POLICE AND CRIME PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT

Police and Crime Plan 2026-2027 Performance Report

QUARTER 1 2026/27 - 1ST APRIL 2026 TO 30TH JUNE 2026

This report covers the period for Quarter 1 2026/27 (1st April 2026 to 30th June 2026) 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.

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.

Disclaimer

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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 Dec 25**	**12 months to Mar 26**	**Comparison***
% of people agreeing that the police do a good or excellent job (1)	46%	46%	⇔
% of people agreeing that police are dealing with things that matter in their local area (1)	43%	41%	⇩
Measure	**12 months to Mar 26**	**12 months to Jun 26**	**Comparison***
% of victims overall satisfied with service received from SYP (2)	70%	70%	⇔
2. Preventing and Reducing Crime and ASB			
Measure	**12 months to Mar 26**	**12 months to Jun 26**	**Trend***
Recorded level of all crime (excl. Fraud) (3)	145,734	146,474	⇧
SYP recorded level of Anti-Social Behaviour (3)	27,482	27,487	⇧
Recorded level of Neighbourhood Crimes (4)	18,676	17,917	⇩
Measure ***(Lower numbers are better, updated annually)***	**12 months to Dec 24**	**12 months to Dec 25**	**Trend***
No. of first-time entrants into the criminal justice system (aged 10-17) (5)	258	233	⇩
3. Improving Safety on all our Transport Networks			
Measure ***(Lower numbers are better, updated annually)***	**12 months to Dec 24**	**12 months to Dec 25**	**Trend***
No. of people killed or seriously injured on South Yorkshire's roads (6)	791	814	⇧
Measure	**12 months to Mar 26**	**12 months to Jun 26**	**Trend***
SYP recorded level of vehicle-related Anti-social Behaviour (7)	13,328	13,364	⇧
4.Breaking the Cycle of Offending and Harm			
Measure ***(Lower rates are better)***	**Data published Apr 26 (Jul 23 - Jun 24 cohort)**	**Data published Jul 26 (Oct 23 - Sept 24 cohort)**	**Trend***
Rate of proven reoffending (aged 18+) (8)	33.8%	34.1%	⇧
Rate of proven reoffending (aged 10-17) (8)	31.5%	32.6%	⇧
5. Tackling the Most Serious Offences and Building Resilient Communities			
Measure	**12 months to Mar 26**	**12 months to Jun 26**	**Trend***
Recorded level of homicides (3)	7	9	⇧
Recorded level of firearms offences (3)	206	217	⇧
Measure	**12 months to Dec 25**	**12 months to Mar 26**	**Trend***
Recorded level of offences involving knife or sharp instrument (9)	1,438	1,400	⇩

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 trend 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.

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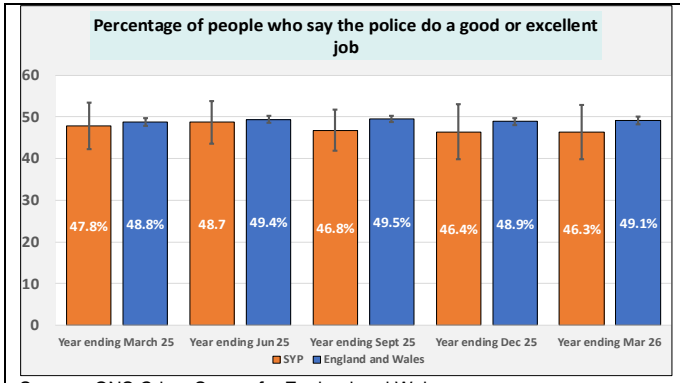
South Yorkshire should be a place where everyone feels safe and secure, whoever they are and wherever they are. Where people report crime or ASB, they expect their concerns to be taken seriously, and for the police and partners to keep them informed and updated. Policing relies on public support and 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.

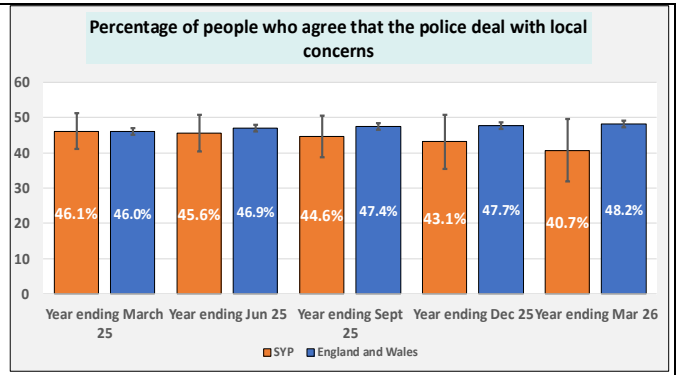
The following section of the report includes a look at data and performance indicators as well as information about the range of work going on aimed at improving trust and confidence - details of which are included after the graphs.

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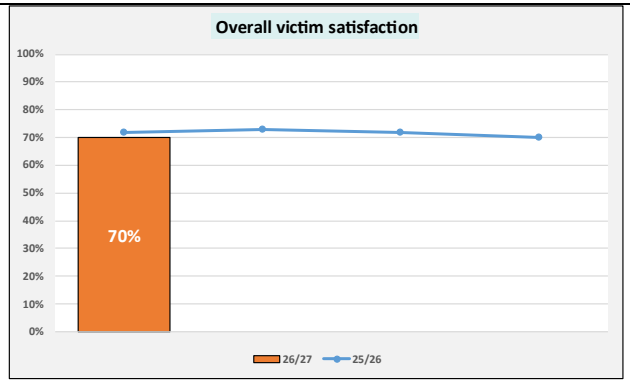
Source: ONS Crime Survey for England and Wales

In the most recent data release year ending March 2026, 46.3% of people said that South Yorkshire police do a good or excellent job. There was no statistically significant difference from the previous 12-month period. (This graph uses error bars (the black lines above the bar chart), for explanation please refer to note 1 on page 4).



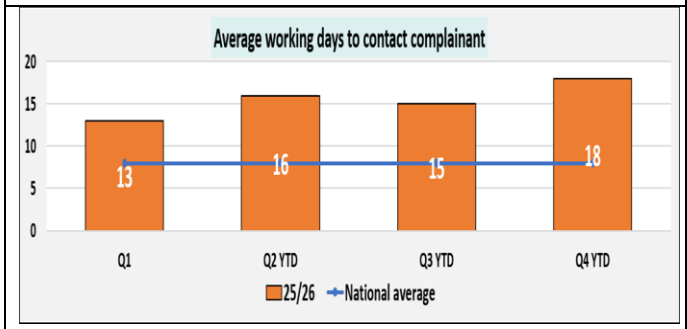
Source: ONS Crime Survey for England and Wales

In the most recent data release year ending March 2026, 40.7% of people agreed that South Yorkshire police deal with local concerns. There was no statistically significant difference from the previous 12-month period. (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

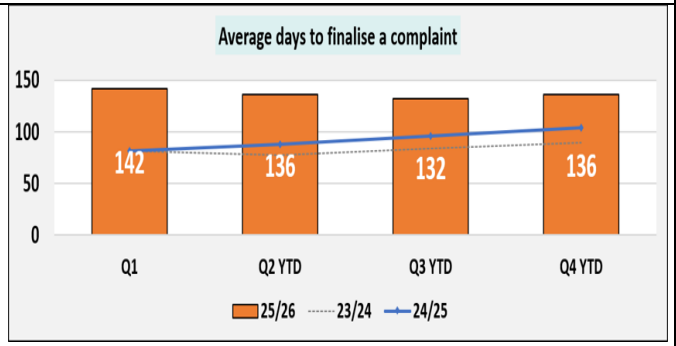
In the 12 months to June 2026, 70% of victims were satisfied with their overall experience with the Police. There was no statistically significant difference to the previous quarter or equivalent period last year. Victim satisfaction data is collected by an SYP telephone survey conducted 4-10 weeks after reporting.



Source : IOPC Police Complaints Information Bulletin

NB : Q1 data not yet available.

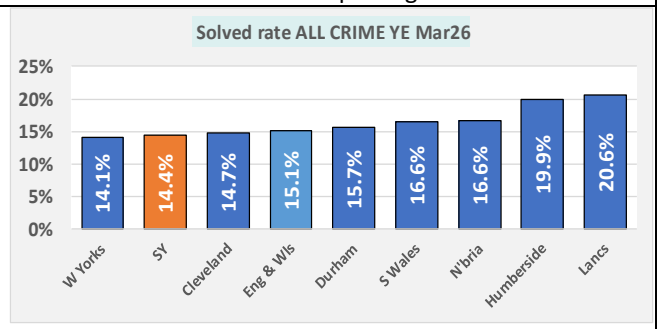
The average number of working days to contact a complainant in the year to March 2026 was 18, higher than the previous period – year to December 2025 (15 days) and the same period last year (11 days). The average in SY was also higher than the national average of 8 days.



Source : IOPC Police Complaints Information Bulletin

NB : Q1 data not yet available.

In Q4 2025/26 the average number of days to finalise a complaint (136) was slightly higher than last quarter with timescales still longer this year than last. Timeliness is calculated from the day the complaint was made. Figures will include the time a case may spend suspended due to investigating criminal matters.



Source: ONS

Latest data up to March 2026 shows that in South Yorkshire the police 'solved' rate for all crimes is slightly lower than the England and Wales average and lower than the average rate compared to SYP's most similar group of forces.

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Public Engagement
Throughout Q1 (Apri - June), engagement activity continued online and face-to-face, with events and visits delivered across all four districts.

The figures below do not include additional engagement undertaken by the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU). During this period, updates continued to be shared in relation to the Mayor's Policing and Crime priorities, alongside the ongoing distribution of the Mayor's first Police and Crime Plan. The Deputy Mayor, Kilvinder Vigurs, also undertook a range of engagement visits to further develop understanding of community priorities across South Yorkshire.

- Over 30 engagement visits and meetings with communities took place between April and June (slightly down from the previous period but periods of annual leave were also taken during this period). Those engaged with included members of the public, community organisations, Violence Reduction Unit grant recipients and their clients, internal staff and SYP officers and staff.
- The Deputy Mayor attended community and partnership meetings, including community walkabouts with SYP's neighbourhood policing teams, and visits requested by residents experiencing issues in their local areas.
- The Deputy Mayor chaired the first **Community Confidence Board** (CCB) in June. This was well attended both in person, and online by members of the public. Topics covered included Stop & Search, Use of Force, Hate Crime and the Police Race Action Plan. The CCB is a key commitment from South Yorkshire Mayor Oliver Coppard, designed to provide an open, transparent public forum for holding the force to account. The Board brings together the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, the Chief Constable, partners, and local communities to discuss issues of public concern and review progress against the Police and Crime Plan. Future meetings will take place quarterly, with the next being on 30th September and will focus on serious violence, including knife crime.
- The inaugural meeting of the **South Yorkshire Community Clean-Up** Partnership, also referred to as the **Big Clean**, took place involving a wide range of partners from across South Yorkshire. The project aims to:
    - Support consistent, countywide approaches to community clean-up activity
    - Strengthen community resilience and promote sustainable behaviour change
    - Amplify and align local initiatives while respecting local autonomy and existing schemes
    - Share intelligence, resources, and best practice
    - Balance education, engagement, and enforcement to tackle environmental crime.
- As part of the Big Clean project a day of action including litter picks, engagement with members of the public around home fire safety, land fires and enforcement action took place. The day involved partnership work with Rotherham Council, South Yorkshire Fire & Rescue, Tesco and local children from two primary schools and a local nursery.
- Around 50 people gathered for the latest We Are South Yorkshire engagement at the Rotherham Rugby Club to discuss violence against women and girls. The purpose of the event was to explore how men and boys across South Yorkshire understand, experience, and influence cultures linked to safety, respect, gender equality, and violence against women and girls. Representatives from Rotherham Rugby Club provided interesting insight into sessions they run with teenage boys and then attendees worked in groups to identify how our community organisations can work together to create healthier norms, safer spaces, and sustained prevention.

