



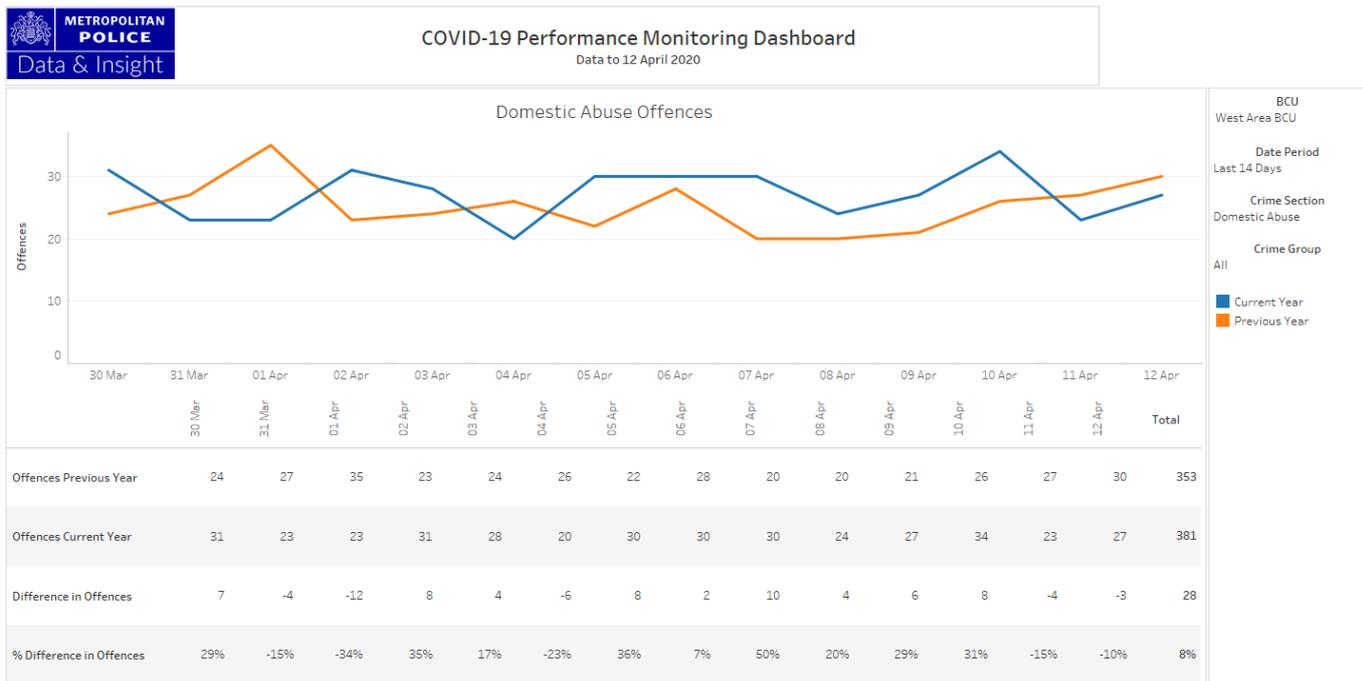
Briefing for stakeholders 2

1. Recorded data

The West Area BCU (Hillingdon, Ealing and Hounslow) has seen a year-on-year increase in DA Offences (using the police data for the last 12 weeks) of 7.9% (381 recorded offences compared to 353 offences).

In the last 3 weeks there has been an increase of 1 recorded crime - 84 DA Offences from 83.

West Area BCU:



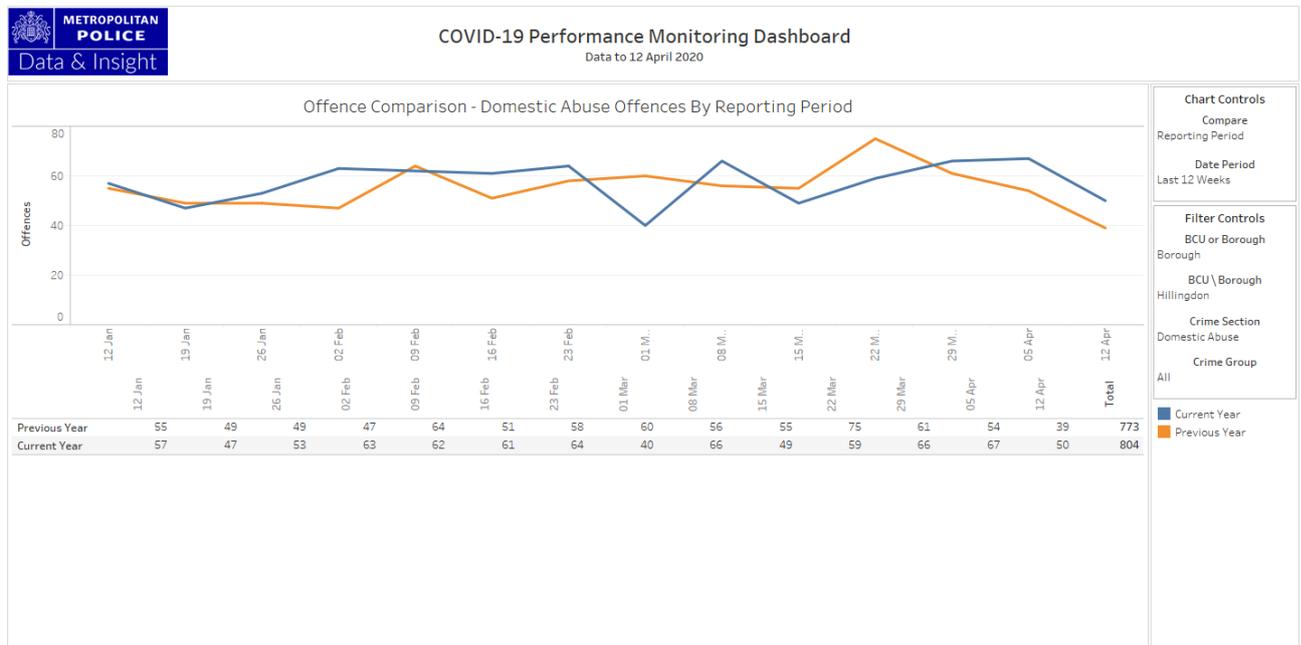
Hillingdon Borough:

Data shows for the last 12 weeks shows an increase of 31 DA Offences compared to the same period last year (up from 773 to 804).

In the last 3 weeks there has a 17.5% increase in recorded DA offences compared to the 3 weeks before (181 recorded offences compared to 154). However, there is the start of a downward movement, which broadly tracks last year. It is too early to say whether or not this is a trend.

In addition, it is worth noting that this police data does NOT include the non-crime element, which invariably would be higher than the DA Offence data.

Recommendation: That the wider partnership markets and broadcasts the availability to DA support services on the borough and across London.



Hillingdon IDVA Service

The Hillingdon IDVA Service, whose staff are operating remotely have managed an average of 15 new medium/high risk cases per week over the past 3 weeks. In the 7 days from March 30 there were 54 police MERLIN reports communicated by the police to the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) relating to children and vulnerable adults exposed to DA; 47 relating to children and 7 reports for vulnerable adults. There are 26 referrals being reviewed at the MARAC meeting on April 9th.

DA MARAC

There were 26 referrals at the last MARAC meeting on April 9th. The next MARAC meeting is on April 24th. See below for the DA MARAC Coordinator's contact details.

Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)

Between 30 March and 12 April 2020 there were 99 police MERLIN reports communicated by the police to the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) relating to children and vulnerable adults exposed to DA; 84 relating to children and 15 reports for vulnerable adults.

(Note: Any data provided is for guidance only and may change)

Helpline calls

Funded by London Councils, Women's Aid, Refuge, the Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre (RASASC), the Men's Advice Line (Respect) and the Women and Girls Network (WGN) are working together to deliver dedicated helpline services for all victims of domestic and sexual violence. This service includes men, boys and LGBT callers.

In Financial Year 2019/20 Quarter 3 there were 173 callers who identified being resident in Hillingdon Borough; this is the 6th highest out of 33 borough areas in London (including the City of London). This call rate volume is the 4th highest in London when measured per 1000 of the population.

The Refuge helpline are highlighting a notable increase of calls to its helpline.

The Home Secretary has announced has £2m funding support for help lines and on line support services. This is in addition to the £750m boost for the charity sector announced by the Chancellor.

This is as the Home Office has announced its Domestic Abuse campaign
#Youarenotalone

See: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/home-secretary-announces-support-for-domestic-abuse-victims>

2. Emergency Fund to support the voluntary sector

The Mayor of London has pledged £1 million to a new emergency support fund to help London's community and voluntary organisations affected by the impact of the coronavirus.

