to be taken seriously, and for the police and partners to keep them informed and updated. Policing relies on public support and engagement to operate effectively. Public confidence in policing can be influenced by events that take place locally, or across the wider policing service. Therefore, it is important that we work with the police, community safety and criminal justice partners to ensure that they continue to engage all communities across South Yorkshire and implement a range of approaches to improve trust and confidence.

Within this priority, the areas of focus in the plan are:

- Getting the basics right.
- Easy reporting of crime and anti-social behaviour.
- Regular and ongoing engagement with victims and the public.
- Keeping people updated when they report crime or ASB.

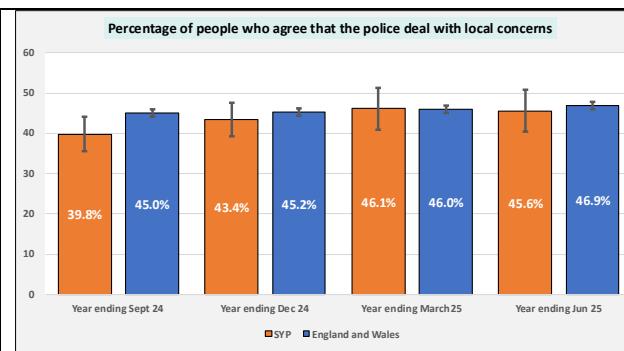
The following section of the report includes a look at data and performance indicators as well as information about the range of work going on aimed at improving trust and confidence - details of which are included after the graphs.

# 1. Improving Trust and Confidence in the Police and Criminal Justice System



Source: ONS Crime Survey for England and Wales

In the most recent data release to the year ending June 2025, 48.7% of people said that South Yorkshire police do a good or excellent job, an increase from the previous period to the year ending March 2025. This increase was not statistically significant. This is in line with the England and Wales average of 49.4%. (This graph uses error bars (the black lines above the bar chart), for explanation please refer to note 1 on page 4).



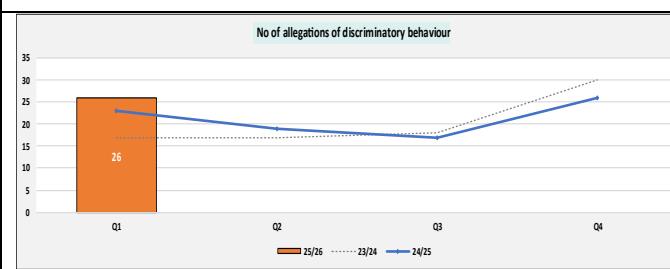
Source: ONS Crime Survey for England and Wales

In the most recent data release to the year ending June 2025, 45.6% of people agreed that South Yorkshire police deal with local concerns, a decrease from the previous period to the year ending March 2025. This decrease was not statistically significant. This is in line with the England and Wales average of 46.9%. (This graph uses error bars (the black lines above the bar chart), for explanation please refer to note 1 on page 4).



Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

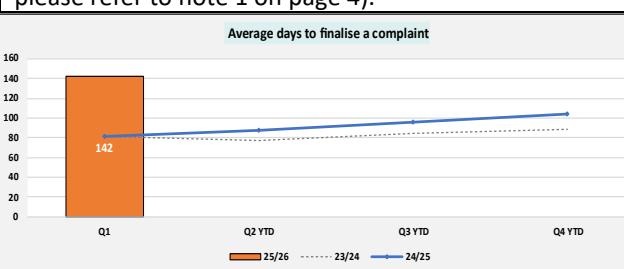
In Q2 25/26, 71% of victims were satisfied with their overall experience with the Police, an increase from the previous quarter, and the same period in 24/25, but these increases were not statistically significant. Victim satisfaction data is collected by a telephone survey conducted 4-10 weeks after reporting.



Source: IOPC Police Complaints Information Bulletin

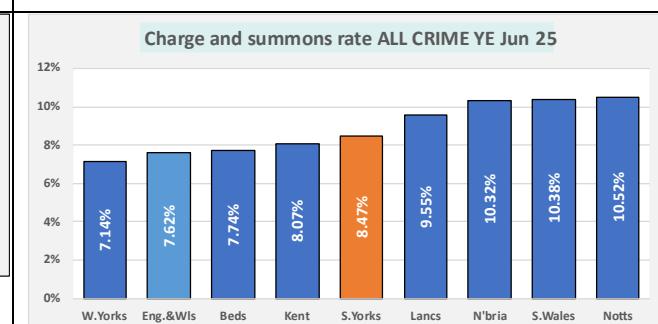
Latest IOPC data is for Q1 2025/26.

The number of allegations of discriminatory behaviour by police in Q1 25/26 was 26, the same number of complaints as the previous quarter. Q1 numbers are slightly higher than the same period last year when there were 23 allegations.



Source: IOPC Police Complaints Information Bulletin

In Q1 2025/26 the average number of days to finalise a complaint (142) was higher than the average number of days at the end of Q1 2024/25 (81). Timeliness is calculated from the day the complaint was made. On cases under Schedule 3, figures include the time a case may spend suspended due to criminal matters.



Source: ONS

Latest data up to June 2025 shows that in South Yorkshire the charge summons rate for all crimes is better than the England and Wales average and around the average rate compared to SYP's most similar group of forces

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### Public Engagement

Throughout Q2, (July – September) engagement both online and face to face continued with events and visits covered across all four districts. The figures detailed below do not cover any additional engagement visits that were undertaken by the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU). During this period, updates and information in relation to the Mayor's priorities for Policing and Crime continued to be shared as well as continued distribution of the Mayor's first Police and Crime Plan. The new Deputy Mayor, Kilvinder Vigurs continued to undertake a range of engagement visits to develop knowledge and understanding of the communities across South Yorkshire.

Overall, 31 engagements were completed for the period of July - September (this is up 6 vs the Q1 period for 2025/26), plus an additional 28 meetings and events. A total of 611 people were engaged with for this period; this includes 43 internal SYP officers / police staff.

- Work is ongoing to identify and purchase useful crime prevention resources and engagement tools that can be utilised whilst attending events across South Yorkshire. It is hoped that these can support conversations and engagement with members of the public whilst also reducing Crime and Antisocial Behaviour.
- Visits to Neighbourhood Policing Teams across South Yorkshire commenced in January, these have continued throughout the year with several teams still to be visited. Each visit has comprised of either attendance at staff briefings or joining the teams on days of action or community walkabouts. The visits have provided insight into the day-to-day requirements for neighbourhood teams and provided

a better understanding of how best to engage from a policing perspective with local communities.

- The Deputy Mayor, Kilvinder Vigurs continued to visit a range of community and partnership meetings. These ranged from Community Engagement Meetings to community walkabouts with local neighbourhood policing teams as well as requests for visits from members of the public experiencing issues within their neighbourhoods. MPs have also met with the Deputy Mayor to discuss partnership opportunities.
- The Faith and Community Leaders meeting took place during this quarter bringing together representatives from across South Yorkshire. Sheffield City Council also held a similar meeting to discuss the city's response to cohesion. It is hoped that groups such as these, will help address and tackle misinformation and provide an opportunity for groups to come together to share experiences and ideas on how better to collaborate.
- From attendance at Community Engagement and Partnership Meetings across South Yorkshire, residents have raised concerns regarding Fly tipping, this has not just been the case in rural communities, but within some urban areas too, particularly in Sheffield. These concerns are being reviewed by the Deputy Mayor.

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### Independent Custody Visitors Scheme

The Policing and Reform Directorate runs an Independent Custody Visitors (ICV) Scheme to check on the welfare of those who are being detained in police custody.

It is a mandatory requirement for visitors to attend in pairs and make unannounced visits at the police custody suites at whatever time of the day or evening suits them. The custody sergeant is obliged to welcome them and facilitate their visit.

The directorate is also monitoring the force custody dashboard. This enables them to track performance information including, the number of detainees, ethnicity, number of young people and the average length of time detainees are in custody. This additional monitoring does not replace the usual custody visiting but it gives added assurance to supplement physical visits.

During Q2 25/26, 18 visits to custody were undertaken by custody visitors, this was higher than the last quarter. A total of 26 detainees were visited. There is regular contact with officers from SYP in relation to findings from visits to share findings and set actions for improvement. Some emerging themes which have been raised with South Yorkshire Police have been:

- Delays in ICVs gaining access to the suites, this has occasionally resulted in a visit not taking place. SYP are taking steps to ensure accessibility to the suites is timelier or if this was not possible, communications are to be made to the ICVs to advise of the reason for the delay.

- Across the whole custody estate there is a positive theme of the staff being helpful and kind to the detainees, and the staff being respectful and culturally aware of detainees' needs.

The digital application to support ICVs with their visits and to provide feedback has been delayed. The App working groups continues and the developer has confirmed the App will be functional for ICVs during November.

The inaugural South Yorkshire Independent Custody Visitor All Suites Panel hybrid meeting took place during August which was the first meeting where ICVs attended both in person and online. The meeting allowed ICVs to raise any issues found during visits directly with the Chief Inspector for custody as well as being able to share good practice findings. The Chief Inspector was able to provide an update on custody directly to ICVs.

### Police Officer Workforce

Police Officer ethnic minority representation remains static at 4.9% in Q2 and has also remained at 3.2% for heritage other than white compared to the previous quarter. Police Officer representation for LGBTQ+ has remained at 5.4% in Q2. Police Officer representation for Disability has remained at 5.5% in Q2. Longer term trends show that there have been slow but steady increases in female representation across the workforce. Female Police Officer representation currently stands at 39.4% (increase from 38.7% in Q1).

### Police Staff Workforce

As a force, SYP is continuing to focus on representation across all protected characteristics. Trends are showing some slight increases. Police staff ethnic minority representation has increased to 5.6% in Q2 from 5.5% in Q1. Heritage other than white has increased to 3.6% in Q2 from 3.5% in Q1. LGBTQ+ representation has decreased from 4.6% in Q1.

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to 4.5% in Q2. Representation for those with a disability has decreased to 7.1% in Q2 from 7.4% in Q1.

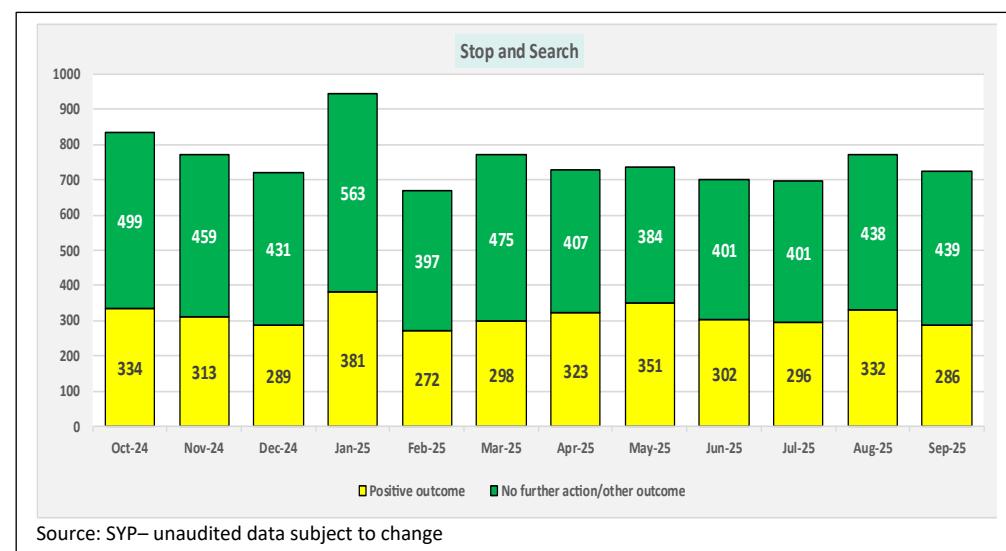
Achieving a more diverse representation within supervisory roles remains an area of focus as the force does not currently have any ethnic minority officers above the rank of chief inspector, a position which has not changed since the last quarter. That means there is currently no ethnic minority representation of superintendents, chief superintendents, or chief officers.

