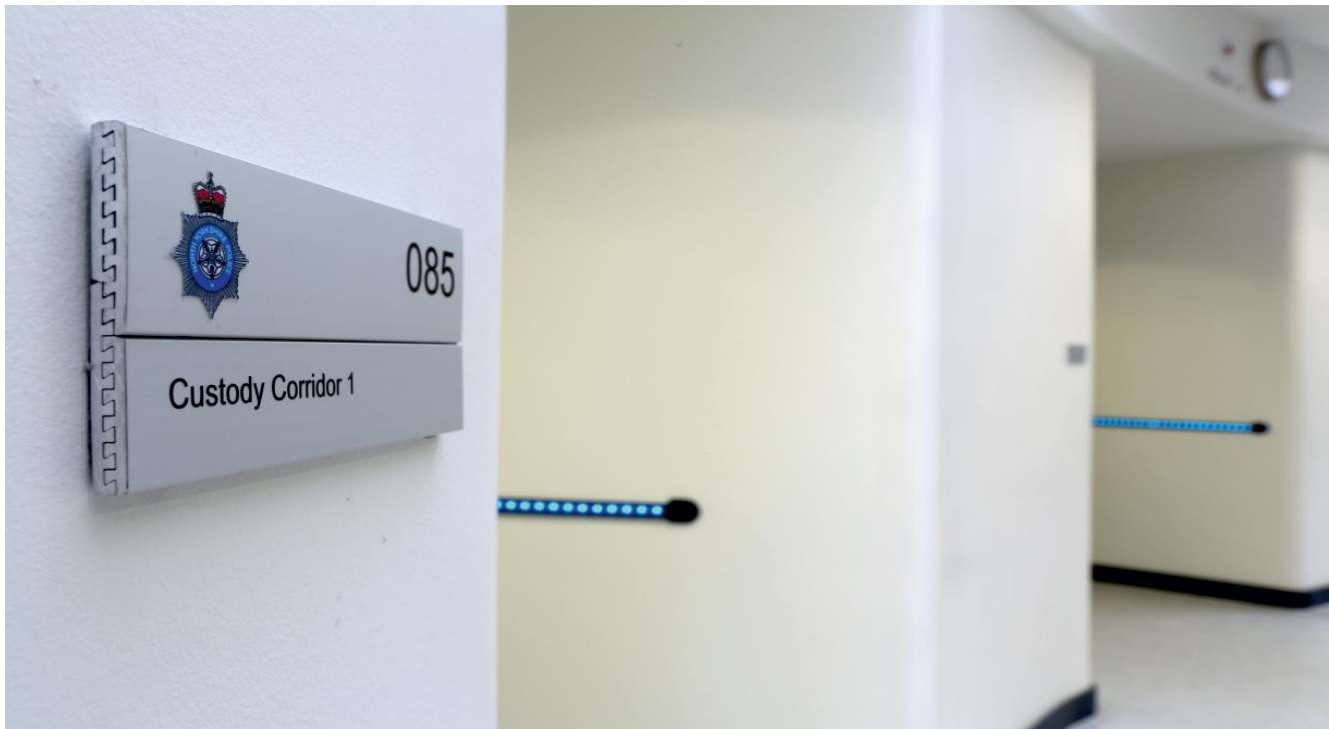


FEMALE OFFENDERS



Public Accountability Meeting

NATIONAL FEMALE OFFENDER STRATEGY

- Ministry of Justice Published June 2018
- Sets out Government commitment to new Programme of Work for female offenders
- 3 priorities
- Earlier intervention
- Community based solutions
- Custody as effective and decent as possible

FEMALE OFFENDERS

- Vulnerability can drive offending behaviour
- Higher prevalence of need amongst female offenders – mental health problems and self harm
- Many experience chaotic lifestyles which are often product of abuse and trauma
- Almost 60% female offenders experienced domestic abuse
- More female offenders primary carers than male counterparts – prison sentences mainly for non violent, low level but persistent offending, disproportionate impact children and families

7 KEY PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED

- Address substance misuse problems
- Address mental health problems
- Improve family contact
- Build Skills in emotion management
- Help women to resettle and build social capital
- Help women to develop a pro-social identity
- Help Women to believe in their ability to control their lives and have goals

