



PROJECT ALLIANCE

Tackling serious organised crime together

Online Public Meeting

Serious and Organised Crime

May 2024





Control Strategy 2024

Neighbourhood Crime

- Road Safety
- Fraud
- Residential Burglary – City & County
- Rural Crime – identified hotspot Wards

Strategic Lead:
Chief Supt, Head of Local Policing

Vulnerability and Abuse

- Domestic abuse
- Child Sexual Abuse & Exploitation (CSAE)
- Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking (MHT)/ Organised Immigration Crime
- Rape and serious sexual assaults
- Stalking

Strategic Lead:
Chief Supt, Head of Safeguarding

Serious and Organised Crime

- Drug trafficking & Drug Deaths
- County Lines
- West Balkan Criminality
- Serious Violence / Assaults on emergency workers

Strategic Lead:
Chief Supt, Head of Protective Services

Serious and Organised Crime (SOC)

What is Serious and Organised Crime (SOC)?

SOC is a threat that seriously impacts on local communities.

It involves cross over between a number of crime types.

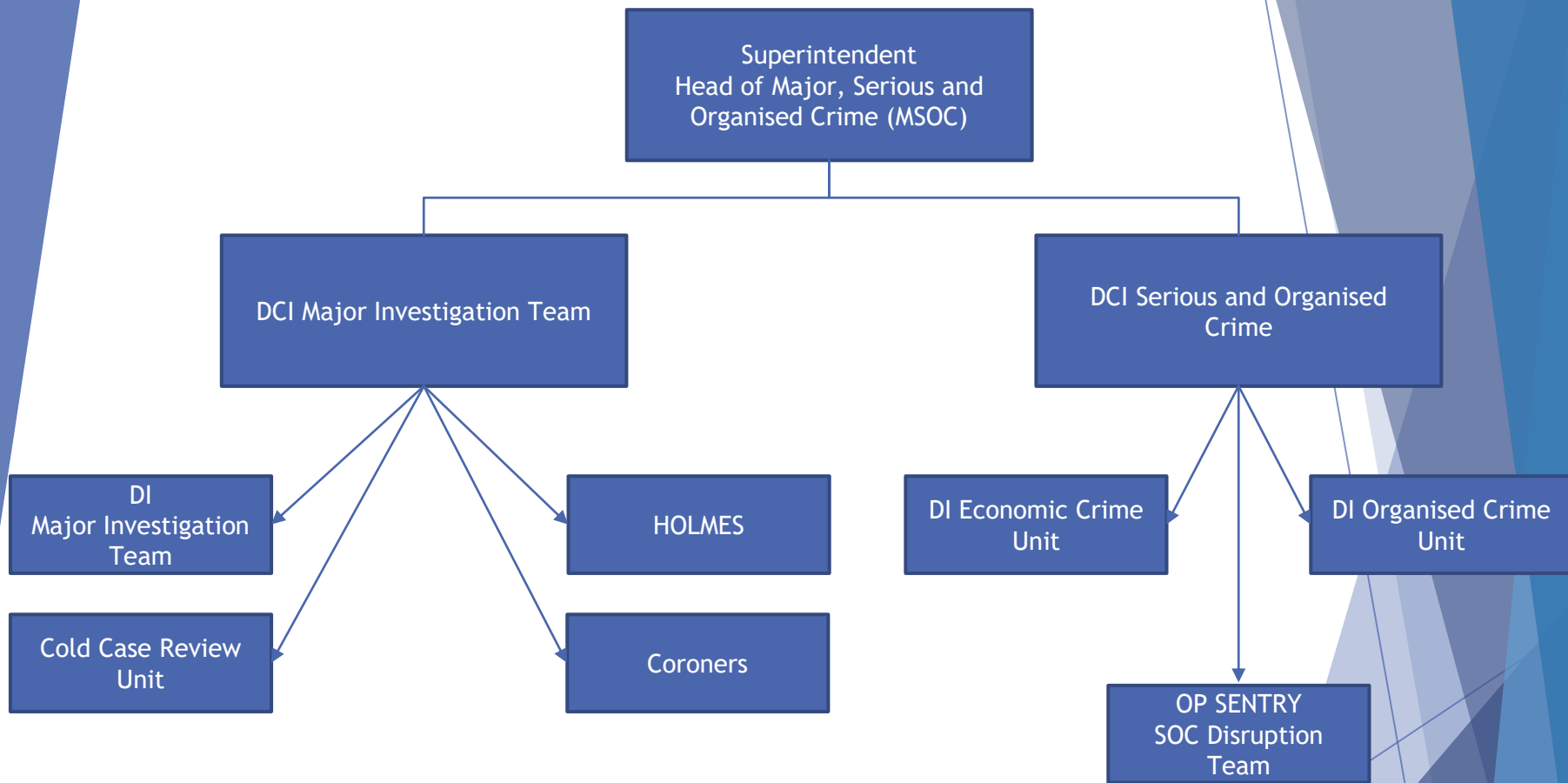
The threat from SOC is broad, incorporating matters such as modern slavery human trafficking (MSHT), corruption, fraud and sexual exploitation.