Ongoing work to increase representation from under-represented groups over the past few months has included visits to sixth form colleges across the region (particularly those with diverse populations), mosque visits, attending Pride events, engagement at the Caribbean Cricket Club, Eritrean Community Evening, Windrush Celebrations, Yoruba Nigerian Celebration, Igbo Nigerian Celebration and engagement with the Zimbabwean Community. SYP's live recruitment campaign was promoted across many of these events. In addition, targeted messages have been released including myth-busting and a case study of a detective with a non-traditional background.

### Stop and Search

South Yorkshire Police's stop and search powers are never used lightly and police officers will only exercise their legal right to stop members of the public and search them when they genuinely suspect that doing so will further their investigations into criminal activity – whether that means looking for weapons, drugs or stolen property.

Public scrutiny of stop and search incidents is in place, with a panel of members of the public meeting to review stop and search incidents by viewing body worn video footage where available. Meetings are held every two months and findings are discussed by the Panel members with SYP's Stop and Search Lead and an Inspector. A member of the Independent Ethics Panel (IEP) also has a lead for Stop and Search, although this role has become vacant during the last quarter. Their role is to take the lead on behalf of the IEP in helping determine the level of assurance to be provided to the Mayor and Chief Constable in respect of the fair use of Stop & Search powers by SYP. Other panel members are sharing this role whilst a new lead is appointed. In addition during Q2 an officer from the Policing and Reform Directorate in SYMCA attended a scrutiny meeting to gain assurance on the effective running on the panel.



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The yellow areas in the chart above shows where there is a positive police outcome / action taken when someone is stopped and searched. This includes outcomes such as arrest, warning, caution and summons/charge by post or penalty notice. The percentage of positive outcomes was 31% in July, 33% in August and 30% in September 2025.

### Stop and searches broken down by ethnicity.

South Yorkshire 12 months 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2024 – 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2025				
Ethnicity	No. of searches	% of searches	% positive outcome	Rate per 1000 population*
White	6299	63%	35%	5.2
Black	596	6%	37%	17.5
Asian	913	9%	33%	11.5
Other	279	3%	34%	11
Mixed	341	3%	37%	11.2
Not Stated	1534	15%	16%	-

Source: SYP stop and search report – data subject to change.

\*Rate per 1000 population is based on 2021 population census data. These are the latest official statistics available that break down the ethnicity of the UK population.

In Q2, 87% of stop and searches were conducted on males, 13% on females.

Although the actual numbers of searches of people from Black, Asian and Minority ethnic communities are lower than for white people, the rate per 1000 population shows that there is disproportionality in the

use of stop and search particularly within Black and Asian communities. Work continues to better understand and deal with this issue, including improved linking of stop and search data to age, ethnicity and location. Disproportionality is also an issue nationally. Although there is disproportionality in the rate of stop and search, there is no disproportionality in the % of stop/searches with a positive outcome.

More data and information about stop and search in South Yorkshire can be found on SYP's and the Police.UK website.

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/st-stop-and-search/> and <https://www.police.uk>

### Independent Ethics Panel (IEP)

The Independent Ethics Panel, convened by the Mayor, comprises five members of the public appointed after a public recruitment process. The current members bring extensive professional experience from across the private, public and voluntary sectors. The Panel is key way of helping the Mayor and Chief Constable build the trust and confidence of the public and partners in South Yorkshire Police. The Panel provide independent assurance that the national policing code of ethics is culturally embedded across South Yorkshire Police and is demonstrated through the way organisation thinks and behaves. The Panel receives reports and discusses ethics in areas such as Stop and Search, Complaints and Professional Standards, and Workforce data including around equality and diversity. The Panel has specific work programmes looking at Organisational Culture and Equality and Diversity in South Yorkshire Police and the ethical use of digital policing which includes artificial intelligence.

The Panel also have “link members” - nominated individuals whose role is to focus on a particular area of work over and above those discussed within the quarterly meetings.

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Three new members have been successfully recruited to the Panel this quarter. The new members will provide additional resource as well as replace existing members who have left the Panel. There will be a structured induction for the new members starting in November.

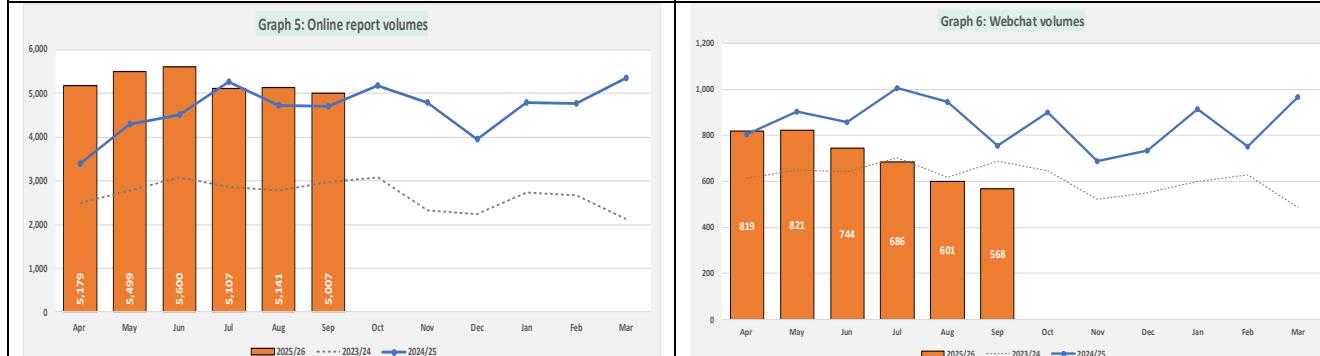
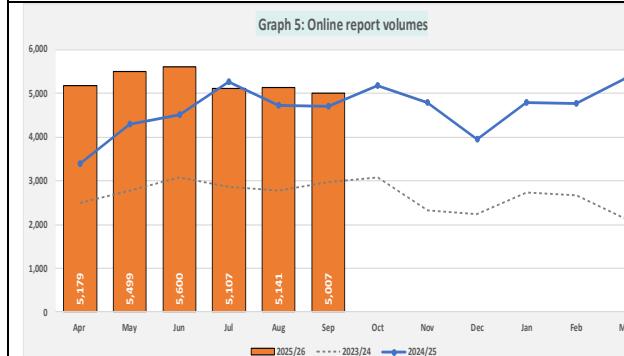
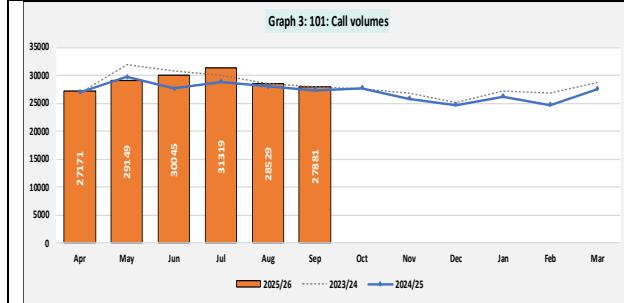
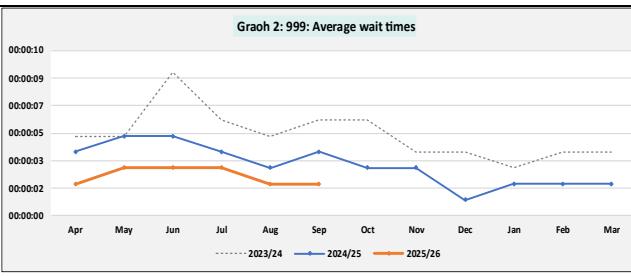
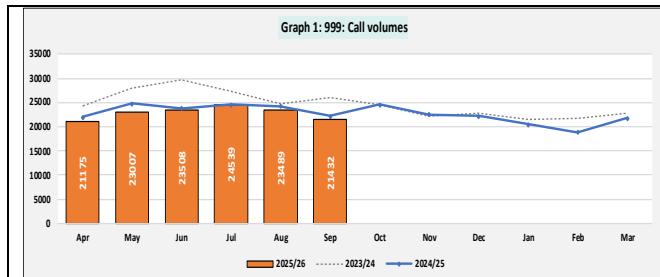
The IEP met in July and September during this quarter and discussed a range of subjects including Hate Crime and Community Cohesion and South Yorkshire Police's use of Stop and Search with a focus on stop/searches on young people. There was also a discussion on strip searches of young people. The Panel continued its focus on police workforce culture and received a report on workforce retention and progression and an update on SYP's Wellbeing initiatives to support officers and staff following a recent wellbeing survey.

Further information about the work of the Independent Ethics Panel can be found online: [South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority - South Yorkshire MCA \(southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk\)](http://South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority - South Yorkshire MCA (southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk))

Anyone interested in joining the external Stop and Search scrutiny panel can find more information on SYP's website: [Stop and search | South](http://Stop and search | South)

The Government publishes national data for all forces in respect of 999 and 101 call handling performance on the Police.UK website which uses a different dataset or uses a different way of analysing the data to that shown below. Therefore, the data on the Police.UK website will differ slightly to the data provided below. More information about this can be found on the Police.UK website.

## 999 and 101 Calls<sup>1</sup>



A new online contact system from April 24 will affect comparisons with 2023/24.

**999 calls:** 999 call volumes have increased in Q2 compared to last quarter but are lower than Q2 last year. (Graph 1). The average call wait time has decreased slightly in Q2 compared to Q1 at around 2 seconds (Graph 2).

**101 calls:** Volumes of 101 calls in Q2 have increased compared to the previous quarter (Graph 3) and the same period last year. The average 101 wait time during Q2 (the orange line in graph 4) was around 1m 44s, lower than the previous quarter.

Callers to 101 are now able to choose from a range of options before being put through to switchboard (or any option selected). As a result, the wait time after 15/09/2022 is now measured slightly differently and so this should be borne in mind when comparing wait times from before this period.

### Online Reporting:

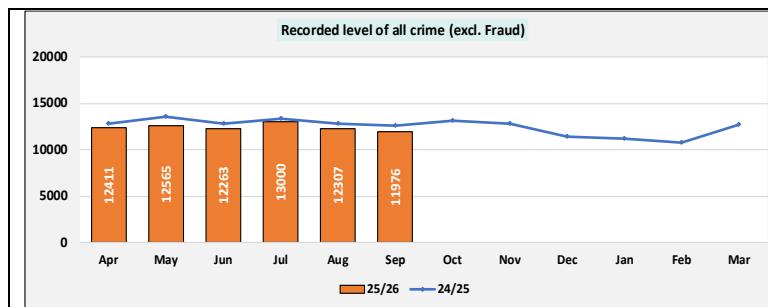
Members of the public can contact SYP using an online portal which has two methods of contact – online forms (which are bespoke by topic), and a webchat. Online report volumes decreased in Q2 compared to Q1 with 15,255 reports recorded. There were 1,855 webchats recorded in Q2, a decrease compared to Q1 and Q2 24/25. The average webchat response time during Q2 was 2 minutes 43 seconds, an increase from Q1. A new system for online contact was introduced during Q1 24/25 by SYP. This needs to be taken into account when comparing data from 24/25 onwards with data from previous periods.

<sup>1</sup> 101 is the number for contacting the police about something that is not an emergency.

