



Vulnerability Knowledge & Practice Programme Briefing

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Data Summary

Data Feed:	Status:
Op TALLA weekly data - Police	Data on DA CSA/E, 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	Data feeds discussed and ongoing progress being made.
3rd Sector data/ insight collection	Online - Collated by VKPP Staff
NCA – NAC briefings (county lines and online CSA only)	Online
Sharing of internal force performance/ intelligence reports	Some additional reporting received from a small number of forces on DA and missing. We would continue to welcome any additional sharing of product already being produced locally which can enrich this assessment

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Executive Summary

SUMMARY

- Domestic Abuse reports has increased to above 2019 levels and it is suspected that this will continue to increase. National data does not currently disagree between crime and non crime reports but future improved data collection is planned.
- A number of forces are reporting increases in Domestic Abuse Incidents that are non-crimes, or where they are new incidents e.g. victims or perpetrators are not previously known.

Source: Cross Vulnerabilities COVID-19 NPCC Weekly Meeting dated 4th June 2020

- CSA and CSE are still showing a decrease on 2019 levels in the OP TALLA data.
- It is anticipated that there may be an increase in demand with paedophile hunters starting to set up stings again as restrictions ease.
- May also see an increase in IIOC as human moderators on social media platforms return to work as restrictions ease.

Source: Cross Vulnerabilities COVID-19 NPCC Weekly Meeting dated 4th June 2020

- Offences relating to indecent images of children are down by 19.6% compared to the same period in 2019 (4 week period ending 7th June 2020).

Source: IIOC & CSA data from CPAI Working Group updated 7th June 2020

- CSAE offenders have continued to utilise social media websites and apps in their pursuit of child victims.
- Reported incidents of Zoom-bombing have fallen, this could be due to increased awareness, improved user/provider security, or law enforcement efforts.

Source: ROCU Network Update dated 9th June 2020

- Missing Persons is still showing a decrease on 2019 levels.

Source: Cross Vulnerabilities COVID-19 NPCC Weekly Meeting dated 4th June 2020

- Mental Health incidents are currently down 2% and S136 detentions are down 5% on 2019 levels but they are increasing and approaching 2019 levels.

Source: Cross Vulnerabilities COVID-19 NPCC Weekly Meeting dated 4th June 2020

- Indications are that County Lines is picking up with the easing of lockdown restrictions.
- It has been suggested that there may be an increase in violence between gangs

Source: Cross Vulnerabilities COVID-19 NPCC Weekly Meeting dated 4th June 2020

- The number of children including those identified as vulnerable attending school is continuing to grow although largely below normal levels. On the 11th June around 9% of all children attended school, and 18% of children with an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP).

Source: NCLCC Assessment of Changing Thread dated 26th May 2020

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Coordinating the response
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KEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Date	Details
10 th June	<p>The government announced single adult households including single parents with children under 18, may form a 'support bubble' with one other household. All those in the support bubble will be able to act as if they live in the same household.</p> <p>Source: https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/pm-statement-at-the-coronavirus-press-conference-10-june-2020 Press conference 10th June 2020</p>
9 th June	<p>The plan for all primary school years in England to go back to school before the end of term is to be dropped by the government.</p> <p>Source: https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-52969679 Press release Published 9th June 2020</p>
27 th May	<p>The government announced that the new NHS Test and Trace service will launch Thursday 28th May across England.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS Test and Trace service to form a central part of the government's coronavirus recovery strategy. • Anyone with symptoms will be tested and their close contacts will be traced. • New guidance means those who have been in close contact with someone who tests positive must isolate for 14 days, even if they have no symptoms, to avoid unknowingly spreading the virus. <p>Source: https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-launches-nhs-test-and-trace-service Press release Published 27th May 2020</p>
24 th May	<p>The Prime Minister confirmed that primary schools will welcome back children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 from 1st June. Secondary schools, sixth forms and colleges will also provide face-to-face contact for Year 10, Year 12 and equivalent 16-19 further education students to help them prepare for exams next year. It is expected this will begin from 15th June, with around a quarter of these secondary students in at any point.</p> <p>Source: https://www.gov.uk/government/news/pm-confirms-schools-colleges-and-nurseries-on-track-to-begin-phased-reopening Press release Published 24th May 2020</p>
21 st May	<p>New measures to support vulnerable people ahead of Hidden Harms Summit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prime Minister to open virtual Hidden Harms Summit in Downing Street to drive action to tackle domestic abuse, sexual abuse, child sexual exploitation and modern slavery. • Government plans to introduce a new 'Codeword' for domestic abuse victims who are seeking immediate help. • Multimillion-pound boost to law enforcement to tackle child sex offenders operating on the dark web and increase support for victims. <p>Source: Hidden Harm Press release dated 20th May 2020</p>
18 th -24 th May	<p>Mental Health Awareness Week. Hosted by the Mental Health Foundation and the theme this year is kindness.</p> <p>Source: www.mentalhealth.org.uk</p>