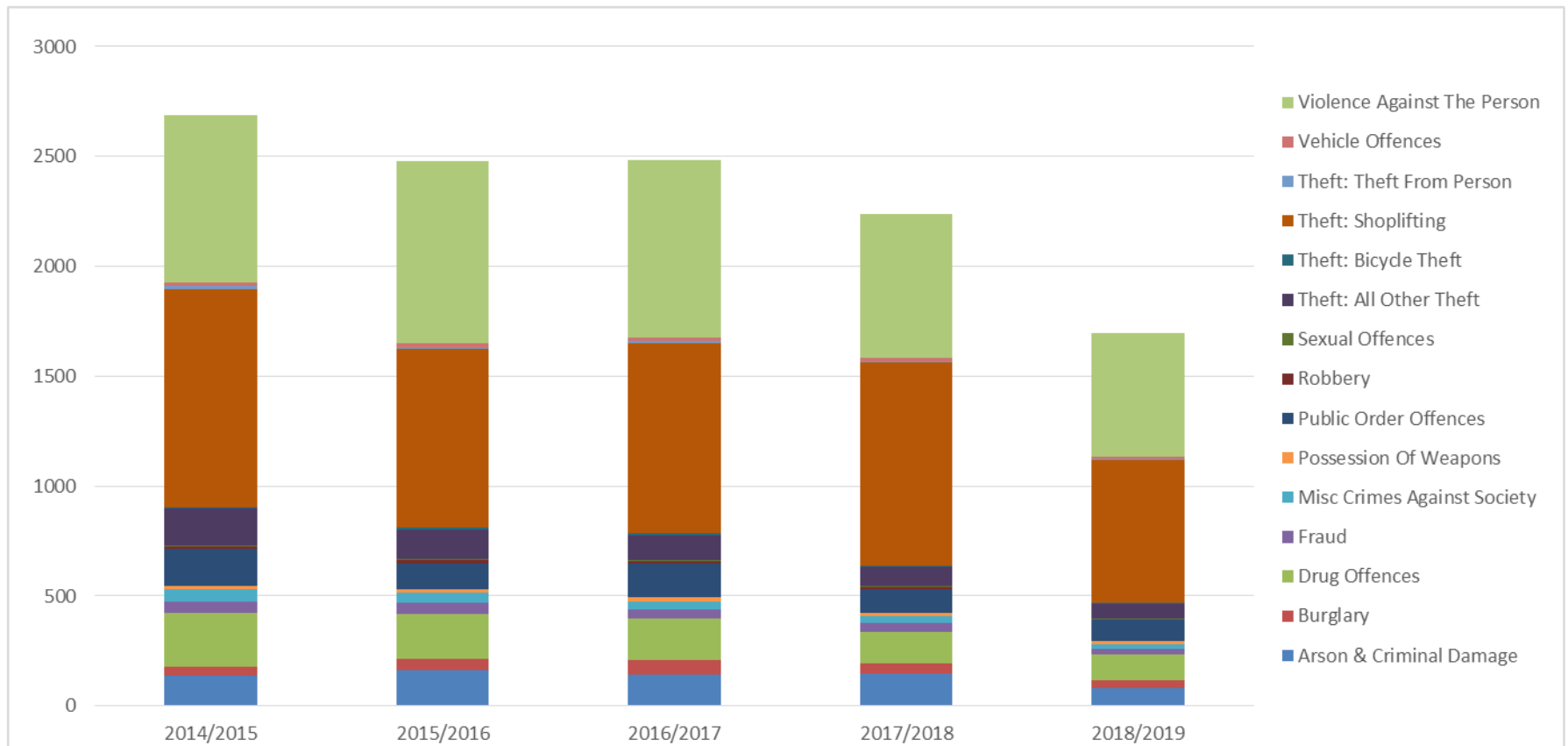
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What does this mean for NYP?

