

The table below provides a latest assessment on some of the key priority areas which form part of the Police and Crime Plan. The Performance Framework allows for a robust, wide ranging assurance to take place. Ensuring that outcomes are on track and to articulate whether the delivery of services is being providing in an efficient and effective manner.

Measures are being reviewed on a continual basis and latest commentaries on each priority area will be provided within this report on a quarterly/annual basis.

Police and Crime Plan Performance Framework Q1 21/22 Update

Intervening Early & Preventing Crime		
Plan Priority	Key Outcome	Commentary & Assessment
Road Safety	Reduce KSI	<p>The number of KSIs remain low with 4 fatalities during the quarter (3 during the same period last year) and fatal KSIs have seen a 58.5% reduction over a 12m comparison. Over a 12m period, KSIs have dropped by 38.5%. There is a risk of rising numbers as more vehicles return to the roads following further COVID 19 restrictions being lifted after 19th July 2021.</p> <p>Despite fewer vehicles on the roads during the pandemic, arrests for offenders being disqualified from driving have seen a 38.3% increase over a 12m period. Current levels have reached a 2-year high and have been on a sharp upward trajectory since December 2020.</p> <p>Following the launch of a new seatbelt operation by the force in July 2020, as of June 2021, there has been a 96% increase in the number of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) issued as a result of failing to wear a seat belt on the county's roads. The campaign involved educating car occupants on the dangers of not wearing a seatbelt as well as passenger safety and enforcement. Anyone caught not wearing a seat belt can take an online education course or receive an FPN of £100.</p>
Domestic Abuse	Respond effectively to domestic abuse	Q1 21/22 saw demand continuing to stabilise despite the emergence from lockdown restrictions and lower than the expected seasonal increase demand. All domestic abuse volumes are 7% lower than the same period last year.

		<p>The 12-month rolling Grade 1 Urban (G1U) DA response time at the end of June 2021 was 00:12:33, which is 18 seconds slower than the force's baseline target of 00:12:15.</p> <p>The forces target of increasing the arrest rate for DA crimes to at least 30% is continues to be met on a monthly basis with June 2021 achieving 31.4%. Based on a 12-month rolling the force are currently below the target (28.8%), however this should continue to increase if monthly rates continue to achieve above 30%. The Force have produced data that demonstrates the arrest rate for higher risk incidents where the harm is greatest remains high.</p> <p>As a target, the force aims to obtain a positive outcome ratio of 10.7% for domestic abuse. As of June 2021, the latest 12-month period shows the resolution rate currently achieving 11.3% and on an upward trend. I continue to apply pressure to the Chief Constable to deliver better positive outcome rates, not only for DA but across all crime types.</p>
<p>Children's Safety</p>	<p>More children are safeguarded</p>	<p>In Q1 21/22, the volume of crimes flagged having a CSAE element has continued to remain relatively stable and is currently below forecasted levels. The force has confirmed that they are in line with regional peers and with the country since restrictions started to be removed during the quarter. It is expected that CSAE offences will remain relatively stable until the start of the next academic year.</p> <p>Child concern PPNs however continue to increase with 2,006 recorded in June 2021 and Q1 21/22 saw the most recorded over the past 12 months (6,023). Child concern PPNs are raised by officers when they believe a child to be "at risk" OR has been a victim of a crime and/or abuse. Examples of abuse which require a PPN are physical and emotional abuse, neglect, sexual abuse, significant harm or if a child is in immediate danger or otherwise "at risk". Once PPNs are submitted, all reports received are then reviewed, disseminated and allocated with partner agencies via the MASH.</p> <p>The positive outcome rate for child sexual offences remains on an upward trajectory with 9.7% reported in June 2021 and 8% over the current 12-month period.</p> <p>In June 2021, missing children were in exception with highest levels since the pandemic began (nationwide issue). Of these, there have been continued high volumes which are linked to CSE risk. The rolling 12 months of all missing children reports being from frequent missing children was at 42%. This remains very high but at a stable position over the past 3-4 months. It is worthy of note that an HMICFRS inspection into vulnerability earlier this year made</p>

