



Public Accountability Meeting

Domestic Abuse – COVID effects and COVID Recovery

27th July 2021



Areas of Discussion

- Definitions
- National context
- Local context
- Delivery
- Initiatives
- Outcomes



Domestic Abuse

“Any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are, or have been, intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality. This can encompass but is not limited to the following types of abuse:

- *Psychological*
- *Physical*
- *Financial*
- *Sexual*
- *Emotional*

Controlling behaviour can be a range of acts designed to make a person subordinate and/or dependent on another by isolating them from sources of support, exploiting their resources and capacities for personal gain, depriving them of the means needed for independence, resistance and escape and regulating their everyday behaviour.

Coercive behaviour is: an act or a pattern of acts of assault, threats, humiliation and intimidation or other abuse that is used to harm, punish, or frighten their victim.”



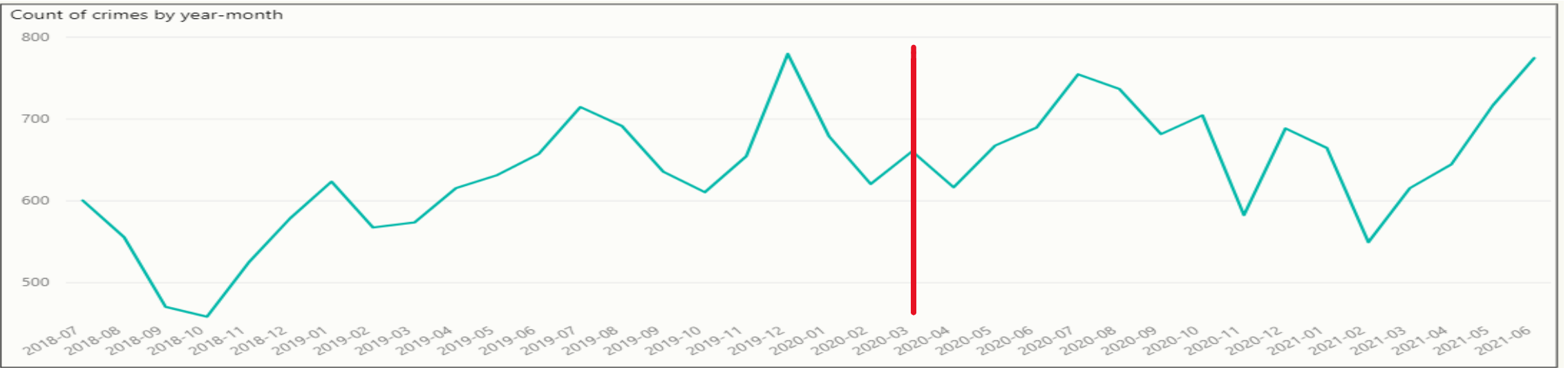
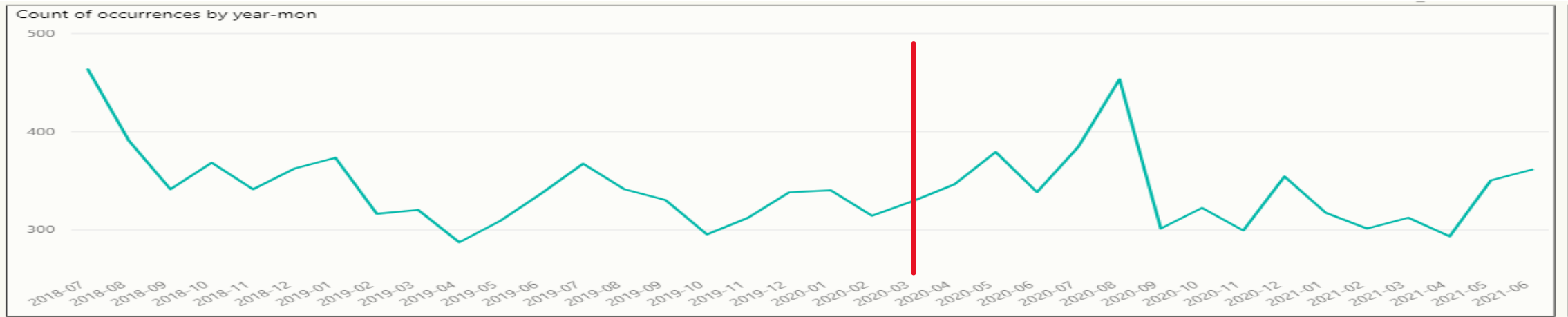
National Findings