- from 2014 to 2019, NYP dealt with 66652 offenders
- in the five year period, 11580 offenders were female (21%)
- year on year decrease in number of female offenders, from 2687 in 2014/15 to 1697 in 2018/19
- in the same period, the total number of offenders decreased from 15,800 to 9703
- the proportion of female offenders increased 20.5% to 21.2%

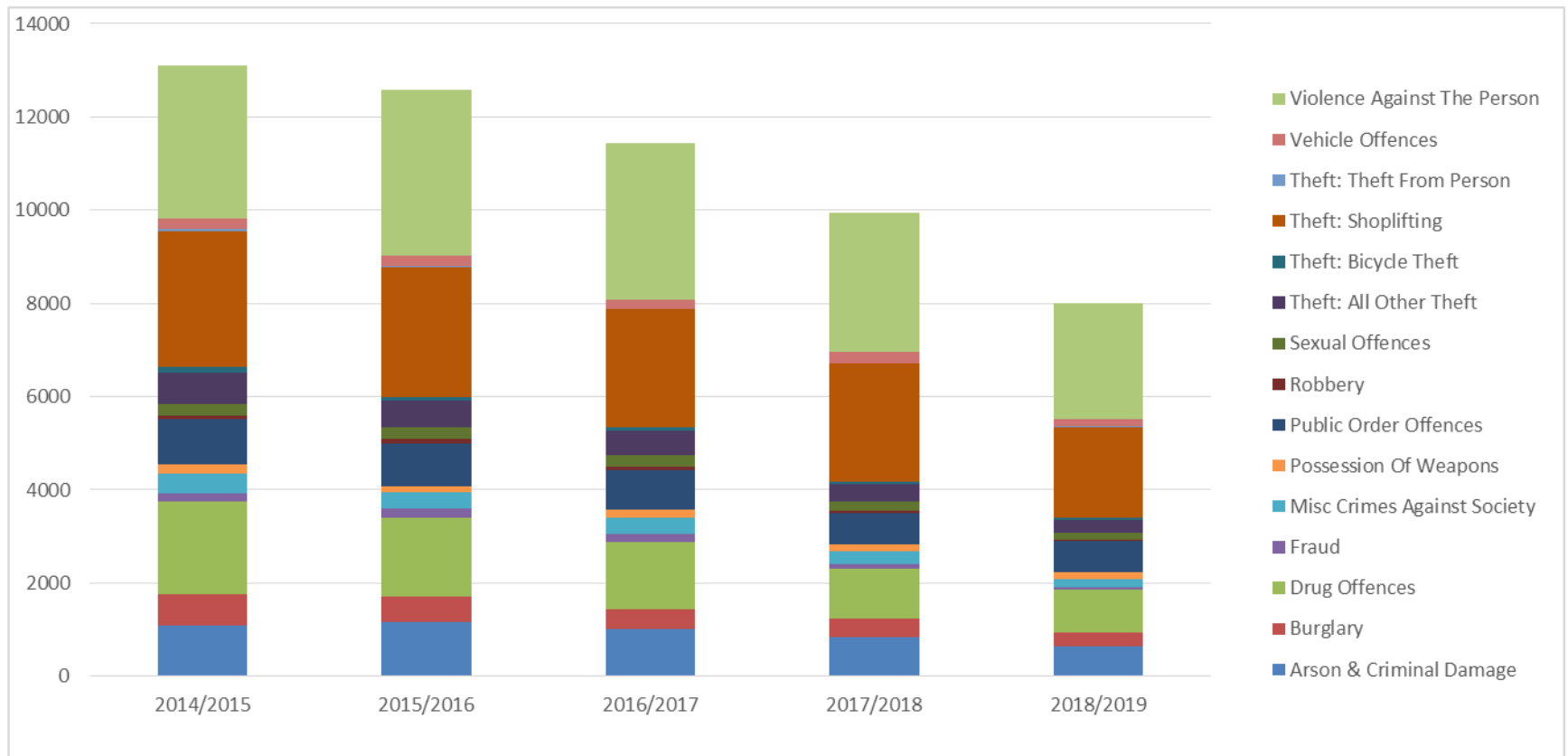
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Female offenders – offence type



