

APPENDIX B - Statutory Partner Updates

Colchester Borough Council

See Appendix A – Annual Partnership Plan, which outlines key community safety initiatives to date. Key activity includes:

- CBC Community Response Team has continued to provide support and assistance to residents across the borough during the pandemic. They have continued to adapt and issue up-to-date guidance through a Community Support Pack.
- CBC continues to support COVID compliance and enforcement through their Licensing Team, and the employment in November 2020 of a Covid Co-ordinator and Covid Marshals.
- Town Centre Action Planning meetings have been held on a weekly basis to monitor and evaluate activity to support ASB [Antisocial Behaviour] enforcement, support for rough sleepers and has adapted to support Covid guideline compliance.
- Re-launch of Safer Rural Communities Fund with successful applications including West Bergholt Parish Council for new CCTV system at their community centre to tackle increase in ASB incidents.
- Review and renewal of Public Space Protection Orders including Town Centre and Mill Road Sports Ground.
- CBC invited key organisations to join a Suicide Prevention Partnership Group for Colchester. This group now meets on a quarterly basis to consider risks of suicide (particularly in young people) and co-ordinate activity at a local level to prevent incidents across the borough. We link into a wider group across Suffolk and NE Essex.
- CBC arranged for its Ward Councillors to attend Hate Crime Awareness Sessions, delivered by Essex Police Hate Crime Co-ordinator.
- Continued awareness raising of domestic abuse through partnership work with Next Chapter and sharing of social media campaigns. Work is underway to ensure the local authority is prepared for the additional requirements under the Domestic Abuse Bill - comes into force in April 2021.

Covid Marshals

They have been contracted from 30 November 2020- 28 February 2021 – Tasked to manage the whole of Colchester Borough, and therefore are both mobile and on foot; both in the Town Centre and elsewhere.

During Tier 2, they completed checklists (adapted for us by the Licensing Team) to check that all regulations were being adhered to. If there were issues, the Marshalls would return a few days to a week later to make sure the premises were adhering. Since the move to Tier 4, they have adopted more of a PR/presence role. They visit the same areas as before, have a walk around, offer hand sanitiser / face masks, to those they speak to who perhaps are gathering in groups or not social distancing adequately.

If reports come in from any source; Police, general public, other teams within the Council or Councils partnerships, they are contacted by the Covid Compliance Co Ordinator and redirected to the site in question to ensure any noncompliance is resolved.

They have visited 120 premises, and some of these have had multiple visits since the contract began on 30 November 2020.

Hours patrolled,

The 2 Covid Marshals are working a total 66 hours across 6 days

Number of compliance discussions

120 premises were visited throughout the Borough, whilst in Tier 2. Now that shops/pubs/restaurants are mainly closed they are checking that stores are adhering to the correct Click n collect rules or checking that they are closed as required. Checking on social distancing and/ or groups gathering, is being adhered to by the general public.

Police and Enforcement action

The Marshalls have been working with the Police, teaming up on Friday and Saturday's evenings, whilst in Tier 2, checking on licensed premises.

Weekly meetings take place between the CCC, Police/ PCSOs, Market Manager, BID Team manager, Community 360 to discuss the previous weeks potential issues, areas that need more attention going forward. Also discussed is relevant signage and pinch points during market days.

Nights of Action 3 Nights of Action took place in December, the Marshalls worked alongside the Police whilst visiting pubs and restaurants. The results of these visits are below:

No	Time Taken								
Action Taken	1.25 hrs	15 Mins	2.0 hrs	30 Mins	45 Mins	60 Mins	(blank)	2.5 hrs	Grand Total
Advice given	1	3	1	9	2	1	17		34
Email to subject premises		6		5	2		11	1	25
Formal Action			1				7		8
Letter sent to subject premises							10		10
No further action		1					2		3
Phone call to subject premises	1	9		10	1	2	10		33
Visit subject premises	3	33		3	7	5	24		75
(blank)		12	3	13	4	4	259		295
Grand Total	5	64	5	40	16	12	340	1	483
							30 mins est		81.25 hours

Other compliance activities

Handing out of masks and sanitiser will continue as long as necessary. Making contact with the public in a friendly educational manner is really important and so far, we have received good feedback.

Track and Trace Duties

The Marshals have undertaken house to house calls to assist in the tracking of those who have tested positive for Covid but have yet to be contacted, and linked up with the Police when unable to make contact with an individual.

North East Essex – Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)

- Supporting Colchester General Hospital to manage wave 3 surge over the winter period and to bring back routine/elective work when appropriate.
- Supporting the care market to manage Covid outbreaks and support residents to remain well at home.
- Winter Messages – key messages around keeping warm homes, exercise and supporting mental health.
- Covid immunisations roll out.
- Demand/capacity planning for winter and Covid related cases is ongoing.
- Work with Primary Care on maintaining primary care services that support health and wellbeing as well as mental health support – anticipate increased demand for services to continue.

Essex County Fire and Rescue Service

Naturally, the restrictions currently in place to prevent the spread of COVID 19 have had a significant impact on our non-emergency activities.

However we are still carrying out Safe and Well visits for those members of the community who are identified as vulnerable and smoke detectors are still available through our community safety teams.

We are, of course still attending all emergency requests for our services and we are providing additional support to the East of England Ambulance Service in terms of providing ambulance drivers and offering operational support where their crews are limited.

Our risk identification and information gathering work continues, although we are carrying this out remotely where appropriate.

Fire investigation work continues as normal as do workplace inspections where access can be gained.

All of our sites have COVID 19 risk assessments in place as do all of our activities.

Essex Police

Temporary Chief Inspector 2158 Jon Evans

Briefing notes will be activity since previous Crime and Disorder Panel which took place in September 2020.

Specific Questions from the Panel:

Police update including impacts of COVID and latest crime figures for Colchester. Insight into how the Police roles have changed over the last three years in relation to the incidents attended.

Specific Request for resources stationed at Colchester.

Domestic Abuse – Update on domestic abuse figures, approach and activities relating to DA by police.

COVID

The Coronavirus Pandemic has provided a unique challenge to policing across the country and this has been no different within Colchester District.

The policing response has been in conjunction with the National Police Chiefs and College of Policing guidance using the four E approach (engage, explain, encourage, enforce). On 14th September 2020, England's gathering restrictions were tightened, with the rule of six applied in both indoor and outdoor settings. Shortly after this pubs and restaurants directed to close at 2200 hours.