Significant impact on local communities.

SOC - Key Crime Types

- Drug Trafficking
- County Lines Drug Supply
- Serious Violence
- Fraud and Money Laundering
- Modern Slavery / Human Trafficking
- Organised Acquisitive Crime
- Organised Immigration Crime
- Child Sexual Exploitation / Abuse

Major, Serious and Organised Crime



Project Alliance

- SOC Board
- Organised Crime Group Management Meeting
- Disruption Panel
- Local and Force level Tasking Meeting
- Alliance agencies

NYP - Specialist Capabilities

- Organised Crime Unit
- Missing and Exploitation Team
- New Op Sentry SOC Disruption Team
- Financial Abuse Safeguarding Officer – ECU
- Fraud Ambassadors – ECU
- Neighbourhood Teams
- YHROCU specialist support

NYP OCGs

Current OCG picture

- 28 scored and mapped OCGs
- 24 are drugs or County Lines focused
- One relates to Fraud
- Two relate to Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking
- One relates to burglary

19 OCGs were dismantled over the last year (9 were County Lines related, 7 drugs, 1 Fraud, 1 Burglary and 1 ML)

Performance Data

All disruption activities undertaken against OCGs are recorded and monitored locally, regionally and nationally.

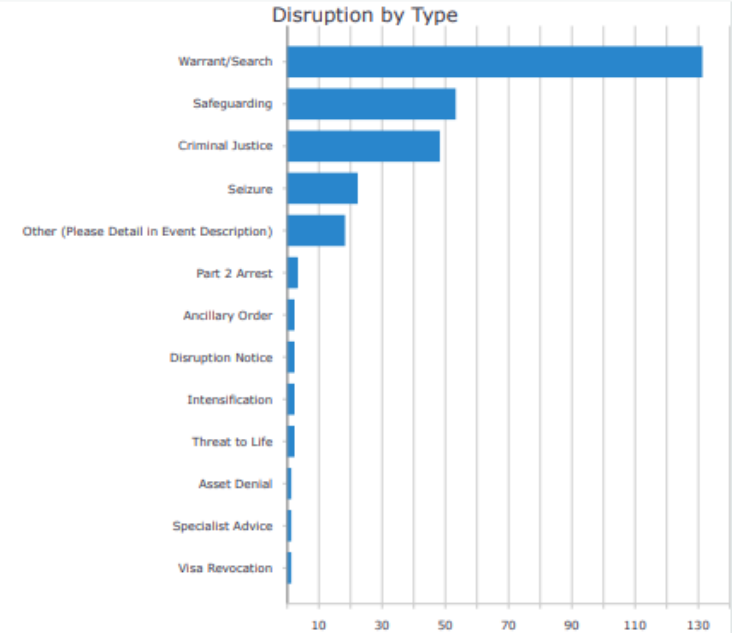
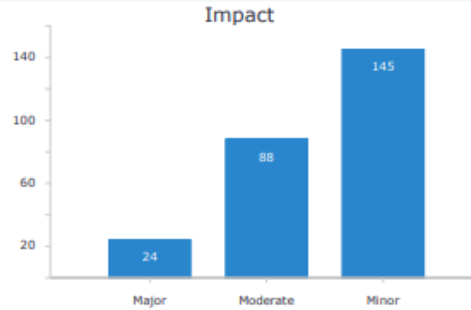
Disruptions fall under the four P headings:

- **PURSUE:** Prosecuting and disrupting serious and organised crime
- **PREVENT:** Preventing people from engaging in serious and organised crime
- **PROTECT:** Increasing protection against serious and organised crime
- **PREPARE:** Reducing the impact of serious and organised crime

Disruptions are classified as Major, Moderate or Minor depending on the impact on the ability of the OCGs to continue its criminality.