		positive comments of how the Force now recognise these high-risk issues and respond effectively to them. It does however continue to place a drain on resources.
Youth Service	Reduction in the number of young people who are not in education, training or employment (NEET)	<p>Groupwork & 1:1 interventions resumed in Q1 21/22 after being halted for a number of months due to the pandemic. Following the reopening of schools, the team received 99 referrals in during the quarter, of which 80% (79) were received from schools.</p> <p>The team are currently working with 3 individuals who are either not in education, training or employment (NEET) or at risk of being so. This equates to 2% of all youth service referrals to date. During the quarter, 2 of the individuals achieved their final progress review point and saw an improvement score at their final progress point and are no longer considered to be 'at risk'. This assessment was made using the evidence-based tool (Outcome STARS) This tool evidences & measures individuals progress.</p> <p>NEET referrals are expected to increase moving forward from September onwards with the youth team able to offer tailored one to one support for those individuals. Designated Safeguarding Leads in each school, within Northamptonshire have been made aware of the NEET strategy offered by our service and this continues to develop into additional areas.</p>
Youth Service	Improvement in behaviour and capabilities of vulnerable young people	<p>Since the inception of the Youth service (January 2020), the team have supported young people, having 4,430 interactions (3,500 in Q4 20/21) through detached work and have delivered 565 individuals detached sessions to date. 16% of these sessions have related to emotional wellbeing & 14% with regards to positive relationships.</p> <p>In Q1 21/22 the team delivered a session to the whole of year 6 (58 young people) at Earls Barton Primary school. The day was focused around keeping young people safe and the session resulted in receiving additional one to one group work requests for young people for targeted work. Within the quarter, the team supported 53 individuals through groupwork & 1:1 interventions. 40% of these were for supporting individuals relating to self-identity and exploitation awareness.</p> <p>To enable and monitor progress, the team use an assessment tool co-produced between the young person and the practitioner. This is a strength-based assessment which captures progress midway and at the end of the intervention. Groupwork & 1:1 interventions resumed in Q1 21/22 and as a result, over 50 individuals have currently reached their final progress points with 69% (11 of 16) registering an improvement to their physical</p>

		<p>health and 50% (21 of 42) felt more confident & noticed an improvement with their self-esteem following the positive actions they've taken.</p>
<p>ACE Team</p>	<p>Reduce & influence the need for higher cost services</p>	<p>Q1 21/22 saw 82% (81 cases) of all referrals from the local authorities accepted by the ACE team, this is significantly above the team's overall average of 68%. For the second quarter in a row, this is the highest acceptance rate since the inception of the team and acceptance levels generally continue to increase each quarter.</p> <p>An upward trajectory continues in terms of the number of referrals which the ACE team directly supported. In Q1 21/22, the ACE team directly supported 94% (65 cases) of all referrals, this is above the team's overall average of providing direct support (81%). The remaining 6% (4 cases) were initially supported by the team but were escalated to higher need services following new needs being identified.</p> <p>The 2-domestic abuse (DA) ACE support officers continue to make inroads in supporting families who have received a police officer call out for an incident as "standard" low level domestic/family conflict. Since January 2021, 430 incidents have been assessed as suitable and allocated to be supported by the DA ACE team, 52% of which occurred in Q1 21/22. To date, 748 children have been supported, of which 58% of cases were offered advice & assessed as not needing further support. 8% were provided direct support by the ACE team and 20% were referred to specialist services for further support.</p>
<p>ACE Team</p>	<p>Reduce the likelihood or impact of adverse childhood experience</p>	<p>To date, 484 accepted referrals have been closed by the ACE team. 81% (484) were closed with all presenting needs having been met following ACE team support. In Q1 21/22, 94% of accepted referrals which started during the quarter had their needs met. This is the highest since the inception of the ACE team and the 4th upward performing quarter in a row.</p> <p>17% (81) of supported cases closed by the ACE team had domestic abuse as the main presenting issue.</p> <p>14% (69) of cases receiving ACE support had new needs identified and the family were referred to higher need services.</p>