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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 3 rd 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

DOMESTIC ABUSE

DATA FINDINGS

WIDER POLICY/RESPONSE UPDATES

- Domestic Abuse has increased to above 2019 levels and it is suspected that this will continue to increase.
- A number of forces are self reporting increases in Domestic Abuse Incidents that are non-crimes, or where they are new incidents e.g. victims or perpetrators are not previously known.
- Forces have reported using this time to catch up with submissions to the CPS and carrying out arrests. Most are concerned with the current Criminal Justice backlog which is providing challenges around what should go to court, how victims can give evidence and seeking alternatives such as out of court disposals.
- Forces are reporting that victims are liking the ability to report and chat online, and it is envisaged that this will continue post lockdown.
- Forces are also looking at the usual seasonal trends, such as alcohol, weather, and sport which may impact on the number of incidents, and are carrying out their normal campaigns.
- The Codeword scheme for Domestic Abuse victims should be up and running by July.
- The 'Deep Dive' project now has terms of reference and the project should start soon. The project includes five forces, Metropolitan Police, Sussex, North Yorkshire, South Wales and Devon & Cornwall.
- The Domestic Homicide project has been mobilised with a initial police debrief taking place up to 48 hours after the event and learning shared / collated by the VKPP. This is for an initial six week period.

Source: Cross Vulnerabilities COVID-19 NPCC Weekly Meeting dated 4th June 2020

POLICE DATA / INTELLIGENCE

- Nine Police Forces report increases in domestic abuse figures of over 10% when compared to the same reporting period in 2019. (Data period is w/e 17th May 2020 to w/e 7th June 2020 – 42 forces provided data for this period)

Source: NPoCC Online Data Research by Op HYDRANT analysts 10th June 2020

Domestic Incidents in 4 week period, compared to same period in 2019

	2019	2020	% change
w/e 17th May - 7th June	80,633	87,297	8% increase

Source: Op TALLA Service Delivery Update 7th June 2020

- NPoCC assess it is a realistic possibility that reports will increase involving disputes and violence as a result of individuals within households having different perceptions of threat of infection from COVID-19 and differing interpretations of restrictions as they are eased. These perceptions are likely to be frustrated if a member of the family is shielding or at high risk of contracting COVID-19 such as a keyworker.

Source: OP TALLA (COVID-19 'Coronavirus) National Daily Update and Assessment for period 6th to 8th June 2020

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DOMESTIC ABUSE

POLICE DATA / INTELLIGENCE continued...

- Six forces providing data directly to Operation Hydrant show that half report a decrease in domestic incidents while the others report an increase – figures are within expected ranges.

Source – Direct reporting to Operation Hydrant by Forces

- Where information was clear, the number of verbal domestic incidents outnumbered those of a physical nature by 2 to 1.
- 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 – Review of Op Talla Daily Briefing Reports dated 29th May to 10th June 2020 (Information taken from Regional Summaries)

- GMP have reported their recent use of a Facebook Webinar for Domestic Abuse whereby individuals (anonymously or publicly) ask questions related to domestic abuse issues. GMP report the webinar reached 113,344 total users with 5012 total engagements, 581 shares, 870 reactions (likes etc) and 115 comments. GMP reached out to four users who were identified as potential domestic abuse victims. Due to high engagement levels, GMP hope to run another webinar on 11th June 2020 alongside which, Oldham district will be running a local webinar on 17th June which will be compared and contrasted with the GM-wide webinar.

