

Vulnerability Knowledge & Practice Programme Briefing

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Data Summary

Available feeds

Data Feed:	Status:
Op TALLA Weekly data - Police	Data on DA CSAVE, missing and mental health available and included in this report.
Op TALLA Daily intelligence briefings - Police	Online - daily briefing feeds coming through
Op TALLA Data Feeds	Op HYDRANT Analyst can now access the data via Power Bi
Weekly meetings and ongoing correspondence with staff officers	Online - weekly meetings happening, feeds coming in and more gradually coming on line
NCA National Injuries Database	Not yet online but discussions ongoing.
3rd Sector data/ insight collection	Online - Collated by VKPP Staff
Wider vulnerability – VPP chief officer inputs	Not yet online but request sent 20 th April
NCA – NAC briefings (county lines and online CSA only)	Online
Additional sharing of performance and intelligence products by forces relating to vulnerability	Some additional reporting being received on Domestic abuse and missing

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Executive Summary

SUMMARY

- Calls to service and recorded crime are down, other than cyber crime.
Source: Op TALLA Service Delivery Update 10th May 2020
- In relation to domestic violence, national charities are showing an increase in demand which has not been reported by charities at a regional level. This is also a disconnect with police data.
Source: Cross Vulnerabilities COVID-19 NPCC Weekly Meeting 7th May 2020
- Force level reporting trends in relation to domestic abuse are not consistent.
Source: Op TALLA Service Delivery Update 10th May 2020
- CSA/CSE – related offences have reduced by 15% over the 4 weeks (ending 10th May 2020) when compared to the same period in 2019. The trends are not consistent between forces.
Source: Op TALLA Service Delivery Update 10th May 2020
- There have been reported delays in the taking down of indecent imagery by industry and online tech companies.
Source: Cross Vulnerabilities COVID-19 NPCC Weekly Meeting 14th May 2020
- The 'Zoom-bombing' trend has carried on into this reporting period, with numerous incidents nationally and internationally. The NCA is collating and investigating.
Source: ROCU Network Update dated 5th May 2020
- Missing persons incidents have reduced by 37% in the 4 week period ending 10th May 2020 compared to same period in 2019.
Source: Op TALLA Service Delivery Update 10th May 2020
- Reports on county lines continue to have reduced with a reduction in Class A drug availability although some activity is believed to have continued with some adaptations in methodology reported to reduce visibility and detection linked to wider COVID 19 restrictions.
Source: NCLCC Assessment of Changing Threat dated 12th May 2020
- Recorded incidents with a mental health marker have reduced by 8% in 2020 compared to 2019.
Source: Op TALLA Service Delivery Update 10th May 2020



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KEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Date	Details
10 th May	Prime Minister announces some relaxation of Lockdown and gives brief details of 'conditional plan' to begin lifting England's coronavirus lockdown.
4 th May	Youth Endowment Fund' announced a new £6.5m COVID-19 grant round to fund and evaluate work which supports vulnerable young people in at risk of youth violence, and which can be delivered whilst adhering to UK government social distancing and stay-at-home guidelines. Closing deadline is: 12pm Wednesday 3rd June 2020 . More details can be obtained from: www.youthendowmentfund.org.uk
4 th May	HMG/DCMS have announced the total amount of funding being distributed by departments to charities. Department of Education are distributing £26.35m to vulnerable children and HO are distributing £7.8m to vulnerable children. Which organisations this funding will ultimately go to has not yet been announced, and departments are rapidly working that up. <i>Source: Jenny Shaw, Tackling Exploitation and Abuse unit, Home Office</i>
30 th April	CPS spokesperson: "We want victims of sexual violence to come forward with confidence that whenever the legal test is met, we will bring charges, no matter how challenging the case." "Prosecuting rape continues to be a CPS priority, and we remain committed to the ongoing cross-Government review." https://www.cps.gov.uk/publication/cps-data-summary-quarter-3-2019-2020
24 th April	24 th April 2020 – Vulnerable children most at risk of neglect, violence or exploitation will benefit from extra support to keep them safe during the Coronavirus outbreak. More than £12 million will be spent on 14 projects across the country to tackle the increased risk some children and young people are facing as they stay at home to reduce the spread of coronavirus. The package includes work on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adolescent exploitation. • Domestic abuse support. • Children in care. • Mental health support. <i>Source: Department for Education and Vicky Ford MP statement on Gov.uk website dated 24th April 2020</i> https://www.gov.uk/government/news/multi-million-support-for-vulnerable-children-during-covid-19
22 nd April	Only a tiny fraction of vulnerable children in England are taking up emergency school places kept open for them. Department of Education data shows only a maximum of 5% of the most needy children have been at school during the Coronavirus crisis. <i>Source: Hannah Richardson BBC News Education Reporter, article 22nd April 2020</i>