ACE Team	Improve families in their situation and/or ability to deal with it	<p>The ACE team initiated a family feedback project which ran from January to March 2021. The pilot aimed to provide qualitative feedback about the service and most importantly if the families felt they were in a better place. The pilot returned positive results where 83% of families who provided feedback confirmed that their families were in a better place and 75% have had no further police call outs since direct support from the ACE team.</p> <p>Due to the success of this pilot, the ACE team have now included obtaining the families permission to be contacted initially and 6 months after completion of ACE support. To date, Initial feedback has been collated from July 2021 with results showing that out of the 10 families who have currently provided feedback, 80% felt their family were in a better place, 10% felt some improvement has been made and 10% felt there has been no improvement made.</p> <p>Initial feedback will continue to be collated on a monthly basis and key measures such as further police call outs and improved school attendance will be captured at the six-month feedback review, allowing more time to have elapsed and evidence longer term outcomes. The first 6-month review will take place in December 2021.</p>
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Fight Crime & Protect People		
Plan Priority	Key Outcome	Commentary & Assessment
Officers on the Frontline	Public feel that police are more visible	<p>Neighbourhood Officers time spent outside of stations continues to hover just below 60%. Q1 saw officers spend 57.5% of their time outside of stations and 56.7% over the 12-month period which currently falls some way short of the forces target of 65% in 21/22.</p> <p>At the end of June 2021, the median time for all Grade 1 Urban incidents was 11:44. This is 5.8% slower than the same period last year (11:05). The 12-month rolling average was 11:35, this is currently above the local target of 11:17 but significantly below the national average of 15 minutes. At the end of June, the 12-month rolling average for Grade 1 Rural incidents is currently at 14:54 which is 20 seconds over the local target set by the force of 14:34.</p>
Officers on the Frontline	Public feel that police are more accessible	<p>87.8% of all 999 calls were answered within 10's in the quarter and the rolling 12-month average is currently at 88.8%. The average answer time for 999 calls during the last 12 months is 2 seconds. The average answer time for 101 (triage) calls for the quarter was 4 seconds; this remains stable.</p>

		<p>Q1 21/22 saw 27 leavers which is in line for the quarters predicted levels. The Force is currently just below quarterly targets agreed between CC and PFCC for the recruitment of new officers. At the end of the quarter, FTE stood at 1,420 (Q1 target of 1,452). However, the force continues to be on track to recruit over 1,500 Police Officers in the county by March 2023 where some flexibility has been built into their attrition predictions. This target continues to be reviewed. The reason for being slightly behind the predicted target numbers for officers remains a larger than predicted number of leavers at the end of last year. This is monitored and the Force has a plan in place to recover this position during this year.</p>
Neighbourhood Watch	Public feel supported with interventions available	<p>Currently 1,100 registered schemes in Northamptonshire, which continues to cover approx. 40,000 households and the scheme continues with aspirations to grow further in the county. My office continues to support NHW with funds to attempt to increase its footprint in higher crime locations. This includes providing 35 'Love Your Neighbourhood' signs as part of the Safer Streets initiative and 500 Neighbourhood Watch signs which are to be displayed in Kettering. My office continues to work with NHW to increase the footprint of schemes in the Safer Streets areas across the County.</p>
Neighbourhood Alert	Public feel informed	<p>At the end of June 2021, membership currently stands at 22,968 and has increased slightly by 3.5% over the quarter. During the quarter, 408 alerts were sent across the county, 32% of which were concerning the areas of Daventry & South Northants which is the highest in the county.</p>
Victim Satisfaction	Confidence of victims in the system	<p>Analysis on the latest Crime Survey for England & Wales (CSEW) for public perception and confidence of the local police suggest that Northamptonshire Police are better than the national average at understanding local concerns. The survey also recorded that 77% of those who took part in the survey had overall confidence in Northamptonshire Police. This is 4% higher than the forces Most Similar Group (MSG) and 3% above the national average.</p> <p>53% of those who took part in the survey however said that Northamptonshire Police were doing an excellent or good job in the local area. This was 2% lower than the national and MSG averages. It is worth noting that the CSEW is based on small sample sizes & therefore estimates from the CSEW are less robust than national level estimates. Northamptonshire survey results were based on a sample size of around 560 adults.</p>
Victim Satisfaction	Increased victim satisfaction	<p>Survey reporting still currently behind schedule due to the pandemic. The latest victim satisfaction report is up to February 2021. In February 2021, 81.1% of burglary victims states they were satisfied with overall service and above the force's 80% target. The 12-month rolling up to February 2021 for domestic abuse satisfaction remains at</p>