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Independent Custody Visitors Scheme

The Policing and Public Safety Directorate runs a mandatory Independent Custody Visitors (ICV) Scheme to check on the welfare of those who are being detained in police custody, ensure their rights are respected and to provide confidence to the police and the wider community.

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 allow immediate access to the custody suite welcome them and facilitate their visit.

The directorate also monitors the force custody dashboard. This enables performance information to be tracked 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 Q1 26/27, 22 visits to custody were undertaken by custody visitors. This was an increase on the last quarter. A total of 50 detainees were visited with a 66.7% availability rate from 75 detainees who were in the suites at the time of the visits. There is regular contact with officers from SYP in relation to findings from visits and set actions for improvement**.**

The successful roll out of the ICV reporting app occurred on 01 April 2026 and the first quarter's report was being managed by the electronic reporting form. ICVs had been trained in the use of the app and electronic form, and the custody inspectors were to have training. Unfortunately, the ICVs reported there were technical issues with WIFI reoccurring impacting their ability to use the App to make reports. Upon escalation of concerns about the WIFI situation, South Yorkshire Police's Technical Networks Lead assured the Deputy Mayor a new project manager has been assigned to the Wi-Fi replacement program, and funding has been confirmed.

In Q2, the ICV scheme manager will attend the Lifewise Open Day to promote the scheme.

It is important to the Deputy Mayor and the scheme to reach out to people who have hard to reach voices in South Yorkshire. This is to ensure all communities are represented on the Scheme and gain trust and confidence in the police. There is an ongoing recruitment campaign for ICVs and recruitment details can be found on the SYMCA webpage at: https://www.southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk/explore-policing-and-reform-directorate-icvs

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Police Officer Workforce

Police Officer ethnic minority representation has increased very slightly to 5.14% in Q1 26/27 compared to Q4 25/26 (5.0%) and has also increased slightly for heritage other than white to 3.38% in Q1 compared to 3.2%. This compares to 12% of the South Yorkshire population who are of heritage other than white. Police Officer representation for LGBTQ+ has reduced slightly to 5.16% in Q1 (5.3% in Q4, 5.4% in Q3). Police Officer representation for disability has remained stable at 5.2%. 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 40.1% (increase from 39.9% in Q4).

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

Police Staff Workforce

As a force, SYP is continuing to focus on representation across all protected characteristics, however trends are showing a fairly static position. Police staff ethnic minority representation has increased slightly from 5.6% in Q4 25/26 to 5.7% in Q1 26/27. Heritage other than white has decreased slightly from 3.7% in Q4 to 3.6% in Q1. LGBTQ+ representation has reduced slightly from 4.5% in Q4 25/26 to 4.4% in Q1 26/27. Representation for those with a disability has decreased to 6.4% in Q1, from 6.8% in Q4.

Attracting People to Join

A dedicated Positive Action officer works with local community groups, businesses, charities, universities, colleges, schools, local authorities and the fire and rescue service to promote career opportunities within South Yorkshire Police. Attention is given to encouraging applications from groups that are currently underrepresented in the police workforce.

Recruitment

The positive action lead works closely with recruitment colleagues to identify applicants who may benefit from additional support during the application process. This includes people applying for a range of roles across the organisation, such as police officers, call handling and control room staff, and police community support officer (PCSO) roles. Those individuals are offered guidance and support throughout their recruitment journey.

A new monitoring system introduced in 2026 will also help track how people who engage with Positive Action progress through the recruitment process, allowing a better understanding of the impact of the support provided.

Work is also underway to improve the careers and inclusion information available on the South Yorkshire Police website, making it easier to access and understand. In addition, monthly online information sessions will be introduced to help prospective applicants learn more about careers with the organisation and the support available to them.

Retention

A new staff exit questionnaire was introduced in January 2026 to help better understand why people choose to leave SYP. The information collected is currently being analysed and will be used to help identify trends and improve the experience of employees.

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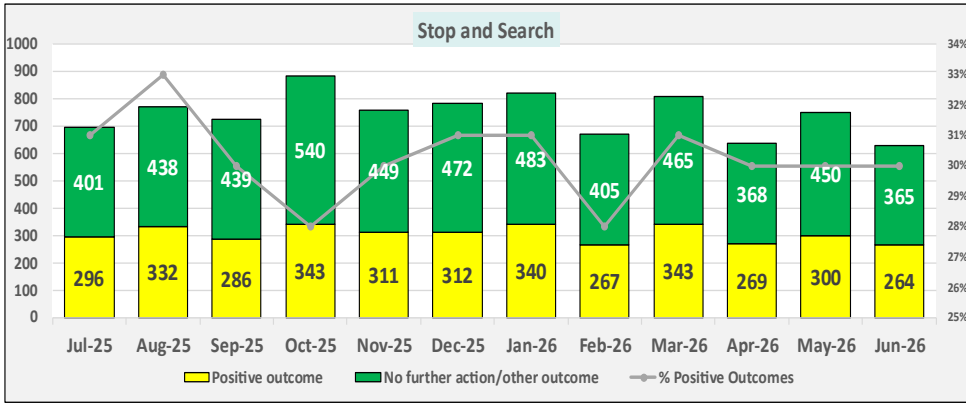
Another initiative, launched in January 2026, provides staff with an opportunity to discuss any concerns or challenges they may be facing before deciding to leave. Work is underway to assess how many people have used this service, the support provided, and how many have remained within the organisation as a result. Initial findings will be reviewed later in 2026, with plans to further raise awareness of the support available.

Development sessions for colleagues from underrepresented groups are also continuing, providing opportunities for professional growth, networking and career development. The programme remains ongoing, with further sessions planned throughout the year.

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. 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.



Source: SYP– unaudited data subject to change

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 30% in April, May and June 2026 respectively.

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Stop and searches broken down by ethnicity.

South Yorkshire 12 months 1st July 2025 – 30th June 2026				
Ethnicity	**No. of searches**	**% of searches**	**% positive outcome**	**Rate per 1000 population***
White	6,642	64%	33%	5.5
Black	647	6%	32%	19.0
Asian	891	9%	34%	11.3
Other	312	3%	31%	12.3
Mixed	351	3%	35%	11.5
Not Stated	1,546	15%	15%	-

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 Q1, 86% of stop and searches were conducted on males, 14% 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 and work has been done to improve the linking of stop and search data to age, ethnicity and location. Analysis of what this shows is currently underway. 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/sts/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 an important 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 the 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 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 has "link members" - nominated individuals whose role is to focus on a particular area of work over and above those discussed within the quarterly meetings.

The IEP met in May during this quarter and discussed a range of subjects including a discussion with SYP on refreshing the Panel's Organisational

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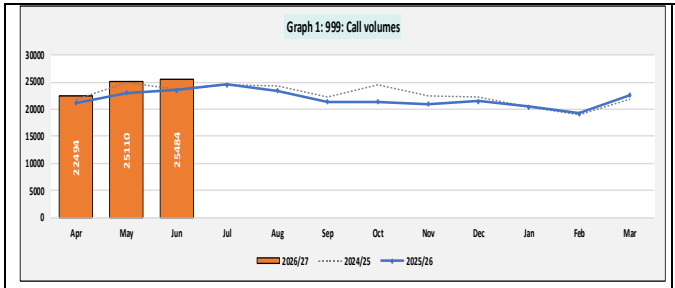
Culture and Equality and Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) work programmes. SYP also presented their EDI annual report. There was a discussion on SYP's work on recruitment, progression and retention. SYP's Chief Inspector of the Professional Standards Department attended the meeting to discuss complaints and vetting. There was also a discussion on findings from the Panel's lead member's dip sampling work on complaints and vetting outcomes.

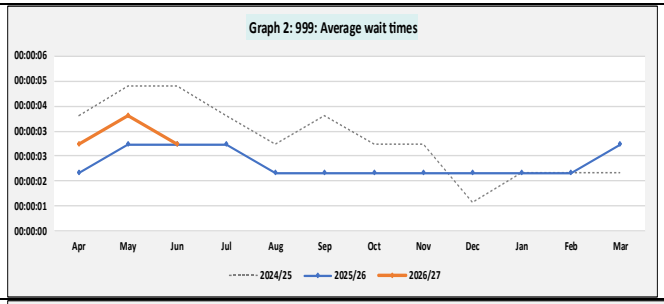
Further information about the work of the Independent Ethics Panel can be found online: South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority - South Yorkshire MCA (southyorkshire-ca.gov.uk)

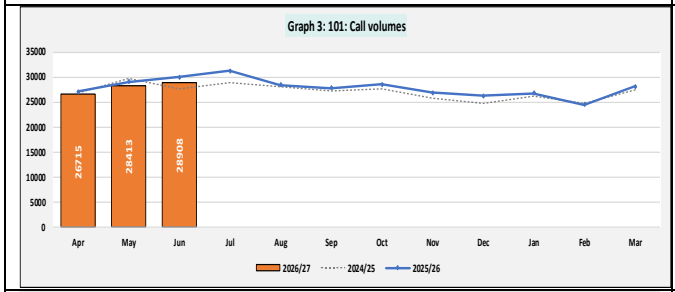
Anyone interested in joining the external Stop and Search scrutiny panel can find more information on SYP's website: Stop and search | South Yorkshire Police

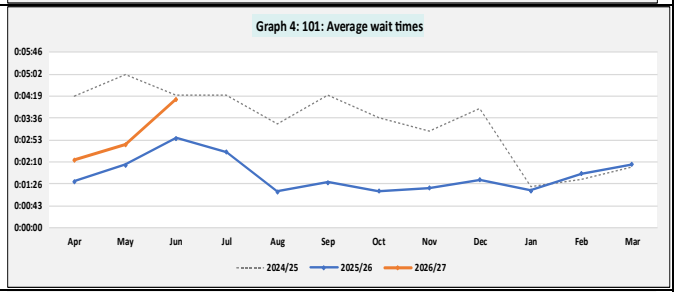
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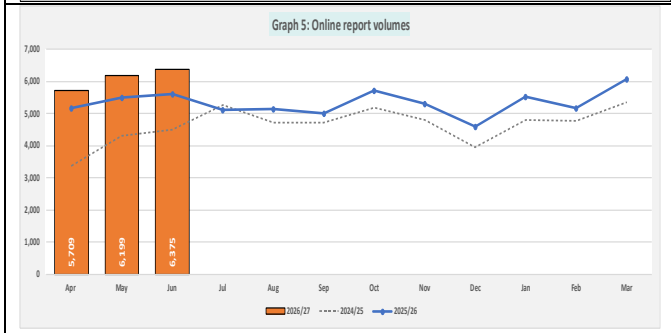
The Government publishes national data for all forces in respect of 999 and 101 call handling performance on the Police.UK website which uses a different dataset or uses a different way of analysing the data to that shown below. Therefore, the data on the Police.UK website will differ slightly to the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

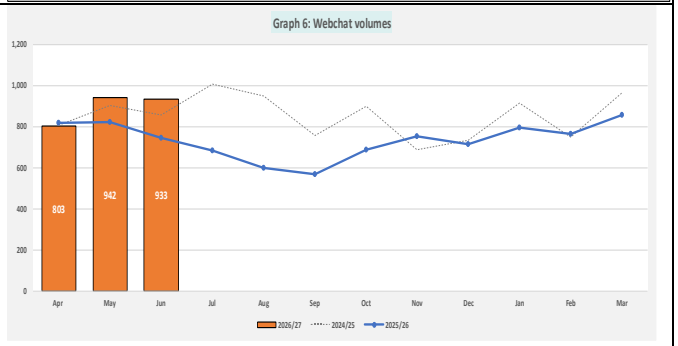












999 calls: 999 call volumes have increased in Q1 26/27 compared to Q4 25/26 and are also higher than Q1 25/26. (Graph 1). The average call wait time has increased by one second to 3 seconds (Graph 2).