Locally Colchester Police linked in with Colchester Borough Council Licensing Team to ensure the guidelines in relation to the Night-time Economy were being adhered to, in order to keep the public safe. Working with partners to support Businesses across the district.

Operation Talla is Essex Police's response to the Coronavirus Pandemic and locally dedicated Community Policing Team resources are completing the districts patrol plan, responding to reports from the community of breaches of the regulations and re-assuring the community.

In October 2020, the three-tier system was introduced national and during this period the local patrol plan focused on providing a visible policing presence in the areas of highest concentration – Town Centre, Shopping Centres, Supermarkets, Medical Facilities and the University of Essex, as well as providing re-assurance patrols in rural policing areas.

On 5th November 2020, the second national lockdown and non-essential high street businesses were closed.

On 2nd December 2020, the tier system was reintroduced, restrictions on hospitality business were stricter. The partnership response was to have three 'nights of action' at weekends in the lead up to the Christmas period, additional Town Centre Patrols and Late-Night Shopping Patrols to support the local businesses.

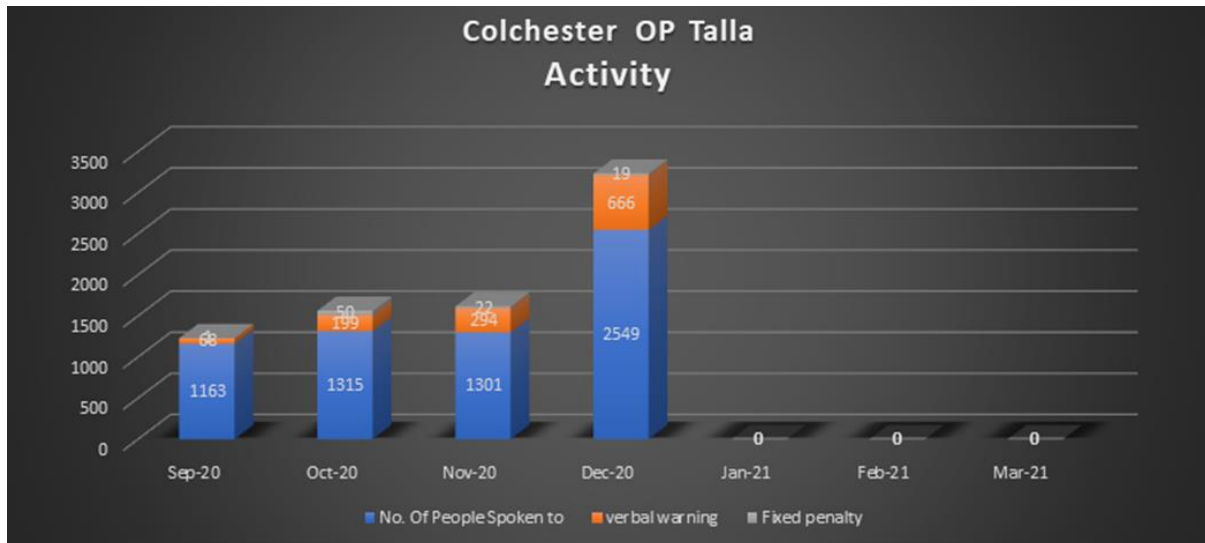
On 19th December 2020, a new tier four system was introduced by the Government. There was also a 'Christmas Bubble' which meant a slight relaxing of the regulations on Christmas Day only, allowing for family groups to mix outside of their bubbles.

On 30th December 2020, the country was placed in tier four restriction and lockdown three commenced on 6th January 2021.

We have seen a steep increase in Covid related policing demand in lockdown three, with an increase in the number of reports from the community.

Colchester Police related Covid statistics Since September 2020 to January 2021;

- Issued 112 Fixed Penalty Notices.
- Engaged with 6328 members of the community.
- Given 1227 verbal warnings
- There has been 826 Covid related incidents created on the Essex Police Storm System.
- Conducted 396 Licensed Premises Visits.
- Patrol hours recorded 1244 hours.



Impact of COVID on Local Policing:

The Coronavirus Pandemic has affected the staffing levels across the district in terms of staff absent through work with COVID related symptoms. The absence levels have not had a detrimental effect on service delivery, with response times to emergency incidents remaining at similar levels throughout the period. The district has a COVID contingency plan in place in terms of resourcing and we are currently in Status Green in terms of our resource levels (green, amber, red and black being the indicators in order).

The teams have the correct numbers of response capability, taser and body worn video trained officers.

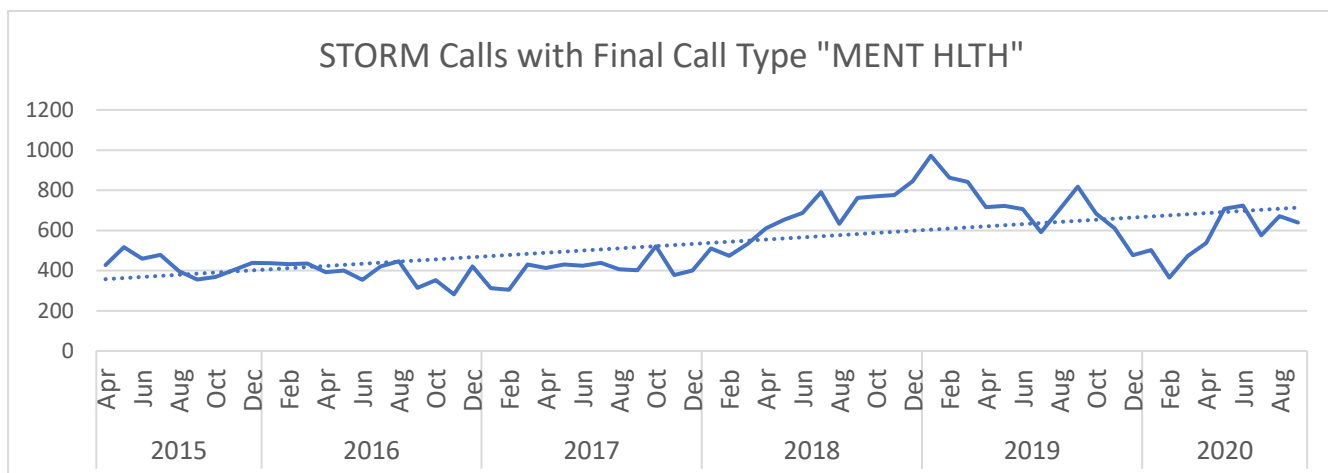
There has been an increase in demand in terms of additional COVID related incidents, but we have seen a decline in normal demand as a result of COVID restrictions.

