



Police and Crime Plan

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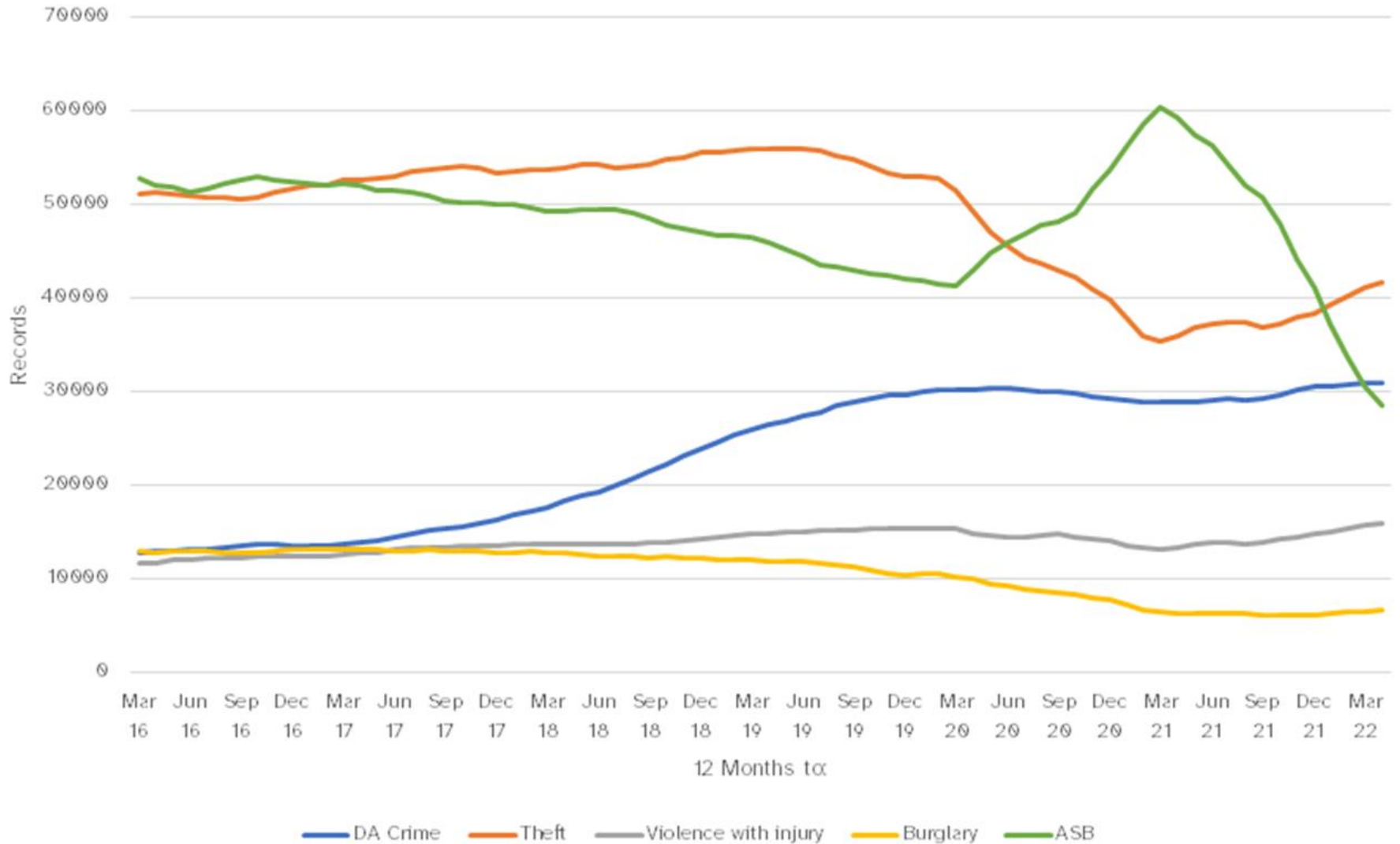


2021-2024



## Crime Trends

### 12 Month volumes of specific crime and incident categories



## Braintree

### Braintree Investment

- More officers in your community
  - Community Policing Team
  - Town Centre Team
  - Community Engagement Officers
  - Children & Young Person Officers
  
- More officers in specialist policing teams
  
- PFCC £297,202 Safer Streets funding Collingwood Road and River Walkway area of Witham Town Centre (plus £150,069 match funding from partners including Braintree District Council, Fusion, Essex Police, CARA, Witham Town Council and Eastlight.)
  
