



# Domestic Abuse

How Avon & Somerset Police are responding, supporting and planning for the future

# Introductions:

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# Victims' Code

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Introduced in April 2021 – updated from the Victims' Code of Practice

The new Code is structured so that it focuses on 12 overarching rights:

1. To be able to understand and be understood
2. To have the details of the crime recorded without unjustified delay
3. To be provided with information when reporting the crime
4. To be referred to victim support services and have services and support tailored to your needs
5. To be provided with information about compensation
6. To be provided with information about the investigation and prosecution



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# Victims' Code – 12 Rights (continued....)

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7. To make a Victim Personal Statement
8. To be given information about the trial, trial process and your role as a witness
9. To be given information about the outcome of the case and any appeals
10. To be paid expenses and have property returned
11. To be given information about the offender following a conviction
12. To make a complaint about rights not being met.



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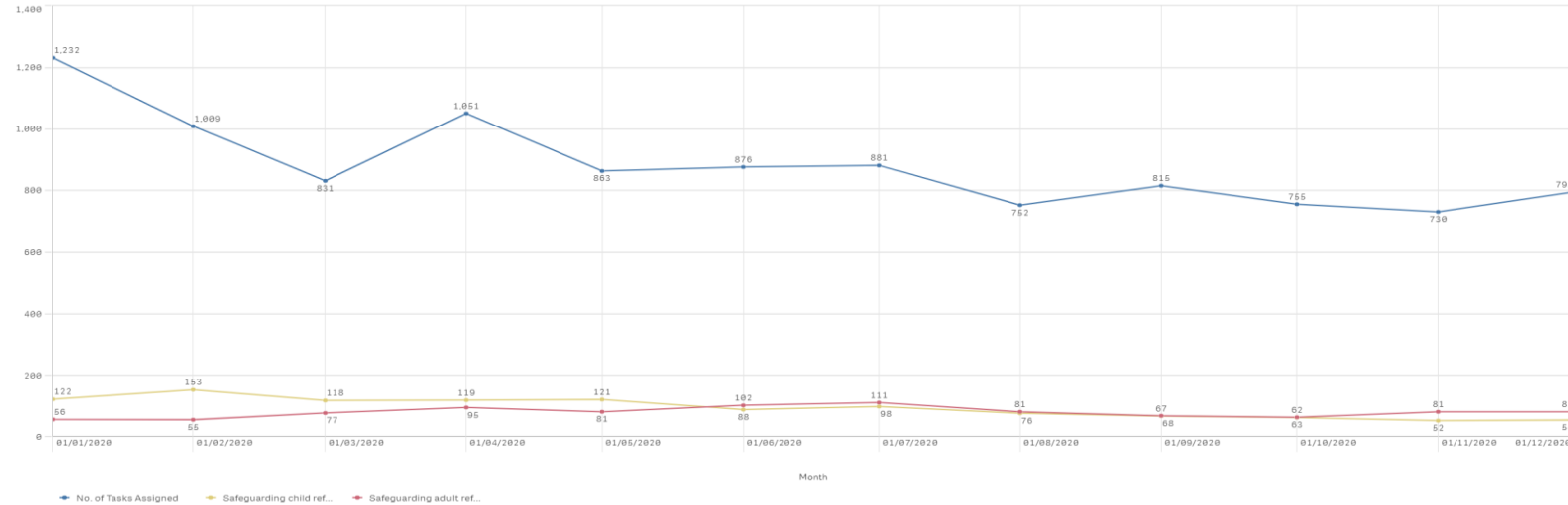
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## Use of Qlik Data Analytics – how do we interpret data?