- Police recorded crime data show an increase in offences flagged as domestic abuse-related during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, however, there has been a gradual increase in police recorded domestic abuse-related offences over recent years as police have improved their recording of these offences; therefore it cannot be determined whether this increase can be directly attributed to the coronavirus pandemic.
- The number of domestic violence remedy orders shows a mixed picture; the weekly number of non-molestation applications, and the number of orders granted from mid-April to the end of June were above the pre-lockdown baseline, while the weekly number of occupation orders granted between March and the end of June were generally below the pre-lockdown baseline.
- London's Metropolitan police service received an increased number of calls-for-service for domestic incidents following the lockdown, largely driven by third-party calls; this is likely because people were spending more time at home during this period.
- There has generally been an increase in demand for domestic abuse victim services during the coronavirus pandemic, particularly affecting helplines as lockdown measures eased; this does not necessarily indicate an increase in the number of victims, but perhaps an increase in the severity of abuse being experienced, and a lack of available coping mechanisms such as the ability to leave the home to escape the abuse, or attend counselling.
- The total number of cases discussed at multi-agency risk assessment conferences (MARACs) decreased in April to June 2020 compared with the previous quarter; this may reflect the difficulties high-risk victims faced when attempting to safely contact the police (the main source of referral to MARACs) during the lockdown period