## 2. Preventing and Reducing Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

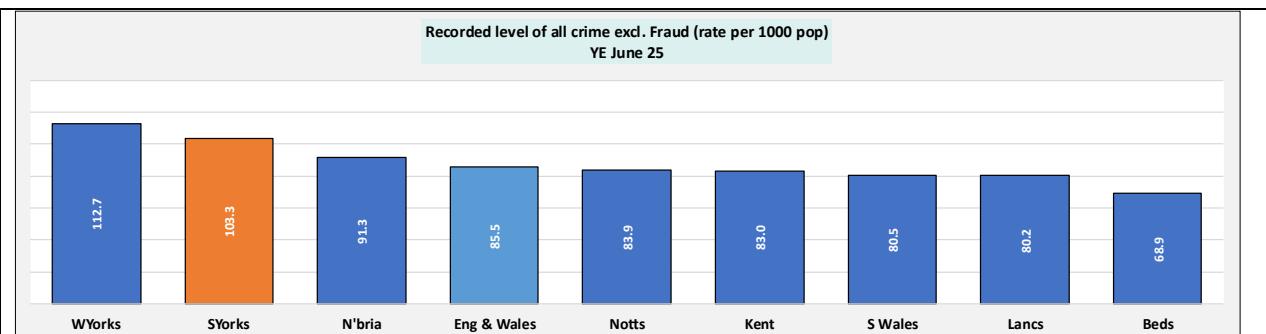
The indicators and narrative chosen for this section of the report focus on those areas of crime and ASB of most concern to local communities, namely:

- Knife Crime (taking a child centred approach)
- Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation
- Addressing business concerns
- Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)
- Responding properly to crime
- ASB and crime linked to off road bikes and affecting rural communities.



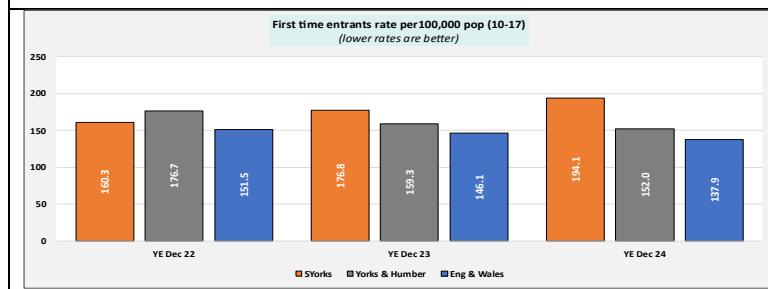
Source: SYP – Unaudited data subject to change

The total police recorded level of all crime (excl. fraud) has remained stable in Q2 25/26 compared to the previous quarter but is slightly lower than the same period last year. Changes to crime recording rules will impact comparisons.



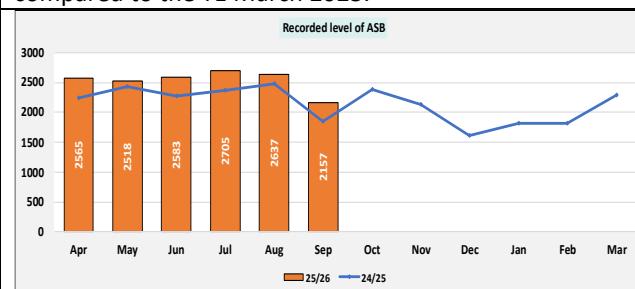
Source: ONS

Latest available comparator data shows South Yorkshire has the second highest rate of total recorded crime (excl. fraud) per 1000 population compared to the most similar group of police forces and the England and Wales average. The rate of total crime (excl. fraud) per 1000 population has South Yorkshire has decreased in the YE June 2025 compared to the YE March 2025.



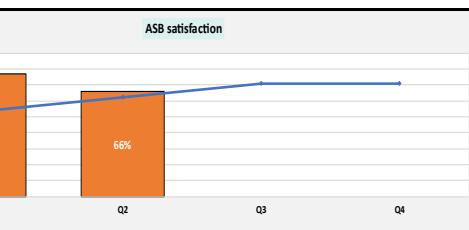
Source: Ministry of Justice

The latest comparator data for the 12 months to the end of December 2024 for South Yorkshire shows that there was an increase in the rate of people aged 10-17 entering the criminal justice system for the first time compared to the previous period. South Yorkshire also has a higher first-time entrant rate than the regional and the national averages.



Source: SYP – Unaudited data subject to change

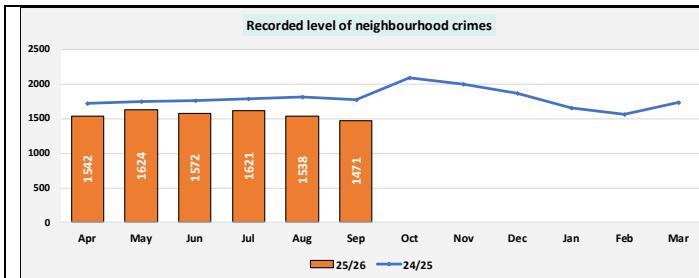
There has been a slight decrease in recorded levels of neighbourhood in Q2 25/26 compared to the previous quarter, however levels are higher than the same period last year. Local authorities also record some ASB incidents which are not included here.



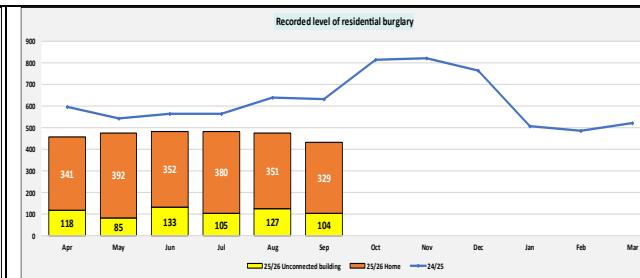
Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

In Q2 25/26, 66% of ASB victims were satisfied with their overall experience with the Police, a statistically significant decrease from the previous quarter. The % of satisfied victims increased compared to the same period last year, but this was not statistically significant. Victim satisfaction data is collected by a telephone survey conducted 4-10 weeks after reporting.

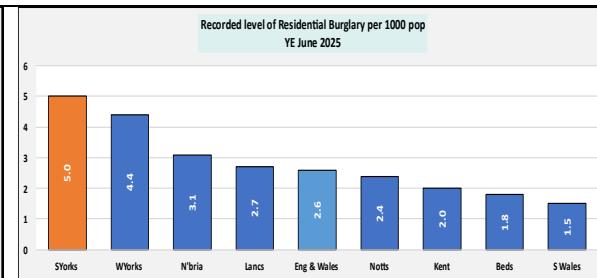
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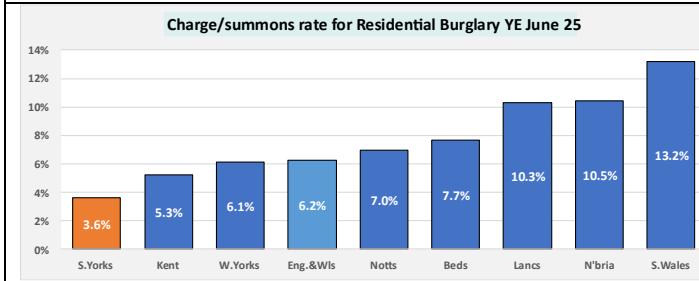
Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change  
 Recorded levels of neighbourhood crimes have decreased in Q2 25/26 compared to the previous quarter and the equivalent period last year. Neighbourhood crimes include residential burglary, robbery of personal property, theft from the person, theft of a vehicle, theft from a vehicle, and interfering with a vehicle.



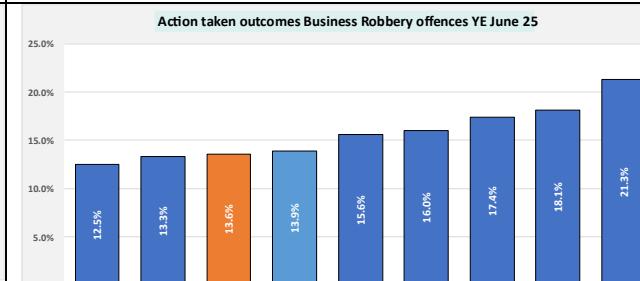
Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change  
 Recorded levels of residential burglary have decreased in Q2 25/26 compared to the previous quarter and the equivalent period last year. SYP continue to focus specifically on tackling residential burglary in line with residents' priorities. Data and force initiatives are being closely monitored to check the impact of this work.



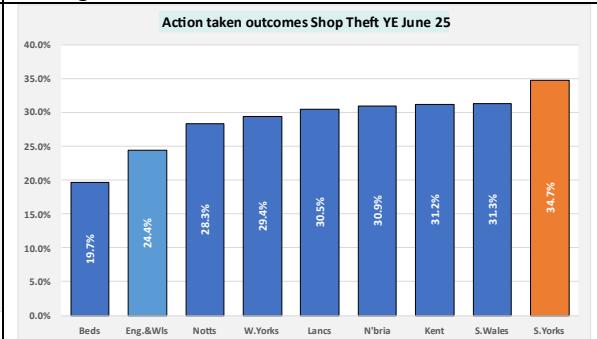
Source: ONS  
 Despite recent reductions in recorded rates of residential burglary, the latest comparator data for the year ending June 2025 shows South Yorkshire recorded the highest rate of residential burglary per 1000 population compared to most similar forces. The rate is also above the England and Wales average



Source: ONS  
 The latest comparator data for the year ending June 2025 shows South Yorkshire recorded the lowest charge/summons rate for residential burglary offences compared to most similar forces and the national average.



Source: ONS  
 The latest comparator data for the 12 months to the end of June 2025 shows that South Yorkshire had a lower-than-average action taken rate for business robbery offences compared to England and Wales and compared to most similar forces.



Source: ONS  
 The latest comparator data for the 12 months to the end of June 2025 shows that South Yorkshire had the highest action taken rate for shop theft offences compared to most similar forces and England and Wales.

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Anyone may become a victim of crime and if that happens, people need to have confidence that they will receive a timely and supportive response. Protecting women and girls is a key area of focus as well as ensuring children are kept safe from criminal and sexual exploitation. It is vital that all vulnerable victims and their needs are recognised at the earliest opportunity so that they can be supported in the most appropriate way. It is important that feedback from victims is sought to make sure that the services commissioned to support people are effective in meeting the needs of all victims including victims of sexual offences who may be particularly vulnerable. Over recent years, many requests for a police service are not directly about crime but about safeguarding the vulnerable – such as those who are missing from home or those with mental health issues. Supporting and safeguarding is the responsibility of all agencies who must continue to work together to protect the most vulnerable in society.

### **South Yorkshire Sexual Violence Partnership - Independent Sexual Violence Advocate (ISVA) and Children's Independent Sexual Violence Advocate (CHISVA)**

The ISVA/CHISVA service is a South Yorkshire service with bespoke teams across each of the districts.

Overall, total referrals to the South Yorkshire ISVA service increased by 4% in Q2, from 488 in Q1 to 506 in Q2. Referrals also increased by 23% compared to Q2 2024/25.

In Q2, the partnership saw a 3% reduction in the total number of active clients compared to Q1, supporting an average of 1109 active clients.

The genders of active clients across the partnership remain at comparable levels to Q1, with the largest group being people who identify as female (89.7%), followed by people who identify as male (8.3%). The proportion

of people identifying as transgender, non-binary or other remained at a similar level to Q1, forming 2.2% of the total client group.

Overall, the number of children and young people accessing ISVA services remained the same as the previous quarter, with those aged 0-17 making up 33% of all active clients. This continues to highlight the strong demand for support among younger age groups across the region. While it is encouraging to see more young people receiving the help they need, it also presents ongoing capacity challenges for CHISVAs, who are recommended to carry smaller caseloads due to the additional complexities involved in supporting children and their families. The second most represented age group was those aged 25-34, who made up 23% of active clients during the quarter.

The majority of active clients across the region identify as heterosexual (53%), while 11% identify as LGBTQ+. A further 38% of clients either chose not to disclose their sexual orientation or did not provide this information. In terms of ethnicity, White remains the most commonly recorded background among active clients, accounting for 80% of active clients. The proportion of clients from minority ethnic backgrounds decreased slightly in Q2 to 11%, while 9% of clients did not disclose or chose not to share their ethnicity, a decrease from the previous quarter.

### **Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC)**

The co-commissioned SARC service at Hackenthorpe Lodge has continued to provide free, confidential healthcare and compassionate support to anyone in South Yorkshire that has experienced sexual assault or rape. The centre provides support and guidance, a medical assessment/treatment, a forensic examination, and the opportunity of aftercare referrals for support services. People attending the centre are

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offered these services based on their own individual needs and can choose to use as much or as little of the service as they wish.