		<p>around 89% and has done so over the past 3 years. Overall satisfaction for all crime is 76.6% (12m rolling), which is an improvement of 2.7% in comparison to the same period last year (74.6%).</p>
Serious Sexual Offence	Respond effectively to serious sexual offences	<p>Recorded levels of rape in Q4 20/21 highest since Q2 20/21 (16% than Q4 20/21) and 22% higher than the same period last year (+46). This is similarly the case with serious sexual offences which has seen the highest levels recorded in over 12 months and 52% higher than the same period last year.</p> <p>The force remains a significant outlier against its peers and for the 4th quarter in a row, ranking 8th in MSG for recorded offences for rape and serious sexual offences. Historical cases continue to contribute towards the increase and is likely to remain until August 2021.</p> <p>Despite an increase in crimes, the force has improved their RASO positive outcome rate by 0.9% over the past 12 months and as of June 21, the overall rate was at 7.6% and currently ranked 3rd in the forces MSG. As a county we are however below the national rate of 10.8% and are currently ranked 20/43 nationally. I have agreed with the Chief Constable that this will be a matter of priority for the Force this year.</p>
Violent Crime	Reduction in levels of violent crime	<p>Outcome currently not on track. With the main lockdown conditions coming to an end during the quarter, recorded levels of violence without injury saw a 16% increase in comparison to the previous quarter and an 11% increase to the same period last year. Similarly, violence with injury after a reduction in Q4 20/21, offences returned to similar levels seen in Q2 & Q3 20/21 with 1,898 crimes recorded. Lockdown conditions may possibly be a contributing factor towards the reduction seen in Q4 20/21 however with conditions now easing volumes are seemingly returning to levels seen over the past 18 months.</p> <p>Detection rates for violence without injury the highest it has been for 12 months at 15% during Q1 21/22 (11% during the same period last year). During the current quarter, detection rates for violence was at 16.7% (14.9% same period last year) and continues to improve quarter on quarter.</p>
Alcohol Fuelled Crime	Reductions in alcohol linked violent offences in night-time economy	<p>The pandemic continues to have a significant impact on the night time economy where it was closed for much of the past 16 months and outcomes continues to be difficult to accurately reflect to alcohol linked offences. Some lockdown stipulations remained for the majority of Q1 21/22 for restaurants and pubs and the volume of alcohol affected crimes saw a 21% reduction in Q1 21/22 compared to the previous quarter, however below expected levels prior to the pandemic.</p> <p>With most lockdown conditions to be relaxed in Q2 21/22, there is likely to be an increase in alcohol consumption.</p>