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VKPP Business Area – Data & Intelligence

WIDER POLICY/RESPONSE UPDATES

- Data from national charities are showing increases in demand whereas the regional charities are not reporting this. There is still a disconnect with police data. Smaller charities are not seeing the spikes in demand that larger charities are reporting.
Source: Cross Vulnerabilities Weekly dial in dated 14th May 2020
- Work is ongoing with Home Office and PCC's around carrying out a 'deep dive' of data. PCC's that have volunteered so far include North Yorkshire, Sussex, Devon and Cornwall and the Metropolitan Police. The College of Policing and academics will also be involved.
Source: Cross Vulnerabilities Weekly dial in dated 14th May 2020
- As the courts are now starting to open, discussions are ongoing to develop a list of regional principles that can be used to identify the best way for the victim to give evidence, e.g. video links.
Source: Cross Vulnerabilities Weekly dial in dated 14th May 2020
- Discussions continue relating to potential reasons behind why 3rd Sector agencies are recording an increase in demand relating to DA when this is not being seen in police data. DCC Rolfe took part in an international conference call which included academics who suggested police might see increases in reports once lockdown restrictions are lifted.
Source: Cross Vulnerabilities Weekly dial in dated 7th May 2020
- Development is under way for a pilot process to examine Domestic Homicides that have occurred during lockdown to extract any learning. This may also pave the way for a rapid Domestic Homicide Review process in the future which would utilise existing reporting mechanisms.
Source: Cross Vulnerabilities Weekly dial in dated 7th May 2020

DOMESTIC ABUSE

DATA FINDINGS

POLICE DATA / INTELLIGENCE

- Recorded domestic abuse incidents have increased by 4% over the last 4 weeks compared to the same period in 2019. Trends in domestic abuse levels are not consistent across all forces and there are no apparent trends emerging from force level analysis of the data.

Source: Op TALLA Service Delivery Update 10th May 2020



	2019	2020	% change
13 Apr - 10th May	75,631	78,827	4% increase

Source: Op TALLA Service Delivery Update
10th May 2020

- Additional analysis of localised force DA reporting where available / shared indicates local reporting variations including:
 - Three of four forces who are experiencing recent increases in DA incidents also reported a decline in actual crime reporting suggesting increases in non crime DA reporting.
 - One force who reported a decrease of around 0.5% YoY in the level of domestic incidents saw an increase in domestic crimes of 21%.

Source: Police Force direct submissions to Op HYDRANT

- The majority of incidents reported with a COVID-19 link continue to relate to verbal arguments and abuse between couples and family members (including children) confined to the home and disputes with ex-partners over access to children within shared custody arrangements. The most common triggers include breaches of social distancing guidelines by a family member and the stress of being confined to the house, particularly with extended families / ex-partners that have moved in together for the duration of restrictions. These incidents are often exacerbated by anxiety and stress, mental ill health, behavioural issues, alcohol and drug dependency, and escalating financial pressures.

Source: Op TALLA National Daily Update and Assessment papers dated 02 May 2020 to 12 May 2020
Op TALLA Domestic Incident Related Intelligence paper dated 06 May 2020

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DOMESTIC ABUSE

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

- The Ministry of Justice confirmed that they are to provide funding of £5million directly to Sexual Violence charities through the Rape Support Fund and £5million through PCC's.
- The Ministry of Justice also confirmed £15million for Domestic Abuse charities, distributed through PCC's of which at least £5million must go to organisations who were not previously commissioned by the PCC.
- The Home Office has announced £2million to be distributed from the charities fund.