Office of National Statistics

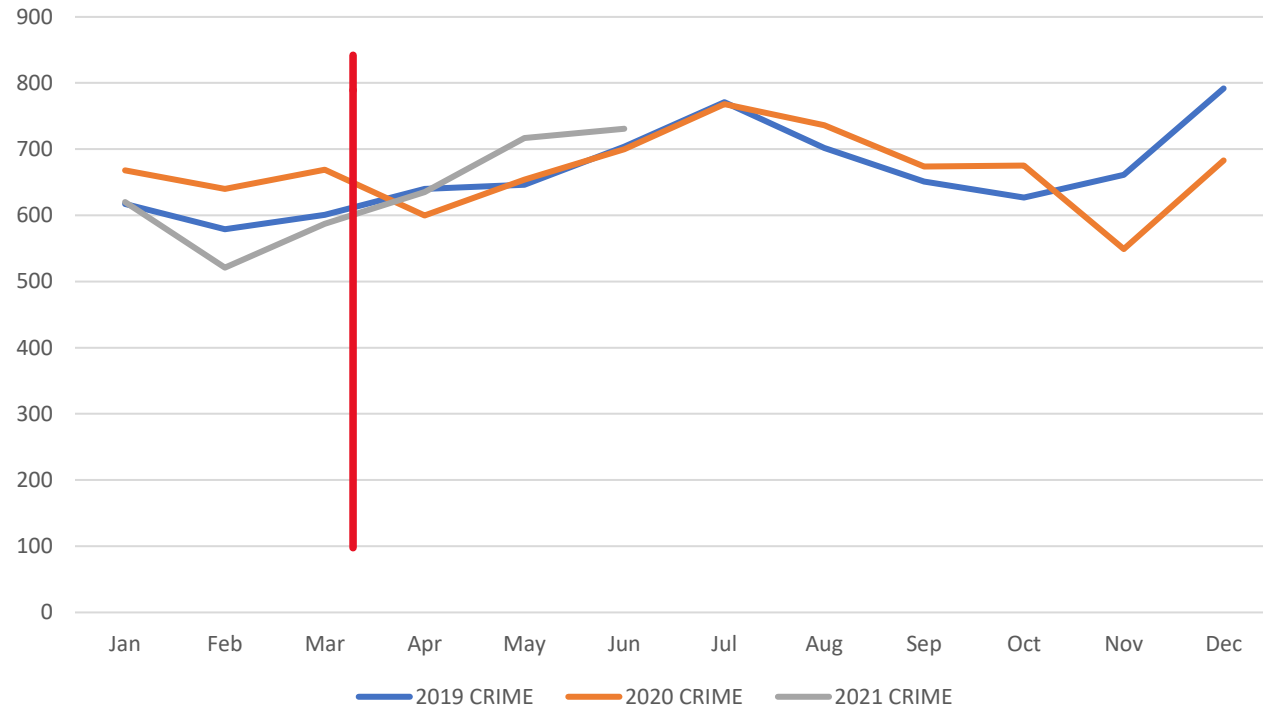


Demands – Crimes and Occurrences



Levels within North Yorkshire

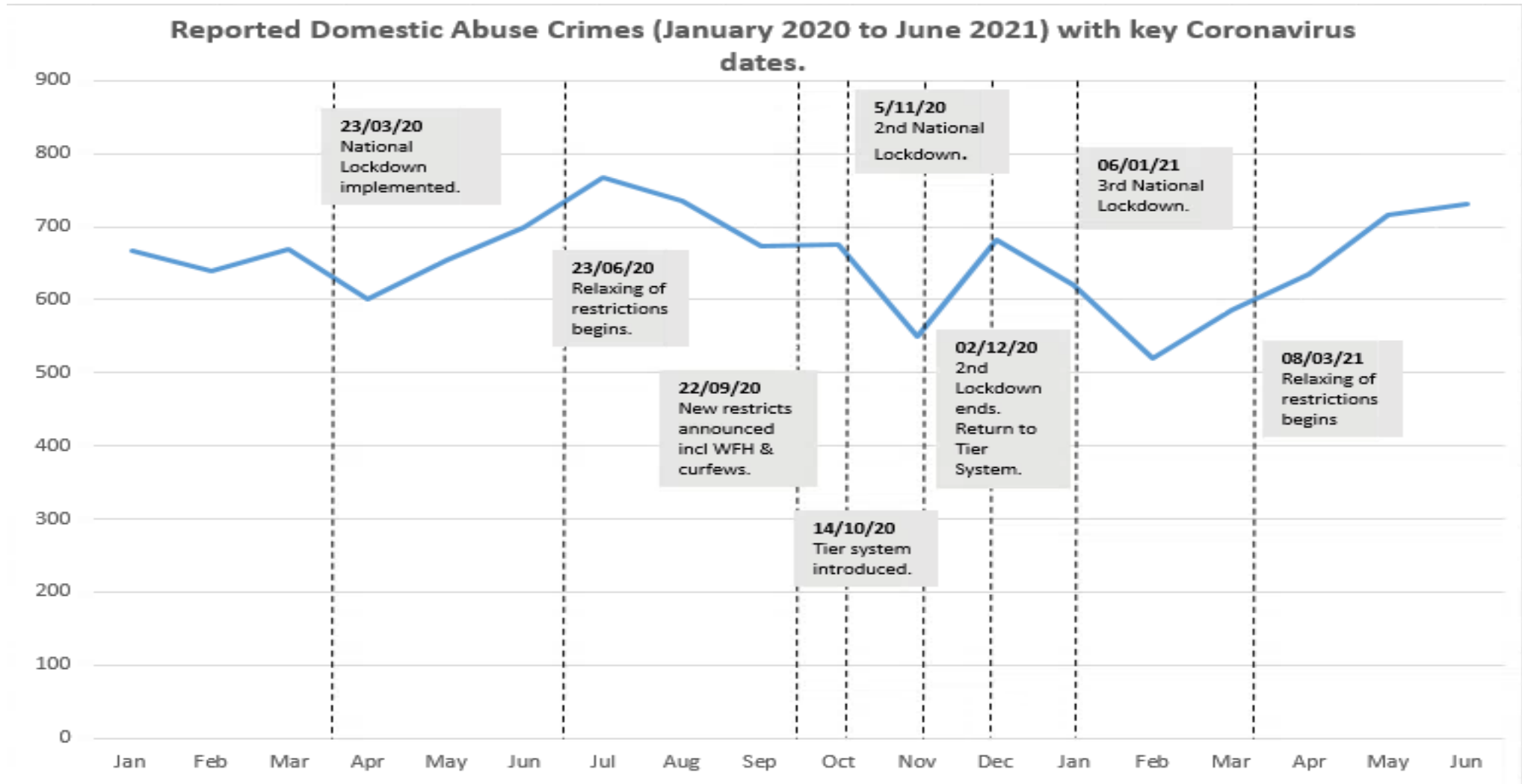
Reported Domestic Abuse Crimes (2019-2021)



