

POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Meeting to be held on 8 March 2021

Covid Action Report

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

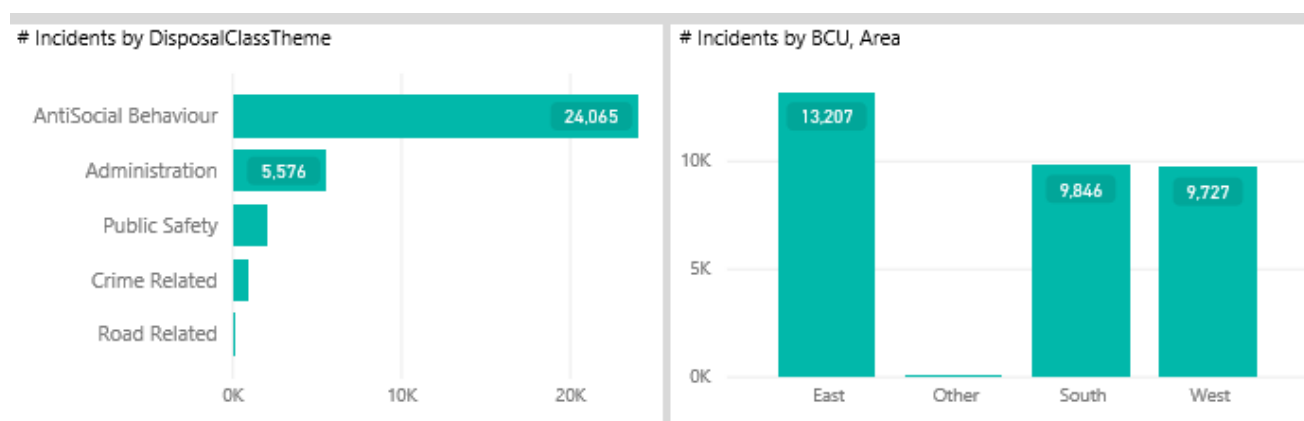
The Purpose of this report is to provide Members of the Panel with an update in relation to the impact of the Covid pandemic.

RECOMMENDATION

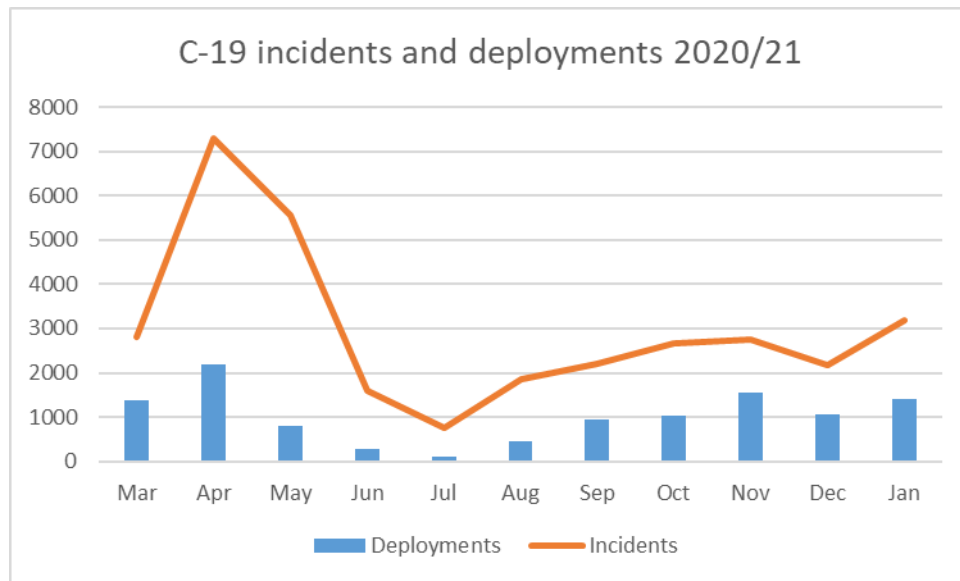
The Panel is asked to note the report.

1. Background

1.1. The Panel are advised that since 23rd March 2020, there have been over 30,000 COVID-19 -related incidents logged and almost 25,000 were categorised as ASB. Most incidents have occurred within East BCU.

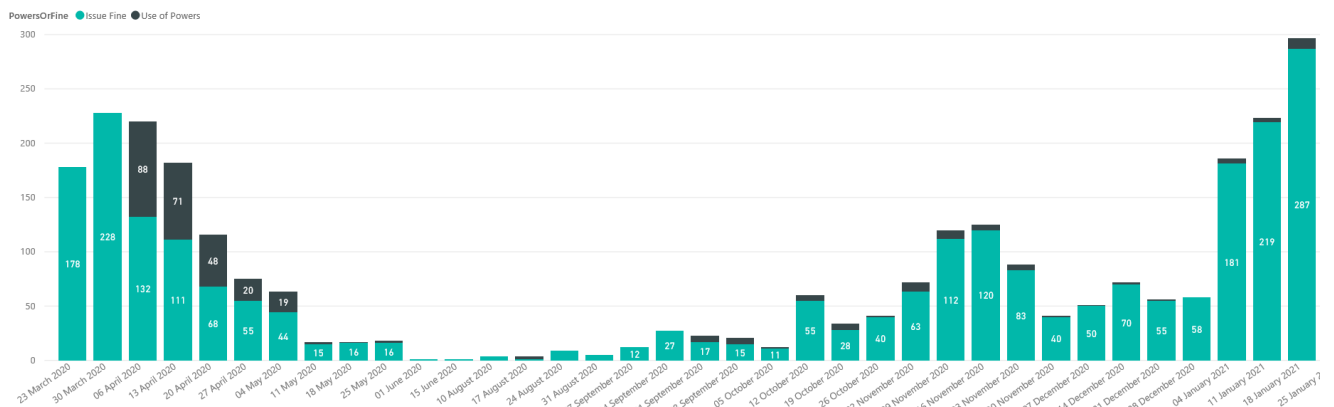


1.2. Looking at monthly data, April 2020 still stands out by some way as a clear peak in incident levels. Subsequent lockdowns (in Nov/Dec and January) have not generated as much demand, although January 2021's incident levels to date are the highest recorded in a single month since last May.



1.3. In terms of enforcement, clear peaks in the number of FPNs (Fixed Penalty Notices) issued weekly can be seen coinciding with the three national lockdown periods (March/April 2020; Nov/Dec 2020 and January 5th 2021 onwards). The week commencing 18th January 2021 saw the largest number of FPNs issued in a week since the pandemic began (287).

1.4. Since lockdown 3 commenced on January 5 2021, a total of 736 FPNs have been issued. The split of tickets is as follows: East 402, West 178, South 145, 9 HQ and 2 Other. The vast majority of FPNs issued in January 2021 have been for being outside of the individual's place of residence without reasonable excuse (45%) or for gatherings (46%; 39% of which have taken place in dwellings).



1.5. The Constabulary's COVID-19 Gold group has been closely monitoring the volumes, locations, and reasons for FPNs being issued as well as the

demographics of the recipients. Between the 5th and 27th January 2021, 75% of FPNs were issued to males.

- 1.6. The age breakdown shows that tickets have been mostly issued to those aged 31 and under (71%), with 18-24s the largest single category (45%). The proportions remain very similar across males and females and both genders combined.

Recommendation

- 1.7. Panel Members are recommended to note the report.

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