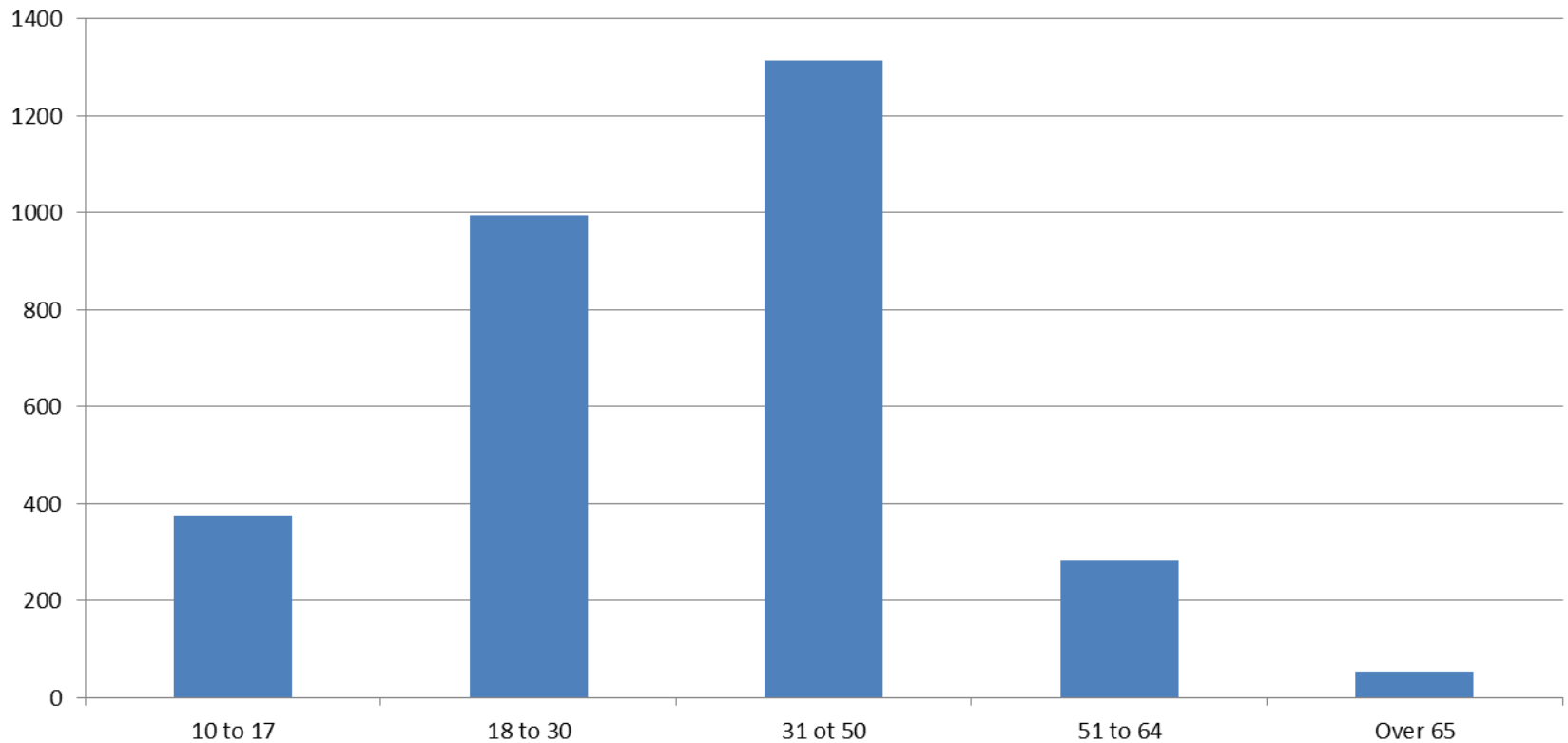
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Offence type – male offenders for comparison