Change in Policing Landscape

Essex Police Force Plan details the priorities for the Police Service. Help people, keep people Safe and catch criminals. With the main efforts focused around the 4V's – Victims, Vulnerability, Violence and Visibility.

Nationally there has been a decrease in overall volume crime types and a change in the pattern of modern crimes. With hidden crimes such as modern slavery, Child Sexual exploitation, Online crimes and county lines related crimes becoming more prevalent. The demands facing the Police Service are broader and nationally there is evidence that non crime demand is higher.

Essex Police have seen an increase in incidents relating to mental health over the last five-year period with a significant rise between mid-2018 and mid-2019. The bar chart below shows the volumes of calls for Mental Health in the 12 months to the end of September 2020.

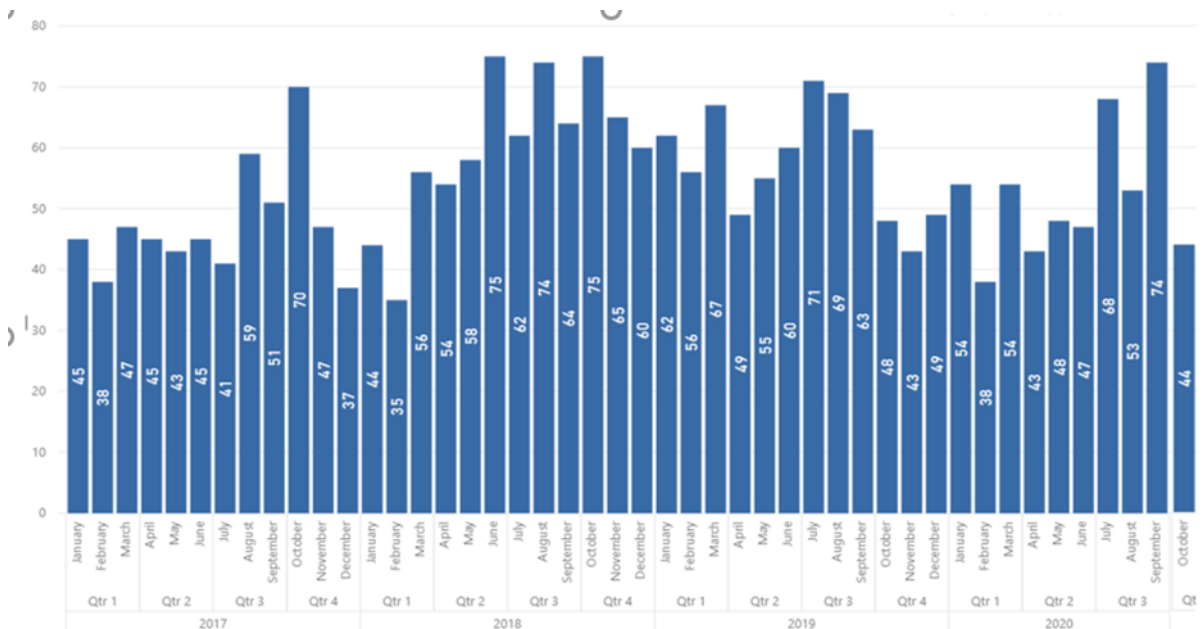


Force-wide section 135

Available data as set out in the chart below regarding the number of non-urgent warrants under Section 135 Mental Health Act suggests a significant increase in the number of section 135 warrants:

- 2017 – 28¹ warrants,
- 2018 – 111 warrants,
- 2019 – 147 warrants,
- 2020² - 156 warrants.

Colchester Volume of Mental Health Incidents



¹ A note of caution must be applied around the 2017 data, due to improved data collation methods were introduced.

² Data presented is up to end October 2020

Non crime related demand

The below figures have been taken from Essex Police Storm Command and Control system and detail the total number of incidents recorded for the Colchester District.

Type of Incident	2018	2019	2020
Missing Person	1179	1132	856
Concern for Welfare	5180	4847	5042
Assist other agency	210	254	259

The assist another agency call type, shows an increase in demand, from other public services. Missing person incidents have declined, this maybe down to the COVID restrictions.

Locally we are currently working in partnership with the health service to deliver a future dedicated Serenity Integrated Mentoring (SIM) team with a dedicated police officer. In joint mentoring teams, they will begin to intensively support service users who were struggling to manage high frequency and high-risk crisis behaviours. By combining the clinical expertise of a mental health professional with the boundary setting skills of a police officer in a personal, relational and consistent approach. With the aim to support the individuals and therefore reduce demand on all services.

Partnership Nights of Action

On 2nd December 2020, the tier system was reintroduced, during partnership discussions between Colchester Borough Council plans were developed to run three additional 'nights of action' in the lead up to the Christmas period.

The Policing Operation took place on the 5th, 11th and 19th December 2020 and were supported by Colchester Borough Council Licensing team and the new Covid Marshalls. On 5th December 2020 - 15 Licenced premises were visited, 92 members of the public were spoken to, 38 persons were warned, no tickets were issued to the public, no arrests were made, but The Hole in the Wall Public House was closed and later issued with a £10,000 fine by licensing.

On 11th December 2020 - 19 Licenced premises were visited, 65 members of the public were spoken to, 10 persons were warned, no tickets were handed to members of the public, no arrests were made.

On 5th December 2020 - 18 Licenced premises were visited, 89 members of the public were spoken to, 30 persons were warned, 2 tickets were handed to members of the public, 3 arrests were made but The Leather Bottle Public House was closed and issued with a £10,000 fine.

COVID Marshals

The Community Policing Team have been liaising with the Covid Co-ordinator daily to coordinate the partnership response and to avoid duplication of efforts in terms of visible patrols across the district.

The team have also assisted with the track and trace process for the individuals that the Covid team have been unable to contact in order to confirm that they are isolating. This requirement has been infrequent and limited in number – 4 referrals to police have taken place in January 2021. Police Officers have been able to trace the individuals following the referrals and no enforcement action has taken place.