Source – Domestic Abuse Sector Conference Call 11th May 2020

3rd SECTOR DATA

- Domestic abuse is the most common concern regarding adult behaviour in counselling sessions which is consistent with pre-lockdown data.

Source: NSPCC Childline

- Contacts regarding domestic abuse are up 11% compared to the previous week.
- Calls regarding domestic abuse are up by 47 on the pre-lockdown weekly average.

Source: NSPCC Adult Helpline

- Refuge's helpline report two thirds of callers are currently experiencing abuse.
- 3.5% of callers are male.
- Increase in survivors experiencing current abuse contacting the National Domestic Abuse Helpline
- Currently getting about 50% increase across all call types.

Source: Refuge Helpline Report

- In Yorkshire housing services are reporting increase in reported domestic abuse incidents.

Source: TCS Prevention Programme

- A survey carried out by Women's Aid in April 2020 was completed by 293 survivors. 46 survivors responded that they were currently in an abusive relationship with 67% saying that the abuse was worse since Covid-19, with 76% having to spend more time with their abuser which in turn leads to abusers being able to exert more control over the survivors life.

Source: Women's Aid report "The Impact of Covid-19 on Survivors and their Children"

- Multiple services reporting increase in child to parent abuse.

Source: VKPP 3rd Sector Briefing dated 15th May 2020

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DATA FINDINGS

WIDER POLICY/RESPONSE UPDATES

- Professional curiosity poster re CSA circulated for frontline officers. A further poster is being developed for people such as delivery drivers, neighbours and key workers identifying cues for CSAE and how to report concerns.
Source: Cross Vulnerabilities COVID-19 NPCC Weekly Meeting 7thMay 2020
- The number of vulnerable children attending school is beginning to increase.
Source: Cross Vulnerabilities COVID-19 NPCC Weekly Meeting 7thMay 2020

POLICE DATA / INTELLIGENCE

- CSA/CSE flagged offences have reduced by 15% over the 4 weeks (ending 10th May 2020) when compared to the same period in 2019, in the 39 forces that have provided data. The trends are not consistent between forces and there are data quality concerns present due to its reliance on the application of a manual flag.
Source: Op TALLA Service Delivery Update 10th May 2020



CSA/E Offences in 4 week period, compared to same period in 2019			
	2019	2020	% change
13 Apr - 10th May	5,436	4,631	-15% decrease

Source: Op TALLA Service Delivery Update 10th May 2020

- Some regional reporting suggesting non-contact CSAE offenders have likely been relatively unaffected by restrictions, as long as they don't draw attention to themselves. One such offender was apprehended by Border Force at Heathrow Airport, after indecent images of children (IIOC) were found on his mobile phone.
Source: ROCU Network Update dated 5th May 2020
- The reporting of neglect and sexual offences against children for the 4 week period ending 10th May 2020 has seen a decrease of 31.6% over the equivalent period in 2019 based on HO crime codes specific to children. This data does not rely on application of flags however, it does miss sexual offences for some children where classifications do not segregate as below 18 (32 of 43 forces provided data)
Source: Data provided by J.DJANMAH, National Senior Analyst for Child Sexual Abuse, Child Protection and Abuse Investigation Working Group, 19th May 2020

3rd SECTOR DATA

- Sexual abuse is the most common type of abuse discussed in counselling sessions – little variation from pre-lockdown data.
Source: NSPCC Childline
- Calls regarding contact sexual abuse down to 7% from 11% prior to lockdown.
Source: NSPCC Adult Helpline
- The average weekly users for Stop It Now's offender-focused Get Help homepage have increased from 248 (8th January – 18th March) to 321 (19th March – 29th April) an increase of 29%.
- This has largely been driven by an increase in new users (64% of total traffic since lockdown compared to 26% previously).
- The total number of calls to *Stop It Now* helpline for two weeks 20th April till 3rd May 2020, remained the same as average for two-week period last year, however number of unique callers has increased 27% by same comparison (227 up to 288 callers).
- Between 20th April till 3rd May 2020:
 - 57% of callers rang regarding concerns about their own behaviour
 - 56% of calls related to online behaviours
 - 27% of calls related to offline behaviours*Source: Stop it Now.*
- A survey by the NSPCC revealed that a quarter of British adults would not know where to seek help if they thought a child was being hurt or neglected.
Source: NSPCC survey reported in the Independent May 15th 2020.

