



Policing in a Pandemic

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- Public Health Emergency
 - Lockdown
 - Legitimacy
 - 4 Es: Engage, Explain, Encourage, Enforce
 - Chief's mission "to leave COVID-19 era with a better relationship with the public than we had entering it"



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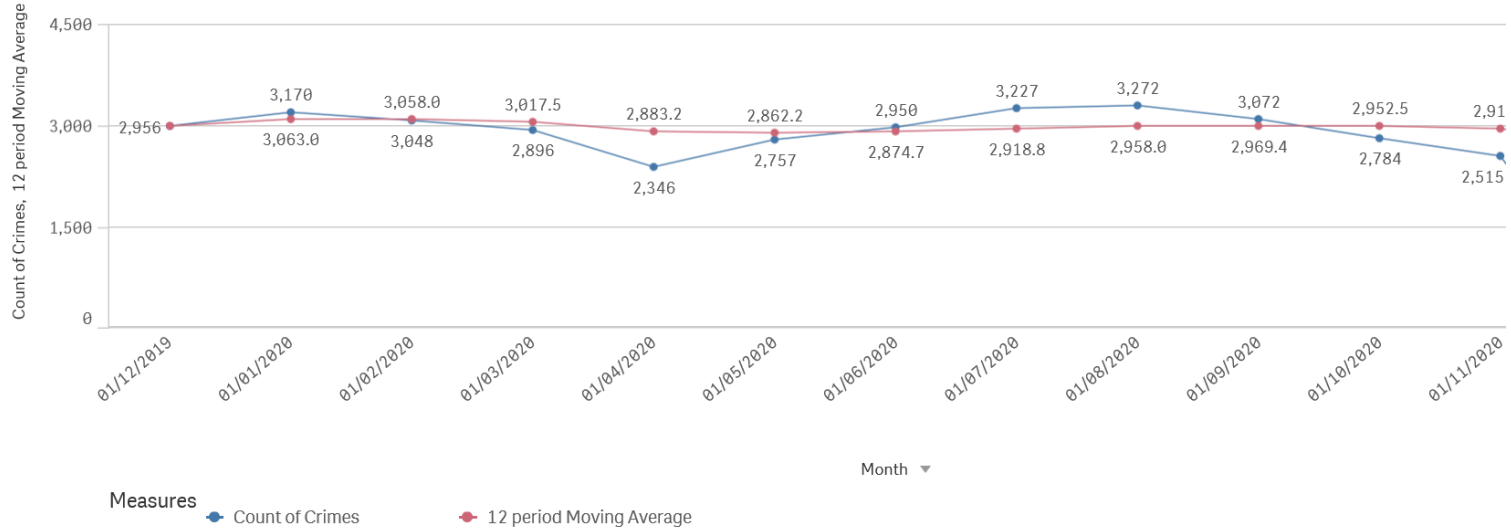
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Crime in the last 12 months



Crime Summary

Trend



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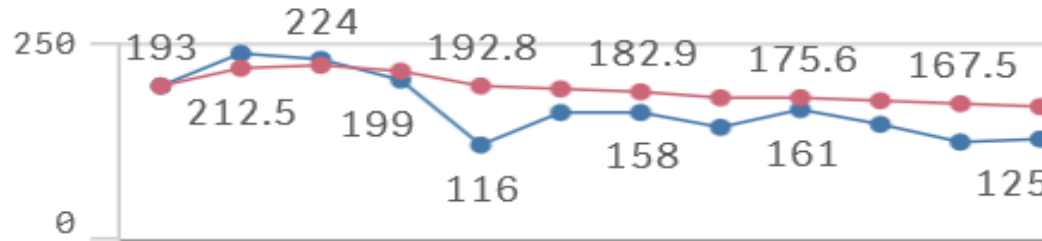


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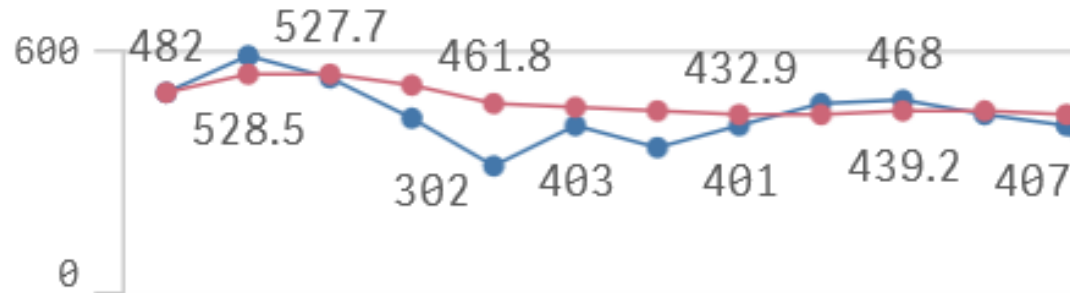
Burglary and Theft