The Mayor has joined City Bridge Trust, the City of London Corporation's charitable funder, and London Funders, a network of investors of London's civil society, to launch the new fund – with an initial £1 million provided by City Hall and £1 million from City Bridge Trust.

Further details can be found here: <https://www.london.gov.uk/press-releases/mayoral/mayor-contributes-1m-to-emergency-support-fund> .

3. Resources

- **Hillingdon Council Domestic Abuse web pages**
<https://hillington.gov.uk/abuse> including **Local Resources Guide**
- National Centre for Domestic Violence March Magazine Newsletter accessed via <https://www.ncdvmagazine.co.uk>

- Respect has launched its campaign #NoExcuseforAbuse which calls on perpetrators to recognise their behaviour has become abusive and call the phone line for guidance/support (to help change their behaviour). Tel: 0808 802 4040 or visit <http://respectphonenumber.org.uk>
- Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance (DAHA) Advice and Resources page during C-19 for housing providers
<https://www.dahalliance.org.uk/resources/information-on-covid-19/>
- 'My Support Space' from Victim Support, which is designed to help victims of crime, manage the impact that crime has had on them. Victims can access a range of tools to help them cope and move forward after crime. They can work through a series of interactive guides which address their specific needs. The guides feature videos, techniques, activities and tips that can be completed at their own pace.

Victim Support also runs a free and confidential Supportline allowing victims to access support 24/7. This can be reached on 08 08 16 89 111 or online on the [VS website](#). The LVWS website can be found at londonvws.org.uk

The link to access My Support Space will be sent out to victims of crime via text message or letter, or accessed via the LVWS website.

For more information about My Support Space please call Yvonne Faulkner on 07507 838055.

Victim Support covering the West Area Police Basic Command Unit (BCU) consisting of Hillingdon, Hounslow and Ealing boroughs has recruited a Senior IDVA. The Senior IDVA will be working from Acton Police Station.

Resources and helpline on child sexual abuse (CSA)

The government wants to ensure that the public and professionals are aware of the resources and helplines they can access to help them prevent CSA.

There is support available through the Lucy Faithfull Foundation, such as:

- A confidential helpline (Stop It Now! – 0808 1000 900) for anyone who is concerned about their own behaviour or the behaviour of others – this can be accessed by any member of the public or by professionals who need advice on child sexual abuse risk whether they are concerned about the behaviour of an adult or someone under-18. There is also a secure messaging service available through <https://contactus.stopitnow.org.uk/>.
- Information and advice on child sexual abuse through their website: <https://www.stopitnow.org.uk/>

There are also resources available specifically for children, young people, parents and carers:

- The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command Centre (CEOP) have just launched a campaign (#OnlineSafetyAtHome) promoting their resources on preventing all forms of online child sexual abuse; this includes resources for all age groups and for those concerned about sexting – <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>
- There are resources for parents on the NSPCC website about online safety and all forms of child sexual abuse: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

4. Local IDVA and MARAC Services – Reminder

As a reminder Hillingdon IDVA service and that provided by Victim Support remains operational. There will be remote contact with victims.

Referrals to Hillingdon IDVA Service can be made by the following NEW contact details:

E-mail: hidvas@hillingdon.gov.uk and sstewart@hillingdon.gov.uk

Tel: 07874620954

In addition, the DA MARAC will operate remotely every 2 weeks. Referrals to be made to Tim Moriarty – Timothy.Moriarty@met.pnn.police.uk

5. National Police Chief's Council (NPCC) - Crime statistic for England & Wales

The NPCC reports that in the 4 weeks to April 12th there has been a 28% reduction in crime in England and Wales compared to the same period last year.

In the same periods there has been a 14% in 999 calls and a 13% reduction in calls to the 101 non-emergency number.

There is no mention of domestic abuse in the press release.

There have been reductions in recorded cases of serious violence / robbery / residential burglary / Motor Vehicle Crime, Shoplifting and Rape.

Further details here: <https://news.npcc.police.uk/releases/police-chiefs-keep-reporting-crime-to-us-during-coronavirus-outbreak-we-are-still-here-for-you>

6. Our ASK

Please:

- i) Do let us know if your Organisation / Agency is receiving an increase in referral of DA cases.
- ii) Provide us with any information or sources you think maybe useful.
- iii) Provide us with any concerns or information of note that we can pass to Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC), Local Government Association (LGA). Local Resilience Forum and the London Harmful Practices Working Group.

Please send your updates to gcampbell1@hillingdon.gov.uk

The next briefing will be provided on or about 29 April 2020.

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