Referral and client demographic data for Q1 and Q2 has now become available but not in time to include in this report. Data will be updated in the Q3 report.

### **Child Sexual Assault Referral Centre**

South Yorkshire also has a separate dedicated children's Sexual Assault Assessment Service based within the Sheffield Children's Hospital. The service provides specialist support, including forensic examinations as required, for children (under 16 years of age) where there is a concern about recent (acute) or non-recent (historic) disclosure or suspicion of sexual abuse. The children's SARC also accepts referrals for young people aged 16 and 17 years old who have additional vulnerabilities and provides support where concerns about sexual exploitation or other child protection issues exist.

There were 40 referrals made to the children's SARC in Q2 25/26, 25 of which were acute referrals and 15 were non-recent child sexual assault referrals. There was one Female Genital Mutilation referral. This is an increase from the previous quarter, where there were 35 referrals made (14 acute and 21 non-recent).

The majority of referrals identified as female (80% of acute and 86% of non-recent). In respect of ethnicity, those identifying as white British were the majority of acute referrals (48%). For non-recent referrals, the majority of referrals (33%) were listed as 'Unknown' ethnicity.

### **'Cranstoun Inspire to Change'- Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Programme**

The Cranstoun Inspire to Change (CITC) programme is a voluntary behaviour change programme targeted at the perpetrators of domestic abuse.

Quarter two saw 87 referrals made to the service across South Yorkshire, the same as the previous quarter. Police referrals accounted for two of those referrals (1%), 57 from Children's Social Care (66%) and 20 self-referrals (23%). The lower number of police referrals have been raised with the relevant Assistant Chief Constable and are being discussed at district quarterly performance meetings.

Referral breakdown by area:

- Sheffield – 27 referrals (31%)
- Rotherham – 23 referrals (26%)
- Doncaster – 22 referrals (25%)
- Barnsley – 21 referrals (24%)

100% of referrals made into the service were offered an assessment appointment within five working days of first contact. During the quarter, 10 cases exited the service early for the following reason:

- 9 – Dropped out after completing more than one session of an intervention.
- 1 – removed from the group due to severity of risk increased.

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Of the 87 referrals, 38 successfully commenced intervention which equates to 44%.

The Men and Masculinities programme continues to be delivered in three of the four locations (Sheffield, Doncaster & Barnsley) plus an online provision on a fixed term basis. Tuesday evenings in Rotherham have now been converted to delivering a 12-session programme to enable referrals to be processed and commenced up to and including December 2025.

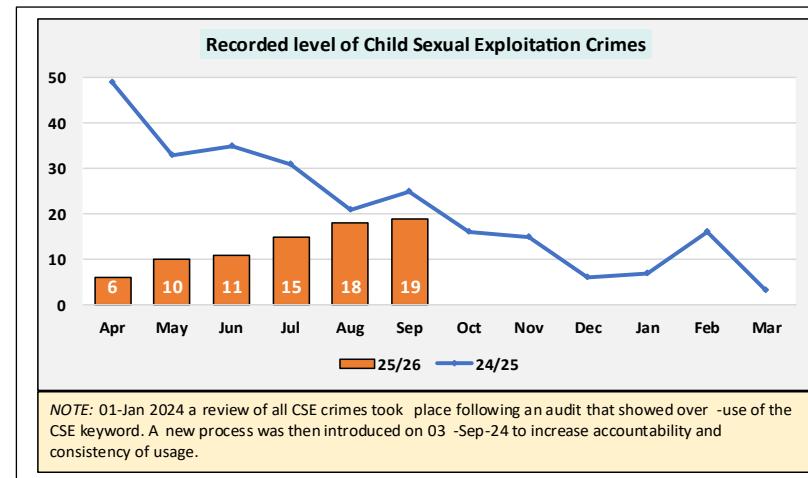
The service continues to deliver an online option for those physically unable to attend face to face (for example, if they work out of area without the opportunity to return). Each key worker continues to also deliver one to one work to an average of five service users per week.

There were 23 completions for the quarter as follows:

- Sheffield – 5
- Rotherham – 6
- Doncaster – 6
- Barnsley – 7

### Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE)

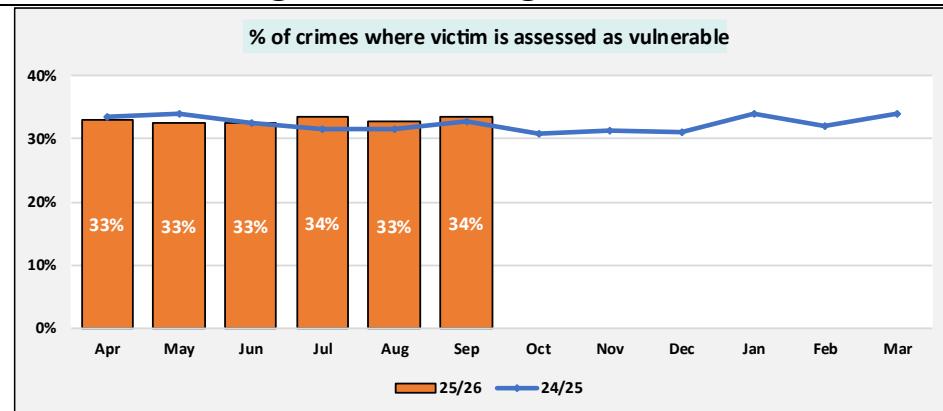
The chart opposite shows an increase in the number of CSE recorded crimes compared to the previous quarter, but reduction compared to last year. This reduction is as a result of a full-scale review of CSE related data, and the accuracy of keywords used in the recording of crimes related to CSE. The review found some over-recording and therefore data has been corrected.



Staff at The Lifewise Centre have continued their work in raising awareness and educating school children including on Internet Safety and scenario-based learning via “Crucial Crew” for year 6 pupils. Around 95% of schools have now been visited to deliver the scenario-based learning. Inputs have also continued to be given to secondary school age pupils on:

- Your life, your choice
- Consent
- Dangers of sharing images online

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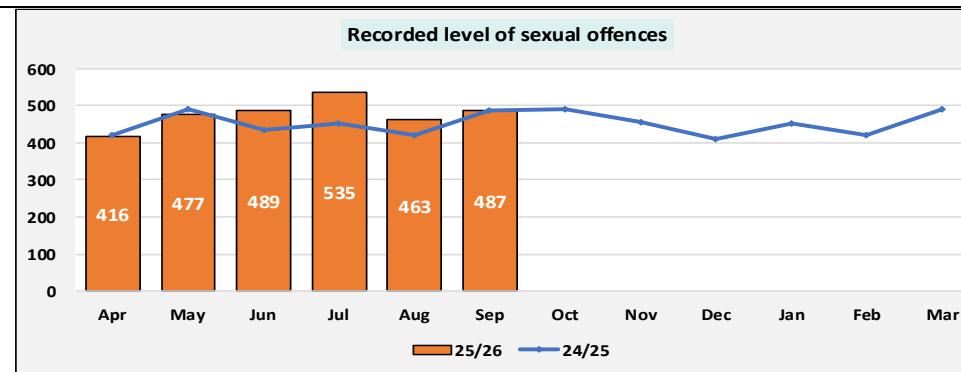
Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

The % of crimes where a victim is assessed as vulnerable in Q2 25/26 is in line with the % of victims assessed as vulnerable in the previous quarter and the same period last year.



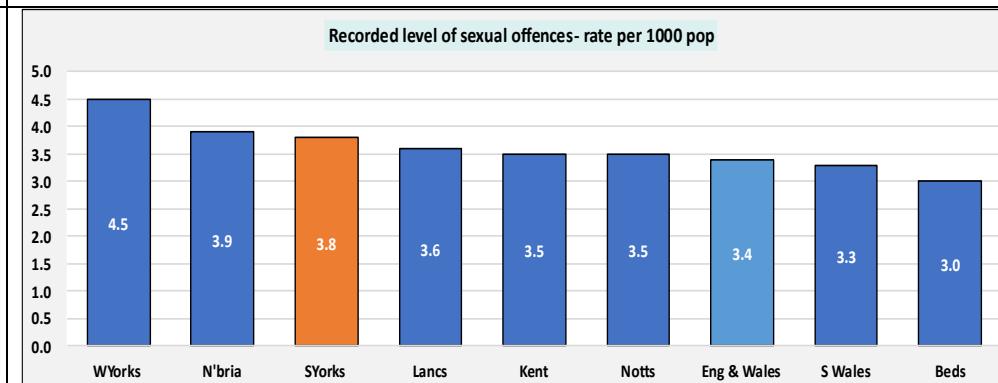
Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

In the year ending September 2025, 69% of vulnerable victims were satisfied with their overall experience with the Police, slightly lower than the percentage for the previous 12-month period year ending June 2025 and the same as the equivalent 12-month period last year (ending September 2024). These changes were not statistically significant. Victim satisfaction data is collected by a telephone survey conducted 4-10 weeks after reporting.



Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

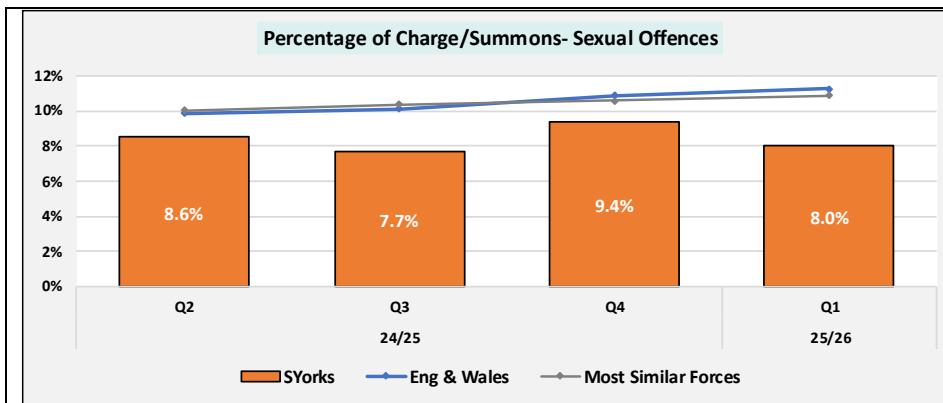
The recorded level of sexual offences has increased compared to the previous quarter and the same period last year. When looking at specific offence types within this category, the recorded level of both rape offences and other sexual offences has increased compared to the previous quarter and same period last year. It is known that sexual offences are under-reported nationally, so it is important that victims have confidence in reporting to the police.



Source: ONS – Police Recorded Crime

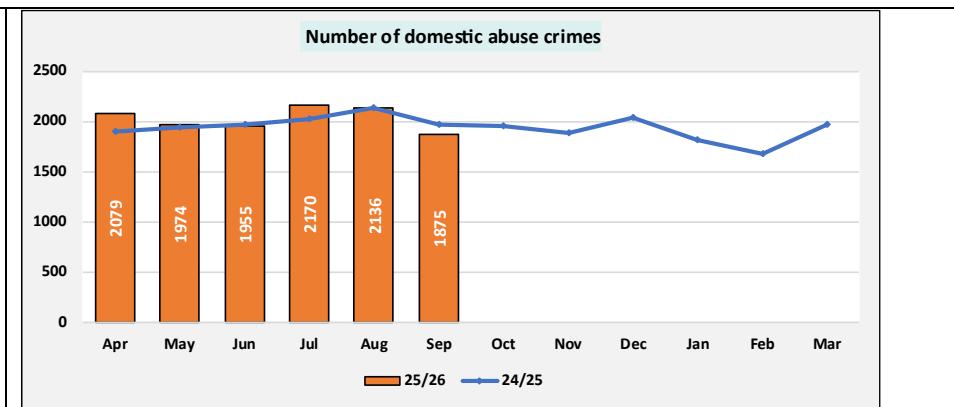
In the year ending June 2025, South Yorkshire had the third highest rate per 1000 population of sexual offences compared to most similar forces and the national average.