<p>Drug Dealing</p>	<p>Positive activities in reducing street level drug supply</p>	<p>Outcome on track. Drug trafficking demand is steadily increasing however the force have confirmed that this is in response to sustained levels of proactive policing. Examples of this include a County Lines Intensification Week (w/c 17/05/21) which resulted in significant number of arrests of county /local drug lines. The county are currently 5/8 within their MSG however are currently 11% above the MSG average.</p> <p>Drug related Stop Searches equated for 67.6% of all stop searches over the past 12 months, this is slightly above the previous 12 months of 67.2%. in over the past 12 months 20/21 have seen a large 33.55% increase in comparison to the same period last year. The number of stop searches which resulted in no further action over the past 12 months had a rate of 74.1%, this is a slight increase on the previous 12 months (73.7%). At the end of June 2021, drug related stop search arrest rates from the past 12 months was at 9.2% which is slightly below the previous 12 months which saw an arrest rate of 10.2%.</p> <p>Q1 21/22, saw 390 drug possession offences committed which is a 21% reduction in comparison to the same period last year.</p>
<p>Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking</p>	<p>Reduce all forms of modern slavery & human trafficking</p>	<p>In liaison with Northampton Partnership Homes, the force has noticed an increase in vulnerable adults being housed independently in council housing and are at risk of cuckooing. The force are utilising serious and organised crime resources to support and protect these individuals.</p> <p>The Countywide MSHT group, chaired by an OPFCC representative continues to raise awareness of Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking (MSHT) crimes in the County, undertook an OPFCC funded campaign where from March 2021, the Force, supported by funding secured from the National MSHT Network undertake specific awareness raising campaign in the local logistics sector and identifying what the early signs of MSHT are. This includes the "it's probably nothing but..." awareness campaign which was launched during Q1 21/22 and encourages people to look beyond a seemingly 'normal' situation to see the real person and their potential predicament.</p>
<p>Burglary</p>	<p>Reduction in residential burglaries</p>	<p>Outcome on target. At the end of Q1 21/22 residential burglary reduced by 10.8% over a 12-month period and the quarter saw the lowest volumes recorded over the 12-month period for both residential burglary (410) & home invasion burglaries (282). Home invasion (HI) burglary volumes over the past 12-month period has seen a 12% reduction.</p> <p>Similarly, business and community burglaries saw a quarterly reduction of 15% in Q1 and volumes are only 6% higher than they were during the same quarter last year.</p>

		Despite the positive reductions seen, as of May 2021, the force remain 7/8 in their MSG, which suggests similar reductions were experienced nationally.
Burglary	Improved service for victim of burglary	As of June 2021, the force maintained their burglary overall satisfaction rolling 12-month average of over 80% (81.4%) and has not fallen below 80% for 6 months. This is on an upward trajectory where the force achieved 82.8% during the month of April 2021. Burglary overall satisfaction has exceeded the force target of 80% for 5 consecutive months. Being kept informed has also seen a 10% rise in the past 12 months for burglary. These are good signs that the service provision in the event of someone becoming a victim has improved and is better meeting their needs.
Cyber Crimes	Reduction in cyber crime	<p>Outcome not on target with a 11.6% increase in cyber flagged crime over the past 12 months and continues to follow in an upward trajectory. There were however signs in Q1 21/22 of cybercrime volumes returning to normal levels. This is one area we will be monitoring as lockdown conditions continue to ease over the summer period. In Q1 21/22, volumes of 'fraud' cybercrimes have increased by 9% in comparison to same period last year.</p> <p>The force are to undertake hypothesis testing to better understand why levels are as high as they are, in order to deliver a more targeted approach to this. OPFCC intends this year to launch an education and awareness programme to reduce the vulnerabilities of those susceptible to this type of offending.</p>
Anti-Social Behaviour	Deal with ASB more effectively	<p>The number of ASB incidents in Q1 21/22 decreased by 56% in comparison to the same period of last year, however it is worth noting that the vast majority of recorded ASB incidents in Q1 20/21 were COVID-19 related. As an example, in Q1 21/22, rowdy or inconsiderate behaviour saw a 64% reduction in comparison to the same period last year and Neighbour disputes has also seen a sizeable reduction (-61%).</p> <p>As of June 2021, the force achieved a rolling 12-month average of 65.8% for ASB victims stating that they were satisfied with the overall service and achieved 60.7% for the month of May 2021. ASB satisfactory levels remain the lowest of the crime types and reduced from 70.5% last year to 65.8% in 2021.</p>
Hate Crime	Deal with hate crime more effectively	Hate crimes over the past 12 months have increased by 27% in comparison to the previous 12-month period. Racial hate crime has seen a 17.5% increase over the past 12 months and sexual orientation related hate crime has increased by 26.4%. Reasons for this could be due to the lockdown periods over the past 12 months prompting a rise in intimidating behaviour from neighbours and the Black Lives Matter movement encouraging the public to come forward and report hate crimes.