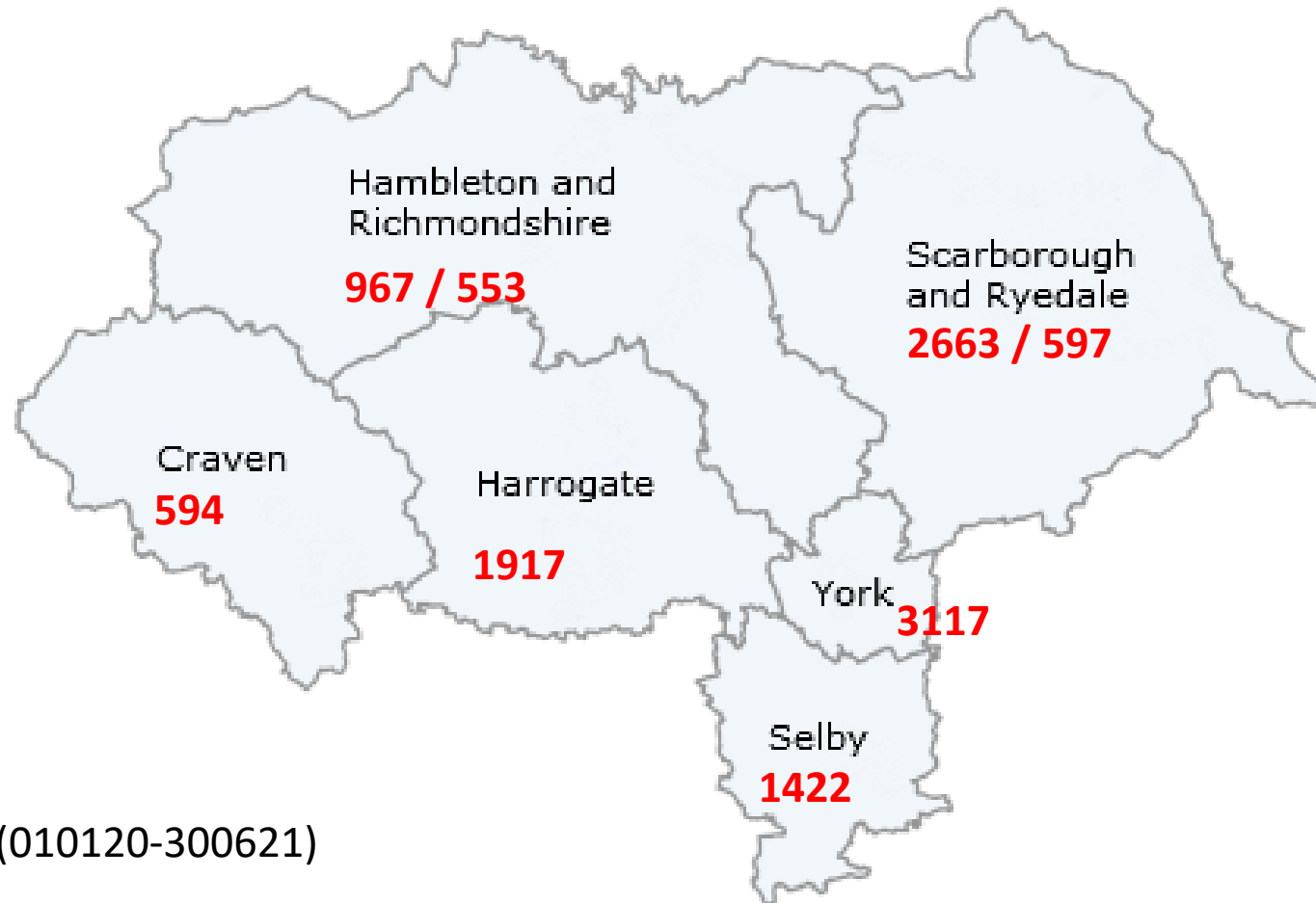
	2019	2020	2021
	TOTAL DA CRIME	TOTAL DA CRIME	TOTAL DA CRIME
Jan	617	668	620
Feb	579	640	521
Mar	601	669	587
Apr	640	600	635
May	646	654	717
Jun	704	700	731
Jul	771	768	
Aug	702	736	
Sep	651	674	
Oct	627	675	
Nov	661	549	
Dec	792	683	
TOTAL	7991	8016	