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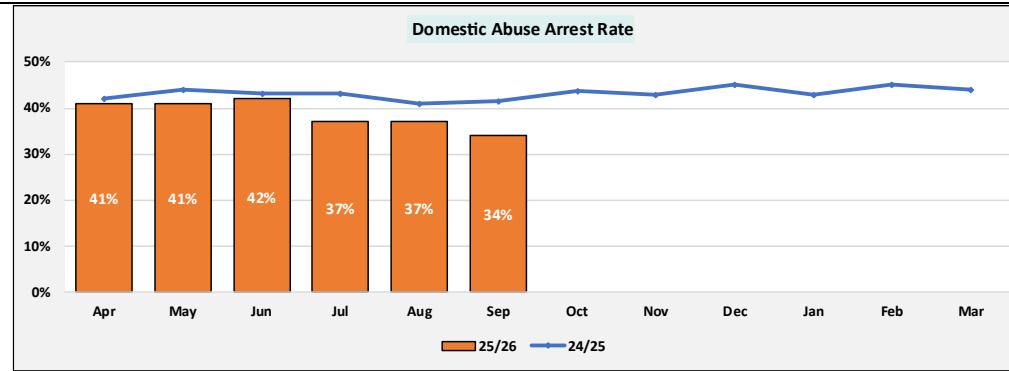
Source: ONS

The most recent comparator data shows that in Q1 25/26, South Yorkshire police recorded a lower percentage of Charge/summons outcomes for sexual offences than most similar forces and the national average. Looking at Charge/summons for rape offences, South Yorkshire also has a lower-than-average percentage compared to England and Wales and most similar forces.



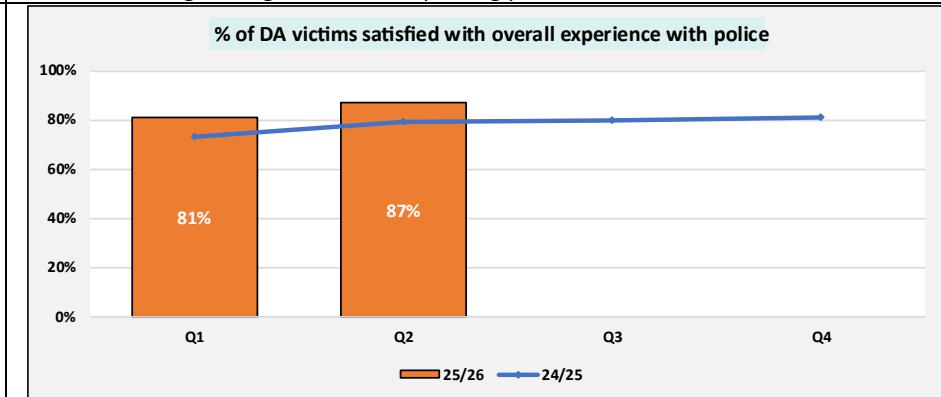
Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

There has been an increase in DA recorded crimes in Q2 25/26 compared to the previous quarter and the same period last year. Comparisons with the previous year may be impacted by changes to the Home Office crime counting rules. SYP and SYMCA continue to ensure victims have the confidence and ability to easily report domestic abuse, including through an online reporting portal.



Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

The proportion of all domestic abuse (DA) crimes with an arrest has decreased compared to last quarter. The arrest rate for high-risk DA cases has fallen but remains above 85%. Domestic abuse is a priority for SYP and SYMCA. Dedicated domestic abuse teams have been set up to deal specifically with DA crime.



Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

The % of domestic abuse victims satisfied with their overall experience with the police was 87% in Q2 25/26. There is no statistically significant difference compared to Q1 25/26 or the same period last year. A telephone survey is conducted around 8 weeks after reporting. 142 domestic abuse victims completed the survey in Q2.

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### Vulnerability and Mental Health (MH)

The start of Q2 saw higher volumes of Section 136\* detentions both in the public as well as the custody environment. Most S136 detentions happen in the public environment. The aim is for individuals with a mental health need not to be kept in the custody environment under the care of custody staff for longer than necessary. Training has been delivered to all custody staff around the need to reduce the amount of time spent in custody for those who require a mental health bed for either assessment or treatment.

In September, SYP began a pilot project in Sheffield with the Psychiatric Decisions Unit, which is looking at better triage and alternatives to using Section 136. Detentions under Section 136 were lower in September than the previous month, but it is not clear whether there is any causative link to the pilot project as yet.

SYP have developed their internal data monitoring to better understand where disproportionality may exist within the use of Section 136. This will aid in informing the workstream towards the SYP Race Action Plan.

\* Section 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983 grants police emergency powers to detain individuals in a public place who appear to be experiencing mental health issues and require immediate care or control, transporting them to a place of safety for mental health assessment.

### NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAMS (NPTs)

The force is seeing a continued challenge in relation to two in one burglary<sup>2</sup> and the subsequent theft of motor vehicles.

<sup>2</sup> Two in one burglaries are where a house is broken into for the purpose of obtaining vehicle keys.

In response, the force is developing a proactive subject focused pursue plan supported by problem solving activity. This named operation, Operation Fortress will seek to coordinate the force approach to ensure that every opportunity is taken to apprehend and disrupt those responsible. Initially this will focus on a small cohort of nominals that meet the operational criteria set out and will see a joined up cross border approach being taken to pursue these individuals.

Operation Fortress will adopt some of the problem-solving approaches undertaken successfully around the challenges seen in residential burglary, utilising hot spot data and taking a nuanced approach to deliver tailored safeguarding and preventive advice to those most likely at risk of falling victim to such offences. South Yorkshire Police are seeking to make use of targeted digital media campaigning to support this.

Recent reporting through force performance meetings showed a strongly decreasing trend across most areas in relation to neighbourhood crime and a 15 per cent reduction on the previous 26 month daily average seen in July. National reporting shows a 29 per cent decrease in residential burglary the last 12 months (data to April 2025) when compared to the 2019 baseline.

### Fraud/Cybercrime

South Yorkshire police response to Cybercrime has a nationally led, regionally managed, and locally delivered approach. The objectives of South Yorkshire Police Cybercrime unit are

- Understand the demand.
- Develop the workforce to allow staff to develop and improve skills within a cybercrime environment.
- Focus on victims by providing advice to all victims, provide support to victims and understand the needs and concerns of the victims.

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- Ensure partnership working with Regional Organised Crime Unit and City of London Police.
- Disrupt offenders through early intervention.

The main focus will be delivering the Protect and Prevent message to various groups within South Yorkshire at a local level and with regional collaboration. Nine events have already been organised including schools, social care, NHS services, foster care services and various social groups. There are another 25 other events yet to be organised.

The ongoing focus will remain the targeting of those groups which are the most vulnerable and at risk of being victims of cyber related offending.

The investigative focus remains around identifying and disrupting cyber criminals committing offences against residents and businesses within South Yorkshire. There will be continued collaboration between regional forces and South Yorkshire Police providing an expedited service for ransomware incidents.

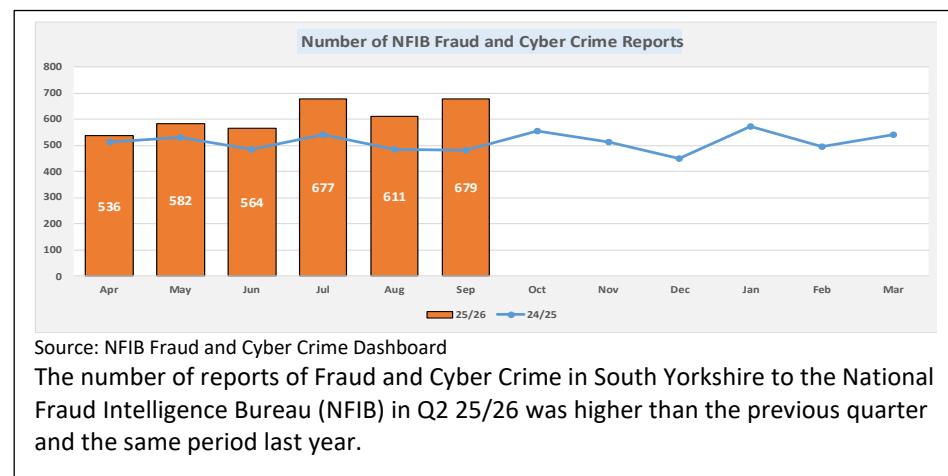
The Cyber investigation team will continue to review and log financial intelligence around cryptocurrency to build an intelligence picture about how criminals are using cryptocurrency in South Yorkshire. The force will continue to robustly investigate suspicious behaviour reports from Cryptocurrency platforms and aim to disrupt money laundering and freeze and seize any criminal assets linked to online criminality.

The Cyber investigation team will monitor daily the cyber threat landscape and direct their resources to tackle any emerging threat. Part of this is joining a new AI working group run by TARIAN to share new emerging risk and threats and to share investigative practices with all forces in this new rise in criminal use of technology.

Arrangements to deliver training throughout the force will continue from both the protect and pursue team on all areas encompassing cybercrime and cyber related fraud.

The cyber team will continue to monitor and pursue proactive opportunities around cyber related offenders in South Yorkshire. They will work closely with regional forces to provide a Prevent service to high-risk people in this area.

Preparations are being made to assist regional forces in Cyber Switch up. This is a regionally managed event/ competition for young people under 18 years of age to take part in a number of cyber competitions. The main focus of this is to promote opportunities in cyber career paths and deliver a prevent message to the children of the region. Events are in the process of being organised in schools and youth services to promote this.



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### **Retail Crime**

On the 7th October, SYP held a second retail crime symposium at Niagara with stakeholders, including representatives from the local Crown Prosecution Services (CPS) and magistrates, as well as retail crime prevention leads and retailers.

SYP presented on achievements so far and changes to internal processes with a view to improving outcomes for victims. Colleagues highlighted

good work in relation to retail crime operations and use of Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBOs). Guest speakers from CPS and Magistrates gave a detailed input around Court procedures and sentencing guidelines. This has provided better understanding around the CBO process from a Court perspective.

The final item for discussion was existing challenges in the retail space, before all stakeholders agreed on an agenda to continue improvements in this area. It was agreed that further events will be held, but that they should be held online to encourage attendance from more retailers to enable SYP to build a better picture around current demand and challenges.

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### Hate Crime

There was an increase in the overall volume of hate crimes recorded in Q2 25/26 compared to the previous quarter and the same period last year.

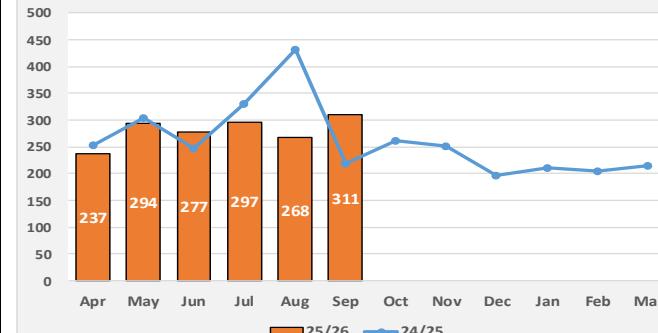
Overall satisfaction of hate crime victims increased slightly in 12-months to September 2025 to 71% compared to 70% in the previous 12-month period to June 2025 but decreased compared to the 12-months to September 2024 (79%). These changes were not statistically significant.

Hate crimes are reviewed regularly to ensure that they are allocated and investigated effectively. The force continues to work with partners, and SYMCA to seek feedback from victims to support improvements in service delivery and increase the confidence of victims to report to the police.