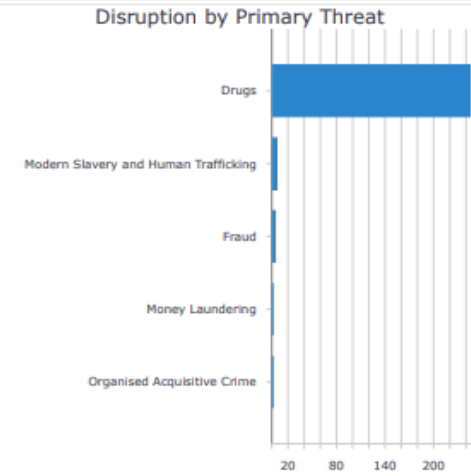
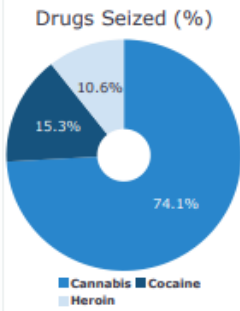
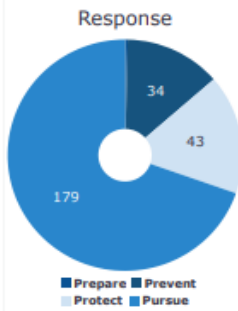
23/24 SOC Disruptions

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257

Disruption Count



111

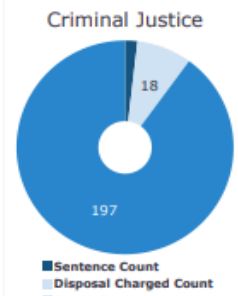
Adult Safeguarded

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Children Safeguarded

5

Open APMIS Activity Records



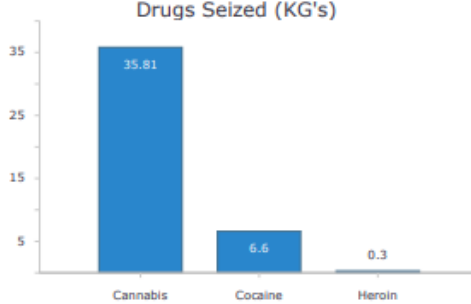
Guns Seized

136

Warrants

52

Sentence Length (Years)



Agency		
North Yorkshire Police		
Seizure Type	Other Seizure Count	Other Seizure Value
Cash Seizure (Non-POCA)	7	68765
Other Seizures - Cash (PACE)	21	118741

Filters:
Reporting Structure = [All]
Threat = [All]
Fiscal Time = [2023/24]

OFFICIAL SENSITIVE

Prevention Opportunities

Op Choice

Referrals for children and young people in North Yorkshire who are found in possession of drugs into a course of police led educational sessions.

...emphasise education and harm reduction - providing a platform to prevent the criminalisation of young people, keeping them safe and prompting a culture change around using drugs...

Prevention Opportunities

Op Divan

Intervention for under 18's who are suspected and known to carry knives or other weapons.

The aim of the intervention is to educate young people at the earliest opportunity to reduce weapon carrying, raise awareness of risks and consequences, and to provide support to safeguard young people and reduce their likelihood of offending.

Prevention Opportunities

Stepping Up Project

- Sports based mentoring and intervention for Children and Young People on the periphery of Organised Crime and Criminality.
- Referrals made by Police or Partners.
- Support given in building resilience, social, emotional, mental and physical wellbeing, develop confidence and self-esteem, raise aspirations and motivation.

Prevention Opportunities



Clear, Hold, Build



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- Serious Organised Crime Local Profiles (SOCLPs) are produced.
- Used to focus our local approach to tackling SOC.
- Findings have identified two initial Clear/Hold/Build sites within North Yorkshire.
- The SOCLPs will focus on the top three wards for each district in line with the Clear Hold Build initiative.

Drugs

- Much of the activity against SOC relates to drugs.
- This often combines with the criminal exploitation of young and vulnerable people.
- NYP have rolled out the use of Naloxone to prevent drug overdose related deaths.
- County Lines activity has a notable impact on the NYP drug market.

County Lines

- NYP are an importer Force.
- Cuckooing of vulnerable victims is prevalent within NYP.
- Missing and Exploitation Team have made significant strides to support exploited children used as part of County Lines drug supply.
- A significant proportion of NRM submissions relate to individuals criminally exploited to supply on behalf of County Line networks.