ONLINE ABUSE

WIDER POLICY/RESPONSE UPDATES

- There have been reported delays in the taking down of indecent imagery by tech industry and social media companies.
Source: Cross Vulnerabilities COVID-19 NPCC Weekly Meeting 14th May 2020

POLICE DATA / INTELLIGENCE

- For the four week period week ending 10th May 2020, the reporting of Indecent Images of Children (IIOC) decreased by 17.9% in comparison to the equivalent weeks in 2019. (37 of 43 forces provided data)
Source: Data provided by J.DJANMAH, National Senior Analyst for Child Sexual Abuse, Child Protection and Abuse Investigation Working Group, 19th May 2020

Zoom-bombing

- The NCA is leading and coordinating the UK's response to Zoom video conferences being interrupted by indecent images of children in collaboration with local policing with numerous incidents reported nationally and internationally. Intelligence suggests it is not traditional child sexual offenders committing these acts with other persons using harvested imagery for maximum shock factor
*Source: Cross Vulnerabilities COVID-19 NPCC Weekly Meeting 7th May 2020,
Op TALLA Communications Coordination Daily Update dated 5th May 2020,
ROCU Network Update dated 5th May 2020*

3rd SECTOR/CHARITY DATA

- E-Safe global have reported that there is a fourfold increase in incidents such as sexting, pornography viewed by children and reports of grooming.
Source: Cross Vulnerabilities COVID-19 NPCC Weekly Meeting 7th May 2020
- Calls regarding online abuse down w/c 27th April 2020, compared to previous week but still above pre-lockdown levels.
Source: NSPCC Adult Helpline
- Between February and March there was a 200% increase in links to downloadable images/videos on known child sex abuse forums.
Source: Web-IQ (WeProtect)
- Reports of child sexual exploitation to cyber tip helplines up 30% globally.
Source: INHOPE (WeProtect)
- Research conducted by *Safe ToNet* between 24th February to 12th April 2020 indicated an increase in children's screen time, with concerns this is unsupervised. Increase in child sexual abuse material activity since COVID-19 pandemic on the dark web.
Source: EuroPol (WeProtect)

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3rd SECTOR/CHARITY DATA continued....

- Concerns offenders could use the lockdown to groom children for contact abuse once restrictions eased.
Source: ECPAT (WeProtect)
- 96% of live-streamed abuse investigated by IWF showed child on their own, in a home environment. Lockdown likely to see increase in this type of offending, particularly with increased economic pressures.
Source: WeProtect
- Two separate services reporting increase in children being targeted on the Omegle app.
Source: VKPP 3rd Sector Briefing dated 15th May 2020
- The previous update of 30th April, stated there had been an 89% reduction in the removal of indecent images and videos of children globally. Which means that content is effectively remaining live for longer. There were a number of reasons why this could be the case, including the IWF not carrying out hotline chase ups during that period due to capacity issues with the decision to split the hotline into two teams. Other reasons included that hotlines in other countries had a period of closure in line with their government's advice in response to the COVID-19 crisis and that company moderators or individuals responsible for the removal of content from servers or services also not having access to workplaces and companies began to rely on AI and automation to remove content.
- The IWF reintroduced hotline chase-ups on 23rd April and in that two week period were able to remove 4,777 URLs from the list from that day to 6th May. Without these chase-ups between 9th and 22nd April, only 888 URLs were removed from the list. It is, however, still taking longer to remove this content than before the crisis.
- The IWF has also been working with some of the companies within their membership to determine, as best as possible, any indicators about the scale of offending throughout the COVID-19 crisis. There will a press release next week,. The IWF have identified by talking to three major companies that deploy their list that there had been 8.8 million attempts to access known child sexual abuse imagery in a one month period (March-April 2020) in the UK. This figure was determined by hits to URLs on the IWF URL blocking list. For clarification this is not necessarily 8.8 million people or 8.8 million human attempts as this could be bots and crawlers also attempting access, but does give some sense of the challenge and scale. Unfortunately, there is no month on month or year on year comparison available.
- The IWF have also seen anecdotally, that some offenders are using the current COVID-19 crisis to sell this illegal imagery online. One website identified by the hotline team, stated: "Don't go outside it is dangerous, get you CSAM online, we can sell it to you." Another site had a COVID-19 banner on the site which is believed was an attempt to advertise their content as being new.
Source: IWF

MISSING PERSONS

DATA FINDINGS

WIDER POLICY/RESPONSE UPDATES

- Concern over the availability of secure accommodation have been raised, with a number of children waiting. A meeting with Ofsted, Department of Education and ADCS has been scheduled.