101 calls: Volumes of 101 calls in Q1 26/27 have increased compared to the Q4 25/26 (Graph 3) but are lower than the same period last year. The average 101 wait time during Q1 (the orange line in graph 4) was around 3m 4s, higher than the previous quarter.

Callers to 101 are able to choose from a range of options before being put through to switchboard (or any option selected).

Online Reporting:

Members of the public can contact SYP using an online portal which has two methods of contact – online forms (by topic), and a webchat. Online report volumes increased in Q1 26/27 compared to Q4 25/26 with 18,283 reports recorded. There were 2,678 webchats recorded in Q1, an increase compared to both Q4 25/26 and Q1 25/26. The average webchat response time during Q1 was 2 minutes 6 seconds, around the same as the previous quarter. 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.

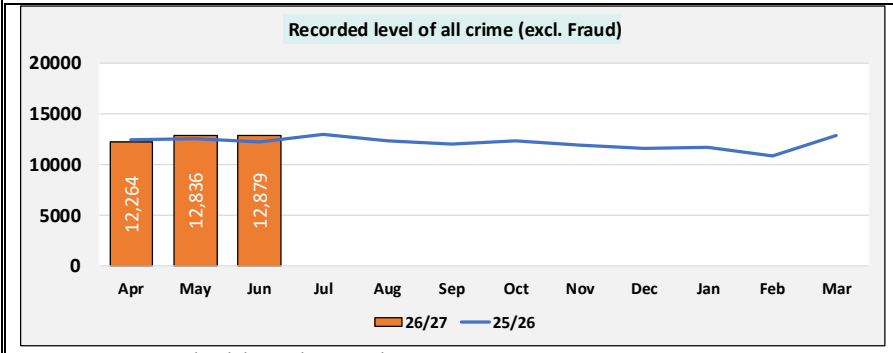
A new online contact system from April 24 will affect comparisons with 2023/24.

[1] 101 is the number for contacting the police about something that is not an emergency.

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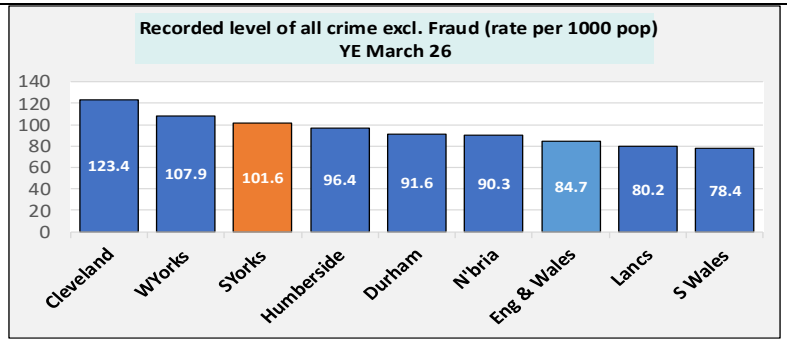
The indicators and narrative chosen for this section of the report focus on those areas of crime and ASB of most concern to local communities, namely:

- 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.



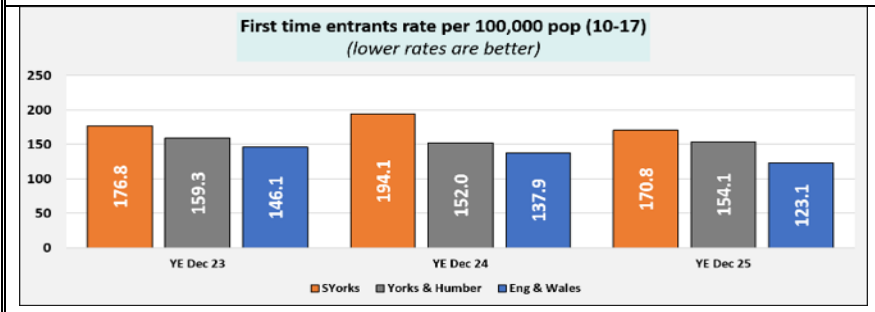
Source: SYP – Unaudited data subject to change

The total police recorded level of all crime (excl. fraud) has increased in Q1 26/27 compared to the previous quarter and the same period last year. Changes to crime recording rules will impact comparisons.



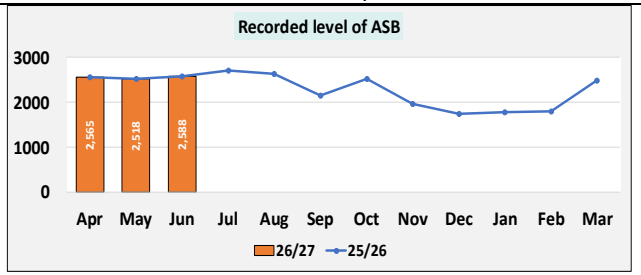
Source: ONS

Latest available comparator data shows South Yorkshire has the third 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 remained stable in the YE March 2026 compared to the YE December 2025.



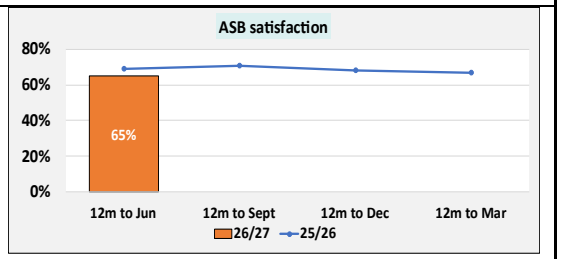
Source: Ministry of Justice

The latest comparator data for the 12 months to the end of December 2025 for South Yorkshire shows that there was a decrease in the rate of people aged 10-17 entering the criminal justice system for the first time compared to the previous period. South Yorkshire has a higher first-time entrant rate than the regional and the national averages.



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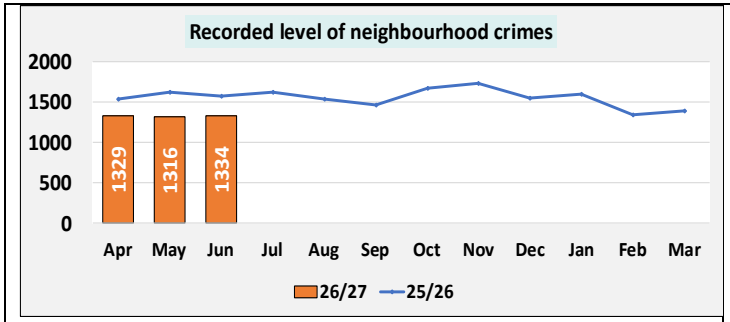
There has been an increase in recorded levels of ASB in Q1 26/27 compared to the previous quarter. This increase is in line with usual seasonal trends. Levels are in with the same period last year. Local authorities also record some ASB incidents which are not included here.



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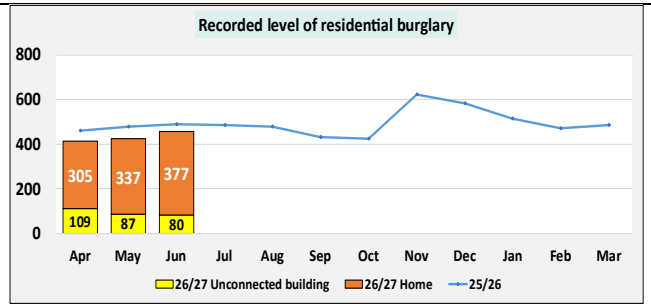
In the 12 months to June 2026, 65% of ASB victims were satisfied with their overall experience with the Police – no statistically significant change compared to last 12-month period. Victim satisfaction data is collected by a telephone survey conducted 4-10 weeks after reporting.

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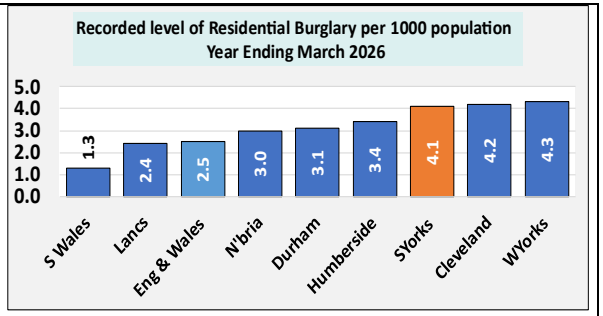
Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

Recorded levels of neighbourhood crimes have decreased in Q1 26/27 compared to the previous quarter and are lower than the equivalent period last year. Neighbourhood crimes include residential burglary, robbery of personal property, theft from the person, interfering with, theft of and theft from a vehicle.



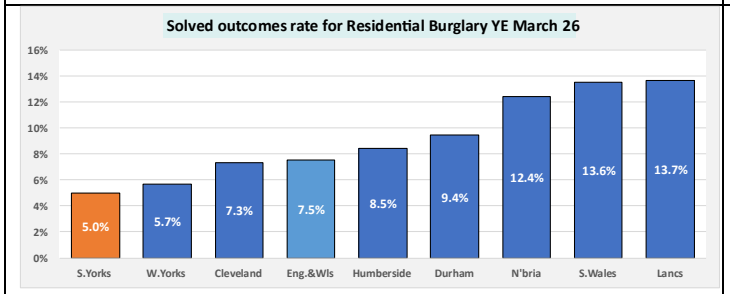
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Recorded levels of residential burglary have decreased in Q1 26/27 compared to the previous quarter and are lower than the equivalent period last year. SYP continue to focus specifically on tackling residential burglary in line with residents' priorities. Data and force initiatives are being closely monitored to check the impact of this work.



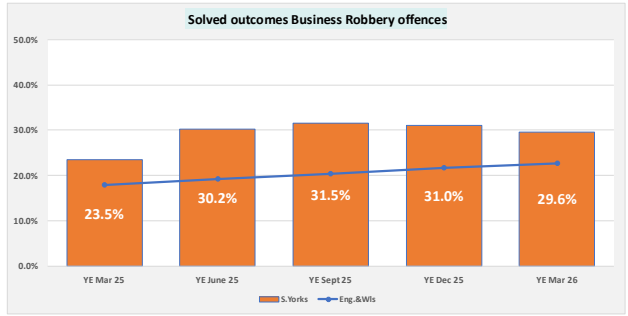
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Despite recent reductions in recorded rates of residential burglary, latest comparator data for the year ending March 2026 shows South Yorkshire recorded the third highest rate per 1000 population compared to most similar forces. The rate is also above the England and Wales average



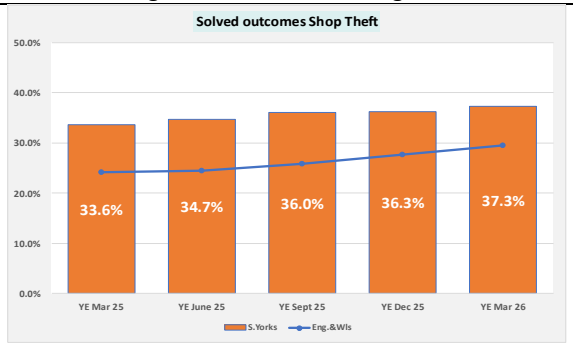
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The latest comparator data for the year ending March 2026 shows South Yorkshire recorded the lowest solved rate for residential burglary offences compared to most similar forces and the national average.