Organised Acquisitive Crime

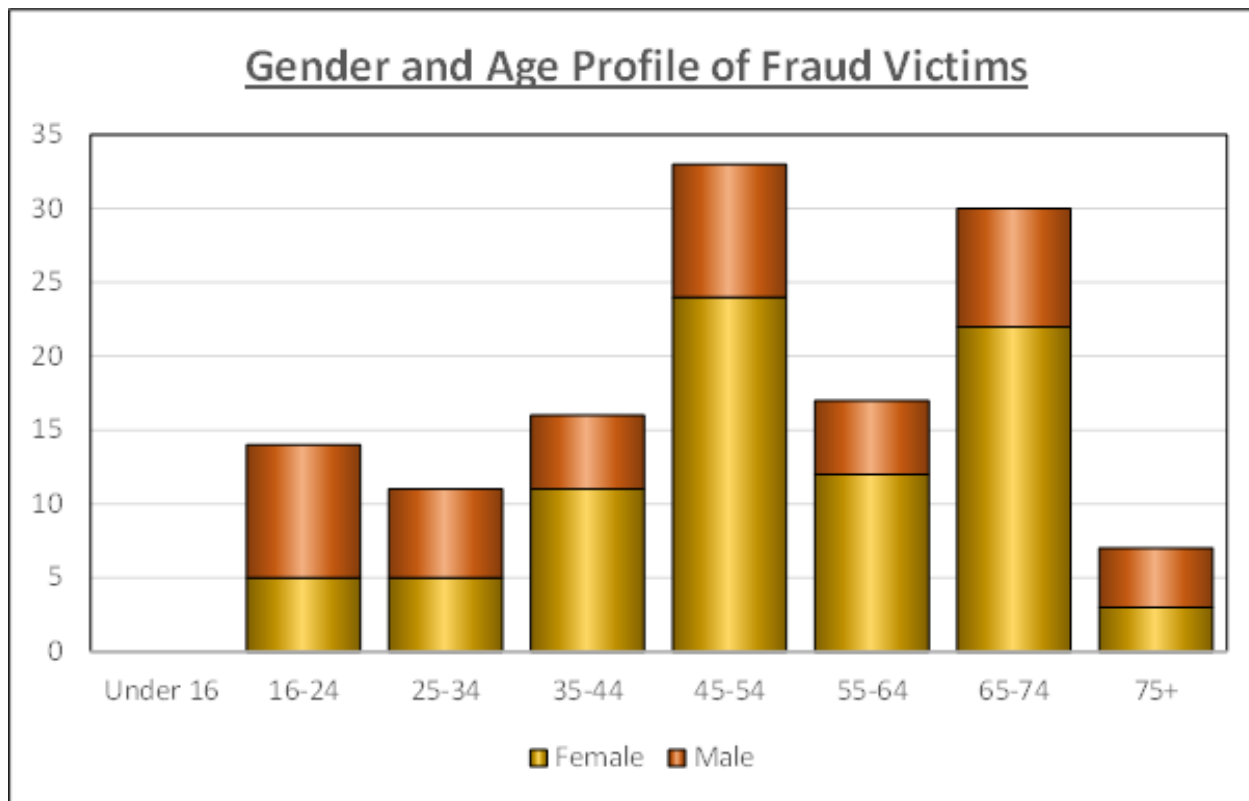
- Burglary remains a focus for NYP.
- 2 in 1 house burglary where high value cars are targeted remains at low levels. Significant arrests have been made.
- We have recently had three cash machine thefts which have led to the quick arrest of cross border organised criminals.
- Robbery levels remain low.

Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking

- Significant increase in National Referral Mechanism submissions.
- 64% of submissions were for potential victims aged under 18yrs.
- The most common MSHT exploitation type in North Yorkshire is criminal exploitation.
- National weeks of intensification seeks to tackle the risk linked to MSHT.

Fraud

- Highest fraud types reported in NY are online shopping and auctions and online banking related.
- Romance Fraud accounted for 2.3% of reports and 5.4% of financial loss.
- A significant focus in NYP is on prevention and safeguarding.



Fraud Prevent Work

Extensive safeguarding activity in relation to fraud prevention takes place in NYP and is driven by the Financial Abuse Safeguarding Officer (FASO). This includes:

- Ask the Experts
- Fraud victim evenings
- Newsletters
- Social media and Community messaging
- Community Presentations
- Partnership events
- Operation Signature

Safeguarding is also undertaken with victims of fraud, including:

- Face to face visits
- Telephone contact
- Safer Neighbourhood Teams
- Supporting Victims
- Banking Protocol
- Cyber Volunteers
- Truecall devices

Case Study – Op Needle

- January 2023 - Investigation is commenced by the NYP Organised Crime Unit.
- 6th January 2023 – Intelligence received around a specific crime.
- Further intelligence received around retribution being sought.
- Range of tactics used by NYP.
- Arrests made before attack could be carried out.

Case Study – Op Needle



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- 3 occupants of the vehicle were sentenced in April 2024
- One received 10 years and two months' imprisonment.
- Another 10 years and eight months imprisonment.
- The 3rd received three years and six months imprisonment.
- A further male pleaded guilty to assisting an offender. He has been jailed for 19 months.
- Project Alliance Partners worked closely throughout the investigation.

Any Questions?