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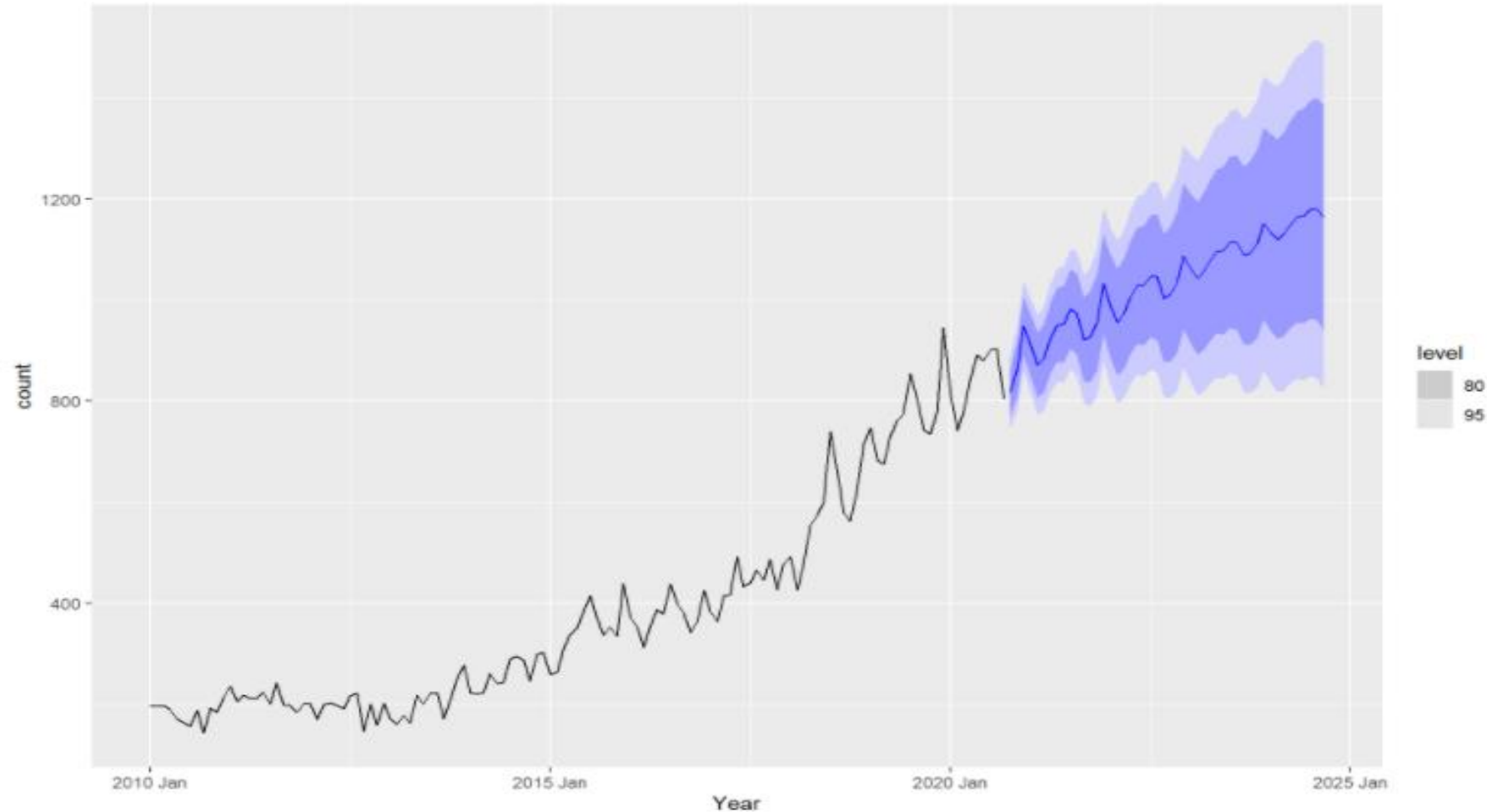