Source: ONS

The latest comparator data for the 12 months to the end of March 2026 shows that South Yorkshire had a higher solved rate for business robbery offences compared to the England and Wales average.



Source: ONS

The latest comparator data for the 12 months to the end of March 2026 shows that South Yorkshire had a higher solved rate for shop theft offences compared to the England and Wales average.

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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.

Referrals to the South Yorkshire ISVA service decreased by 15% in Q1, from 468 in Q4 25/26 to 396 in Q1 26/27. Referrals have increased by 19% compared to Q1 last year 2025/26.

In Q1, the partnership supported an average of 980 active clients, lower than the previous quarter, which saw an average of 1035 active clients.

Referral volumes of clients for the ISVA service are high, with waiting lists in place that mean clients can currently wait on average over 9 months to receive support from a named ISVA. There is also an increasing trend in ISVAs supporting clients for longer due to longer wait times for cases to go to trial. However, a framework has been agreed for the triage and prioritisation of referrals; this ensures that clients are allocated to ISVA's following a comprehensive needs assessment.

Demand and capacity challenges experienced in the ISVA service is not exclusive to South Yorkshire and benchmarking is underway to better understand the picture. Further work is ongoing with the provider to develop plans to improve the position.

The genders of active clients across the partnership remain at comparable levels to Q4 25/26, with the largest group being people who identify as female (88%), followed by people who identify as male (10%). The proportion of people identifying as transgender, non-binary or other remained at a similar level to Q3, forming 2% of the total client group.

Overall, the number of children and young people accessing ISVA services remained stable compared to the previous quarter, with those aged 0-17 making up 31% 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 22% of active clients during the quarter.

The majority of active clients across the region identify as heterosexual (53%), while 10% 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 84% of active clients. The proportion of clients from minority ethnic backgrounds remained stable at 11%, while 5% of clients did not disclose or chose not to share their ethnicity.

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Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC)
The co-commissioned Adult (16+) 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 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.

Case referral numbers in South Yorkshire decreased in Q1 26/27 compared to Q4 25/26, with 89 referrals in Q1, compared to 119 in Q4 25/26. This quarter, referrals into the service were predominantly self-referrals at 44%, followed by referrals from the police (38%). Police referrals have seen a decrease from Q4 25/26 (58%), whereas self-referrals have increased (36%).

The majority of people using the SARC in Q1 identified as female (76%). The proportion of male users of the service has increased slightly in Q1 (17%) compared to the previous quarter (11%).

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 49 referrals made to the children's SARC in Q1 26/27, 32 of which were recent referrals and 17 were non-recent child sexual assault referrals. This is an increase from Q4 when there were 41 referrals (30 recent and 11 non-recent).

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 1 saw 70 referrals made to the service across South Yorkshire, an increase from the previous quarter. Police referrals accounted for four of those referrals (6%), 46 from Children's Social Care (66%) and 13 self-referrals (19%). 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 – 19 referrals (27%)
- Rotherham – 20 referrals (29%)
- Doncaster – 15 referrals (21%)
- Barnsley – 16 referrals (23%)

During the quarter, 19 completed the course, 31 did not engage and five were assessed but did not start.

CDAIR - Domestic Abuse Conditional Cautions
Cranstoun are also commissioned to deliver the Domestic Abuse Conditional Caution programme. Referrals are received from South Yorkshire Police into the programme.

In Q1 26/27, there were 24 referrals. Breakdown by area:

- Sheffield – 7 (29%)

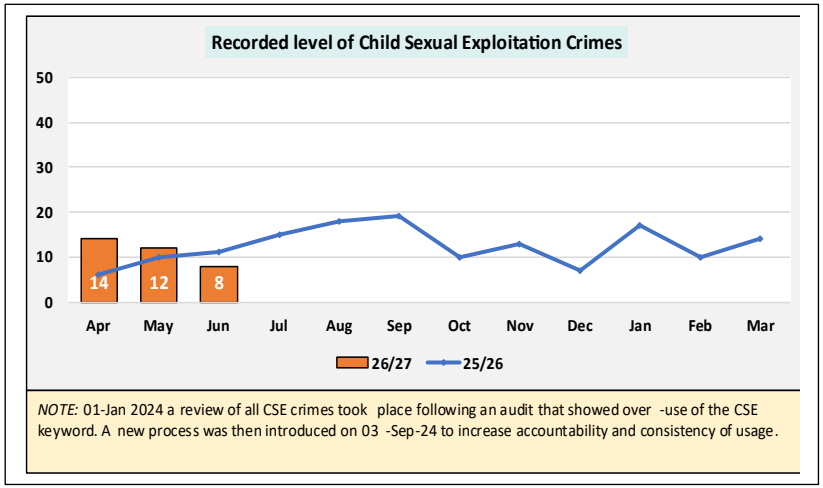
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- Rotherham – 8 (33%)
- Doncaster – 7 (29%)
- Barnsley – 2 (8%)

Of the 24 referrals, 19 were men (79%) and five were women (21%).

Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and Child Criminal Expoitation (CCE)
The chart opposite shows a decrease in the number of CSE recorded crimes compared to the previous quarter but an increase to the same period last year. A full-scale review of CSE related data and the accuracy of keywords used in the recording of crimes related to CSE recently took place. The review found some over-recording and therefore data has been corrected.

In quarter one, South Yorkshire Police continued a proactive and specialist response to child sexual exploitation (CSE), supported by strong partnership working and positive criminal justice outcomes. The force continues to prioritise CSE, with dedicated teams working alongside local authorities and other agencies. The force has developed its understanding and response to CSE since the Jay Report, with dedicated teams now proactively investigating exploitation and supporting vulnerable children.

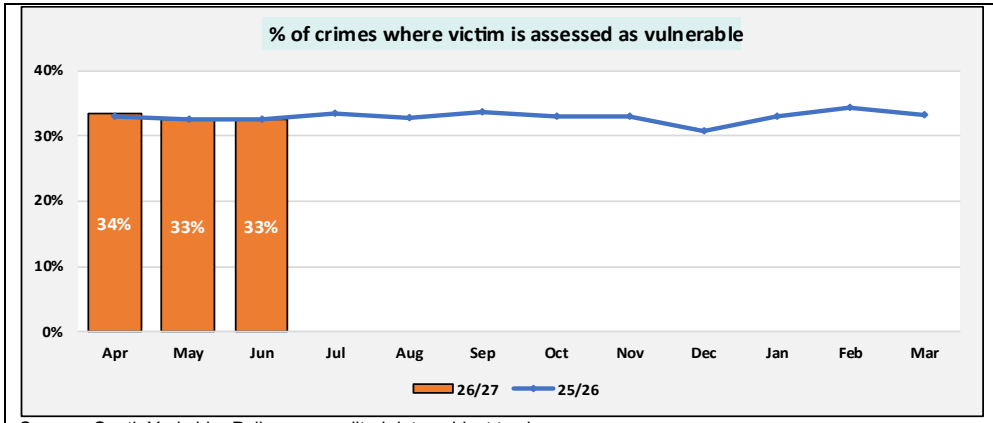


Positive actions have been taken against child sexual abusers and online sex offenders, including a sentence of 32-years for child sexual abuse and sentences of over nine years and five years for online sex offenders.

Alongside SYP activity, Operation Stovewood continued to deliver justice for historic Rotherham CSE victims, with three brothers sentenced to a combined 40-year imprisonment on 22 June.

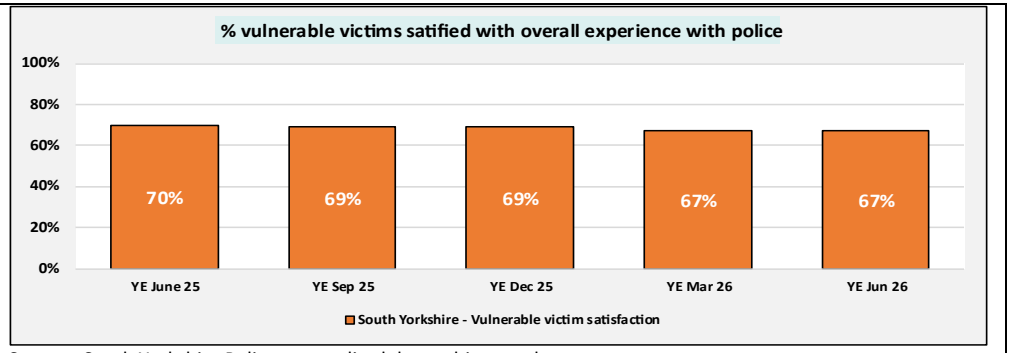
Overall, work this quarter demonstrates sustained investigation, prevention, safeguarding, partnership working and successful prosecution, with victims' bravery remaining central to securing justice and improving the police response to CSE.

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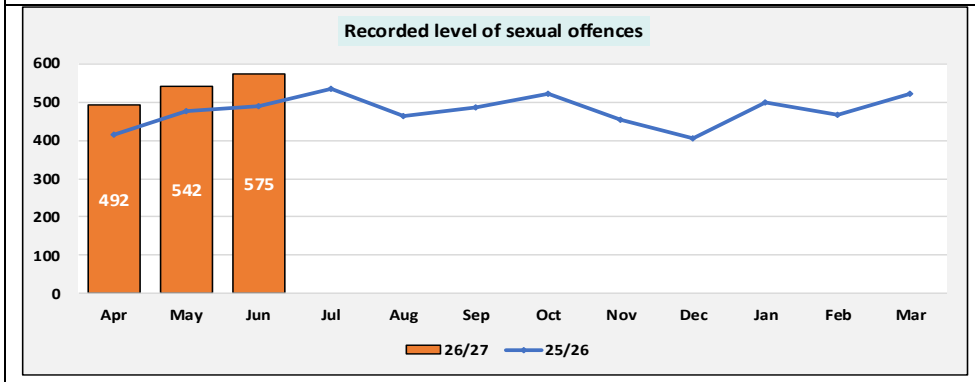
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The % of crimes where a victim is assessed as vulnerable in Q1 26/27 is in line with the % of victims assessed as vulnerable in the previous quarter and the same period last year.



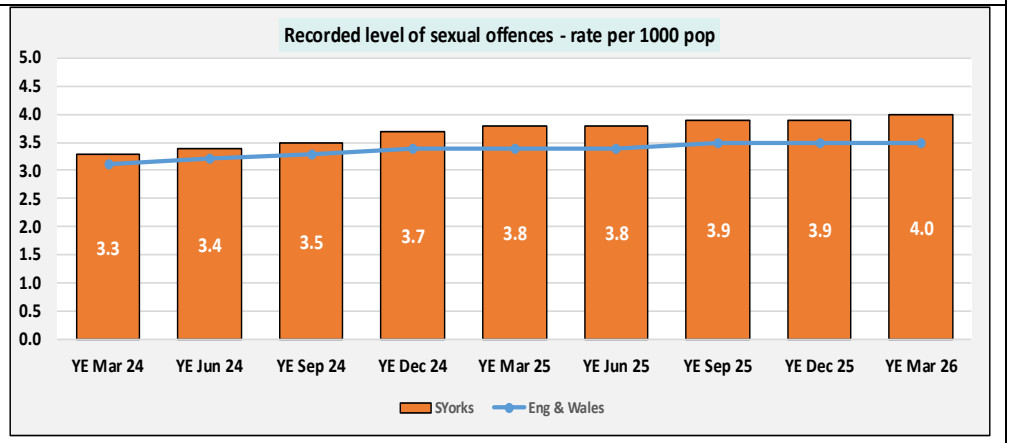
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In the year ending June 2026, 67% of vulnerable victims were satisfied with their overall experience with the Police. There was no statistically significant change to the previous 12-month period (YE March 2026) or the year ending June 2025. Victim satisfaction data is collected by a telephone survey conducted 4-10 weeks after reporting.