Crime Statistics for Colchester District

Please see Colchester Districts Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour Statistics as a comparison to previous rolling 12 months;

- All Crime has decreased by 7.3% (difference of 1389 offences)
- Anti-Social behaviour has increased by 13.4% (642 more incidents – This is identified as linked to the recording of breaches of COVID regulations)
- Violence with injury has decreased by 5.3% (99 less offences)
- Stalking and Harassment has increased by 4.4% (118 more offences)
- Residential Burglary has decreased by 26.3% (206 less offences)
- Commercial Burglary has decreased by 39.7% (133 less offences)
- Theft of pedal cycles have decreased by 37.4% (158 less offences)

Crime/Incident Type	# offence		# diff	% diff	District vs Force % pt diff	Per 1000 Pop.*	District vs Force Per Pop* diff	# offences		# diff	% diff	Per 1000 Pop.
	Colchester 12M							Force				
	2019	2020						2019	2020			
ALL CRIME	18924	17535	-1389	-7.3	-0.3	90.1	5.3	168478	156583	-11895	-7.1	84.8
Violence with Injury	1858	1759	-99	-5.3	2.2	9.0	1.3	15371	14219	-1152	-7.5	7.7
Violence without Injury	3157	3329	172	5.4	-0.1	17.1	2.4	25758	27198	1440	5.6	14.7
Stalking and Harassment**	2652	2770	118	4.4	-0.7	14.2	1.1	23070	24262	1192	5.2	13.1
Sexual Offences	659	549	-110	-16.7	-13.8	2.8	0.3	4849	4711	-138	-2.8	2.6
Robbery	178	114	-64	-36.0	-12.6	0.6	-0.2	1787	1370	-417	-23.3	0.7
Residential Burglary	782	576	-206	-26.3	-2.0	8.0	-0.1	7784	5886	-1898	-24.4	8.2
Business and Community Burglary	335	202	-133	-39.7	-14.2	1.0	-0.1	2859	2129	-730	-25.5	1.2
Dwelling Burglary (pre-Apr 17 definition)	532	413	-119	-22.4	3.5	5.8	0.0	5554	4120	-1434	-25.8	5.7
Other Burglary (pre-Apr 17 definition)	585	365	-220	-37.6	-14.1	1.9	-0.2	5089	3895	-1194	-23.5	2.1
Theft from a Vehicle	448	347	-101	-22.5	-3.7	1.8	-1.5	7534	6111	-1423	-18.9	3.3
Theft of a Vehicle	263	213	-50	-19.0	8.1	1.1	-1.0	5388	3928	-1460	-27.1	2.1
Theft from the Person	179	109	-70	-39.1	-18.1	0.6	0.0	1317	1040	-277	-21.0	0.6
Theft of Pedal Cycles	423	265	-158	-37.4	-20.5	1.4	0.4	2177	1810	-367	-16.9	1.0
Shoplifting	1397	910	-487	-34.9	-7.0	4.7	0.3	11090	8005	-3085	-27.8	4.3
Other Theft	1385	1064	-321	-23.2	-0.8	5.5	0.0	13115	10183	-2932	-22.4	5.5
Criminal Damage (incl. arson)	1905	1744	-161	-8.5	3.1	9.0	0.5	17701	15650	-2051	-11.6	8.5
Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents	4800	5442	642	13.4	-8.4	27.9	0.0	42368	51583	9215	21.7	27.9

District	Anti-Social Behaviour Incidents	
	Offences	Per 1000 Pop.
Basildon	5245	28.0
Braintree	3142	20.6
Brentwood	1964	25.5
Castle Point	1830	20.2
Chelmsford	4705	26.4
Colchester	5108	26.2
Epping Forest	3380	25.7
Harlow	3476	39.9
Maldon	1028	15.8
Rochford	1309	15.0
Southend-on-Sea	6817	37.2
Stansted	391	
Tendring	3955	27.0
Thurrock	5183	29.7
Uttlesford	1330	14.6

Colchester District Policing Structure and Resources

Colchester District Policing Area (DPA) is part of the North Local Policing Area (LPA). The DPA is run by one District Commander, who has one Community Policing Team (CPT) Inspector and 5 Local Policing Team (LPT) Inspectors.

Operating from Colchester Police Station, located on Southway, the DPA is covered 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by the LPT.

LPT has an establishment of 5 Inspectors, 10 Sergeants, and 116 Constables. These resources are split across five teams.

Colchester Community Safety partnership brings together key agencies supported by two teams: Colchester Community Policing Team with an establishment of 1 Inspector, 2 Sergeants, 12 Constables and 8 PCSO. The second being a dedicated Town Centre policing Team consisting of 1 Sergeant, 6 constables and 4 PCSO. 2 Constables work as community safety and engagement officers while 4 Constables work as Children's Young Persons

officers, we are also supported by a Missing Person Liaison Officer, a licensing officer, and a hate crime officer.

Also based at Colchester are a Criminal Investigations Department (CID) a Domestic Abuse Investigation Team (DAIT) and the North LPA Crime and Public Protection Command team consisting of an Adult Sexual Offences Investigation Team, and a Child Abuse Investigation Team.

A dedicated gangs team support the North LPA along with forensic support from a team of Crime Scene Investigators who are also based at Colchester police station.

The Police station also houses a Criminal Justice Unit, a custody area, an administration team, property storage, facilities team and provides a front counter open for the public from 9am to 5pm 7 days a week.

At Stanway the North Roads Policing Unit cover the North of Essex.

Colchester is supported by 65 Special Constables who have the same police powers as full time Police Officers but volunteer their time to keep our community safe.

Force Growth

In this financial year, Essex has recruited a further 151 police officers county wide, which has seen the total number in Essex Police increase to 3,369. A growth of 519 police officers over the last three years.

The additional 151 officers break down as, 88 additional officers to Investigation Teams, 41 Officers to specialist trained roles (including business crime team and additional Rural engagement officers) and 22 Officers to Community Safety Engagement Officers posts. At a district level, this has seen additional posts at Colchester; 2 Community Safety and Engagement Officers and 2 additional Child and Young Person Officers.

The Town Policing Team has seen a decrease in 4 Community Support Officer posts which were funded by Colchester Borough Council.

In terms of the specific question regarding police officer retirements, I do not have any specific data on future retirements, whilst this would influence 'policing experience', this should not have a detrimental effect on resource numbers due to the continued recruitment of police officers by Essex Police.