Source – GMP DA Continuity Plan May 2020

3rd SECTOR DATA

- Helpline calls are now 57% higher than the week before lockdown, and webchat and online support volumes are 46% higher.
- Number of weekly website hits are now 337% higher than the week before lockdown

Source: VKPP 3rd Sector Briefing 12th June 2020 – Data from Women's Aid, Refuge, SEA & Respect

- Call and webchat volumes have been relatively stable since the week before lockdown, until last week, when they rose by 17%.
- Website hits are now 48% higher than the week before lockdown

Source: VKPP 3rd Sector Briefing 12th June 2020 – Data from Safeline, Rape Crisis E&W, The Survivors Trust and Survivors UK

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DOMESTIC ABUSE

3rd SECTOR DATA cont..

- Increased requirement for clinical supervision and management support for staff working in domestic abuse and sexual violence services.
- Services are starting to report an increase in referrals with more complex, high risk cases presenting.
- In the South West, the economy is reliant on hospitality, tourism and the fishing industry. Due to impact of Covid-19, concerns have been shared regarding this impacting children and young people including issues of poverty, domestic abuse and parental substance misuse.

Source: VKPP 3rd Sector Briefing 12th June 2020

- Traffic on the Welsh Government 'Live Fear Free' website has increased by 670% since the "Home shouldn't be a place of fear" campaign was launched in May.

Source: Wales VAWDASV Weekly Data 11th June 2020

Gender Breakdown

- Since the week before lockdown, volumes for providers of helpline and online support aimed at men increased by 99%, and women by 44%. However, in real terms the increase in the number of men seeking support is smaller than the number of women seeking phone or online support.

Witnesses referred to witness service

- Referrals are now 68% lower than the weekly average during the period April 2019 to the end of February 2020.

Helpline

- There has been an increase in calls since March 2020, with peaks in the weeks commencing 20th April and 4th May. There has also been an increase in non-phone contacts, particularly webchats, although small in number.
- There has been an increase in severity and diversity of abuse reported including child to parent / older abuse with safeguarding referrals increasing as result.

Refuge provision

- Between 8 and 14 spaces were available (out of 276 beds) for the last week. Refuges are being affected by staffing levels, having to socially distance in limited space and lack of COVID-19 testing.

Regional / Local VAWDASV* specialist service evidence

- Staffing is being affected by absences due to self-isolation and some staff being furloughed.

Source: VKPP 3rd Sector Briefing 12th June 2020

* VAWDASV – Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence

WIDER POLICY/RESPONSE UPDATES

- CSA and CSE are still showing a decrease on 2019 levels in the OP TALLA data.
- It is anticipated that there may be an increase in demand with paedophile hunters starting to set up stings again as restrictions ease.
- May also see and increase in Indecent Images of Children (IIOC) as human moderators return to work as restrictions ease.

Source: Cross Vulnerabilities COVID-19 NPCC Weekly Meeting dated 4th June 2020

- Sajid Javid warns of surge in child sex abuse due to 'perfect storm' created by lockdown.
- The economic impact of the lockdown will pale by comparison to the "perfect storm" leaving vulnerable children "isolating alongside their abusers", Sajid Javid has warned. He said the current restrictions appeared to be facilitating a "surge" in sexual abuse of children, which he predicted would be reflected in figures later this year.
- Mr Javid is to lead a new "no holds barred" investigation into child sexual abuse in Britain, along with the Centre for Social Justice think tank. Mr Javid said the inquiry would not be impeded by "cultural and political sensitivities" after the men convicted in recent high-profile cases were disproportionately of Pakistani, Kashmiri, Bangladeshi and Bengali heritage.

Source: The Telegraph article by Edward Malnick dated 30th May 2020

- The CSA Transformaiton fund is intended to promote and embed best practice in CSA victim support and it's available both to the statutory and non-statutory organisations. Funding is available for two years, 2020-2022 and the closing date for bids is Wednesday 12th August 2020. Details of the fund and how to apply are available on the Contracts Finder and Gov.uk websites.

Source: VKPP 3rd Sector Meeting Minutes 12th June 2020

POLICE DATA / INTELLIGENCE

- 80% of the reporting forces recorded a decrease in CSAE/ Offences when compared to same 4 weeks in 2019.
- 15% of the reporting forces recorded an increase in CSAE/ Offences when compared to same 4 weeks in 2019.
- 5% of the reporting forces recorded same number of CSAE/ Offences when compared to same 4 weeks in 2019.