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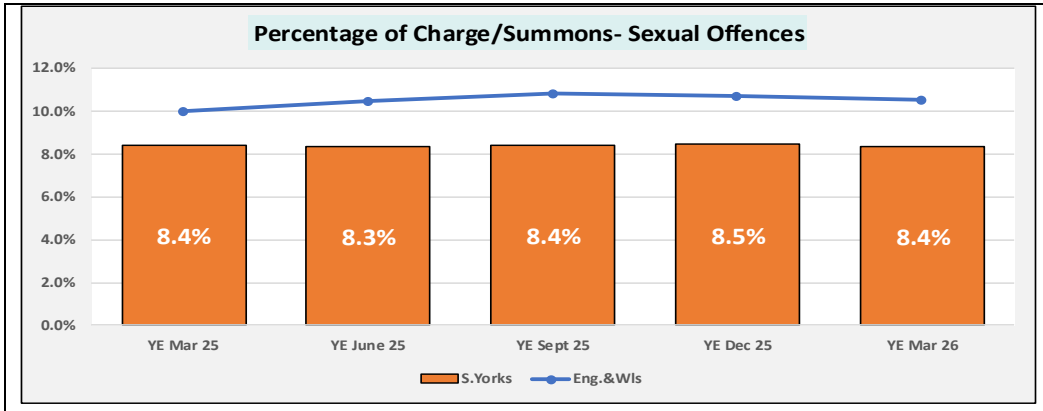
The recorded level of sexual offences has increased compared to the previous quarter and the same period last year. When looking at specific offence types within this category, both the recorded level of rape offences and other sexual offences have increased compared to the previous quarter. Both rape offences and other sexual offences are also higher than 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

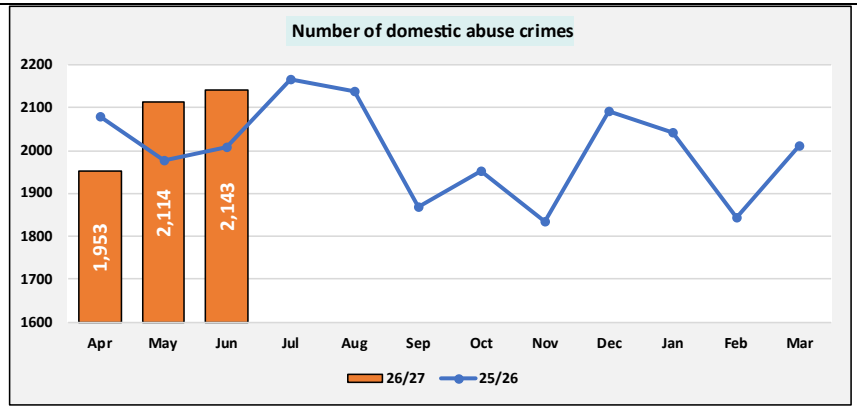
The recorded level of sexual offences rate per 1000 population is on an upwards trend in South Yorkshire and in the year to March 2026 was higher than the England and Wales average.

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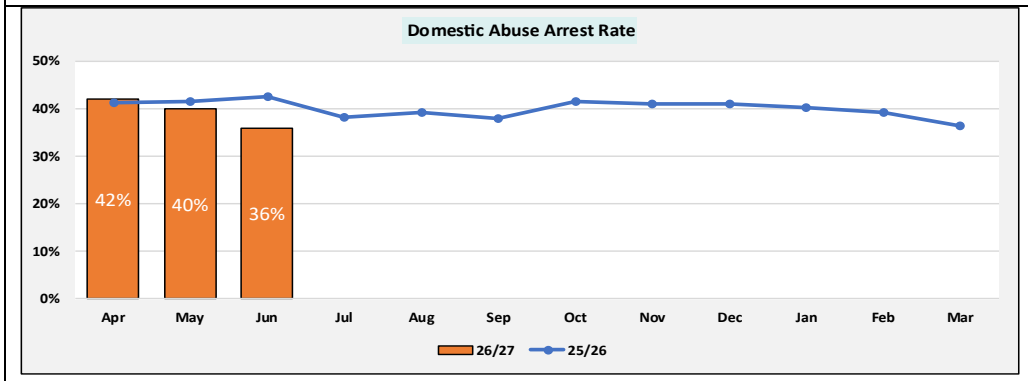
Source: ONS

The most recent comparator data shows that in the YE March 2026 South Yorkshire police recorded a lower percentage of Charge/summons outcomes for sexual offences than the national average. Looking at Charge/summons for rape offences, South Yorkshire also has a lower-than-average percentage compared to England and Wales.



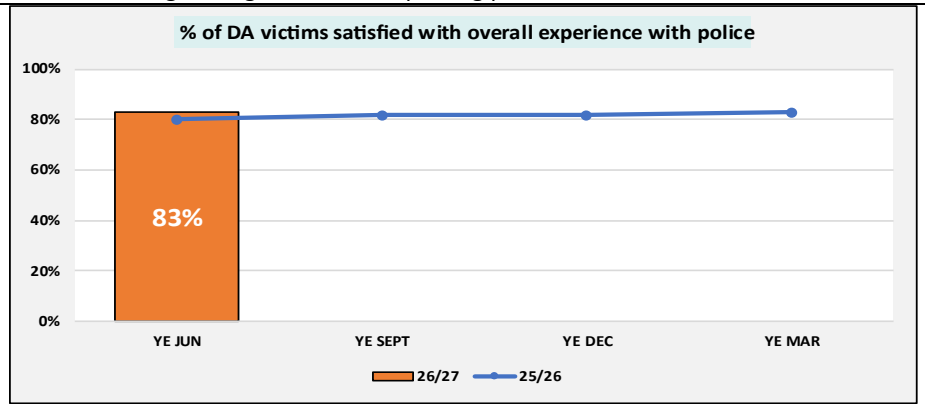
Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

There has been an increase in DA recorded crimes in Q1 26/27 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 slightly compared to last quarter. The rate is below that at the same time last year. The arrest rate for high-risk DA cases has decreased slightly 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 83% in the year ending June 26. There was no statistically significant difference to the previous 12-month period (YE March 26) and the year ending June 25. A telephone survey is conducted around 8 weeks after reporting. 553 domestic abuse victims completed the survey in the 12 months to June 2026.

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Vulnerability and Mental Health (MH)

Q1 saw a 39% increase in the use of Section 136 Mental Health Act (S.136) * powers by SYP in comparison to the same period in 2025. Triage rates (percentage of detentions where a mental health professional was consulted prior to detention) remained high at over 80%, indicating officers discharged their legal responsibility of consultation and sought opportunities to consider alternatives to detention. Some of the increase in detentions can be attributed to a new custody process, where the aim is to remove those requiring a mental health assessment from the custody environment at the earliest opportunity.

The availability of NHS mental health beds remains an issue and the average time officers spent with a detained person before leaving them in the care of a health professional rose from 1 hour 41 minutes in 2025 to 2 hours 14 minutes in 2026.

The SYP thematic lead for mental health continued to engage with partners in Health and Social Care and attends the six-weekly Integrated Care Board Mental Health Urgent and Emergency Care meetings, as well as chairing bi-monthly Mental Health Single Point of Contact (SPOC) meetings with key stakeholders within SYP.

SYP continues to hold quarterly S.136 scrutiny panels where police stakeholders, partners and those with lived experience come together to review incidents, body worn footage and partner held information to consider the treatment of those detained and whether the detention was appropriate in the circumstances. Individual and organisational learning is identified and fed back.

* 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)

Operation Hawkeye 2 is now running to tackle high rates of burglary in three key areas across the force, within Sheffield and Doncaster. Some of the highlights of this work includes focusing on visibility and engagement in schools to drive key prevention messages, the creation of a partnership drop-in centre for residents and the creation of football sessions to support community engagement and deliver prevention advice. These innovative approaches are supporting more traditional problem-solving approaches and in the coming months the force will report on the impact this work is having in three diverse areas that all share high rates of burglary. Further media campaigns are being planned with support from SYMCA.

The force is due to pilot new advanced Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras at key locations across the force. There are significant opportunities with this enhanced technology to support the challenge posed by neighbourhood crime and vehicle related crime and the findings of this pilot will be reported in due course.

Planning is underway to maximise funding opportunities through Operation Alliances 3 coordinated by the National Vehicle Crime Reduction Partnership. SYP has been successful with bids to support tackling chop shops and vehicle crime previously, with an approach around the identification, disruption and prevention of chop shops now being shared nationally through OPAL, the national intelligence unit focused on tackling serious organised acquisitive crime. Chop shops are illegal garages where stolen vehicles are rapidly dismantled so their parts can be sold separately or used in other cars.

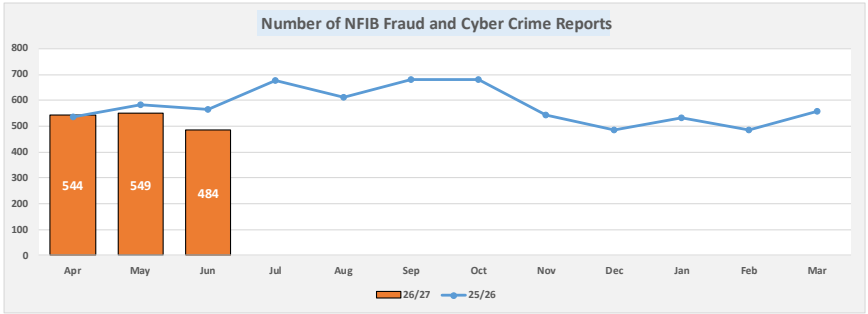
Operation Monitor Mike took place in June with a focus on robbery suspects, and successful identification and prosecution of suspects captured on CCTV. Further liaison with the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) is taking place to look at how appropriate cases of knife-enabled robbery can be prioritised to speed up charging advice.

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Fraud/Cybercrime
South Yorkshire has a small Cyber Team (often referred to as the Force Cyber Crime Unit FCCU), whose activity is based around the 4 'Ps':

PROTECT/PREVENT
Between April and June 2026, 22 events have been delivered. These events have taken place across a diverse range of organisations, including community groups, education, banks and local health services. In addition, the Protect officers have delivered sessions within the police force to help raise awareness around advice to be given to victims of courier fraud. The feedback from events has been consistently positive, and there are a number of sessions booked for the summer months.

South Yorkshire Police's Cyber Team also monitor the cyber threat landscape and direct their resources to tackle any emerging threat. The Cyber Protect officer continues to support the force's upskilling around cyber-enabled VAWG offences. The Protect Officer has presented alongside the regional cyber team on several police officer and practitioner online inputs and has delivered a PVP Masterclass session on four dates in May 2026.



Source: NFIB Fraud and Cyber Crime Dashboard
The number of reports of Fraud and Cyber Crime in South Yorkshire to the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) in Q1 26/27 was the same as the previous quarter but lower than the same period last year.

The Cyber Team will continue to monitor and prevent proactive opportunities around cyber-related offenders in South Yorkshire. They will work closely with schools and colleges to provide a prevent service to high-risk young people in this area.

PURSUE
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 and distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) incidents.

The Cyber Team continue to review and investigate pursue referrals received from Report Fraud. In Quarter 1 the FCCU has received 9 Pursue disseminations that are live 'Cyber' investigations. Over the last month, the force have been reviewing the intelligence reports around cyber and cryptocurrency and identifying any proactive work that can be completed in this area.