Source: Cross Vulnerabilities COVID-19 NPCC Weekly Meeting 7th May 2020

POLICE DATA / INTELLIGENCE

- Missing persons incidents have reduced by 37% in the 4 week period ending 10th May 2020 compared to same period in 2019. This data has been provided by 41 forces, with reductions reported in all forces.

Source: Op TALLA Service Delivery Update 10th May 2020

Missing Person Incidents in 4 week period, compared to same period in 2019

	2019	2020	% change
13 Apr - 10th May	25,065	15,745	-37% decrease

Source: Op TALLA Service Delivery Update 10th May 2020

Levels of Reporting

- Using insight from Op TALLA reporting, the following themes are identified in relation to missing persons. In some cases the level of reporting is low:

- Children who go missing either to see friends or as they struggle with COVID19 restrictions.
- Vulnerable children going missing, in one force "several" children in care reported missing for periods of time. In two of these cases this was from designated accommodation and concerns were raised re. CSE.
- Elderly adults going missing, one with Dementia (exacerbated by COVID restrictions)
- Individuals missing from hospitals, this is consistent with the figures provided from Forces who report a decrease (N.B. figures provided from 21 forces).
- Isolated cases of MISPEERS due to the pressure of the current situation for example;
 - A hospice nurse reported missing due to stress of work and home.
 - 2 individuals feeling suicidal after the Prime Ministers speech on 10th May.

Source: Op TALLA Daily reporting, summarised by Op HYDRANT analysts

POLICE DATA / INTELLIGENCE continued

21 police forces have reported to the NPCC Lead for Missing Persons, the following is a summary of the findings:

- **Age**
 - For the six forces reporting on age, one reported reductions in missing persons across all age groups.
 - The most prominent age group for MISPERs ranged between 12-17, however for some forces this was consistent with trends prior to COVID 19 restrictions.
 - One force reported a dip in MISPERs at the weekend (particularly 14-17 year olds), this was attributed to parents/carers being able to provide closer supervision to children whilst not at work.
- **Looked after Children**
 - For the four Forces reporting on looked after children, all report a decrease post lockdown.
- **Missing from Hospital**
 - Three forces reported on missing from hospital and all reported either a reduction or no notable increase.
- **Risk Categories**
 - Five forces reported on risk categories and the findings were variable.
 - One force saw an increase in medium-risk individuals and a 50% reduction on the number of low risk cases.
 - One force reported a reduction across all risk levels.
 - One force saw a decrease in medium-risk reports in the latter part of March to the beginning of April.
 - One force had a reduction amongst high risk and they specified that this was for both adults and children.
 - One force reported post lockdown figures for high risk individuals consistent with the same period in 2019.

Source: Police Force reporting to Missing Persons Lead, summarised by Op HYDRANT analysts

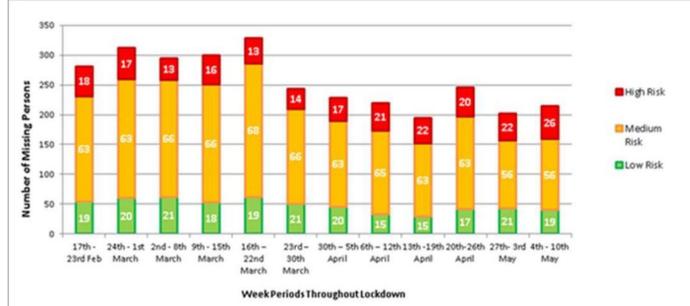
MISSING PERSONS

POLICE DATA / INTELLIGENCE continued....

- The reports of missing persons (for longer than 48 hours) has fluctuated slightly over the last few weeks. (Chart opposite) The chart is provided by the National Missing Persons Unit.