Source: NPoCC Online Data Research by Op HYDRANT analysts 10th June 2020



CSA/E Offences in 4 week period, compared to same period in 2019			
	2019	2020	% change
w/e 17th May - 7th June	6,693	5,970	-11% decrease

Source: Op TALLA Service Delivery Update 7th June 2020

- CSA data is showing a 39.8% decrease and Child Neglect is down by 10.2% on 2019 levels (4 week rolling period ending 7th June 2020).

- Sexual grooming is down by 25%.
- Sexual activity is down by 42.1%.
- Sexual assault down by 33.2%.
- Rape down by 41.6%.

Source: IIOC & CSA data from CPAI Working Group updated 7th June 2020

- Offenders have continued to utilise social media websites and apps in their pursuit of child victims. One ROCU reported several instances of adult offenders using Facebook, Snapchat, WhatsApp and Tiktok to contact children aged 9-14 with sexualised language and images

Source: ROCU Network Update dated 2nd June 2020

- Based on available data / intelligence the NCA report there to be no increase in the overall CSA threat.
- The next tranche of school returns is scheduled for later this month, likely leading to some increases in CSA reporting initially. This is likely to be curtailed in the medium term by the scheduled school summer holidays.
- A significant increase in CSA reporting to professionals is likely to occur when lockdown is fully lifted and all the schools have reopened.

Source: NCA COVID-19 Weekly Threat and Response Update dated 4th June 2020

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3rd SECTOR DATA

The Childrens Society

- There is concern around areas that rely on tourism for livelihood, a decrease in income lease areas with children being more at risk of grooming because of higher poverty.

Source: VKPP 3rd Sector Meeting Minutes 12th June 2020

LFF / Stop it Now!

- Website hits are still down on pre-lockdown numbers. Hits had been slowly climbing back up but the week 21st to 27th May there was a drop to 1,070 from 1,445 on previous week.
- The *Get Help* website aimed specifically at those concerned about their own behaviour has also seen a downturn in use from 451 users 14th to 20th May to 205 between 21st and 26th May.
- *Stop it Now* helpline has seen a 42% increase in callers/emailers between 18th May and 31st May when compared to two-week average from previous year. (7% increase in calls/emails for same period).
- The 'Get Help' webstats have shown a significant downturn in demand since 21st May. It appears that this relates to the content of Google's warning page, that is served to those making dubious online searches. Google have been contacted and they are investigating the changes and consequences.

NSPCC - Childline

- Activity on the Childline website has seen a return to normal levels in some areas. Overall the main pages of the site saw a total of 276,178, this is significantly lower than levels in recent weeks.
- Childline Message Board submissions were high at 1,460 new submissions, 16% up on the previous week.
- Contact about emotional abuse is significantly up from pre-lockdown average.

NSPCC – Adult helpline activity

- The service received a total of 2,321 contacts for the week 25th to 31st May, which is a slight drop on the previous week.
- Contacts about physical abuse have increased by 7% for the week 25th to 31st May.
- A breakdown of contacts since lockdown when compared to pre-lockdown shows;
 - Emotional abuse has increased from 10% to 16%.
 - Physical abuse has increased from 12% to 15%.
 - Family relationships has increased from 6% to 7%.
 - Sexual abuse has decreased from 11% to 7%.

Source: VKPP 3rd Sector Briefing 12th June 2020

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ONLINE ABUSE

DATA FINDINGS

WIDER POLICY/RESPONSE UPDATES

- It is anticipated there may be an increase in indecent images of children being identified as restrictions ease and human moderators return to work.

Source: Cross Vulnerabilities COVID-19 NPCC Weekly Meeting dated 4th June 2020

- On 4th June the NCA will launch 'Send me a Pic?', new image sharing education resource for use in schools with 12-14 year olds, enabling professionals to understand the material before schools return in September.

Source: NCA COVID-19 Weekly Threat and Response Update dated 4th June 2020

POLICE DATA / INTELLIGENCE

- Offences relating to indecent images of children are down by 19.6% compared to the same period in 2019 (4 week period ending 7th June 2020).