A swatting* incident was identified within South Yorkshire, and digital enquiries are ongoing to try and identify a suspect in this investigation. The Cyber Team has been working with the wider force and the Regional Organised Crime Unit to strengthen the response to such incidents, which can be very distressing for the victim.

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.

*Swatting is a form of criminal harassment that involves deceiving an emergency service into sending a police or emergency response team to a location by false reporting of a serious emergency

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PREPARE

The Cyber Team has supported a number of ransomware incidents relating to businesses across South Yorkshire. Proactive work to assist South Yorkshire based small to medium sized enterprises (SME) to identify network vulnerabilities remains ongoing. The force also collaborates with businesses, particularly in high-risk areas of manufacturing to strengthen cyber resilience and make referrals to the Local Cyber Resilience Centre.

Retail Crime

South Yorkshire Police continue to focus on retail crime and the rise in offences. SYP are working hard to increase the number of Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBOs) applied for. These prevent offenders from entering specific shops, retail parks, shopping centres, etc. There continues to be success in Court in applying for CBOs. SYP are consistently higher than the national average for charges in relation to shoplifting offences and are currently putting plans in place to support the national 'Safer Business Action' week of action in November.

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Hate Crime

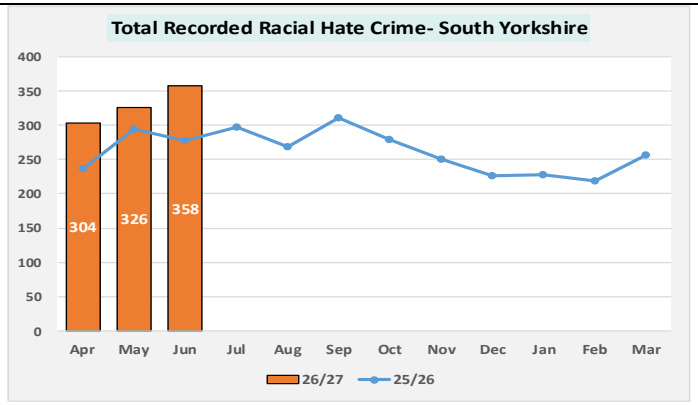
There was an increase in the volume of hate crimes recorded in Q1 26/27 compared to the previous quarter and the same period last year.

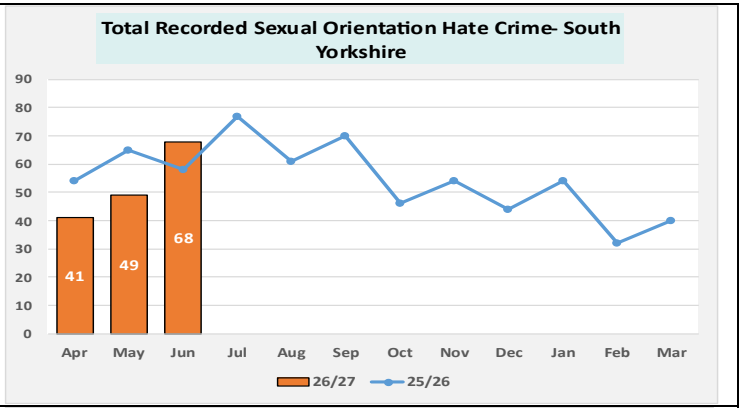
Satisfaction of hate crime victims saw no underlying change in the 12-months to June 2026 compared to the previous 12-month period to March 2026 or the 12-months to June 2025.

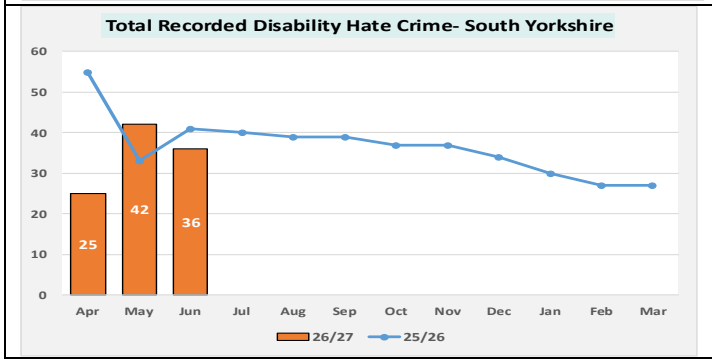
Hate crimes are reviewed regularly to ensure that they are allocated and investigated effectively. The force continues to work with partners, and SYMCA to seek feedback from victims to support improvements in service delivery and increase the confidence of victims to report to the police.

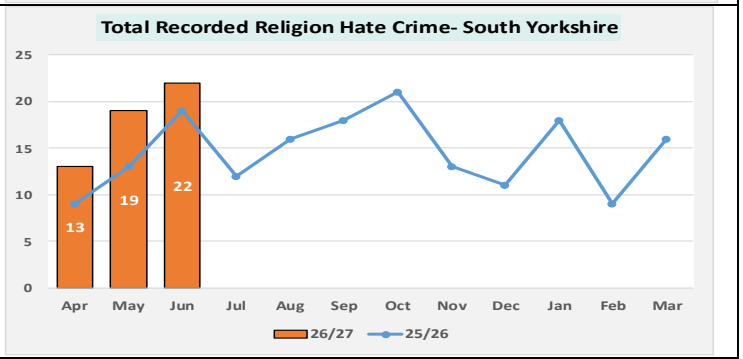
The volume of hate crimes being reported can be influenced by national and international events. Both SYP and the SYMCA are keen to make it as easy as possible for victims to report hate crime and for victims to feel confident that their report will be dealt with effectively and sensitively.

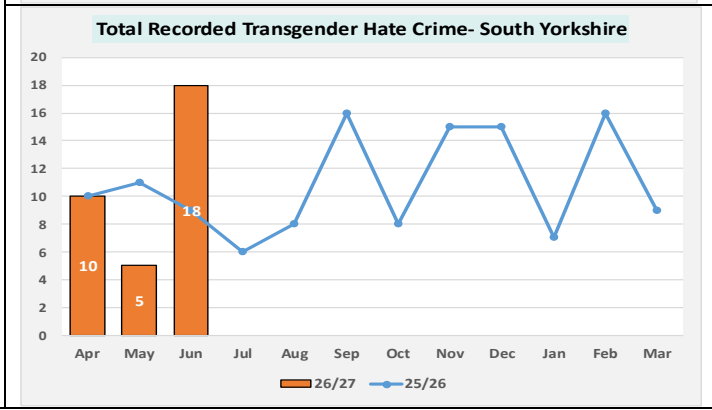
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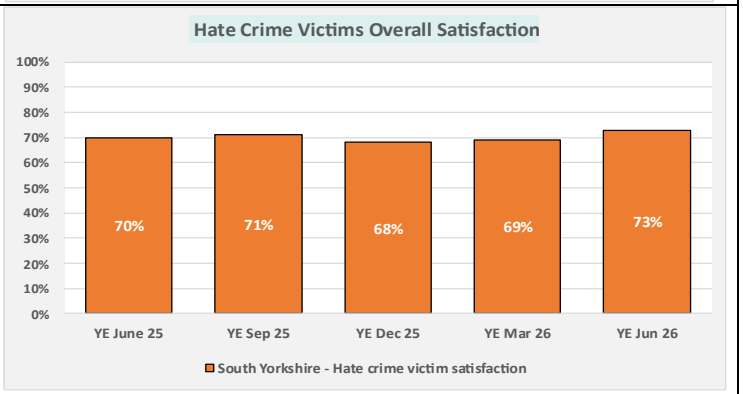












3. Improving Safety on All of Our Public Transport Networks

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
- Preventing anti-social driving and tackling anti-social drivers
- Developing new approaches to tackle violence and ASB on transport network

The South Yorkshire Safer Roads Partnership (SYSRP) comprises the four local councils: 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:

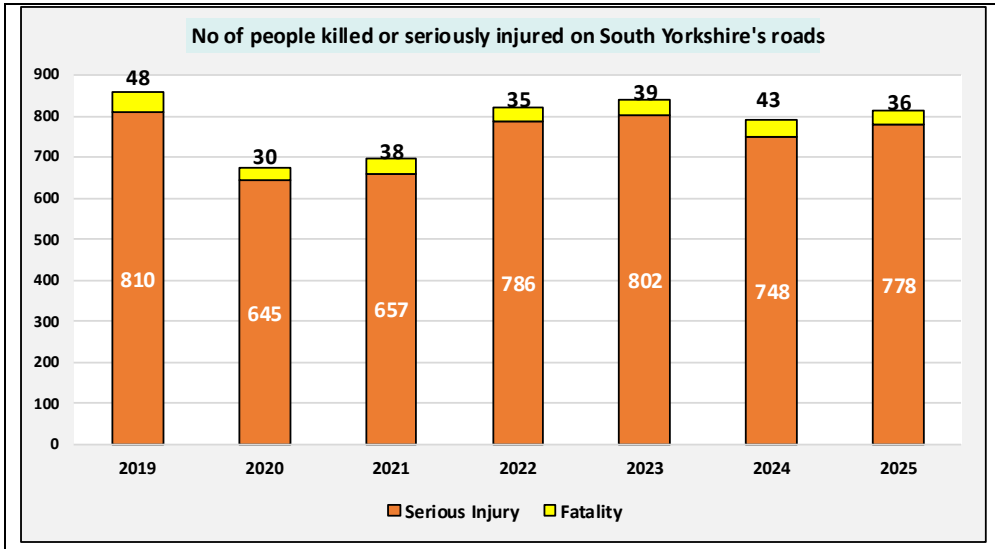
- An extensive programme of community engagement
- A data-driven programme of road engineering and local safety schemes
- A structured, evidence-based approach to casualty reduction
- Targeted engagement with groups overrepresented in casualty statistics
- Behavioural change campaigns
- Support for national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

The SYSRP continues to strengthen delivery of the Police and Crime Plan through the development of a South Yorkshire-specific Road Safety Action Plan in partnership with Agilysis and local stakeholders. The Plan is being informed by a comprehensive range of intelligence sources, including collision data, enforcement outcomes, behavioural insights and public health information, enabling a more targeted and evidence-led approach to reducing road harm. By identifying the greatest areas of risk and focusing resources accordingly, the Partnership is enhancing its ability to reduce the number of people killed and seriously injured on South Yorkshire's roads whilst supporting the wider objective of creating safer communities. Work has continued in quarter one to finalise the priorities of the Plan.

While looking at priorities, the partnership has pushed the planned Acusensus trial looking at prevalence of mobile phone use and seatbelt non-compliance amongst drivers and passengers back into the new year along with the Behavioural Change Campaigns.

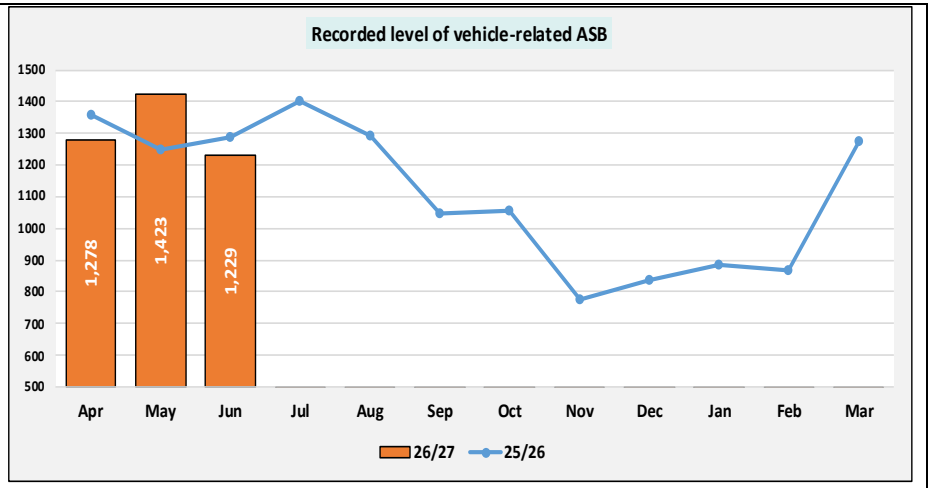
The partnership continues to practice increased collaboration and the work to progress a range of practical Safe System interventions also continues. This enforcement capability will be supported by the arrival of a Community Speed Watch co-ordinator (Safety Camera Partnership) and consideration of 'Trucam's' allowing real time deployment of mobile cameras in response to community concerns.