One Colchester - Priority One - Tackling Gangs and County Lines

The North Operation Raptor team is based at Colchester Police Station; however, the team provides coverage across the North Local Police Area (LPA). The team's primary focus is to combat Urban Street Gangs and County Drug Lines.

Between September 2020 and December 2020, the North Raptor team have achieved the following results across the LPA;

Arrests: 45

Charge & Remands: 18

Cash Recovered: £15,105

Drugs recovered: £5,846

Weapons recovered: 6

Main drug line phones seized: 10

Safeguarding activity, referrals for vulnerable persons and cuckoo address checks completed by dedicated safeguarding officers.

Specific OP Raptor Enforcement activity in Colchester District:

In September 2020, Operation Raptor arrest of County Lines dealers in Castle Ward of Colchester. Suspect wanted for firearms offences in Metropolitan policing area.

70 wraps of class A drugs located – Heroin and cocaine. Suspects charged and remanded for drugs offences.

In October 2020, Operation Raptor arrest of County Lines dealer at an address in the Castle Ward of Colchester. He was wanted conspiracy to supply class A drugs, a quantity of cannabis and approximately £6,000 in cash seized at the address. Suspect was charged and remanded.

Social Care referrals completed for children located at the address.

In October 2020, Operation Raptor executed a search warrant in Highwoods Ward of Colchester. 3 Suspects linked to county line were arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply class A drugs and over 200 wraps of class A drugs were seized. Significant safeguarding actions taken at the scene around young children at the address.

In October 2020, as part of a joint policing operation with the Metropolitan Police, Operation Raptor executed a warrant at an address in the ST Annes Ward of Colchester. Suspect involved in running of a county line arrested at scene and numerous zombie style knives seized. Suspect charged with being concerned in the supply of class A drugs and remanded.

In December 2020, A further joint policing operation between the Metropolitan Police, Operation Raptor team and Colchester CID resulted in 13 search warrants being simultaneously executed in both London and Colchester areas. This action resulted in the arrest of 11 suspects who were responsible for the running of a county line in Colchester. 6 suspects were charged and remanded for conspiracy to supply class A drugs. This operation has shut down a county line.

Community Policing Team Activity

The Community Policing Team through our regular deployments Operation Pegasi, under the Home Office funded Op Sceptre, provide high visibility reassurance combined with plain clothes patrols targeting those who carry weapons (this is often associated with drug activity), the intelligence lead deployments are in conjunction with our Force Tasking document.

The focus of this activity has been on the ST Annes Ward (Greenstead).

The team have executed 18 Misuse of Drugs Act warrants across the district, between September 2020 and January 2021, to tackle both the criminality associated with the use/supply of drugs and the anti-social behaviour this brings to the community.

This county lines activity presents not only an enforcement challenge to the police, but the safeguarding issues that this model of criminality presents, with vulnerable members of the community being subject to 'cuckooing', with dealers using their premises as an operating base and juveniles being exploited as drugs runners.

One Colchester – Priority Two - Driving Down Anti-Social Behaviour and Violent Crime in Public Places, focusing on Hate Crime

Violent Crime

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activity), the intelligence lead deployments are in conjunction with our Force Tasking document. The focus of this activity has been on the ST Annes Ward (Greenstead).

Night-time Economy Policing – Through Partnership work through the TCAP meeting, Pub Watch group and Licensing teams. Our Town Policing team plan bespoke night-time economy deployments to reduce the harm. Identifying repeat offenders and repeat victims through analytical work, in order to take preventative steps.

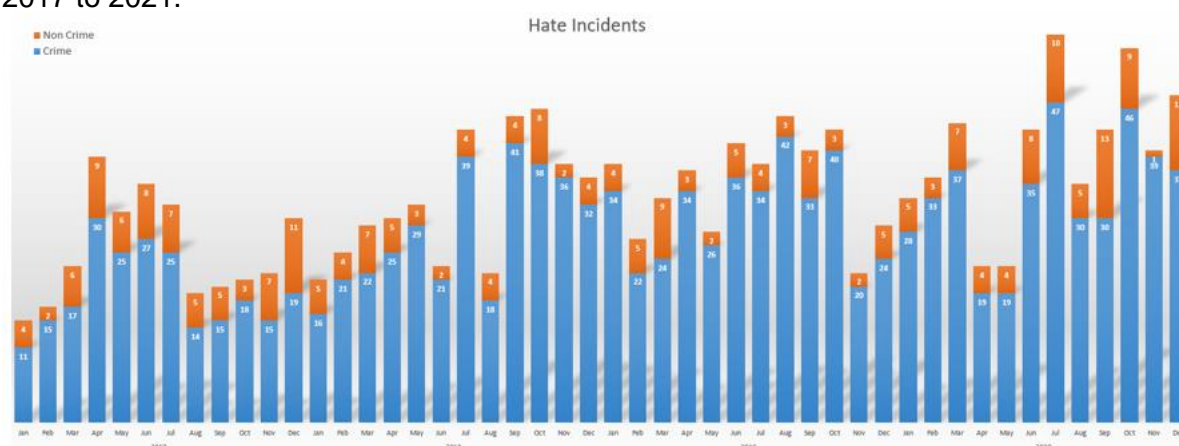
This activity has been reduced due to the COVID restrictions in place, but the activity is subject to internal review process through the Night-time Economy Force board.

Hate Crime

The Independent Advisory Group has continued to go from strength to strength, Essex Police providing monthly updates on hate crime statistics/trends and details of stop search activity across the district.

Hate Crime Officer based at Colchester Police Station continues to work with partners to increase the number of hate crime ambassadors and hate crime reporting centres in Colchester.

Colchester Community Team officers take the investigative lead from standard and medium risk hate crime offences. With Investigation teams owning the high-risk investigations. The below chart details recorded hate incidents and crimes for the Colchester District from 2017 to 2021.



Hate Crime statistics for Colchester District:

Year	Hate Crimes recorded
2018	432
2019	454
2020	479

Anti-Social Behaviour

Across the Colchester District Anti-Social behaviour has increased by 13.4%. This is 642 more incidents than the previous 12 months. – This is identified as linked to the reports of breaches of COVID regulations and associated behaviour.