Source: IIOC & CSA data from CPAI Working Group updated 7th June 2020

Zoom-Bombing NCA Investigation

- Zoom-bombing is still ongoing across the country, although there seems to be a reduction in the frequency of incidents, and not all have involved indecent images of children (IIOC).
- It is likely that offenders have been disrupted by law enforcement and/or become bored, also that users of the services have become more security-conscious as a result of the service providers' measures and publicity around earlier incidents.
- The National Crime Agency (NCA) is collating and investigating Zoom-bombing involving IIOC in the UK. The Agency has requested a detailed crime/incident report, giving the force, location and crime/incident numbers, and a MG11 from complainant.

Source: ROCU Network Update dated 2nd June 2020

- There has been no identified increase in the overall CSA threat based on available data and intelligence.
- Web IQ reporting suggests that two major file hosting sites were temporary unavailable resulting in a significant reduction in CSAM links on Darknet CSA forums in April and May 2020. This temporary unavailability is unlikely to have a long term impact on the CSA threat.
- The number of daily posts in the general chat sections of the forums remains high.

Source: NCA COVID-19 Weekly Threat and Response Update dated 4th June 2020

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ONLINE ABUSE

POLICE DATA / INTELLIGENCE continued....

- Online child abuse activist groups (OCAGs) have been more active, carrying out multiple 'sting' operations across the network over the last two weeks, though some are still abiding by social distancing rules and handing information to police forces.
- CSAE offenders have continued to utilise social media websites and apps in their pursuit of child victims.
- The Metropolitan Police Service and the NCA's National Assessments Centre (NAC) reported that making and distributing indecent images has risen 18%, sexual communication with children has risen by 10.8% and criminal exploitation with children is now back up to pre-lockdown level.

Source: ROCU Network Update dated 9th June 2020

3rd SECTOR/CHARITY DATA

- The Lucy Faithfull Foundation reports that the number of people seeking sexual help for their own sexual thoughts has doubled during lockdown.

Source: NCA COVID-19 Weekly Threat and Response Update dated 4th June 2020

Lucy Faith Foundation / Stop it Now!

- 63% of callers called regarding concerns about their own behaviour, with 56% of calls relating to online abuse. 79% of callers about online abuse called having already been arrested. All figures for 18th – 31st May 2020.

Source: VKPP 3rd Sector Briefing 12th June 2020

MISSING PERSONS

DATA FINDINGS

WIDER POLICY/RESPONSE UPDATES

- Missing Persons is still showing a decrease on 2019 levels.
Source: Cross Vulnerabilities COVID-19 NPCC Weekly Meeting dated 4th June 2020
- Recently reports in the Observer suggested that trafficked and unaccompanied children were going missing in “significant” numbers from the UK’s care system. It states that “three charities” have documented an “alarming” series of cases since the beginning of lockdown. *Source: https://www.theguardian.com/society/2020/jun/06/alarming-rise-in-cases-of-missing-children-following-safeguarding-cuts?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other*

POLICE DATA / INTELLIGENCE

In response to the guardian article (see above):

- Some forces are still reporting a reduction in the number of missing children in care, whilst others describe the figures as “creeping back to normal levels.”
- Of those forces that reported, none highlighted an increase in the number of trafficked/unaccompanied asylum seeker children going missing.

Notes:

- *Not all forces reporting.*
- *It is too early to identify the impact on forces in relation to what has been reported in the guardian.*
- *Reductions do not necessarily relate to the number of children going missing, they may be a reflection of reductions in reporting levels*

Source: Response from NPCC Missing Persons Lead dated 8th June 2020



Missing Person Incidents in 4 week period, compared to same period in 2019			
	2019	2020	% change
w/e 17th May - 7th June	28,916	20,590	-29% decrease

Source: Op TALLA Service Delivery Update 7th June 2020

Although reports of missing people continue to rise, they still remain lower than levels in the same period in 2019 as below:

- 42 forces have submitted data for missing incidents for the period 10th May to 7th June 2020.
- All show a decrease in 2020 when compared to the same period in 2019, however reductions do appear to be slowing down within some forces. Around half are reporting YoY reporting reductions at a rate below the national rate (29% decrease).