		As of June 2021, the force achieved a rolling 12-month average of 76.1% for hate victims which is in line with the previous year and will continue to be monitored.
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Victims at the Heart of Justice		
Plan Priority	Key Outcome	Commentary & Assessment
VOICE: Victims & Witnesses	Better recovery from victimisation	<p>Referral volumes in Q1 21/22 at their lowest over the 12-month period, however referrals remain high in comparison to pre-COVID and are 11% higher than the same period last year. 92% of referral volumes were from police referrals and 1% self-referrals.</p> <p>23% of all referrals relate to victims of domestic abuse which has been consistent over the past 9-month period. Referrals relating to violence against the person accounts for 17.2% of all referral types and has seen a 35% increase in comparison to the previous quarter. A main contributing factor for this could be due to the easing of lockdown restrictions, with more people out in public spaces and with the Euros being held during the period</p> <p>The service level agreement lowest recorded over the past 12 months but still remains high. Q1 21/22 saw 95.5% of victim referrals contacted within 72hrs. 5.2% of all valid victim referrals accepted a level of support in Q1. This is the second highest recorded over the past 12 months and the same level recorded during the same period last year.</p> <p>During Q1 21/22 85.7% of individuals who provided a closing assessment reported that they were better to cope with aspects of everyday life, this is a slight improvement on the previous quarter which recorded 85.2%. 78.6% also saw an improvement to their health and wellbeing; this is in line with scores achieved during the previous month.</p>
VOICE: Road Harm	Increased support and satisfaction	<p>With lockdown restrictions easing during Q1 21/22 and traffic levels rising back to near normal levels, referral volumes into the VOICE Roadharm service increased by 83% in comparison to the same period last year (1st lockdown) and 21% from the previous quarter.</p> <p>The increase in referral volumes has resulted in 36% of all referrals accepted support from the Roadharm service. This is the highest rate over the past 12 months and significantly above the 12-month average of 17.6%.</p>

		51 Hours of counselling & therapy sessions were held in Q1 21/22, for the second quarter in a row, this is a sizeable improvement compared to the previous quarter (36 hours Q4 20/21), however still significantly below the same period last year where 64 hours were held. One of the main contributing factors for this decline can be attributed to the pandemic restrictions, however the team continue to be flexible in supporting all clients virtually and through other methods.
VOICE: Witness Care	Increased support and satisfaction	Outcome remains on track. May 2021 saw witness attendance rates achieve 98% which is the highest monthly rate recorded to date. Attendance rates for the quarter however were Q1 21/22 recorded 85% overall which is the lowest recorded over the past 12 months, this is due to June only achieving a monthly rate of 79%. Unsuccessful cases in Q1 due to victims failing to give evidence (27) remains consistent with an average of 26 over the past 12 months. The PFCC has provided additional funding to increase Witness Care Unit staffing.
VOICE: Restorative Justice	Better recovery from victimisation	2 Referrals during the quarter. The restorative justice process was on hold during Q4 20/21 nationally due to Covid-19 and this has seemingly had a knock-on effect throughout Q1 21/22. As mentioned previously, RJ has been recognised by the Chief Constable of being an effective method of achieving a positive outcome and is one of the focuses for the Neighbourhood Policing teams. With the implementation of the new Victim Code of Practice we expect restorative justice referrals to increase for the remainder of the financial year.
VOICE: Children & Young People (Child Psychology Service)	Better recovery from victimisation	Throughout the pandemic, Children & Young People's services have generally seen referral volumes dip, however Q1 21/22 saw volumes increase by 35.6% (1,287) in comparison to the same period last year and 4.4% above the 12-month average. The speed of service continues to perform well with 98.99% of individuals during the quarter being contacted within 48hrs of a referral. The accepted levels of support during Q1 21/22 was at 2.2% which is lower than the levels recorded last quarter (3.5%), however in line with the 12-month average. 50 Hours of counselling & therapy sessions were held during the quarter, this is a positive increase compared to the previous quarter where only 20 hours were provided due to the constraints of the latest lockdown imposed during Q4 20/21, however still significantly below the levels recorded pre-COVID-19.
Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (Sunflower)	Better recovery from victimisation	Q1 21/22 for the second quarter in a row, Sunflower recorded the highest number of referrals received to date (886), this is a 6.2% increase compared to the previous quarter and 25.3% increase compared to the same period last year. The speed of service remains high, with 93% of individuals being contacted within 24hrs. Additional MOJ funding has been awarded to increase IDVA provision.