Domestic Abuse - Locally



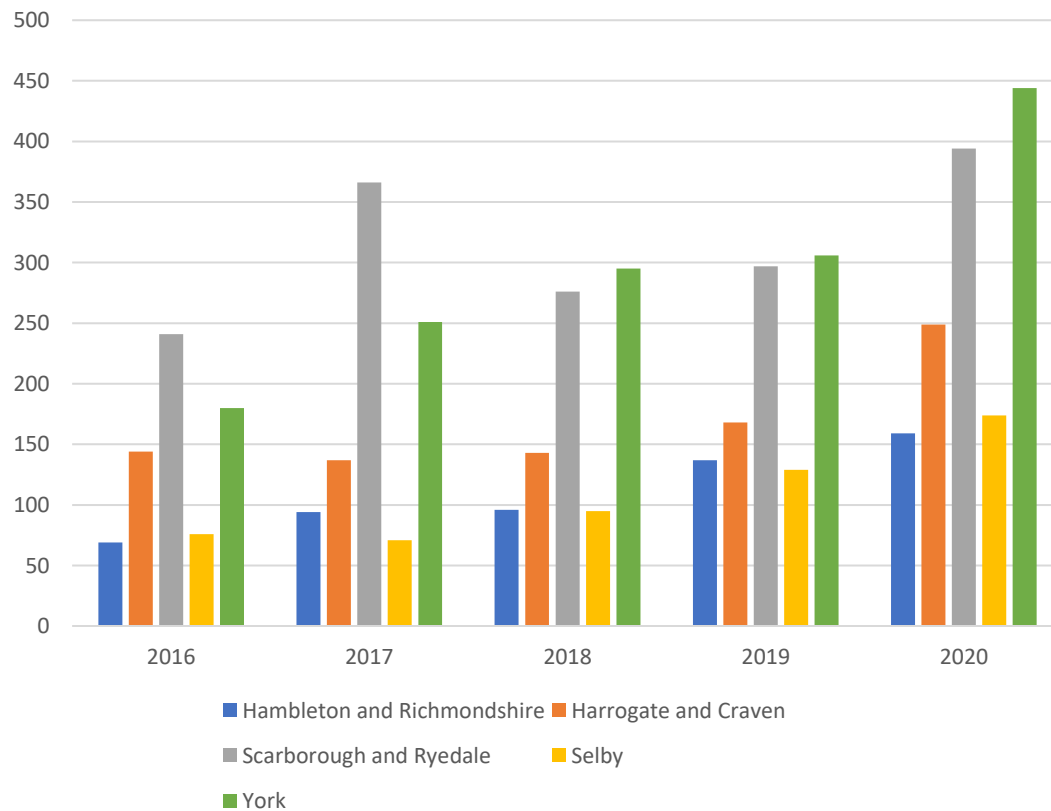
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Predicted demands for Domestic Abuse