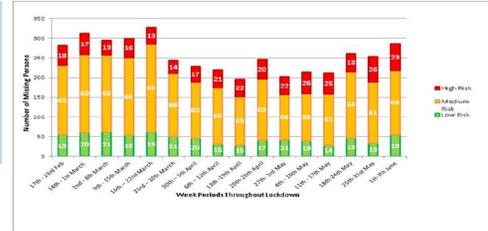
Source: NPoCC Online Data Research by Op HYDRANT analysts 11th May 2020

MISSING PERSONS

POLICE DATA / INTELLIGENCE continued....

- The reports of missing persons for longer than 48 hours continues to rise but is not yet back to pre lockdown numbers. The chart indicated national missing persons statistics, but it is not possible to say what proportion, if any of these are linked to County Lines.

Source: NCLCC Assessment of Changing Thread dated 9th June 2020



Source: NCLCC Assessment of Changing Thread dated 9th June 2020

3rd SECTOR DATA

- Some missing services reporting back to normal levels, some reporting increase but still lower than before lockdown.
- There is still some evidence that parents / carers are having difficulty reporting children missing. A charity has been advised that Police haven't had time to record the missing case on the 'Missing in Compact' system before the child returned, although the cases are showing on the 'Storm' system.

Source: VKPP 3rd Sector Briefing 12th June 2020

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DATA FINDINGS

WIDER POLICY/RESPONSE UPDATES

- Mental Health incidents are currently down 2% and S.136 detentions are down 5% on 2019 levels but are increasing.
- The NHS helpline introduced to relieve pressure on the Ambulance service and NHS 111 is still under capacity.

Source: Cross Vulnerabilities COVID-19 NPCC Weekly Meeting dated 4th June 2020

POLICE DATA / INTELLIGENCE

S.136 Detentions

- 49% of reporting forces recorded an decrease in S136 detentions when compared to same 4 weeks in 2019.
- 49% of reporting forces recorded an increase in S136 detentions when compared to same 4 weeks in 2019.
- 4% of reporting forces recorded same number of S136 detentions when compared to same 4 weeks in 2019.

Source: NPoCC Online Data Research by Op HYDRANT analysts 10th June 2020



Mental Health Incidents/S136 detentions in 4 week period, compared to same period in 2019			
Mental Health Incident	2019	2020	% change
w/e 17th May - 7th June	45,729	44,979	-2% decrease
S136 Detentions	2019	2020	% change
w/e 17th May - 7th June	1,794	1776	-1% decrease

Source: Op TALLA Service Delivery Update 7th June 2020

British Transport Police S.136/297

- 2020 Year to date totals show a 45% decrease on same period in 2019.

Notes:

- 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 Report – 10th June 2020

British Transport Police: PP&V Weekly Reporting Data - S.136/297			
Week Period	2020	2019	2020 to 2019 % Comparison
17th March 2020 to 8th June 2020	295	537	-45%

Source: BTP PP&V Weekly Report – 10th June 2020

POLICE DATA / INTELLIGENCE continued

- Recent reports have highlighted that carers are facing difficulties with the effects of the restrictions on family members with autism as well as those suffering from dementia.
Source: OP TALLA (COVID-19 'Coronavirus) National Daily Update and Assessment dated 29th May 2020
- NPoCC assess that it is highly likely mental health issues will continue to appear prominently in reports, with the issue of individuals being unable to (or perceiving they are unable to) access the help they require during COVID-19. This is also likely to involve children, teenagers and young adults in mental health crisis or with behavioural problems, leading to safeguarding issues for the individual as well as parents or carers in the case of aggressive behaviour.
Source: OP TALLA (COVID-19 'Coronavirus) National Daily Update and Assessment dated 5th June 2020

3rd SECTOR DATA

- The NSPCC report the proportions of counselling about mental health is up 3% to 36% and family relationships is up 2% to 12%. These are 2 of the top 3 main concerns, have increased since lockdown.
- Demand for the week ending 24th May was 65% higher than the pre-lockdown benchmark.
- One helpline is seeing more abusive family situations from:
 - people that are struggling through lockdown
 - people who have suffered from domestic abuse in the past and have been triggered by the lockdown.
- There have been a small number of referrals where it is mentioned that a child has a Deprivation of Liberty (DOLs), they have mental health help or have a CAMHS placement. There is an increased use of DOLs, especially from frequent missing persons and for those with health / mental health issues.