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Age profile



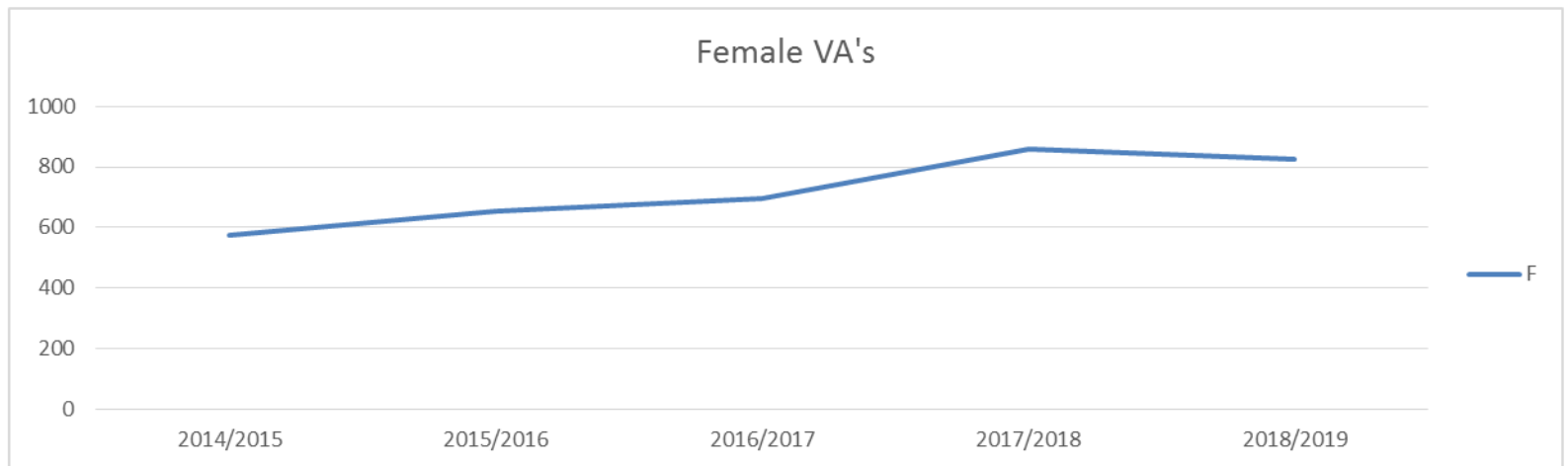
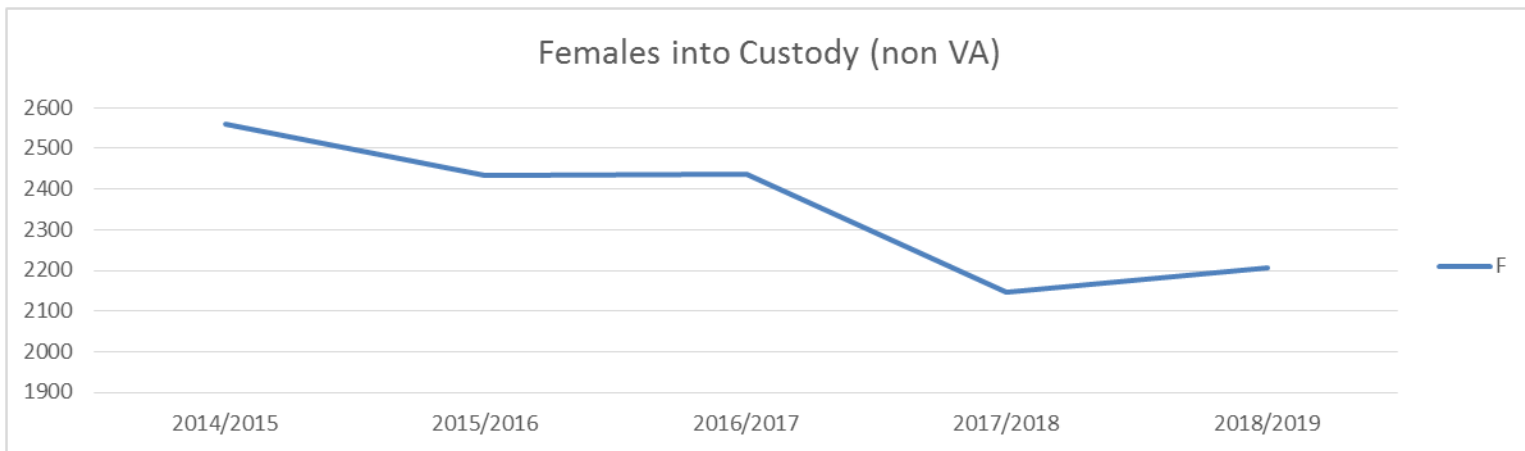
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Rearrests and reoffending

- research to calculate reoffending rates for females and males
- method: identified individuals who have multiple separate crime reports
- reoffending rate for females – 23.2%
- reoffending rate for males – 27.5%