Source: NCLCC Assessment of Changing Thread dated 12th May 2020

The parameters of this data are not known at this time.



Data Provided by the National Missing Persons Unit.

3rd SECTOR DATA

- In some areas, missing increasing towards 'normal levels'
- Some longer missing periods due to county lines exploitation.
- Some missing services are reporting children either missing for long periods of time or not at all. Other areas are saying missing reports are still around 50% lower than pre-lockdown.
- Children and young people reporting significance of 'push factors' instigating missing episodes (boredom, stress of lockdown, missing friends).

Source: TCS Prevention Programme

- Missing's continue to increase towards normal levels. However, they are for longer periods of time due to County Lines. (Merseyside CE)
- Reports of children either missing being more and for longer periods or not at all, with little middle ground. (Derby Service).

Source: Catch 22

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DATA FINDINGS

WIDER POLICY/RESPONSE UPDATES

- Press interviews with NPCC around a presumed increase in Mental Health demand to police. Feedback given that charities and 3rd sector are seeing an increase in calls which indicates people are accessing the best and most appropriate service.

Source: Cross Vulnerabilities COVID-19 NPCC Weekly Meeting 7th May 2020

- Mental health awareness week 18th – 24th May.

Source: Cross Vulnerabilities COVID-19 NPCC Weekly Meeting 14th May 2020

POLICE DATA / INTELLIGENCE

- Recorded incidents with a mental health marker have reduced by 8% in 2020 compared to 2019 in the 41 forces that have provided data. The trends are not consistent between forces.

Source: Op TALLA Service Delivery Update 10th May 2020

- The number of S.136 detentions has decreased by 11% over the last 4 weeks compared to same period in 2019. There are some inconsistencies in this data that makes interpretation problematic. Overall the trend in S.136 detentions is consistent with that observed in 2019.

Source: Op TALLA Service Delivery Update 10th May 2020



Mental Health Incident	2019	2020	% change
13 Apr - 10th May	43,133	39,823	-8% decrease
S136 Detentions	2019	2020	% change
13 Apr - 10th May	1,014	903	-11% decrease

Source: Op TALLA Service Delivery Update 10th May 2020

British Transport Police S.136/297

- 2020 Year to date totals shows a 41% decrease on same period in 2019.
- The number of S.136/297's has decreased week on week since 14th April.

BTP PP&V Weekly Data is shown separately as it does not appear to be included in the Op TALLA Service Delivery Update.

BTP PP&V Weekly Data is for England, Wales & Scotland

Source: BTP PP&V Weekly Reporting dated 5th to 11th May 2020

Week Period	2020 year to date total	2019 year to date total	2020 to 2019 Year to Date % Comparison
5th - 11th May	499	852	-41%
28th Apr - 4th May	479	799	-40%
21st - 27th Apr	459	768	-40%
14th - 20th Apr			

Source: BTP PP&V Weekly Reporting dated 5th to 11th May

3rd SECTOR DATA

- Demand has dropped slightly week on week but remains very high, 29% higher than the pre-lockdown benchmark.
Source: CALM
- Since lockdown 56% of counselling sessions have discussed mental health, self-harm and suicidal thoughts.
Source: NSPCC Childline
- One area reports increases in mental health concerns – task and finish groups set up due to increase in self-harm/suicide.
- Increased stress levels and heightened aggression of young people reported by one service.
Source: TCS Prevention Programme

COUNTY LINES

DATA FINDINGS

WIDER POLICY/RESPONSE UPDATES

- NCLCC continue to work with car hire companies in efforts to identify and disrupt county lines and suspected changes in methodologies employed by criminal networks linked to lockdown..

Source: NCLCC Assessment of Changing Thread dated 12th May 2020

- It is anticipated that there will be an increase in County Lines as restrictions are lifted.

Source: Cross Vulnerabilities COVID-19 NPCC Weekly Meeting 14th May 2020

POLICE DATA / INTELLIGENCE

- The amount of information available to support assessment has reduced.
- Recent reporting indicates that the availability of Class A drugs nationally has decreased.
- Reporting indicates that there has been a diversification in methodology amongst suppliers of illegal substances in order to continue to meet demand and avoid detection.
- Car hire companies have reported an increase in vehicles over running the initial hire period.