Mental Health Helpline

- There has been an increase in calls from care homes where older people are feeling neglected.

Hospital Based Charity

- Suicidality and overdose have been a significant factors, accounting for 32% of post lockdown non-assault presentations, compared to 25% pre-lockdown. These tend to be predominantly female, with a proportion that is similar both pre- and post-lockdown.
Source: VKPP 3rd Sector Briefing 12th June 2020

COUNTY LINES

DATA FINDINGS

WIDER POLICY/RESPONSE UPDATES

- Indications are that County Lines is picking up with the easing of lockdown restrictions.
- Forces are working more proactively at interventions.
- It has been suggested that there may be an increase in violence between gang

Source: Cross Vulnerabilities COVID-19 NPCC Weekly Meeting dated 4th June 2020

POLICE DATA / INTELLIGENCE

- NPoCC assess it is likely the lifting of social restrictions will increase instances of gang related violence and other organised criminal activity, as "normal life" is slowly resumed. NPoCC have received reporting of increased gang tensions in the West Midlands, North West, East Midlands and London regions..

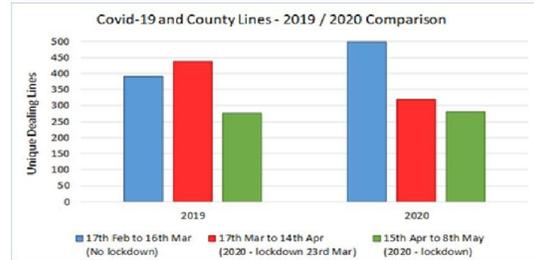
Source: ROCU Network Update dated 30th May 2020

- The threat from drugs has remained consistent, with UK wholesale drug prices for heroin and cocaine having stabilised after initial increases at the start of lockdown. It is likely that there will be an increased flow of heroin into the UK as European OCG's stockpiling heroin reassess transport routings.

Source: NCA COVID-19 Weekly Threat and Response Update dated 4th June 2020

- Reporting indicates a continued use of the rail and road network. Taxis have also been a key feature in County Lines information. It is assessed the use of the rail and road network may increase as lockdown continues to ease.
- Indication are that the cost of Class A drugs has risen in some areas whilst the purity levels have reduced.

Source: NCA COVID-19 Weekly Threat and Response Update dated 9th June 2020



Source: NCLCC Assessment of Changing Threat dated 9th June 2020

3rd SECTOR DATA

- High proportion of CYP referred for CCE support have learning needs or are on an EHCP.
- London appears quieter with less evident gang activity and violence. There has been a reduction in referrals.
- Young people who engage are engaging more than ever, but this is by phone as face-to-face not possible. This may be because they are more available, but also there is no risk of other people knowing they are engaging with the programme.
- For Young people leaving Young Offender Institutes (YOI), there are delays in sorting housing as boroughs are under extreme pressure currently. People released under early release scheme are not receiving the support they should.
- Some young people are worried about the next steps in terms of education and missed so much, some are struggling to work at home.

Source: *Catch 22*

CROSS CUTTING VULNERABILITIES

DATA FINDINGS

WIDER POLICY/RESPONSE UPDATES

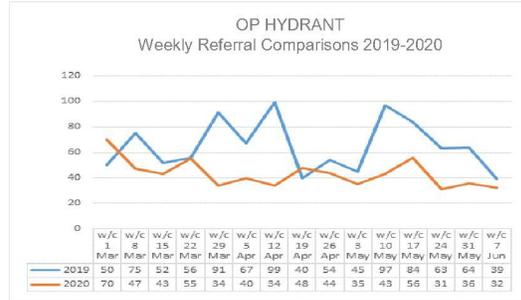
- Work is continuing on the action plan from the Hidden Harms summit. High level actions are likely to be published in the next two weeks.
- There will be a number of announcements over the next few weeks concerning funding for charities.
- The College of Policing are attending meetings to look at harnessing best practice and this will be joined up with other ongoing work.

Source: Cross Vulnerabilities COVID-19 NPCC Weekly Meeting dated 4th June 2020

POLICE DATA / INTELLIGENCE

- OP HYDRANT has seen a slight decrease in the week commencing 7th June. Referrals continue to be lower when compared to 2020.