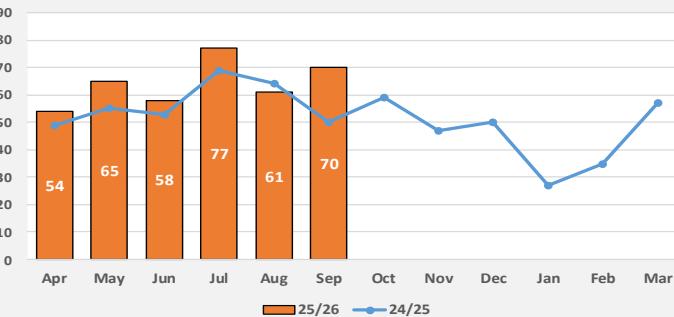
The volume of hate crimes being reported can be influenced by national and international events. Both SYP and the SYMCA are keen to make it as easy as possible for victims to report hate crime and for victims to feel confident that their report will be dealt with effectively and sensitively.

Source: SYP – unaudited data subject to change

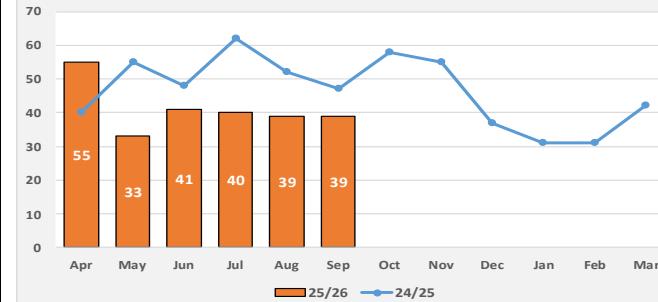
**Total Recorded Racial Hate Crime- South Yorkshire**



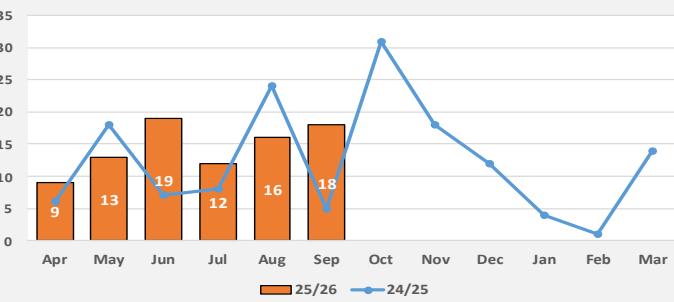
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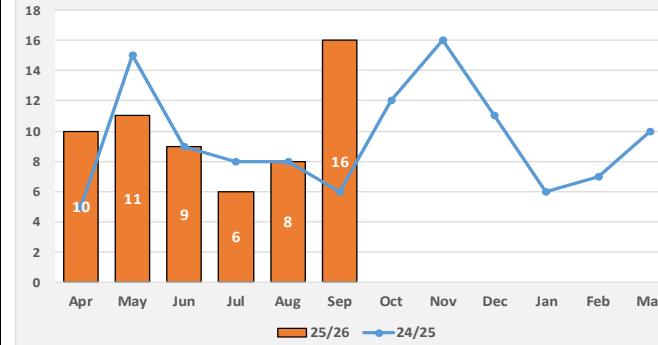
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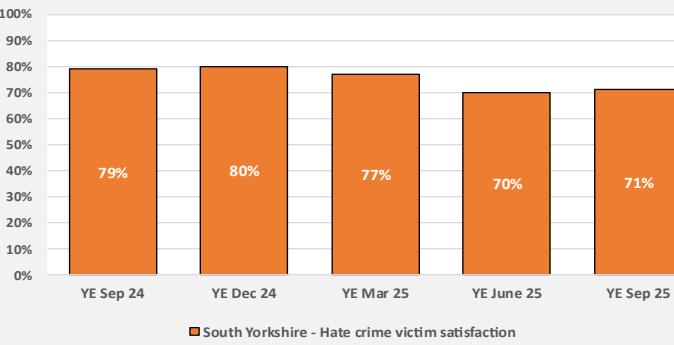
**Total Recorded Religion Hate Crime- South Yorkshire**



**Total Recorded Transgender Hate Crime- South Yorkshire**



**Hate Crime Victims Overall Satisfaction**



### 3. Improving Safety on All of Our Public Transport Networks

The areas of focus in the Police and Crime Plan 2025-2029 under this priority for are:

- Taking a Vision Zero approach to road deaths and serious injuries
- Developing new approaches to tackle violence and ASB on transport networks
- Preventing anti-social driving and tackling anti-social drivers.

The South Yorkshire Safer Roads Partnership (SYSRP) comprises the four local councils of Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham, and Sheffield, along with National Highways, South Yorkshire Police, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue, and support from the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA).

The Partnership has committed to Vision Zero – an ambitious strategy to eliminate all deaths and serious injuries on South Yorkshire's roads. To achieve this, SYSRP has adopted the Safe System approach, which focuses on improving safety across every element of the transport network. This approach recognises that people make mistakes and that the human body has limited tolerance for crash forces.

By concentrating on the five key pillars of the Safe System, Safer Roads and Roadsides, Safe Speeds, Safe Vehicles, Safe Road Users, and Post-Collision Response – communities across South Yorkshire can expect:

- An extensive programme of community engagement
- A data-driven programme of road engineering and local safety schemes
- A structured, evidence-based approach to casualty reduction
- Targeted engagement with groups overrepresented in casualty statistics
- Behavioural change campaigns
- Support for national road safety operations

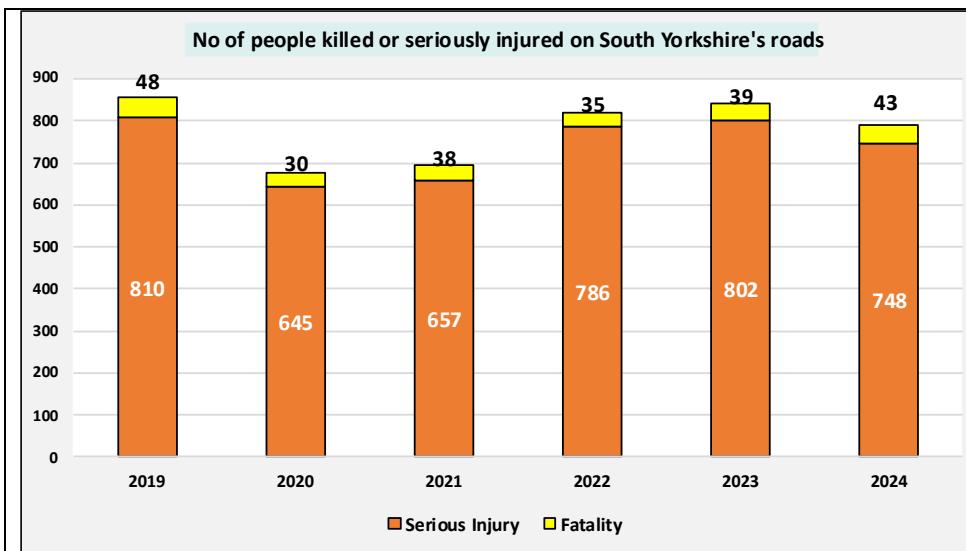
All of these activities aim to reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on South Yorkshire's roads, because every death or serious injury is one too many.

The SYSRP is leading on this year's National Operation Limit campaign. This campaign will involve all four local football clubs, strong participation from South Yorkshire Police and local authorities, and represents a truly multi-agency approach to tackling seasonal drink driving.

SYSRP have now established working groups focusing on two of the five Safe System pillars – Safe Speeds and Safe Roads & Roadsides. Although these groups are in their early stages, representation from all partner organisations is strong and encouraging.

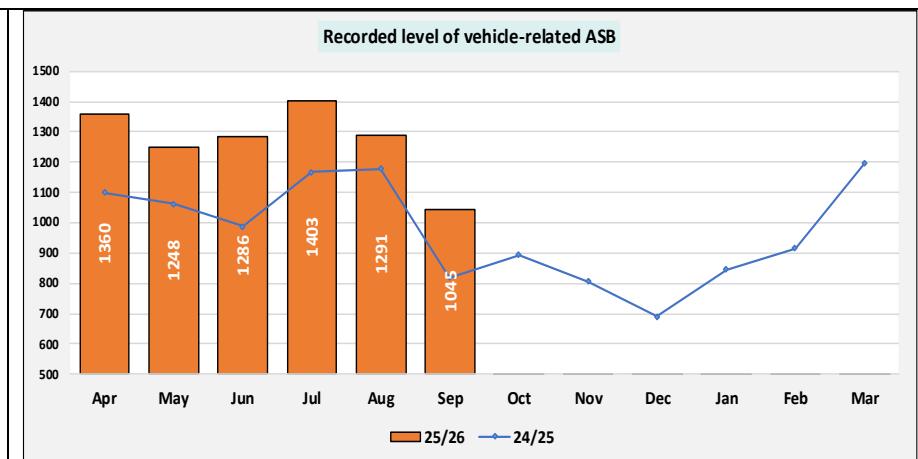
The recent appointment of a Data Insight Lead will further enhance the ability of the SYSRP to target interventions effectively and base activity on robust evidence.

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Source: Department for Transport

Current audited data released by the Department for Transport up to 2024 shows a decrease in the number of people killed or seriously injured on South Yorkshire's roads compared to 2023. The number of casualties resulting in a fatality increased in 2024 compared to 2023, whereas the number of casualties resulting in a serious injury decreased.



Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

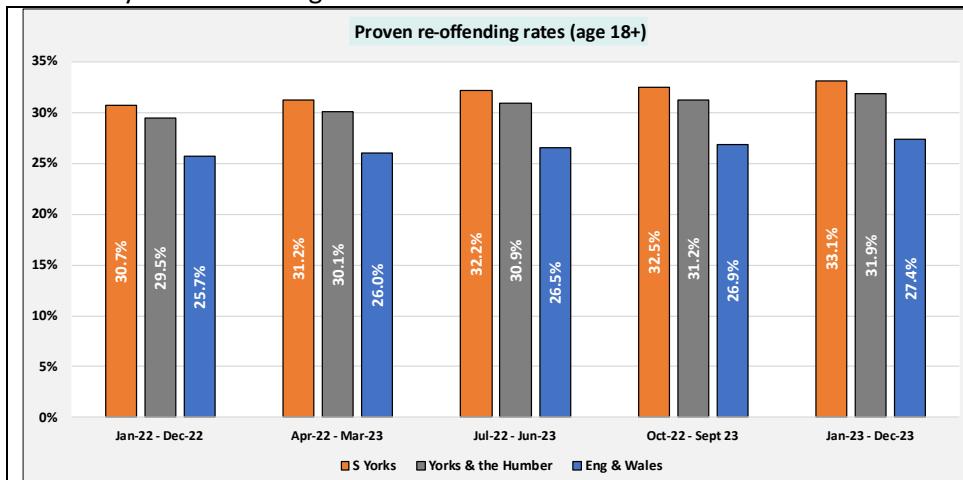
In Q2, Vehicle-related Anti-Social Behaviour decreased compared to the previous quarter. Recorded levels in Q2 were higher than the same period in the previous year. Vehicle-related ASB includes incidents regarding vehicle nuisance, off-road bikes or quads, and abandoned cars (not stolen).

## 4. Breaking the Cycle of Offending and Harm

Within this priority, the areas of focus are:

- Take an early intervention and whole systems approach wherever possible
- Build on effective community safety and criminal justice partnerships already in place.

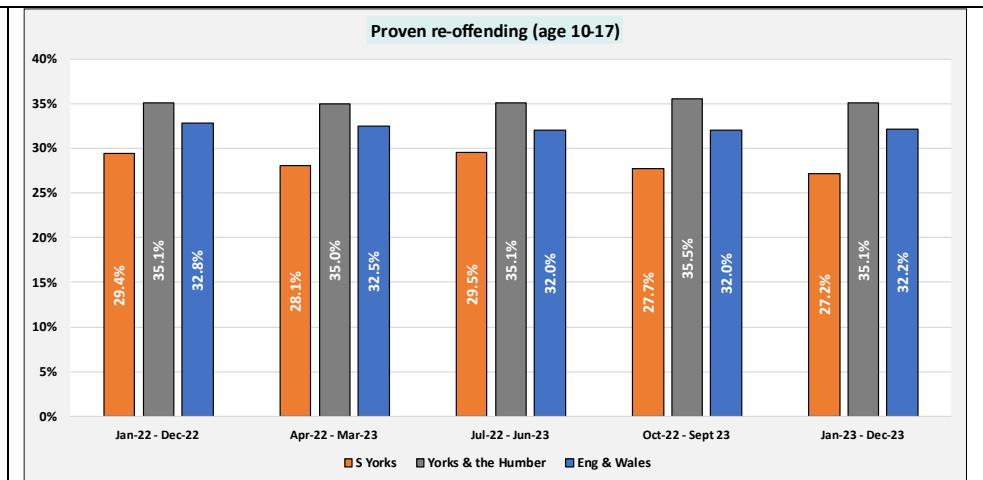
This section of the report includes a look at data and performance indicators as well as information about the range of work going on aimed at addressing the cycle of offending and harm.