The Community Policing Team, work in collaboration with partners to tackle anti-social behaviour across the Colchester District. Tackling a wide range of issues from ASB associated with drug related activity, nuisance vehicles, speeding and neighbour disputes. (not a definitive list)

Operation Luscombe is the Town Centre Policing teams policing operation in relation to the street homeless community, and where the COVID restrictions have allowed, through partnership working have supported the vulnerable individuals and tackled anti-social behaviour associated with street begging.

A large portion of the reported ASB incidents have been COVID related since the September 2020.

One Colchester – Priority Three - Identifying & supporting the reporting of Hidden Harms with a proactive approach to those at risk of Domestic Abuse and Sexual Offences.

Colchester District utilise several different policing operations to identify and tackle hidden harms offences across the district, both through our locally based resources and specialist teams.

Child and Young Person officers work with schools and our partners at social care to safeguard vulnerable children from child exploitation, child sexual exploitation and gangs/county lines association. Regular contact with Safeguarding officers at schools, work with care homes/placements and attendance at partnership Missing and Child exploitation meetings to discuss safeguarding of vulnerable individuals.

Operation Encompass - enables a referral pathway for police to inform a school that their pupil has been involved in or exposed to a domestic abuse incident.

Operation Aidant – Regular visits to identified vulnerable business locations across the district to ensure safeguarding of individuals by community policing team and by specialist modern slavery team.

Sexual Offences

Stationed at Colchester are specialist officers from the Crime and Public Protection Command – ASAIT and CAIT teams.

Partnership work with the University of Essex in October 2020 to increase awareness/knowledge in relation to sexual offences and reduce sexual offences.

Domestic Abuse:

We are more preventative than ever. Through PFCC precept growth we have just set up a Domestic Abuse Problem Solving team for the force. 6 officers will be based in Colchester for the NLPA starting on March 15th. This number will double by December 2021. They will look at all repeat victims/perpetrators and work with partners to reduce harm. They will also manage the MAPPA (Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements) DA offenders, look for opportunities to divert people away from violent behaviour. They'll also provide a service to support victims right through the Criminal Justice process, so they remain engaged right through to court.

During lockdown/COVID we've had tremendous support from other organisations and the 3rd sector regards DA. In terms of Domestic Abuse statistics; Colchester district levels have remained at similar levels over the past three years in terms of volume of incidents.

Year	Number of recorded Incidents	Number of Investigations
2018	3816	2682
2019	3806	3214
2020	3853	3130

Since the COVID-19 outbreak and the lockdown in the UK at the end of March 2020, the number of domestic abuse crimes remained at similar levels prior to COVID-19 and lockdown. It could be argued that this may be due to victims being unable to report offences where they live with the perpetrator.

In terms of repeat victims and repeat perpetrators of Domestic Abuse. The below data shows the level of repeat individual victims (the data set is 12 months old, but have been informed that this is broadly the same data for this year).

	Individual Victims		
	12M to Nov 19		
	Repeat	Non-repeat	% Repeat
Uttlesford	267	508	34.5%
Braintree	708	1134	38.4%
Chelmsford	834	1257	39.9%
Maldon	236	401	37.0%
Colchester	1048	1691	38.3%
Tendring	992	1602	38.2%
North	4085	6593	38.3%
Brentwood	296	536	35.6%
Epping	534	1084	33.0%
Harlow	582	1002	36.7%
Thurrock	978	1758	35.7%
West	2390	4380	35.3%
Southend	1327	1967	40.3%
Castle Point	382	729	34.4%
Rochford	299	515	36.7%
Basildon	1145	1802	38.9%
South	3153	5013	38.6%
Stansted Airport	1	13	7.1%
Force	9629	15999	37.6%

Operation Shield 2 is going live across Essex as a problem-solving approach to Domestic repeat Offenders and Victims, this is driven through the Force Tasking process.

Rural Crime

The Community Safety Engagement Officers have regular contact with members of Parish Councils and the team provide a rural response/patrols under Operation Vocal.

There is a regular Police presence at the Town and Parish Clerks forum to present and seek feedback from the community.

The Operation Talla district patrol plan (Covid pandemic) also provides visible patrols in the rural locations of Colchester.

Rural Crime Statistics

Please see below crime figures which provides volume of recorded crimes between September 2020 and January 2021:

	TOTAL
BIRCH AND WINSTREE WARD	8
COPFORD AND WEST STANWAY	6
DEDHAM AND LANGHAM	12
EAST DONYPOND	10
FORDHAM AND STOUR	10
GREAT TEY	4
MARKS TEY	12
PYEFLEET	8
WEST BERGHOLT & EIGHT ASH GREEN	4
WEST MERSEA	26
TIPTREE	24
WIVENHOE	27

As a comparison to urban areas of Colchester - 136 were recorded in the Castle Ward (Town centre) and 69 crimes recorded in ST Andrews Ward (Greenstead).

Engagement – Meet and Greets

The engagement activities with the communities has been a challenge during the Covid Pandemic, coffee with cops has been replaced with socially distanced meet and greets (when Covid regulations allowed) Please find the below detailing rural engagement activity;
December – Langenhoe, West Mersea, Fingeringhoe, Langham, Tiptree, Copford.
November – West Mersea, Birch, Boxted, Dedham, Tiptree, Peldon
October – Rowhedge, Chappel, Wormingford, Salcott, Mount Bures
September – Tiptree, West Mersea,

CPT Enforcement – Rural Warrants

The Community Policing Team have executed Misuse of Drugs act warrants between September and December 20 in the following rural locations:
Fordham, Tiptree and West Mersea.

The main rural community concerns raised to Colchester Police remain reports regarding road safety (speeding) and anti-social behaviour related to motor vehicles.

North Quadrant Children & Families

Priority One - Tackling Gangs & County Lines, focussing on keeping drugs and weapons out of the Community.