Source: Op HYDRANT Referral Update 15th June 2020



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GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

Department of Education

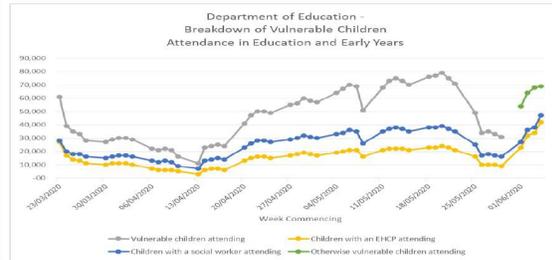
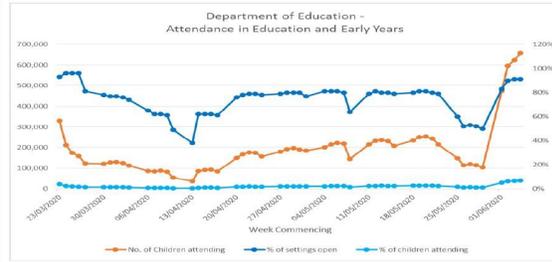
- The first chart shows daily data for:
 - The number of children attending
 - The % of children attending
 - The % of Education and Early Years Settings open
- The second chart shows daily totals for:
 - Vulnerable children attending
 - Children with a social worker attending
 - Children with an EHCP
 - Otherwise vulnerable children

Notes:

On the 1st June 2020, Reception, Year 1 & Year 6 children were allowed to return to school.

- The average response rate of Education and Early Year settings, for the period was 61% (daily response rates between 12% & 76%). The lowest response rates were on the bank holidays.
- The Department of Education adjusted the methodology for calculating this data on 27th March 2020.
- Some children fall into one or more categories on chart the second chart and data is not available for children not in these categories attending.
- Charts were produced by Op HYDRANT analysts using the data obtained from Department of Education.

Source: Department of Education - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-attendance-in-education-and-early-years-settings>



3rd SECTOR DATA

- Key themes reported by survivors and victims on the telephone support line during the week:
- Many professional referrals from GPs, Samaritans, social workers, family support workers, probation officers, police officers, mental health nurses.
- Lockdown is bringing everything to a head, callers are struggling with PTSD, flashbacks, depression, anxiety, suicidal thoughts / self-harm.
- Callers are struggling because they cannot see their therapists during lockdown.
- Callers are struggling with having to access support from emotionally abusive parents during the lockdown period (they need this support due to illness, loss of jobs etc).
- There were more calls regarding domestic abuse and violence.
- Callers are talking about autism.

Source: NAPAC Data for week commencing 1st June 2020

Barnardo's

- 'See, Hear, Respond' goes live on Monday 15th June 2020. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Barnardo's, in partnership with The Department for Education (DfE), will be delivering a new and innovative programme intervening and finding the most vulnerable children and young people who are hidden from view; who are not receiving support currently from statutory organisations.

Railway Children

- Risk assessments are now in place for face to face consultations and as people are now returning from furlough, there will be a richer picture.
- County Lines cases are coming through on referrals.
- There is a reported increase in calls from children in relation to anxiety about returning to school.
- Parents are also concerned about childcare provisions, as Furlough ends and they have to return to work.

Source: VKPP 3rd Sector Meeting Minutes 12th June 2020

3rd SECTOR DATA

Hospital Based Charity

- This charity is embedded in hospitals meeting young people in crisis moments, currently in 9 hospital trust across London and the Midlands.
- 66% of referrals during lockdown have been for assault, this is a reduction on post-lockdown proportions. In the months leading up to lockdown, this figure had been 75%.
 - Stabbing has continued to be the highest specified cause during lockdown (37% of assault presentation, or 23% of total cases). Pre-lockdown, stabbing accounted for 40% of assaults and 31% of total cases.
 - Parts of body (i.e. punching, kicking etc) being used as weapons accounts for 44% of assaults during lockdown, which is a slight increase on the 38% pre-lockdown.
 - There continues to be a small but significant number of gunshot presentations throughout lockdown, though the proportion of these has not changed significantly.
- There is a significant amount of young women presenting with self harm and other mental health issues, abdominal pain linked to historic and current CSE, and abuse.

Source: VKPP 3rd Sector Briefing & meeting minutes 12th June 2020

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