Source: Ministry of Justice

The reoffending rate for those aged 18 and over in South Yorkshire has increased in the most recent period (data released 30<sup>th</sup> October 2025) compared to the previous period. The adult reoffending rate in South Yorkshire is higher than the regional and England and Wales rates.

In order to measure re-offending in respect of the statistics above, an offender enters a cohort if they are released from custody, received a non-custodial conviction, or received a caution, then any further offences the cohort commits within a 12 month period are counted to constitute the re-offending rate.



Source: Ministry of Justice

The reoffending rate in South Yorkshire for those aged under 18 has reduced in the most recent period (data released 30<sup>th</sup> October 2025) compared to the previous period. The under 18 reoffending rate in South Yorkshire remains lower than the regional and England and Wales rates.

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### Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) and the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU)

CSPs and the VRU are a key way in which all partners across South Yorkshire work together to keep people safe. CSPs are made of up of representatives from South Yorkshire Police, Local Authorities, health services, Housing Associations, Fire and Rescue Services and some of the Criminal Justice partners. They cover each of the 4 South Yorkshire districts, Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield. The Mayor holds quarterly meetings of the County Wide Community Safety Forum where representatives from each partnership come together. This is how the four CSPs have been working to tackle issues of concern to local residents.

#### **Barnsley CSP - Safer Barnsley Partnership**

Quarter 2 has again seen significant achievements across the Safer Communities Service, demonstrating strong partnership working, proactive enforcement, and community engagement.

#### **Environmental Crime**

Environmental Crime and Blight saw over 4,400 hours of patrols and 972 FPNs issued, alongside impactful clean-up operations and community payback initiatives. The Love Where You Live Task Force cleared over 14 tonnes of waste, engaged with 272 properties, and delivered visible improvements in priority wards.

#### **Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour:**

Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) enforcement remains robust, with 190 Public Space Protection Order instructions issued, and 14 prosecutions secured. ASB in Barnsley Town Centre decreased by 10 cases, and begging/vagrancy incidents halved.

Operation Duxford delivered its most successful drugs recovery to date, with over £50,000 worth of substances seized, 11 arrests made, and extensive community engagement activities conducted.

Cuckooing and exploitation have been highlighted as an emerging issue. A problem-solving plan has been developed to tackle cuckooing and exploitation using a partnership approach, developing a plan to be more proactive in preventing the issues.

Victim and Witness Support continue to provide tailored, compassionate assistance, with multiple cases showing lifechanging outcomes for vulnerable individuals.

Violence Reduction efforts progressed with the ratification of a new strategic plan and funding for local initiatives, including Night Life Angels and youth diversion projects.

#### **Tackling Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG):**

Barnsley Council has created a sexual violence sub-group; terms of reference have been created with the first meeting due to take place in October. The sub-group will report to the Domestic Abuse Partnership and will work towards creating a specific sexual violence strategic plan.

#### **Doncaster CSP - Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership (SSDP)**

During Q2, the SSDP has continued to work effectively to address issues across the Crime and Disorder spectrum and to ensure delivery against the Community Safety Strategy 2022-25 and the Police and Crime Plan. Our SSDP structure continues to support the activity of 6 thematic groups, governed by the Executive Board. These theme groups respond to current demand and identify future priorities across the key themes of Anti-Social Behaviour; Domestic and Sexual Abuse; Serious Organised Crime; Substance Misuse; Crime and Reoffending and Violent Crime. Each of these groups are performance managed to ensure progress and delivery of outcomes for our communities.

In relation to initiatives funded through the Community Safety Grant, the Partnership has continued to support key roles in relation to workforce

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development and serious organised crime. As has been the approach in previous years, each theme group manages their own funding pot to enable them to respond to emerging issues and to facilitate planning for seasonal trends. Activity that has been progressed during this quarter includes:

- The purchase of basic mobile phones and sim cards to assist with the management of offenders through the Probation Service.
- Support for the expansion of the Best Bar None Initiative in the City Centre and outlying locations.
- The hiring of a 'Christmas Cabin' located in the City Centre, to promote crime reduction messaging.
- A social media ad campaign to support the public consultation period for the new Community Safety Strategy priorities 2026-29.
- The purchase of CCTV cameras and associated testing for placement at key locations.

All activity described above will positively contribute to the SYMCA and Community Safety Partnership priorities to tackle crime and disorder and improve the lives of Doncaster residents. Work is ongoing in respect of the other theme groups and their activity throughout the financial year.

On 30 September, Doncaster Chamber of Commerce held an event, 'Rebuild and Recruit', for local businesses looking to break the cycle of offending. By working with the prisons, businesses are able to develop skills and utilise ex-offenders to help plug gaps in their workforce. Some businesses gave their personal testimonies of their positive experiences to date.

**Rotherham CSP - Safer Rotherham Partnership (SRP) Safer, Stronger Communities.**  
**Safer Neighbourhoods**

The Safer Neighbourhoods group is established with an action plan; key performance indicators and objectives agreed with the priority lead and signed off by all group members.

The first meeting took place in August 2025; progress had been made particularly around establishing the membership of the group to ensure that the group are made aware of and can react to emerging issues effectively. The Chief Inspector of Neighbourhood policing is the co-chair of the group ensuring that close effective partnership working and approach to anti-social behaviour, and problem solving in neighbourhoods.

### **Hate Crime**

The council and SYP held a pop-up safety event at Thrybergh in August, focusing on community safety, including crime and anti-social behaviour. The Community Safety Team monitored and co-ordinated reports of activity in the borough, and resulting tensions, around *Operation Raise the Colours* working with Greenspaces, Housing and Neighbourhoods.

Three primary schools were recruited to the year 6 Harms of Hate event scheduled for February 2026, where pupils will learn, collectively, about hate crime and how to challenge and respond to it. None have participated previously and are from across the borough.

Discussion took place with the Refugee Council on joined up work to deliver a project in two targeted secondary schools to reframe entrenched views on immigration and asylum.

To tie in with Hate Crime Awareness Week 2025, Bystander Intervention training will be delivered to student leaders from three secondary schools to better equip them with the information and tools they need to safely monitor, challenge and prevent hate incidents.

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### Prevent

The full risk assessment and one-page situational risk assessment continue to be reviewed on a quarterly basis in response to the changing threat picture outlined by updates at the meeting by Counter terrorism police.

Two of the Projects organised in partnership with South Yorkshire through the Preventing Radicalisation Fund by the Home Office are confirmed and planning is underway to facilitate the delivery. The projects are on online safety, misinformation, disinformation with a focus on supporting neurodivergent individuals.

Current challenges around the public perception of Prevent and the subsequent criticism of Prevent after the failures around the Southport attack may lead to increasing challenges in engagement. These are being addressed by increased community engagement. The Prevent Lead has been attending Voluntary and Community Sector meetings hosted by Voluntary Action Rotherham to talk to the community around any concerns.

### Sheffield CSP - Safer Sheffield Partnership (SSP)

#### ASB Theme group:

- **City Centre Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO):** The City Centre PSPO is now live. Partner activity has been welcomed by residents and businesses. Early performance information highlights a decrease in incidents and offences in the PSPO area. Ongoing evaluation will provide metrics for partner consideration in due course.
- **ASB hot spots:** Hot spot areas for 2025/26 have been identified by SYP and patrols are in place with an operational response. The data identifies several areas in and around the town centre which complements the activity delivered as part of the "Keeping town centres safe this summer" initiative.

### Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG):

- **Cranstoun Inspire to Change Programme:** The current contract ended in August 2025 – recommissioning discussions are underway to secure service from this highly respected provider of training and diversionary inputs across the four local authority areas.

### Neighbourhood Crime and Re-offending:

- **Burglary/Theft Offences** - In order to mitigate the risk presented from high value burglary/theft offences across Sheffield, the theme group has supported the purchase of further crime prevention materials. These are being circulated as part of broader operational and problem-solving activity delivered under *Operation Hawkeye* led by SYP. Faraday boxes are also being explored to mitigate high value theft of motor vehicle offences.
- **Integrated Offender Management** - A bid was approved for provision of bus passes and mobile phones to help both police and probation interact and communicate effectively with nominals post release. The aim being to prevent reoffending with key nominals by providing practical support, for example with appointment keeping and diversionary interventions.

### Addressing the supply of drugs:

- **Fortify Awareness and Cuckooing awareness** – Shelter's inputs across the city during 2024/25 to professionals have ensured a better understanding of the impact of organised crime and exploitation. Sessions have been delivered to approximately 500 staff in total. Further sessions have been funded across the 2025/26 financial year.
- **Expert Witness Training** – Refresher training for police officers involved in providing expert drugs related witness testimony at court. The training is intended to maximise successful outcomes at court.

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### Protecting Vulnerable People (PVP):

- **Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking:** A task and finish review on the current Safer Sheffield Partnerships strategic response to modern slavery and Human Trafficking has been commissioned. This has identified the need for refreshed awareness training for staff around the importance of spotting the signs of modern slavery and ensuring established support routes are followed. The group is in the process of commissioning a local organisation to deliver training to key managers as 'Modern Slavery Leads'.

### SOUTH YORKSHIRE VIOLENCE REDUCTION UNIT (SYVRU)

The SYVRU has continued to work in partnership with organisations and communities to prevent and reduce violence in South Yorkshire.

In Q2, the VRU has awarded funding for its Community Grants Scheme. Successful applicants have received up to £25,000 to support initiatives for 12 months that help prevent violence and support people.

Funding is being used to establish new activities, to build on existing projects or to trial something completely new. Eligible projects include those that promote positive relationships, tackle domestic abuse, support substance misuse recovery, or provide pathways into education and employment. Communications activity will take place with successful applicants, to promote the projects they are working on when Deputy Mayor, Kilvinder Vigurs, visits the projects from the New Year onwards.

The VRU has continued to engage with organisations and communities across South Yorkshire in the last quarter.

The Senior Communications Officer has also held separate catch-up meetings with communications colleagues within SYMCA and from different organisations. In this quarter, this has included meetings with

South Yorkshire Police, Neighbourhood Policing Teams across all four districts and the newly established Home Office Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) group.

The Senior Communications Officer and Engagement Officer also conducted research with colleagues at the Sheffield Home Office (Vulcan House) to gather feedback on feelings of safety when travelling to/from work.

### Restorative Justice (RJ) - Remedi

Remedi is a registered charity commissioned to deliver Restorative Justice services for persons affected by crime in South Yorkshire. This includes arranging a direct or indirect exchange between a victim of crime and the offender.

In Q2, 1st July – 30th September 2025, Remedi received a potential 695 referrals into the service, via agency/self-referrals or as a result of a sentence outcome at court, enabling Remedi to make proactive victim contact.

117 victims of crime have been personally offered RJ during this quarter, with 83 saying yes to RJ, and Remedi are still attempting to contact a further 612 cases. Remedi offer 3 proactive calls at different times of the day in most cases, with 5 attempts on all cases where the victim is deemed vulnerable as per the national victims' code of compliance.

Remedi practitioners continue to hold a mix of standard, sensitive and complex and out of court disposal cases.

The following interventions have taken place across South Yorkshire during this quarter:

- 22 direct (face to face) interventions, including sensitive & complex cases.
- 133 indirect messages and letters have been passed between victims and offenders.