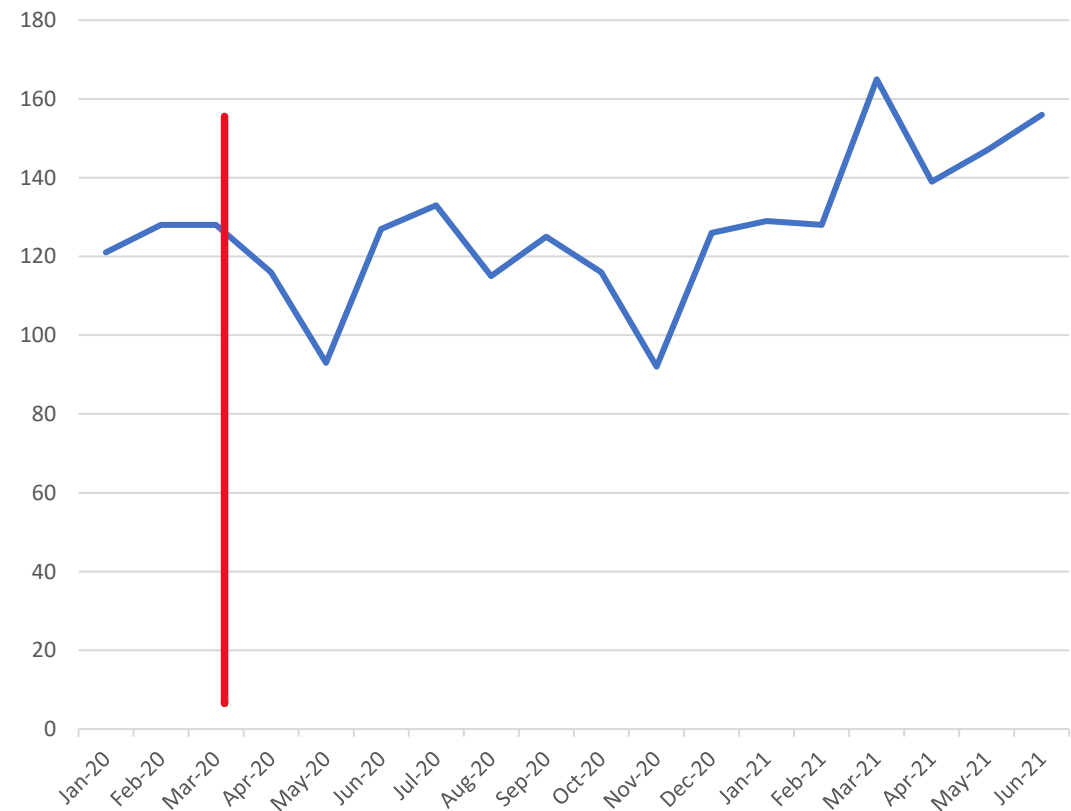


MARAC performance

Number of MARAC Cases per Area

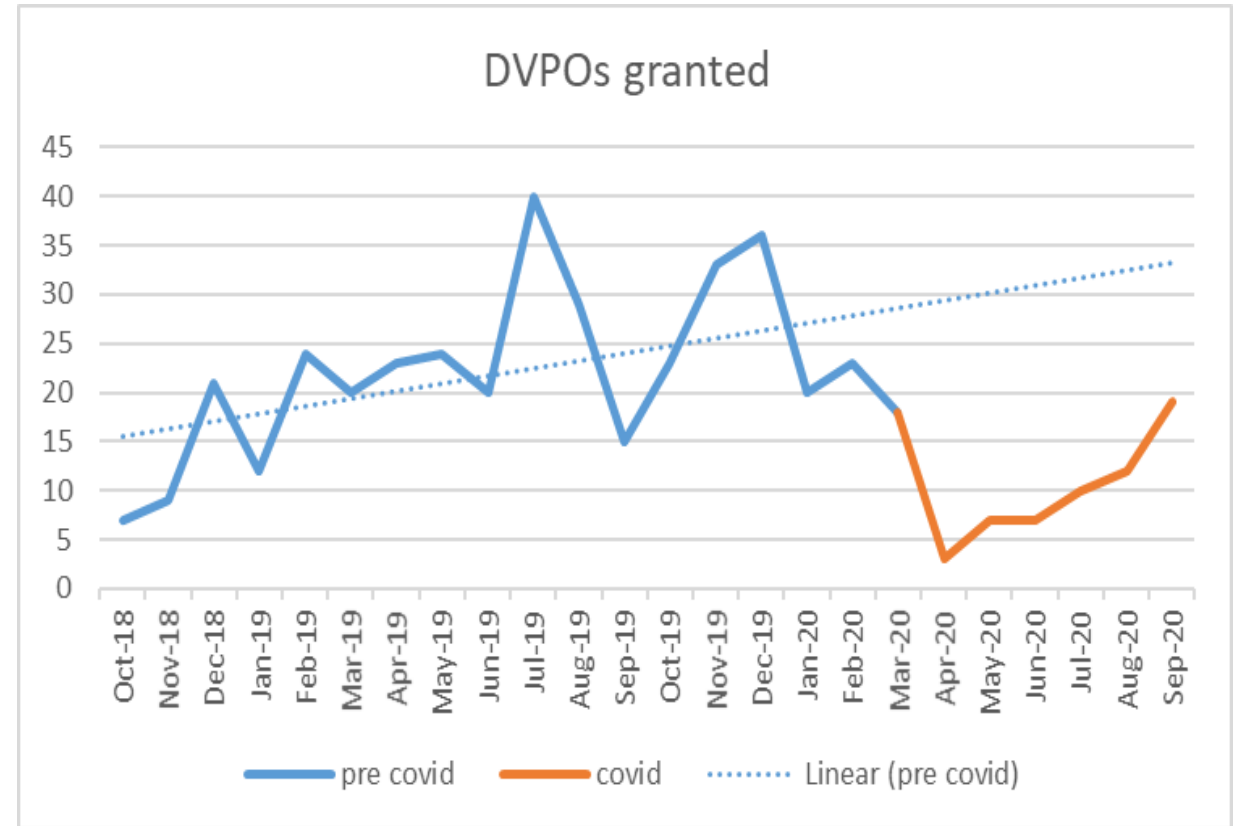


Total Number of cases across the Force by Month



Domestic Violence Protection Orders

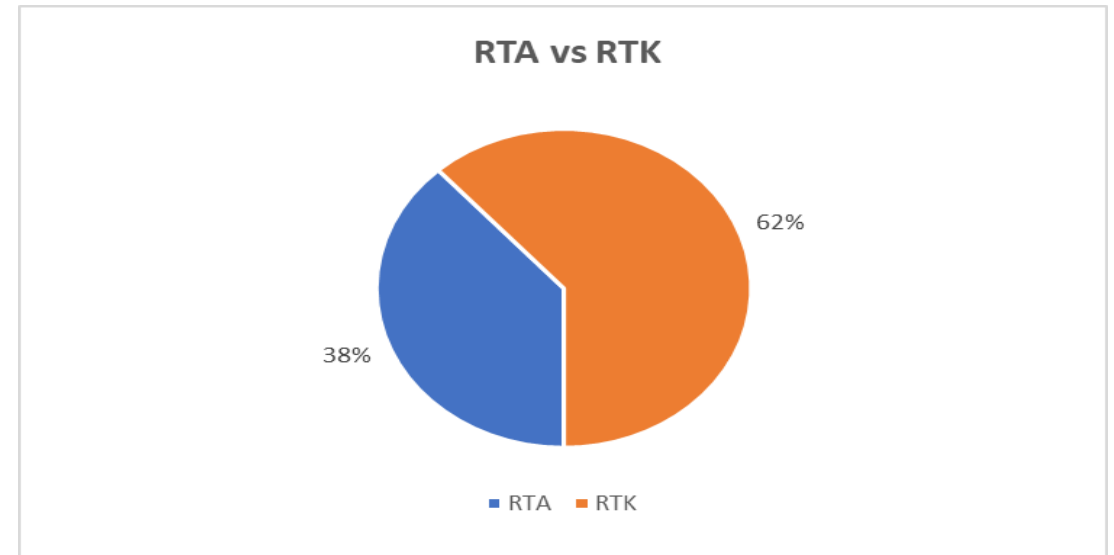
	Applied for	Granted	Success %	
Oct - Dec 2018	41	37	89%	
Jan - March 2019	57	56	98%	
April - June 2019	75	65	85%	Minus 2 withdrawn
July-Sept 2019	88	83	94%	Minus 1 withdrawn
Oct - Dec 2019	97	87	89%	Minus 5 withdrawn
Jan - March 2020	62	58	93%	Minus 4 withdrawn
April - June 2020	19	17	88%	
July - Sept 2020	52	41	79%	
Oct - Dec 2020	39	35	90%	
Jan - March 2021	44	41	93%	
April - June 2021	51	47	92%	



Proactive Prevention and Interventions

- MARAC
- MATAC
- Op Encompass
- 0-19 Service and midwives
- DAO Referrals
- Clare's Law Notifications DVDS

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
DVDS Applications	8	117	184	339	491	561



Outcomes and Initiatives

- Developing engagement & forums forcewide by Domestic Abuse
- Coordinators driven through the Operational Group
- opportunities to manage stalking offenders
- Domestic Abuse Scrutiny Panel
- Commissions Domestic Abuse Victim Survey



Domestic Abuse Matters Training

- February –March deep dive and audit
- April 2021 TTT course
- Audit results presented to SMT.
- April to June officer and staff course
- DA Champions training
- Feedback and assessment



Next steps

- Resume training
- Presentation to SMT
- Audit of impact and delivery



Non-Molestation Order Operational Pilot

North Yorkshire Police and its partner agencies have been engaged in exploring the options for locally improving the services offered to victims/survivors of DA, focussing on the effective use of NMO's in the first instance. The aim of the pilot is to:

- Improve communications between the courts and the police with regards to the issue and distribution of NMO's;
- Improve the business process ensuring that NMO's are managed more effectively ensuring the safeguarding of the NMO applicant is paramount
- Ensure that operational staff are aware of the existence and full details of NMO's nationally /locally and understand local policy on the preventative measures deployed to safeguard the public by all partner agencies;
- Improve the effective use of NMO's to ensure that victims receive better protection and reduce the number of repeat DA incidents;
- Identify best practice in this business area, in preparation for the introduction of the new Domestic Abuse Act and the introduction of new orders in 2021. The Government's commitment to DA is further highlighted in the March 2021 budget commitment of £19M for domestic violence programmes;
- Utilise the Police National Database (an existing asset) to support North Yorkshire Police and partner agency activity in this and other business areas to support crime prevention, investigation and safeguarding in the North Yorkshire policing jurisdiction



Communications

- Safe to leave home campaign.
- Reinforcement that we are still responding to reports of Domestic Abuse.
- Social Media messaging.
- Webinars held on Facebook.
- National Stalking week
- Promotion of IDAS and partner agencies.
- Radio and media interviews.
- Promotion of proactive initiatives - Ask Ani
- Internal communications and staff welfare.



Support for Victims

Independent Domestic Abuse Services (IDAS)

National Helpline: 0808 2000 247

Local Helpline: 03000 110 110

info@idas.org.uk



Supporting Victims

Telephone: 01609 643100

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Questions