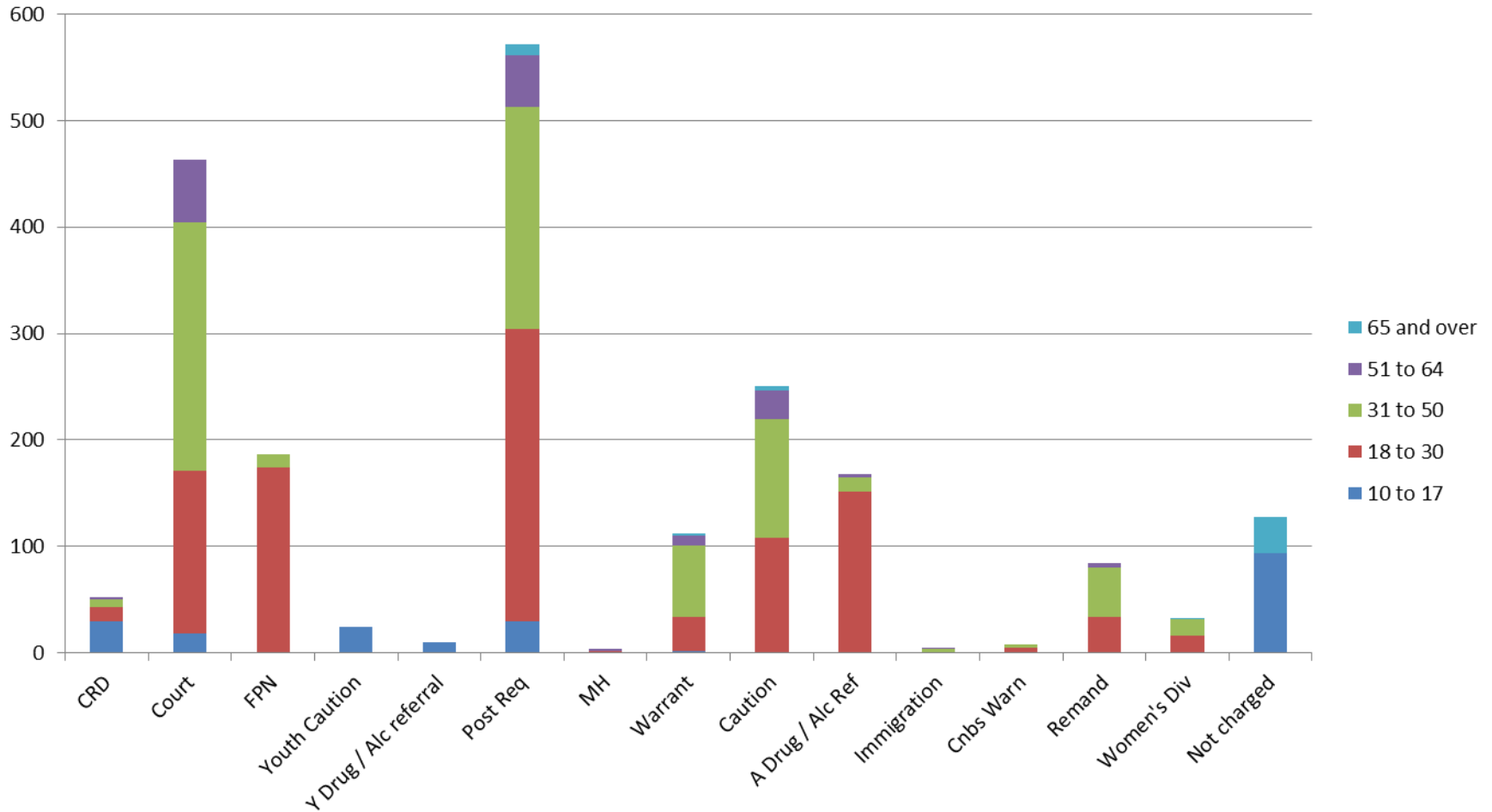
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Custody and Voluntary Attendee footfall



OUTCOMES

Outcomes



FEMALE OFFENDING

Prevention and Diversion

- Community Safety Hubs / Neighbourhood Policing Teams
- Women's Wellness Centre – York
- DVPN's / DVPO's (Domestic Violence Protection Notices Orders)
- Police Custody
- Integrated Offender Management – Trinity
- Women's Diversion Scheme

COMMUNITY SAFETY HUBS

- Multi agency hubs across the county in collaboration with other public sector organisations to tackle anti-social behaviour and low level crime more effectively
- New shared case management system - 1st April
- Joint problem solving module using SARA principles
- Information sharing with key agencies which includes victim services and shortly IOM will be building onto this package
- Victim services using now and Integrated Offender Management building their platform