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Following the probation service reform in June 2021, Remedi have continued to work hard to increase referrals for the Restorative Victim Awareness Sessions. Remedi continue to complete relaunch briefings across all the National Probation Service (NPS) offices within South Yorkshire. Remedi have also implemented single point of contact (SPOC's) within all offices in order to take a pro-active approach to increase referrals into the service and will continue this consistent approach throughout the remainder of the financial year, as well as working closely with the probation leads.

### RJ Service User feedback:

"The whole process couldn't have been any better for me. I now view life in a very different way and I am truly thankful for every day. Thank you so

much for all your hard work, I have enjoyed everything from start to finish."

"I felt RJ was the right thing to do. I wanted to understand why it happened but also wanted to make sure we could all move on.

" I felt very well informed throughout the entire process. I was always asked if I felt comfortable and if I had any questions. There was never a

point where I felt uncomfortable with the process. I was very satisfied with how things went. I felt I achieved what I wanted to, and my expectations were met. "

" I felt more comfortable after the meeting and more at ease. I felt there was a closure after the meeting. I'm pleased I went through with the process and proud of us as a family for completing the process. I am

impressed with the system and process and would recommend the process as it has been beneficial and given a sense of closure".

The RJ Hub is based within Snig Hill Police Station and operates working hours 9am – 5pm Monday-Friday. An answerphone facility is available out of hours and all calls will be responded to. Remedi welcome referrals for RJ from victims & offenders themselves or any professional working with those persons.

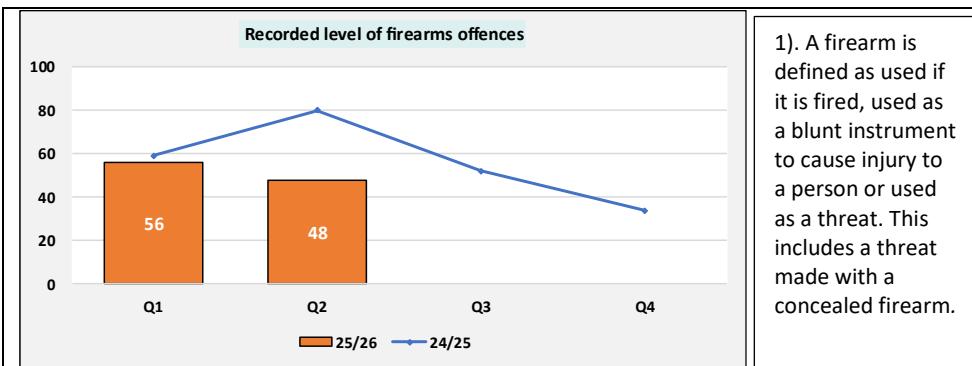
Direct contact number is 0800 561 1000 or text SYRJ to 82228.  
Or via website [www.restorativesouthyorkshire.co.uk](http://www.restorativesouthyorkshire.co.uk)

## 5. Tackling the Most Serious Offences and Building Resilient Communities

Within this priority, the areas of focus are:

➤ Working together to identify and dismantle organised crime groups

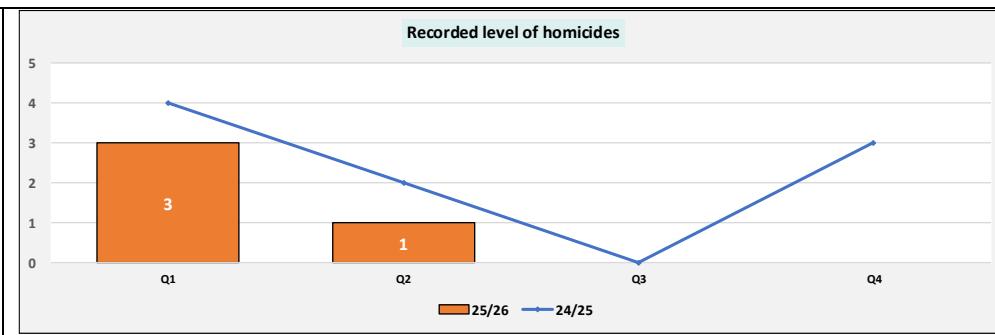
➤ Continuing to deliver on the Government's Strategic Policing Requirement.



Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

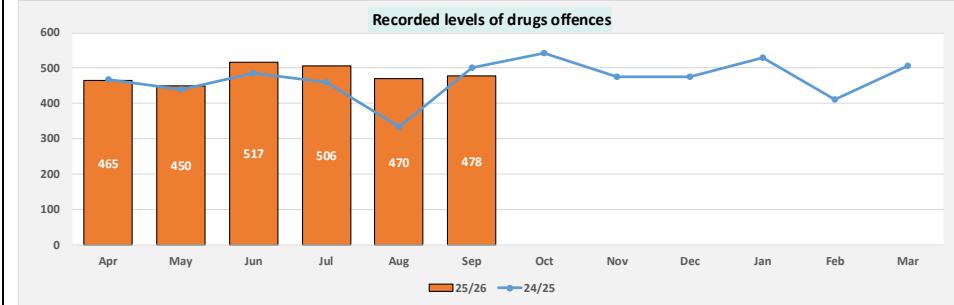
The recorded level of firearms crimes in Q2 2/26 was lower than the previous quarter and the same period last year.

(1) Firearms crimes includes the use of imitation firearms, air weapons if a violent crime or burglary and stun guns.



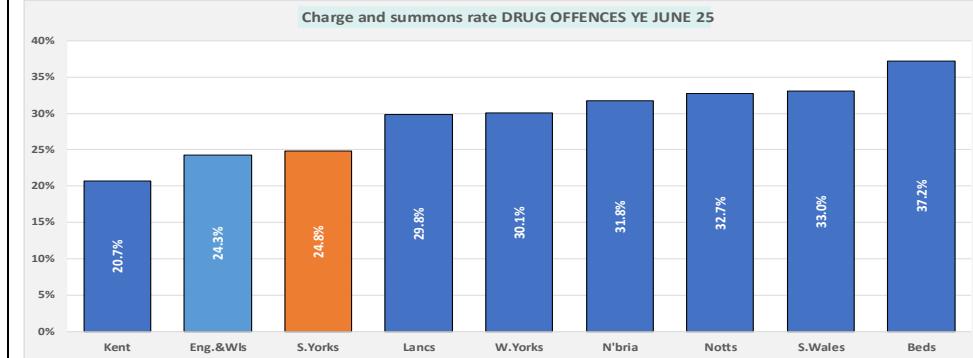
Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

There was one homicide recorded in Q2 25/26 in South Yorkshire. It should be noted that Homicide figures can change as inquests are concluded. Homicide includes murder, manslaughter, corporate manslaughter, and infanticide.



Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

The recorded level of drugs offences in Q2 2025/26 has remained in line with the previous quarter but has increased compared to the equivalent period last year. Drugs offences include the possession and trafficking of drugs. Levels of recorded drug offences will increase as more pro-active work is undertaken by the police to tackle drug crime.



Source: ONS

Latest data up to June 2025 shows South Yorkshire has a lower than average charge/summons rate for drug offences compared to most similar forces but is above the England and Wales average.

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### Modern Slavery Human Trafficking (MSHT) and Organised Immigration Crime.

South Yorkshire Police continue to chair and coordinate the Modern Slavery and Organised Immigration Crime (MSOIC) Unit partnership group. This partnership forum is made up of a wide range of organisations across law enforcement, local authorities and non-law enforcement areas and provides an environment where information and best practice can be shared. In the last quarter several guest speakers have provided training and awareness raising inputs to the partnership group. This forum has also facilitated collaboration between professionals to formulate and deliver joint working solutions.

Work has continued to revise and relaunch the public facing website for this partnership, which is expected to be formally launched in the next quarter. The new website will provide key information regarding the activity of the partnership and other content regarding Modern Slavery and Organised Immigration Crime.

South Yorkshire Police continue to manage a centralised investigation review process which ensures that all Modern Slavery investigations have a formally assigned and specially trained Modern Slavery Tactical Advisor to support the investigating officer. The central MSOIC Unit also review each investigation to ensure the appropriate outcome has been achieved in each case.

Anyone who has concerns for modern slavery can contact the force directly on 101 (or 999 if there is a concern an individual is in immediate danger), or alternatively by calling the Modern Slavery Helpline on 0800 012 1700.

### Organised Crime Group (OCG) Disruption

The force has an established brand for tackling organised crime, this operation brings together the four districts and Crime Services in a stand against Serious and Organised Crime (SOC) and routine sharing of content externally and internally which builds on the four Ps:

- Pursue – prosecuting and disrupting people engaged in serious and organised criminality
- Prevent – preventing people from engaging in serious and organised criminality
- Protect – increasing protection against organised crime
- Prepare – reducing the impact of serious and organised crime where it takes place.

OCG threats are locally managed and centrally coordinated under the banner of Fortify. OCG disruption activity relies on a strong understanding of threats, and the force has undertaken mapping to establish the level of firearms capabilities across the OCGs residing in South Yorkshire.

Proactive disruption of firearms-enabled organised crime groups has led to reductions in firearm discharges in South Yorkshire since 2024. In 2024, there were 25 firearms discharges, a significant reduction from the peak of 86 in 2020. So far in 2025/26 (up to November), 17 discharges have been recorded (compared to 18 by the same time 2024).

There has been a notable increase in the recovery of illegally held firearms too. Up to November in 2025/26, 47 illegally held firearms have been seized, compared to 24 in the whole of 2024.

## Providing Value for Money for Policing and Crime Services

Whilst working towards delivering the priorities and areas of focus within the Police and Crime Plan, all partners will need to show value for money (VFM) by focussing on the optimal use of resources to achieve intended outcomes. Value for Money can be broken down into core component parts to understand whether organisations are using resources economically, efficiently, and effectively.

### **Economy, Efficiency and Effectiveness**

There are two main ways currently that value for money aims to be measured; through the quarterly Budget Monitoring Report covering “economy” and “efficiency” and the quarterly Police and Crime Plan Performance Report covering “effectiveness”. Both these reports are presented and discussed at the Police and Crime Panel meetings.

The high-level financial forecast for the Policing and Reform Directorate of SYMCA and South Yorkshire Police for the financial year 2025/26 as of 30th Sep 2025 is as follows:

#### **Revenue budget**

- Police and Reform budget outturn £3.4m forecast underspend.  
The 2025/26 outturn position is forecast to be £3.4m underspend reflecting additional Treasury Management income (£2.5m) and underspend due to staff vacancies (£110k), partially offset by a forecast overspend in Supplies & Services costs (£82k).
- South Yorkshire Police Budget outturn £0.4 forecast underspend.  
As at Q2 force revenue position is a net underspend of £0.4m against a budget of £354.5m which equates to less than 0.2%. At Qtr1 the force reported a projected net overspend of £0.7m against the same budget. This is net reduction of £1.1m and mainly relates to growth from prior years that has now been identified as surplus budget.

#### **Capital budget.**

- The original approved 2025/26 Capital Programme was £16.2m, now revised to £15.1m. This is due to adjustments for year end slippage from 2024/25 of £5.3m, other requested adjustments following check and challenge meetings and in year decisions of (£6.9m), and a reduction of the contingency slippage adjustment of £0.6m, leaving the net reduction of £1.1m. Year to date expenditure on capital projects is £8.9m.

#### **Legacy and cashflow**

- To-date good progress has been made against the asks of Government, with additional funding being made available for legacy issues, a cashflow intervention that generates material value, and support for the proposed accounting treatment for the correction of errors. A capitalisation direction has

been agreed to support the costs of current and future legacy compensation scheme costs. Work is ongoing with the Home Office to explore further funding options.

#### **Reserves**

- Total reserves at 31 March 2025 are £83.4m, of which General Reserve is £64.4m, Earmarked Reserve £11.4 m, and Insurance Reserve £7.6m. Whilst the reserves position has improved this is part of the budget recovery plan – reserves will be drawn down to support service transformation and manage budget deficits in the near term.