		<p>During the past 15 months, Sunflower continue has seen a big increase in the number of victims accepting support. On average 37% of all referrals accepted support during the past 12 months (32% in Q1 21/22), this is a significant increase compared to 19/20 financial year where only 18% received support.</p> <p>Referrals into the MARAC service has seen a decrease of 24% compared with the same period last year. 363 referrals received during the quarter of which 99% of cases (361) were heard at MARAC hearings, this is a notable improvement where in comparison, 89% of cases were heard at MARAC hearings during the same quarter last year. Additional meetings were implemented to ensure referrals were being heard in a timelier fashion.</p>
<p>Swift & Sure Justice</p>	<p>More efficient & effective system</p>	<p>Not on track, however similar pattern across the country. Northampton Crown Court outstanding workload continues to increase on a monthly basis. At the end of May 2021, the county had a backlog of 632 cases, which is an increase of 24.9% over the last 12 months and has followed a very similar trend both regionally and nationally over the period. This is below the national average which has seen a 35% increase over the same period.</p> <p>At the end of May 2021, the county had a backlog of 5.326 cases. Over the last 12 months however, the caseload backlog has reduced by 1.8%. This is at a slower rate than the national average (11% reduction), however there are signs that the county is starting to close the gap, with the county seeing a 5.5% reduction in 2021 (Jan - May) which greater than the region (-4.3%) and nationally (-3.5%).</p> <p>As of August 2021, CPS consultations in the county are taking 24.7 days to complete, this is around 5 days longer than the national average of 19.6 days. The county is currently ranked 3/5 in the East Midlands in terms of the speed of CPS consultations being completed and is slightly quicker than the regional average (24.9 days).</p>
<p>Substance Misuse</p>	<p>Fund an effective referral treatment service from the Criminal Justice system.</p>	<p>Current reporting arrangements provided by Change Grow Live (CGL) are not adequate and frequent enough. Clearer contract outcomes and arrangements required and to be reviewed with provider. The PFCC funding currently provides for daily coverage at Northampton Magistrates & Crown courts to access the sustainability and carry out assessments for Alcohol Treatment Requirements (ATR) and/or Drug Rehabilitation Requirements (DRR). This is work that will continue to better establish the value being achieved from this investment. A new framework for the delivery of treatment and recovery services is due in 2022 and with it will come a more robust performance management framework.</p>

<p>Mental Health</p>	<p>To provide a more appropriate service for service users and help to reduce police time spent on mental health related incidents.</p>	<p>Mental Health flagged incident demand appears to be showing signs of stabilising and in June 2021 accounted for 6% of all incidents recorded. This is reflective of national trends with all forces seeing stable levels comparable to demand seen in 2020. The complexities of this demand is escalating however with the force confirming that officers are spending more time at mental health incidents (3,000 hours in June for example).</p> <p>The use of S136 in Q1 remains high and was used 53 times in June, which is the highest seen since the summer of 2020. All forces nationally however, reported a significant increasing trend in the use of S136 over the past 3 months and with the removal of the remaining social restrictions and the furlough scheme in the coming months, it is possible that there will be further heightened demand coming from mental health issues.</p> <p>Q1 21/22 has seen a positive increase in the percentage of S136 detentions contacting Op Alloy for advice to 81%. Despite there being a reduction in overall demand pushed to Op Alloy over the past quarter, the service is seeing the most important incidents being pushed to them for advice. The Commissioner has funded for an uplift to the existing service, which is due to start in the coming months, as a result of this, there will be a suite of metrics to understand how the force is effectively utilising the service and diverting nominals to the most appropriate services. Results of these metrics will be reported moving forward.</p>
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