- This year, the Community Safety Partnership in Braintree has been allocated £17,739 from the PFCC's Community Safety Fund 2022/23.



## 2021 – 2024 Police and Crime Plan

### The 12 policing priorities to get crime down

- Further investment in crime prevention
- Reducing drug driven violence
- Protecting vulnerable people and breaking the cycle of domestic abuse
- Reducing violence against women and girls
- Improving support for victims of crime
- Protecting rural and isolated areas
- Preventing dog theft
- Preventing business crime, fraud and cyber crime
- Improving safety on our roads
- Encouraging volunteers and community support
- Supporting our officers and staff
- Increasing collaboration

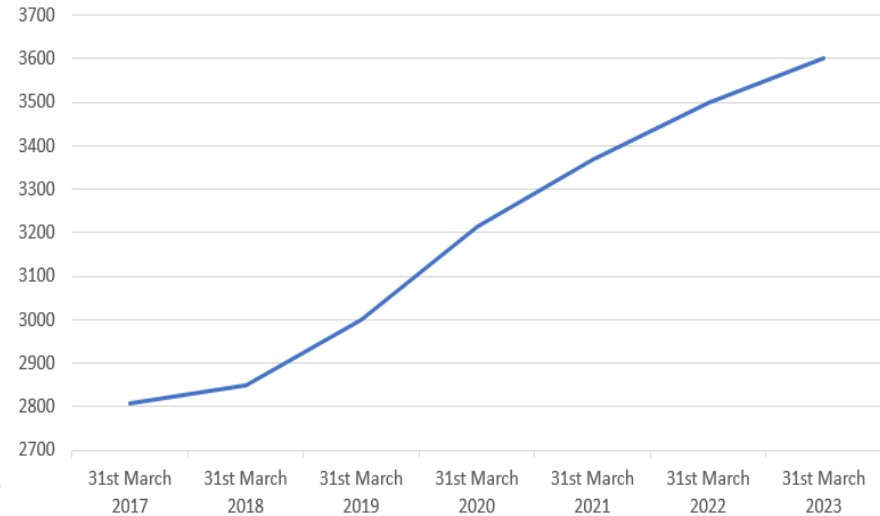




## Essex Police 2022/23

- Investing in prevention
  - 3755 officers by March 2023
  - 442 Specials, 2<sup>nd</sup> largest
- Crime Prevention Strategy
- Better working between emergency services – Fire, Ambulance, Police
- Closer collaboration with partners – CSPs, Councils

Police Officer Growth



## More enforcement against organised crime (Jan - April 2022)

- Serious Violence Unit established July 2020 -67 officers
- Investment in 30 officers and better technology in 2021-2022 precept
- April – June 2022, the Serious Organised Crime Unit within SCD dismantled OCG recovered 18 viable firearms with ammunition
- SOC seized 19kg of cocaine and arrested a number of significant OCG nominals,
- Recovered £38,000 and receiving a proceeds of crime forfeiture of over £800,000.
- Essex police have recorded 53 OCG disruptions in April and May this year, making Essex the lead force for OCG disruptions in the Eastern Region.