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Source: Department for Transport

Current audited data released by the Department for Transport up to 2025 shows an increase in the number of people killed or seriously injured on South Yorkshire's roads compared to 2024. The number of casualties resulting in a fatality decreased in 2025 compared to 2024, whereas the number of casualties resulting in a serious injury increased.



Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

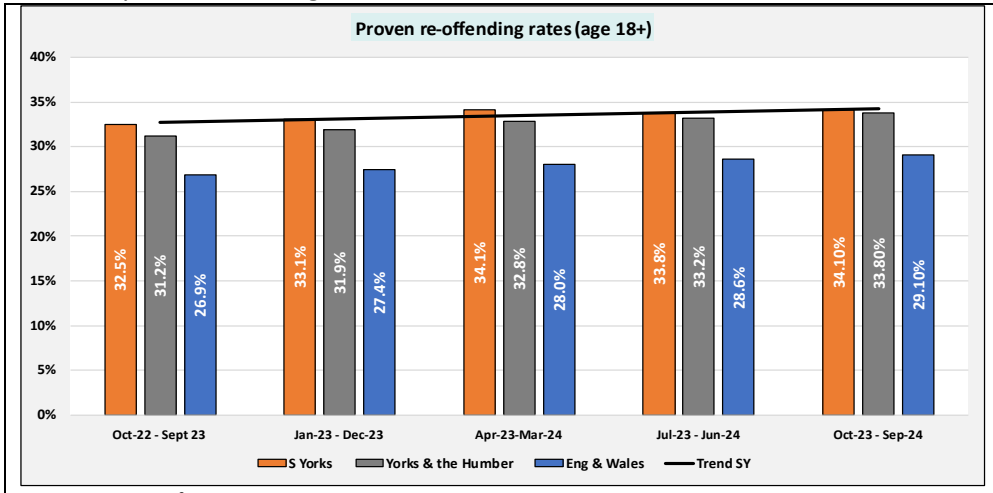
In Q1 26/27, Vehicle-related Anti-Social Behaviour increased compared to the previous quarter in line with seasonal trends. Recorded levels in Q1 were in line with the same period in the previous year. Vehicle-related ASB includes incidents regarding vehicle nuisance, off-road bikes or quads, and abandoned 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.

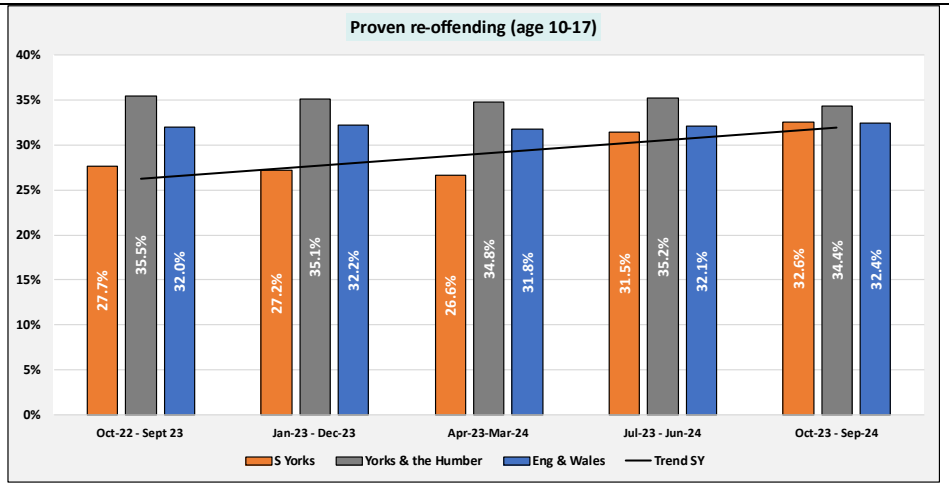
This section of the report includes a look at data and performance indicators as well as information about the range of work going on aimed at addressing the cycle of offending and harm.



Source: Ministry of Justice

The reoffending rate for those aged 18 and over in South Yorkshire has remained stable in the most recent period (data released 30th July 2026) compared to the previous period. The adult reoffending rate in South Yorkshire is in line with the regional rate but higher than the England and Wales rate.

To measure re-offending, 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 commit 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 increased in the most recent period (data released 30th July 2026) compared to the previous period. The under 18 reoffending rate in South Yorkshire is now in line with the England and Wales rate but remains lower than the regional rate.

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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 1 has been a positive and productive period for Safer Neighbourhood Services, with the service continuing to make a tangible difference to residents, communities and businesses across Barnsley. Through a combination of prevention, enforcement, safeguarding and partnership working, the service has delivered positive outcomes for vulnerable people, improved local environments and taken robust action against those responsible for crime and antisocial behaviour.

A key achievement this quarter has been the continued focus on protecting vulnerable residents. Significant interventions have supported individuals experiencing exploitation, cuckooing, hoarding, self-neglect, housing insecurity and antisocial behaviour. These cases demonstrate the service's ability to balance enforcement with compassionate safeguarding, ensuring that some of Barnsley's most vulnerable residents receive the support they need whilst reducing wider risks to communities. The positive feedback received from customers further evidences the impact this work is having on people's lives.

The service has also delivered strong results through partnership-led enforcement activity. Multiple Closure Orders, Criminal Behaviour Orders and possession proceedings have been secured to tackle serious antisocial behaviour, organised criminality and exploitation. Joint working with South Yorkshire Police and partners has disrupted drug activity, safeguarded victims of cuckooing, supported organised crime group disruption activity and removed offenders and problematic locations from communities. These actions continue to provide reassurance to residents and contribute towards safer neighbourhoods.

Across environmental crime and neighbourhood management, teams have continued to make visible improvements to local areas. Proactive work has resulted in significant fly-tipping clearances, abandoned vehicle investigations, graffiti removal and neighbourhood clean-up activity. The ongoing success of the Love Where You Live programme, supported by residents and volunteers, demonstrates the value of community-led action alongside formal enforcement powers.

Good progress has also been made in strengthening the service for the future. The approval of Phase 3 of Community Compass, development of the Civica App replacement project, increased use of digital tools and artificial intelligence, and refreshed business continuity arrangements all support our ambition to become more intelligence-led, efficient and customer-focused. Demand management arrangements continue to ensure resources remain targeted at areas of greatest risk and impact.

Despite these successes, several challenges remain. Overall service demand continues to rise, with over 2,500 cases opened during the quarter and increasing volumes compared with both the previous quarter and the same period last year. Borough-wide antisocial behaviour has also increased significantly, driven in part by seasonal factors and ongoing issues related to off-road bikes and quad bikes. Demand associated with vulnerability, exploitation, housing conditions and complex safeguarding cases remains high and often requires intensive multi-agency intervention over prolonged periods.

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Looking ahead, the service will continue to focus on prevention, early intervention and intelligence-led problem solving. Priorities will include tackling antisocial behaviour hotspots, disrupting organised criminality, addressing exploitation and vulnerability, improving housing standards, enhancing environmental quality and developing our digital and analytical capabilities.

Through strong partnership working and a continued focus on customer outcomes, Safer Neighbourhood Services remains well positioned to meet rising demand and deliver safer, stronger and more resilient communities across Barnsley.

Doncaster CSP - Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership (SSDP)
During Q1, 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 2026-29 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 development and serious organised crime. This year, an additional partnership co-ordination role has also been included within supported activity. As has been the approach in previous years, an 'initiatives pot' will be available to theme groups to enable them to respond to emerging issues and to facilitate planning for seasonal trends. Due to the early position in the financial year, theme group activity is minimal at this time and financial spend has focused on salary related costs.

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.

Rotherham CSP - Safer Rotherham Partnership (SRP) Safer, Stronger Communities.
Domestic Abuse
The Rotherham domestic abuse service, Hopian, continues to receive a consistent level of referrals and maintains strong victim engagement rates of over 70%, enabling victims and survivors to access a range of support options, including one-to-one, group, and therapeutic support.

The Homelessness Prevention and Target Hardening Fund continues to help individuals and families remain safely in their homes, providing practical and financial support to domestic abuse victims at risk of homelessness.

Rotherham also delivers a programme of professional training, including Domestic Abuse Cultural Awareness and Coercive and Controlling Behaviour, improving practitioners' ability to recognise and respond to domestic abuse.

During this quarter, Rotherham developed a Domestic Abuse World Cup awareness campaign to encourage victims and survivors to seek support. The campaign generated significant social media engagement, helping to raise awareness of domestic abuse and ensure residents knew where they could access help and support.

Prevent:
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council (RMBC) has formally achieved the highest possible rating across all categories of the Home Office's annual Prevent benchmarking assessment, recognising RMBC as a top performing local authority nationally.

The assessment, undertaken by the Home Office in March 2026, evaluated delivery against eight key Prevent benchmarks, including governance,

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safeguarding referral pathways, training, communications, partnership working, and activity to reduce permissive environments. Rotherham received the highest available grading, "Exceeding", in every category. Some recommendations were identified and will be incorporated into the Prevent Action Plan and risk assessment to support continuous improvement.

Community Safety is working in collaboration with South Yorkshire partners to develop a bid to the Home Office Preventing Radicalisation Fund for projects to address emerging threats and current risks. While still in the early stages, several potential projects have been identified.

- Online safety, with a particular focus on gaming environments
- Improving understanding of neurodiversity as both a potential susceptibility and a protective factor in relation to radicalisation.
- Raising awareness of fascination with extreme violence and mass casualty attacks.

Safer Neighbourhoods:
The priority group has built a strong partnership approach, bringing together statutory services alongside voluntary and community organisations. The group continues to respond well to local issues, particularly around anti-social behaviour, neighbourhood problem-solving and hate crime.

Partnership approaches and Interventions are in place and will remain in place for seasonal issues like open water swimming,
including awareness raising, education and the use of the CCTV van at key locations.

In partnership with REMEDI, one-to-one support and awareness sessions have been delivered to both young people and adults at risk of involvement in hate crime. This has included workshops reaching over 2,000 young people across the borough, the contract with REMEDI has been extended to 2026-27.

Sheffield CSP - Safer Sheffield Partnership (SSP)
Clear Hold Build – Upperthorpe
The Clear Hold Build initiative has been active in Upperthorpe for close to a year. Partners have collectively coordinated action to dismantle organised crime groups, taken down drug lines and protect vulnerable people. Partners have deployed a wide range of tactics, tools and powers to tackle drug supply and exploitation.

Over the past months the initiative has moved into the Build stage with Zest taking the reins and widening communication and consultation with local people, groups and charities. Zest and local partners are in the process of establishing a Community Action Group (CAG) providing a much-needed forum for local issues to be discussed and actioned. The CAG will have a preventative focus and work closely with the LAC and Crime and Vulnerability Meeting to maintain long-term guardianship of the area.

Protecting Vulnerable People (Modern Slavery):

- Sheffield City Council (SCC) are looking at the potential to expand the number of champions across SCC – funding dependant.
- Snowdrop (training provider) have produced supporting good practice guide for MS Champions.
- SCC now has a modern slavery statement which links in with Safer Sheffield Strategy.
- The theme group is now moving into work around illegal brothels and has commissioned an initial assessment of the problem to help identify issues, key locations on way to establishing a working/tasking group.