Partnership work undertaken

- Development of a risk record that combines the Missing Prevention Plan and existing child exploitation that will enable practitioners to effectively identify and record standards of risk for individuals.
- Developed an impact framework around Children Sexual Exploitation which has been put into use in southern Essex and Thurrock. The framework will be scrutinised in the Children Exploitation & Missing Sub-Committee and rolled out across Essex if it meets its objectives.
- Unfortunately, the Stay Safe Violence and Vulnerability Conference for North Essex partners on 18th March 2020 was postponed. The intention going forward is to run a series of webinar events that will tackle a range of issues around young people and vulnerabilities.
- Building on the “Parents did you Know” The CSP supported the campaign which cumulated with an event in Colchester town centre last year. The “Merry Muletide” publicity campaign which ran over the Christmas period continue the enhance learning and raise awareness of child exploitation in the borough.
- During the lockdown period the ESCB has been running a number of campaigns targeted at parents and young people based on the dangers of on-line exploitation. To compliment this, the “Two John’s” have also been running a range of online learning opportunities for children, young people and parents on safe internet use.
- Through the Violence and Vulnerability Community Grants Fund there have been four charities supported with additional funding. They are all focused on preventing serious violence through the provision of alternative services and activities in the community. The small organisations are well embedded within their areas and have deep connections to the young people they are targeting and working with.
- Through the localities workstream of the Violence and Vulnerability Unit there has been a project carried out in the Greenstead area, working with 90 young people. This service has focused on education and training for those at risk who reside in the

area. Specific local business sector support has been provided from construction, rail and other employers to provide training and opportunities for those young people who complete the programme. The project start date has been delayed by the start of COVID but phone contact with the young people has been maintained by Colchester YMCA and Homestart.

Priority Two - Driving down Anti-Social Behaviour and Violent Crime in public places.

Partnership work undertaken

All young people working with the Youth Offending Service, either sentenced to Court Orders or on Out of Court disposals who commit violent offences or offences involving the carrying of weapons are completing a Weapons Awareness Programme. This currently involves 4 sessions, but the work continues to be reflected and discussed throughout the length of their Order. The outcome of the programme is to reduce the likelihood of further offences committed.

The work addresses the following areas.

The Law

Sentences – legal consequences
Intent – specific scenarios
What is an offensive weapon?
Who can legally carry?
What can be sold?
Joint enterprise

Reasons for carrying

Peer pressure
Mindset/attitudes

Impact

Consequences – body / emotional / community / financial
Different types of weapon – acid, knives, guns etc
Short and long term
Body map exercise

Help

Raising alarm
Applying pressure
Blood loss
Basic principles
Body map exercise

This work is also being completed with young people who we suspect are on the periphery of violent/knife/weapon crime to ensure that they are aware of the risks involved.

Following a pilot period North Youth Offending Team are now completing assessments for young people pre-panel for consideration for Out of Court Disposals. This ensures a comprehensive plan of work can be offered on a voluntary basis for those offences considered suitable for a Community Resolution Plus outcome, reaching young people at an earlier stage of ASB and offending behaviour.

All of these young people will also complete victim work. All the victims of offences are contacted by the Youth Offending Team Restorative Justice Worker and they are offered the opportunity to be involved in the restorative justice process.

This can involve the victim being kept informed of the progress of the young person, a letter of apology or explanation, direct reparation or a direct face to face meeting with the young person. This work enables young people to understand the impact of their offences, not just physical injuries but the emotional and psychological harm which can last much longer.

Priority Three - Increase confidence in identifying & reporting Hidden Harms.

Partnership work undertaken

- Stalking workshops by SETDA team which was done across the county including one in Colchester to raise awareness of the crime of stalking and increase reporting.
- Children & Families undertaken learning from review workshops.
- Launch of new DA support services drop-in workshops which are open to all partners.
- Youth Service Good Man is a five-week male mentoring programme for boys and young men who are at risk of entering into abusive relationships in the future and/or are at current risk within an abusive relationship. It can be delivered on either a groupwork or 1:1 basis, depending on need. Who is eligible?
 - Young males aged 13 – 18 years
 - Living in Greater Essex
 - Willing to take part in groupwork or 1:1 intervention
 - Displaying signs of unhealthy relationships / coercive behaviours (can include signs such as lack of empathy, dishonesty, manipulative, dismissive of other views).
- Youth Service Sisters in Strength has been established to replicate the above programme for girls.

Feedback has been very positive from these services has been very well received It continues to offer guidance and support to young people who may be criminally or sexually exploited or those who are victims or perpetrators of DA. This information and intelligence are fed in through the Multi Agency Child Exploitation meetings held monthly/bi-monthly.

Essex County Council Adult Social Care

Response to Covid-19 pandemic

- Vaccinations – Working closely with NHS colleagues, ECC has supported the vaccination programme for all care homes, for both residents and staff, together with frontline social care staff.
- Care Homes Hubs – A multi-agency approach to support over 180 registered care settings, continues to be a successful operation that is working closely with providers to prevent the virus spreading. Working closely with staff, management and owners of these care homes, we made resources, advice and support available to take proactive steps to reduce the risks identified.
- Engagement and Communication – Daily email updates continue to be made providing advice and guidance, to care providers, through Essex County Council Adult Social Care. In addition, regular webinars, providing virtual updates on testing, vaccinations, safely managing visitors, that allows questions to be directed to specialist on specific topics. This proved a vital mechanism to

maintain regular contact with the significant number of providers of adult social care and support, across the County.

- Discharge Pathways – Adult Social Care, continues to work closely with NHS colleagues to safely discharge patients, back to the community. This focused work is to avoid people remaining in hospital longer than is required, to with ensuring sufficient capacity exists within the acute Hospital, to meet the significant demand the hospital is experience from the rising numbers of cases, arising from the outbreak.
- Mental Health – There has been and continues to be increasing numbers of people recorded as experiencing impacts on their mental wellbeing, with higher levels of need for support from social care and health professionals, as they manage and recover from these episodes.
- Having made over £50m available, Essex County Council continues to provide significant financial support, through the Government funds allocated, to support care providers to continue to operate and support some of our most vulnerable residents.
- Operation Shield – Through a coordinated effort, with partners in local councils across Essex, and in the third sector, we delivered ensured those residents shielded, were kept safe and supported with food, medication and regular contact.
- Infection Control Fund – Essex County Council administered almost £30m of grant allocated to provide care homes and other care providers, additional resources to take steps and reduce the risks of outbreaks, provide capacity to provide safe isolation areas and stop the spread of the virus.
- Testing Fund – Government funding recently announced, will allow further financial payments to be made to care providers to give capacity in providing local Lateral Flow Tests, for rapid results, as to infections within their staffing teams.
- Workforce Fund – Enabling additional resources to support care providers, to safely isolate their staff, yet continue to safely provide care and support to those who use their services; ensure the continuity of provision whilst allowing staff to protect the risk of infection spreading during their isolation period.