## Reducing drug-driven violence

### Highlights:

- ✓ Since 2018 the Partnership has secured over £5m for Essex from central Government
- ✓ Work in localities – Anticipate reaching 37,860 individuals in 2022-23
- ✓ Growing the Violence & Vulnerability Unit to increase capacity and capability
- ✓ Developing an evidence base of what works, including our nationally innovative Fearless Futures Project

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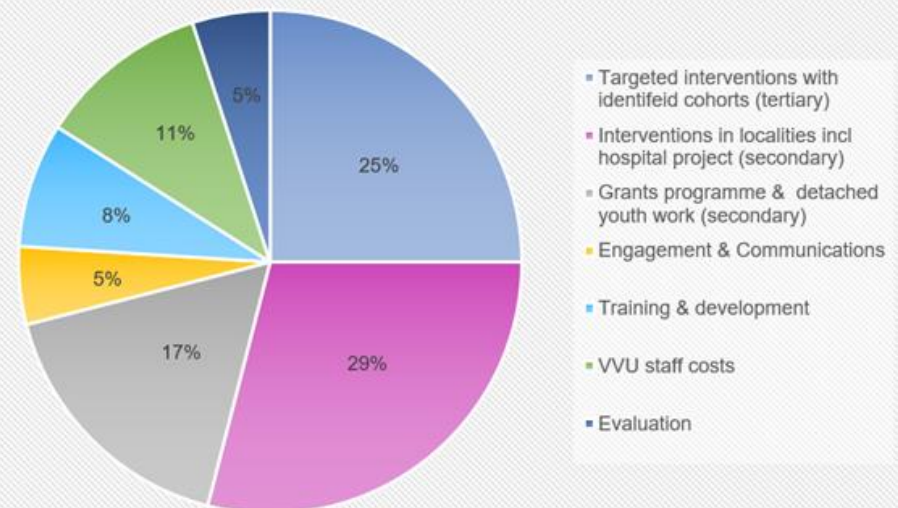
# VIOLENCE & VULNERABILITY

UNIT

### Funding Source 2022-23

Home Office	£2,040,000
ECC	£500,000
PFCC	£627,000

2021/22 V&V Joint Budget – Allocations by key areas of work



## Protecting vulnerable people and breaking the cycle of domestic abuse

### Building confidence in reporting

- Awareness campaigns
- J9 awareness programme

### Supporting victims

- £20m invested since 2016
- £1m COVID specific support (Inc SA)
- 3.5 additional Domestic Abuse advocates in 2022-23 bringing us to 31 IDVAs



### Changing Behaviours

#### DRIVE - Targeted 1-2-1 work

- high levels of physical abuse reduced by 82%,
- sexual abuse reduced by 88%;
- harassment and stalking behaviours reduced by 75% and
- controlling behaviours reduced by 73%.



## Reducing violence against women and girls

### Offending

Essex experienced a **6.2% increase (2,315 more) in the number of VAP offences committed against females** in the 12 months to August 2022 compared to the 12 months to August 2021; this compares to an 8.6% increase (2,435 more) in the number of VAP offences committed against males in the same period.

### Violence against women and girls strategy

- Building women and girls trust in police standards, culture and approach to VAWG
- Relentlessly pursuing perpetrators
- Strengthen prevention work by contributing to safer spaces for women and girls
  - Witham Town Centre £447,271 (SSR4)
  - Grays, Thurrock £625,000 (SSR2)
  - Bunny Walks, Chelmsford £550,000 (SSR3)



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## The Priorities

**Prevention, protection and response**

**Improve safety on our roads**

**Help the vulnerable to stay safe**

**Promote a positive culture in the workplace**

**Develop and broaden the roles and range of activities undertaken by the Service**

**Be transparent, open and accessible**

**Collaborate with our partners**

**Make best use of our resources**



## Journey so far

- 13% reduction in dwelling fires over last five years
- 6,646 safe and well visits
- 7,540 smoke alarms fitted  
1,125 sensory alarms
- 1071 full audits and 113  
desktop audits



- 100,831 children reached  
in last year
- 7770 hours driving  
ambulances since start of  
pandemic
- 68 staff volunteering at  
vaccination centres



## Looking forward

### Investment areas in Essex

- Improved training provision
- Investing in prevention activity
- Improved fire protection capacity
- Recruiting and retaining on-call firefighters



### Fire Reform Whitepaper

- Need for reform widely accepted
- Revised governance (Mayor, PFCC or single councillor)
- New College of Fire and Rescue and ethics
- Bring into law majority of Grenfell Inquiry recommendations



# Precept Survey 2023/24

Precept survey opens Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 22 – closes Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 22



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