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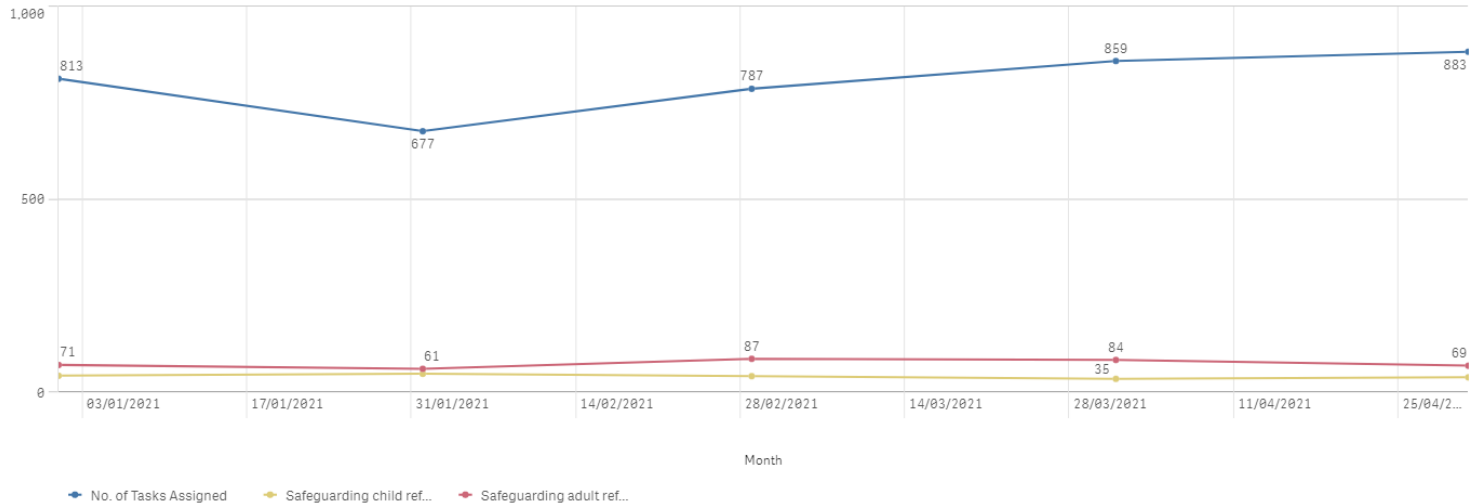
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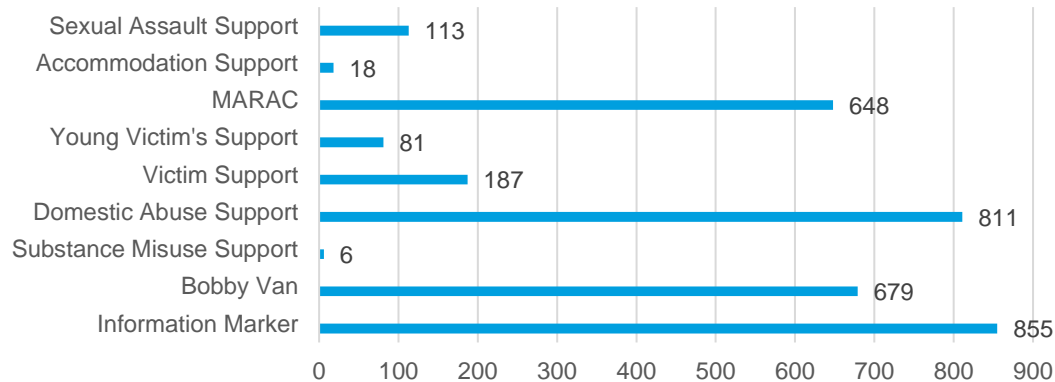


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Support Referrals  
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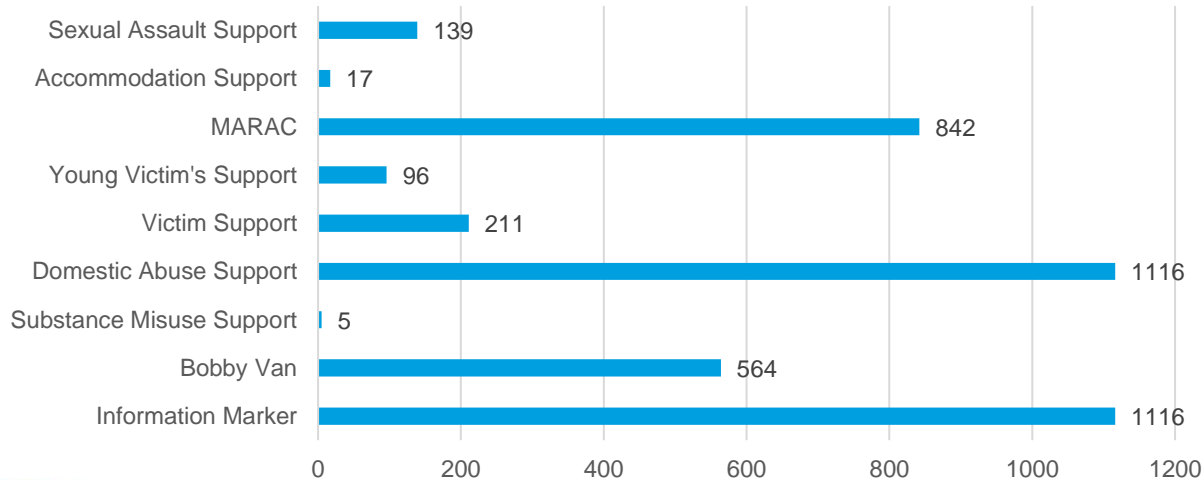


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January 2021 - May 2021 (aggregated over 12 months)



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# Impact of Covid

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- Lockdown Easing – what does this mean for Avon & Somerset Police, and our partners?



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# Innovative Activity

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- Escalating/De-escalating risk to Victims



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# Domestic Abuse Act 2021

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- Impact on policing
- Widening of definition and breadth of some offences
- Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme / Claire's Law
- Domestic Abuse Prevention Orders
- Seeing Children as victims, not witnesses

\*Slido questions

Link to GOV factsheet on DA Act [here](#)



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# Raising awareness within the Police

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- DA Matters training
- Police perpetrated Domestic Abuse
- Internal activity
  - Survivors Network
  - DA Pledge
  - IDVA's



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