Sheffield Serious Violence Strategy:
The new joint chairs of the serious violence theme group continue their work on the development of a Sheffield serious violence strategy in partnership with the serious violence theme group and VRU. The work is scheduled for completion by the end June 26.

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To support this work, a series of multi-agency conferences were organised by the serious violence theme leads and held in April 26 bring together a wide range of stakeholders to discuss issues, opportunities and inform the development of the strategy. The events were huge success, receiving universal praise from those in attendance.

Addressing The Supply of Drugs:
To support the objective of raising awareness of Fortify, cuckooing, and drug lines, the following activity is taking place:

- A new round of school Fortify presentations are in development for 26/27. The aim is to provide a session for every secondary school in Sheffield by the end of March 2027.
- Parent Hub sessions planned in key areas with an initial pilot in Upperthorpe.
- 'Your Stance' sessions taking place at Children's Hospital.

Under the objective of improving and increasing partner interventions to disrupt organised crime groups and protect vulnerable people, a total of thirty interventions have been recorded:

- 4 x Closure Orders
- 2 x Property moves for vulnerable tenants
- 1 x caution for cuckooing (pre new legislation)
- 1 x enhanced support plan for vulnerable person

Addressing The Impact of ASB:
The priorities below have also been agreed by the theme group:

- Off-road bikes - Dedicated working group established with plan in place.
- Street activity (preaching, busking, amplified sound) – scoping and consultation with other stakeholders ongoing.
- Dark Nights planning – Planning activity will commence in early September 2027.

SOUTH YORKSHIRE VIOLENCE REDUCTION UNIT (SYVRU)
The SYVRU has commenced Q1 reviewing programmes of delivery and interventions to reduce violence within South Yorkshire.

Funding and delivery have continued with the Community Grants Organisations who are delivering several community-based projects that aim to prevent violence and support people within the communities. The new Community Grant round process for awards from 1st October 2026 was undertaken and closed with 119 applications. Working with partners across South Yorkshire, a robust evaluation of the grant applicants has taken place with final discussions for award and commencement due at a new grant launch event scheduled for 6th October 2026.

The new delivery plan for 2026/2027 aligned to the priorities of the Home Office Serious Violence Duty and funding has been signed off. Planning, commissioning, and delivery of key priorities has commenced focussing high-quality interventions and projects to reduce violence and change the behaviour of Children and Young People within South Yorkshire.

Pol-Ed was launched in June 2026, a nationally recognised educational programme with tailored lessons for each age group on a range of topics designed to support them and provide information to help them make the right choices. The investment will enable schools, colleges, alternative provision settings, youth organisations, and community groups across South Yorkshire to access a wide range of high-quality educational resources, helping young people make informed choices and stay safe. Prior to the school holidays over 120 educational establishments in South Yorkshire have signed up, with events and further communications planned from September in line with the new academic year to ensure that all children and young people are able to receive the lessons in PSHE curriculum sessions.

Along with the redrafting of the South Yorkshire Violence Reduction Strategy, the South Yorkshire Knife Crime Approach will be launched in Q2. A piece of

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work aligned to this has been the installation of four new knife surrender bins placed at fire stations across the County in collaboration with the Home Office, South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue, and South Yorkshire Police.

Patrol activities have begun by South Yorkshire Police in line with the Home Office Knife Crime Concentration Fund (KCCF) within the seven identified hyperlocal areas of South Yorkshire. Work is ongoing to develop individual plans for each location in collaboration with partners, including activities and interventions to reduce knife crime across South Yorkshire.

Meetings continue with Local Authority colleagues, serious violence duty partners and police colleagues to ensure that collaboration and cross cutting work is at the heart of preventing and reducing violence within the region.

Restorative Justice (RJ) - Remedi

Remedi is a registered charity working 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 Q4, 1st January – 31st March 2026, Remedi received a potential 750 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.

104 victims of crime have been personally offered RJ during this quarter, with 90 saying yes to RJ, and we are still attempting to contact a further 607 cases. We 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 VCOP.

Our 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:

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

Following the probation service reform in June 2021, Remedi have continued to work hard to increase referrals to the Restorative Victim Awareness Sessions. The service continues to complete relaunch briefings across all the National Probation Service offices within South Yorkshire and has introduced points of contact within all offices in order to take a pro-active approach to increase referrals into the service, the service will continue this consistent approach throughout the remainder of the financial year as well as working closely with the National Probation Service leads.

RJ Service User feedback:

"I genuinely never thought I would see the payment, let alone receive an apology for what had happened. The whole situation had been incredibly stressful and left me feeling doubtful that it would ever be resolved properly. I was extremely grateful to the practitioner for handling everything on our behalf and guiding the process so professionally and sensitively. Thanks to her efforts, the matter was resolved without further difficulty, and it was a huge relief to see it brought to such a positive conclusion."

"Mother reported that she found the sessions with Remedi to be highly helpful and informative. She explained that, while other professionals had dismissed the incident and did not treat it with seriousness, she felt it was a significant matter and entirely out of character for her son. She also required support in discussing the incident with him, to ensure he understood the consequences of his actions and to help prevent any recurrence. The young person expressed genuine remorse for his behaviour and apologised to the police officer who attended their home, stating that it would not happen again."

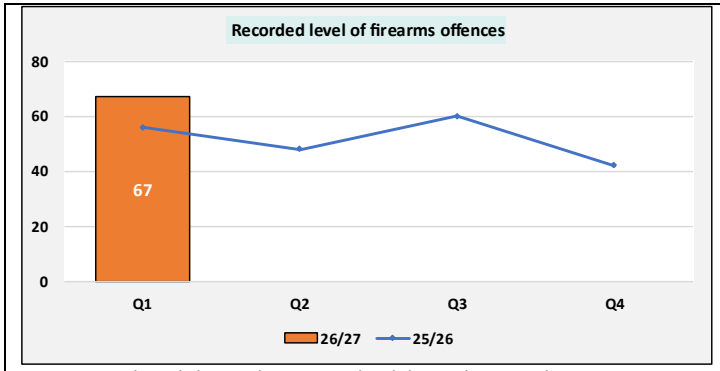
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The RJ Hub is based within Snig Hill Police Station and operates working hours 9am – 5pm Monday-Friday. An answerphone facility is available out of hours and all calls will be responded to. Remedi welcome referrals for RJ from victims & offenders themselves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

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.

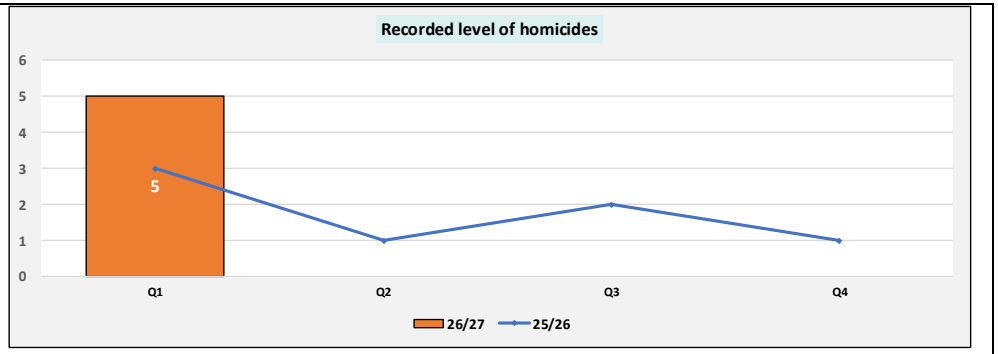


1). A firearm is defined as used if it is fired, used as a blunt instrument to cause injury to a person or used as a threat. This includes a threat made with a concealed firearm.

Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

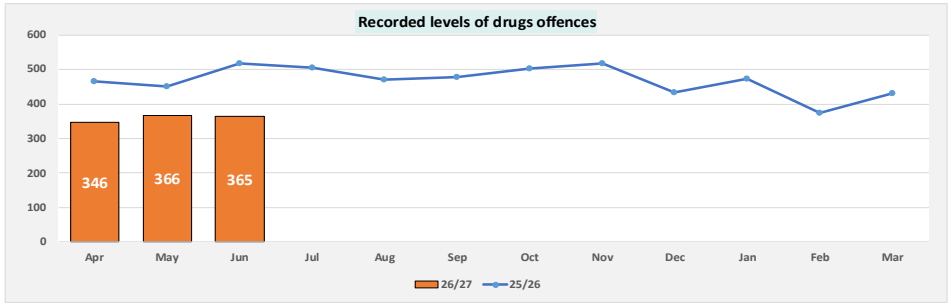
The recorded level of firearms crimes in Q1 26/27 was higher than the previous quarter and the same period last year. However, over the longer period, there has been a downward trend in firearm offences.

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



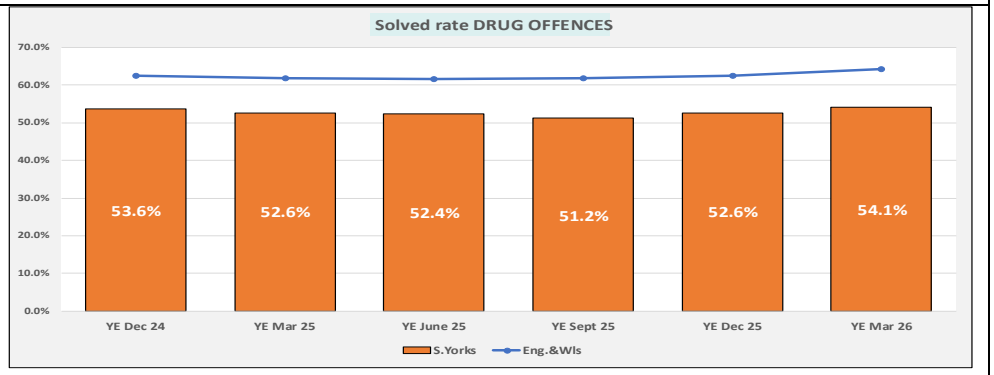
Source: South Yorkshire Police – unaudited data subject to change

There were five homicides recorded in Q1 26/27 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 Q1 26/27 were lower than the previous quarter and 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 March 2026 shows South Yorkshire has a lower solved rate for drug offences compared to the England and Wales average.

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

SYP's modern slavery team has continued with work to improve the force's response to organised immigration crime, running immersive training sessions for supervisors across the force. Work continues to develop the network of modern slavery tactical advisors embedded within each district, to improve the initial response to reports of modern slavery.

The dedicated modern slavery team continues to run a number of complex investigations with international elements. It also continues to co-ordinate the force's response around slavery within the high street, transport industry, car washes and brothels.

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

SYP continues to use the 'Fortify' model, working in partnership with other organisations to disrupt organised criminality. The force has released its 2025 disruption figures, with highlights included 299 warrants, 309 individuals safeguarded, £1.2m seized and 409 guns recovered. There were 741 recorded disruptions in total.

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.

At Quarter 1 the Police Fund is forecasting a net £0.4m (0.1%) surplus for the financial year 2026/27. This consists of lower expenditure of £6.8m, and correspondingly lower income forecast to be recorded in year of £6.4m.

This is a result of:

- Reflecting final decisions made by central Government on the level of Special Grant and other forms of financial support, which led to lower-than-expected income levels.
- Additional headroom as a result of the Neighbourhood Policing Grant, which is partly offset by planned additional officer recruitment.

Further detail is available in the Quarter 1 2026/27 budget monitoring report provided to the Police and Crime Panel meeting on 21st September 2026.