Source: NCLCC Assessment of Changing Thread dated 12th May 2020

- High Cash values seized corroborates previous intelligence relating to serious organised crime groups experiencing difficulties in moving criminal proceeds.
- Reporting suggests that the 'dark web' is being recognised as an easier way to obtain drugs during lockdown.

Source: NCLCC Assessment of Changing Thread dated 5th May 2020

- One Police force has submitted County Lines data, stating in the period 6th – 15th May 2020, there was 8 Arrests and 81 Intelligence Reports. Intelligence summary:

- 3 recent deaths are linked to Fentanyl. A number of further cases are being examined
- There is continued high levels of intelligence related to drugs supply happening via vehicle deliveries / from vehicles.

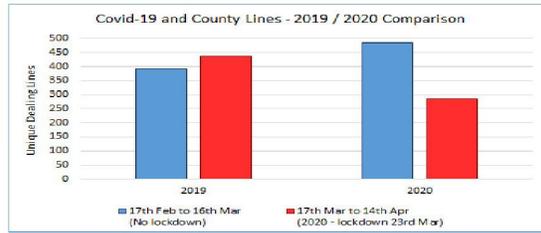
Source: Police Force County Lines Daily Return dated 7th May 2020

COUNTY LINES

POLICE DATA / INTELLIGENCE continued

- The most recent County Lines Intelligence Collection Matrix (CLiCM) shows the number of unique dealing lines reported to the NCLCC and demonstrates a decrease since lockdown, however it is important to note that it is not known whether this is due to a decrease in County Line criminality or a decrease in reporting.

Source: NCLCC Assessment of Changing Thread dated 12th May 2020



3rd SECTOR DATA

- Incidences where children are trying to pay taxi drivers with large wads of money or items such as bikes to pay for journeys from XXXX to London. Trafficking down to London and then to county lines elsewhere.

Source: Catch 22

- Focus has shifted to localised drug dealing rather than long distance CL methodology. Tactics include dressing as key workers and offering discounts to customers for collecting drugs.

Source: TCS Prevention Programme

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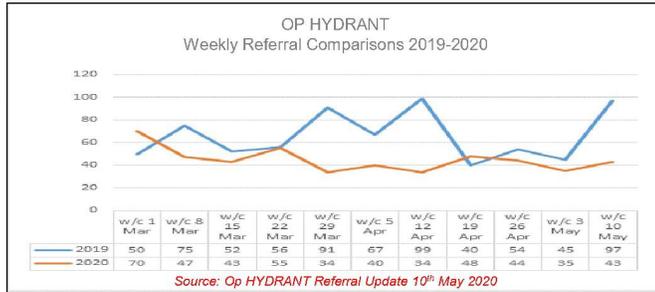
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DATA FINDINGS

POLICE DATA / INTELLIGENCE

- Op HYDRANT has seen a reduction in referrals since COVID-19, compared to the same period in 2019 (32%).

Source: Op HYDRANT Referral Update 10th May 2020

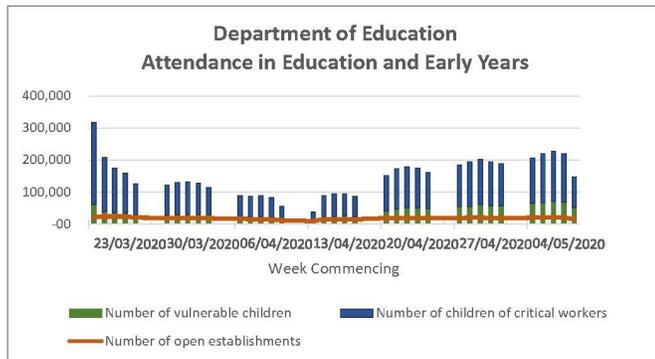


GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

Department of Education

- The chart shows the number of Education & Early Years establishments that have been open, with the numbers of Vulnerable Children and Children of Critical Workers who attended each day.
 - The average response rate for the period was 61% (varied between 14% & 76%). The lowest response rates were on the bank holidays.
 - The methodology for calculating this data was adjusted on 27th March 2020.

Source: Department of Education



DATA AND INTELLIGENCE TO BE SUBMITTED BY 11am FRIDAY
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