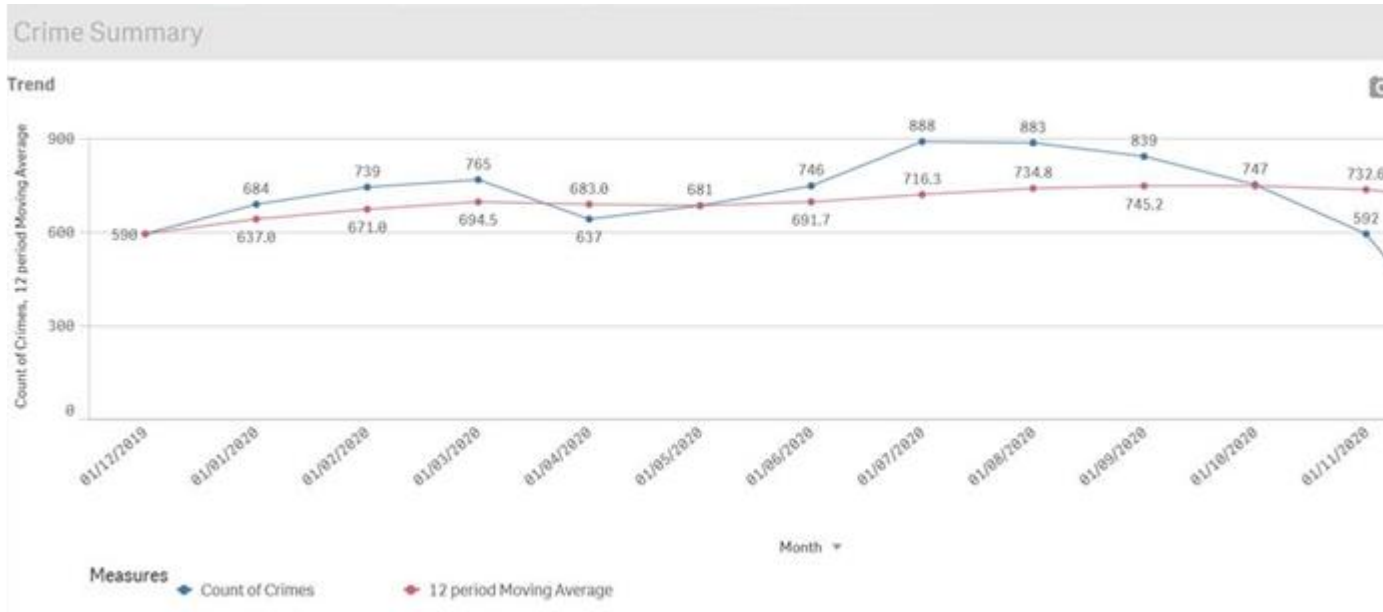
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Theft



Domestic Abuse – assaults/stalking/C&C



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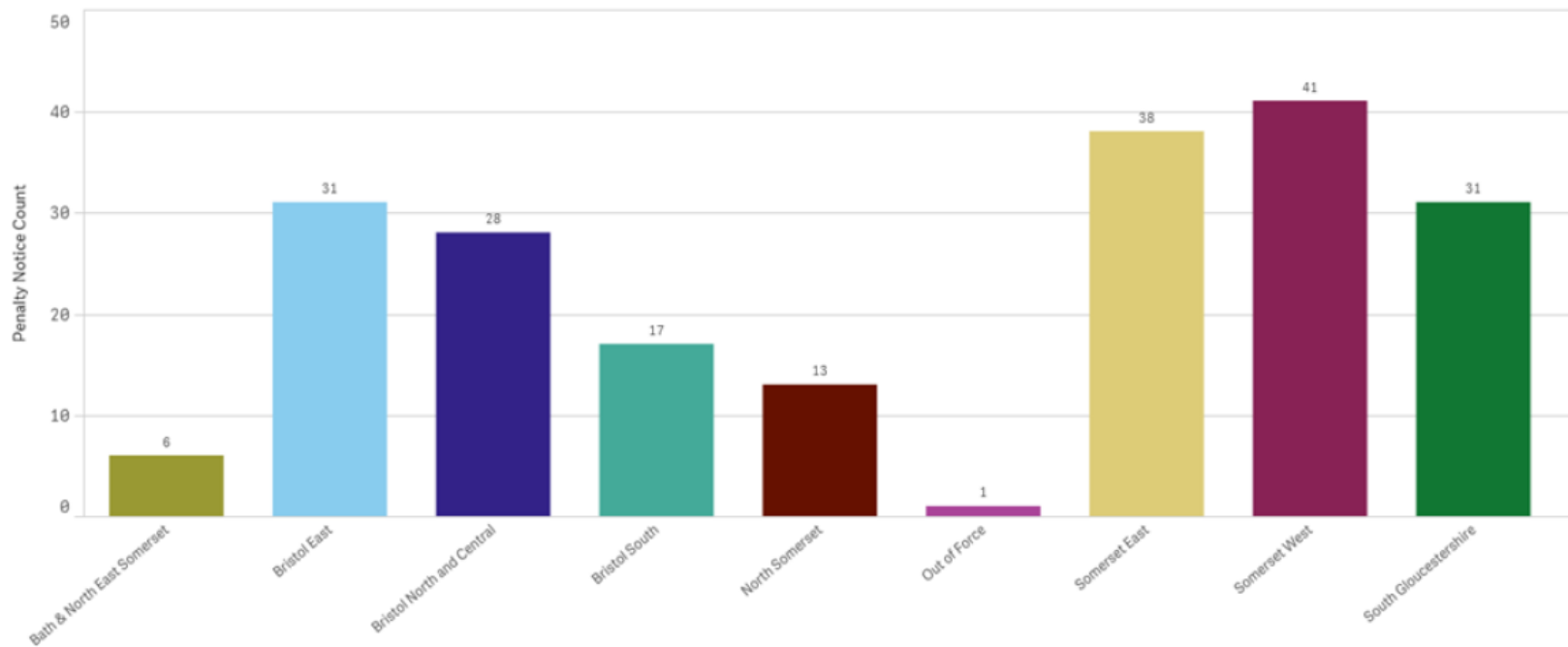