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAMS

- Neighbourhood policing teams are focused on vulnerability across the spectrum of protected characteristics which includes;
- points of contact for missing children and CCE/CSE
- Hate Crime
- Those suffering ASB & repeat crime
- Victims of domestic violence and Fraud
- OCG's as Local Responsible Officers
- Working collaboratively with Community Safety Hubs
- Within the above there will be vulnerable women and women perpetrators

WOMENS WELLNESS CENTRE – AUTUMN 2019

- Ministry of Justice Capital Grant funded support for delivery of services to support vulnerable women in York following OPFCC successful bid
- 10 year agreement
- Premises Identified - NHS Property Estate / CCG at Union Terrace
- Service Provider will be commissioned by OPFCC from Autumn 2019
- Opportunity for partners to engage / collaborate with service provision and co-commission joined up support as a partnership
- Independent evaluation

The York Women's Wellness Centre will provide a streamlined service that:

- identifies and supports women at risk of offending and (re)offending,
- provides a holistic approach to women's service and support needs,
- engages females of all ages, at all points in the CJS, from early intervention opportunities to rehabilitation and resettlement,
- links with commissioned domestic abuse and mental health services, and creates a single point of contact to liaise with the complex landscape of existing social support and probation services

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTION NOTICES /ORDERS

Almost 60% of women in custody and supervised in the community have experienced domestic violence

- Forces removal of recipient from an address where a report of domestic violence has been reported for 48 hours and allows further consideration by a court as to greater length of separation of parties (up to 28 days)

	Male	Female	% Male	% Female	Breach - Male	Breach - Female	% Male	% Female
Oct - Dec 2018	39	3	92.86%	7.14%	11	2	84.62%	15.38%
Jan - March 2019	56	1	98.25%	1.75%	17	0	100%	0%

POLICE CUSTODY EXPERIENCE

Risk assessment and support

- Authorised Professional Practice
- HMICFRS standards
- Detailed Detainee Risk Assessment Process
- Dedicated Custody Healthcare Provision
- Referral / Diversion Options:
 - Women's Diversion
 - Project Nova (HM Forces)
 - Drugs / alcohol
- NHS Liaison & Diversion mobilisation from April – July 2019

CUSTODY EXPERIENCE

Information

Females in Police Custody



Your welfare is our primary concern, ask and we will see what we can do to help.

Sanitary products and fresh underwear are available, please ask a member of staff who will be able to provide them for you.

You can speak privately to a female member of staff about your welfare. If you are under 18 we will tell you the name of a female member of staff who you can speak with.

Females in Police Custody



Whilst you are at the police station your welfare is very important to us. This leaflet gives you some information which may be of interest to women and girls in police custody.



INTEGRATED OFFENDER MANAGEMENT

- Voluntary engagement approach scheme
- 3 phased approach
- **Trinity** - offenders who are most entrenched in offending behaviour
- **Non Trinity** – offenders who require early intervention and support
- **Women's Diversion** – early identification of suitable nominals to be offered specific support rather than criminal sanction



TRINITY

Support, Intervene, Disrupt

THREAT AND RISK

- **Referrals** – assessed against nationally recognised matrix to determine programme parameters individually tailored
- **Support** – pathways identified
- **Intervention** – additional monitoring to stabilise pathway
- **Disruption** – proactive targeting when disengages / non compliance

FIGURES

- April 2019 – 9 females on current IOM cohort across North Yorkshire
- All linked to substance misuse
- Support to stabilise mental health and accommodation issues
- April 2018 – 2019 – 26 females
- 5 success stories (no reoffending)
- 10 partial engagement and reduction in offending
- 11 poor engagement – recall to prison – removed from scheme

NON TRINITY – EARLY INTERVENTION

- Referral assessment- to determine if pathways of support appropriate (score under 30) and available
- Pathways offered
- Working with Safer Neighbourhood Teams – engage / intervene
- Problem solving with partner agencies

WOMEN'S DIVERSION SCHEME

- Scheme for adult women since May 2018
- Point of arrest or Voluntary Interview
- Diversion from criminal Justice System
- Supported by IOM and WDS key workers
- Avenues of support identified
- Work with female over 4 appointments – tailored to individual needs
- Total – 47 referrals to date
- 30 successful completions
- 6 failed to complete
- 11 currently on scheme
- Work ongoing to assess effectiveness in terms of offending impacts