National Probation Service – North Essex

The National Probation Service is one of a number of ‘responsible authorities’ who by law are required to work together to tackle crime, disorder, and reoffending.

As the NPS is a statutory Criminal Justice Service, mainly responsible for the supervision of offenders in the community and the provision of reports to the criminal courts to assist them in their sentencing duties, it is well placed to contribute – be that directly or indirectly – to achieving the Safer Colchester Partnership (SCP) objectives.

Impact of Covid 19 on service delivery

The National Probation Service continues to follow the principles of our COVID Roadmap to Recovery, prioritising public protection and risk management, as well as the health and well-being of our staff.

We continue to work under our established Exceptional Delivery Model Framework and have continued to increase face-to-face contact in our offices for high risk and complex cases.

Our local Approved Premises remains open to take offenders (includes Colchester cases) who present a high or very high risk of serious harm. They are mostly used for people on licence and provide a programme of purposeful activity that is intended to help with reducing re-offending and reintegration into the community.

Given the current restrictions programme delivery had to be moved from face to face small groups to remote individual delivery on the 21st December 2020. These Alternative Delivery Formats are supported by the Correctional Accreditation and Advice Panel (CSAAP) and make it possible for NPS to continue to deliver programme sessions in exceptional situations through remote means.

A Prioritisation Framework has been given ministerial approval and is used by the Programme team to prioritise cases for new programmes. This ensures that we prioritise those sex offenders, domestic abuse cases in Colchester presenting the highest Risk of Serious Harm.

Where an accredited programme requirement cannot be completed, every attempt is being made by the probation practitioner to ensure that work to support change and desistance is undertaken.

Colchester Caseload.

The following tables displays various datasets relating to the number of offenders managed by the NPS in the community, and who live in the Colchester area. Each section displays the percentage of the total number of offenders managed by the NPS for each criterion. i.e. Risk of Harm: 5% of the 140 offenders are low risk.

Number of offenders managed by NPS	140
Risk of Harm	
Low	5%
Medium	74%
High	20%
Very High	1%

Gender	
Female	5%
Male	95%

Ethnicity	
Blank	2%
Asian or Asian British: Other	1%
Black or Black British: African	1%
Black or Black British: Other	1%
Mixed: White and Black Caribbean	1%
Refusal	1%
White : Irish	1%
White : Other	4%
White: British/English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish	88%

Age Group	
18-25	14%
26-29	13%
30-39	27%
40-49	16%
50-59	16%
60+	14%

Homeless Prevention Taskforce

The National Probation Service (NPS) established NPS/CRC Homelessness Prevention Taskforces (HPT) in England and Wales in March 2020. Whilst it was envisaged that funding would be a time limited, it has been extended on several occasions: it was recently confirmed that the scheme would again be extended to 31 March 2021. The funding provides financial assistance for released prisoners to secure short term accommodation for a specified period, where all other options have been exhausted. This can include hotel, B&B accommodation and consideration can also be given to rent deposit schemes.

The following table includes offenders who are managed by the NPS Colchester office by their accommodation status.

Accommodation	
Approved Premises	1%
BASS accommodation 13 weeks or more	1%
Friends/Family	1%
Friends/Family (settled)	33%
Friends/Family (transient)	5%
Homeless - Other	4%
Homeless - Rough Sleeping	1%
Householder (Owner - freehold or leasehold)	7%
Long Term Residential Healthcare	1%
Permanent Independent Housing	4%
Rental accommodation - private rental	21%
Rental accommodation - social rental (LA or other)	10%
Supported Housing	5%
Transient/short term accommodation	6%

County Lines and Serious Organised Crime

The following table shows the current picture regarding current offenders in Colchester who have county line or serious organised crime links.

Registers	
Street Gangs	0%
Organised Crime	1%
Child Sexual Exploitation - Perpetrator	1%

Probation practitioners can access information and guidance on how to work with offenders convicted of county lines and serious organised related offences on EQUIP, which is a National database designed:

- to provide a 'one stop shop' for all our processes
- provide us with a consistent approach to our work with these offenders
- provide us with a single source of all documents and guidance
- help induct and support our new staff (including our trainees).

Where staff have concerns relating to serious organised crime, the process involves seeking the support and involvement of the regional serious organised crime unit.

In addition, cases that meet the criteria for management under Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) and Integrated Offender Management (IOM) will involve probation working with partners to manage the risks posed by the individual(s).

Essex Community Rehabilitation Company

Essex CRC have continued to strive to deliver the best possible service to the most people despite the COVID-19 landscape. ECRC continued to deliver throughout lockdown but had to change its mode of delivery where possible. In September 2020 close to 20% of cases were face-face, as were interventions such as Building Better Relationships and the Unpaid Work scheme. Remaining work was conducted remotely.

Due to COVID-19 the court service significantly reduced also, and a period of limited new sentences occurred. This impacted on the CRC where there was a drop in overall caseload, however, these numbers are expected to rise as court work returns to previous levels and

resumes sentencing. The CRC remains committed to its partnership commitments across the next year as we move towards unification with the NPS in June.

All face to face to delivery for Accredited Groupwork Programmes has been paused and moved to the Alternative Delivery Framework. Currently this is remote delivery on a one-to-one basis. Delivery of structured interventions under the Rehabilitation Activity Requirement is being carried out remotely, in small groups only over Microsoft Teams.

All face-to-face delivery of our Unpaid Work groups has been paused. Our alternative delivery through Project in a Box is continuing and all service users are being contacted to allocate a project wherever suitable.

ETE: We are continuing to encourage our Service Users to complete the online ETE provision to utilise up to 30% of their hours to support them with any employment issues and for work completed within the voluntary sector. New online offers have been added through Flow Training and our new online provider Learning Curve.

Project-in-a-Box: The PIAB offer continues to grow. Service users who return a good standard of completed products are being allocated more complicated projects such as making syringe driver bags.

Safe Systems of Work are being reviewed for sites in preparation for a return to face-to-face delivery as soon as safe to do so, in line with Government guidance.

Some examples of recent Unpaid Work Projects and our Project In A Box are attached.

Resettlement

ECRC service Users have been able to access HMPPS funding via the HPT's to support their accommodation needs on release from custody and this funding will continue until releases to the 31st March for new entrants. HPT is working with Housing Action Management (HAM) to be able to continue their provision.

See Appendix H – Community Payback Project Overviews