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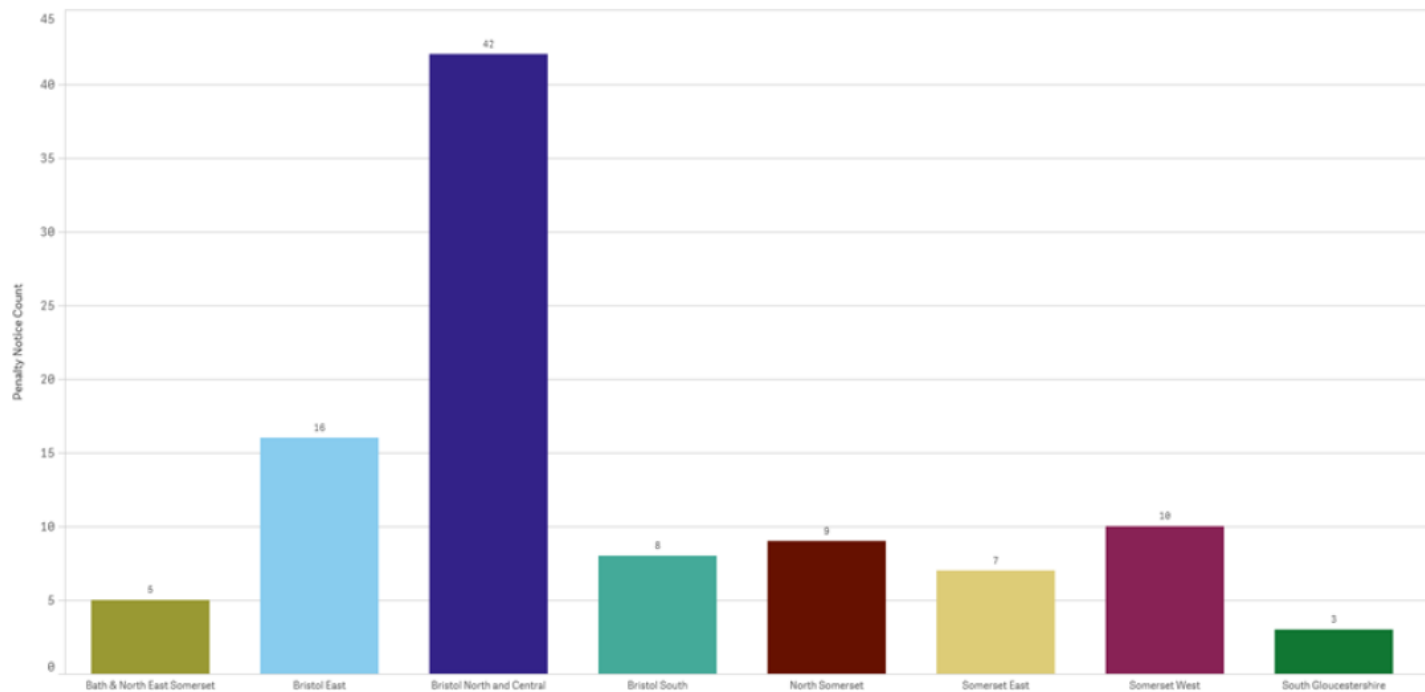


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Lockdown 1 – April 2020



Lockdown 2 – November 2020

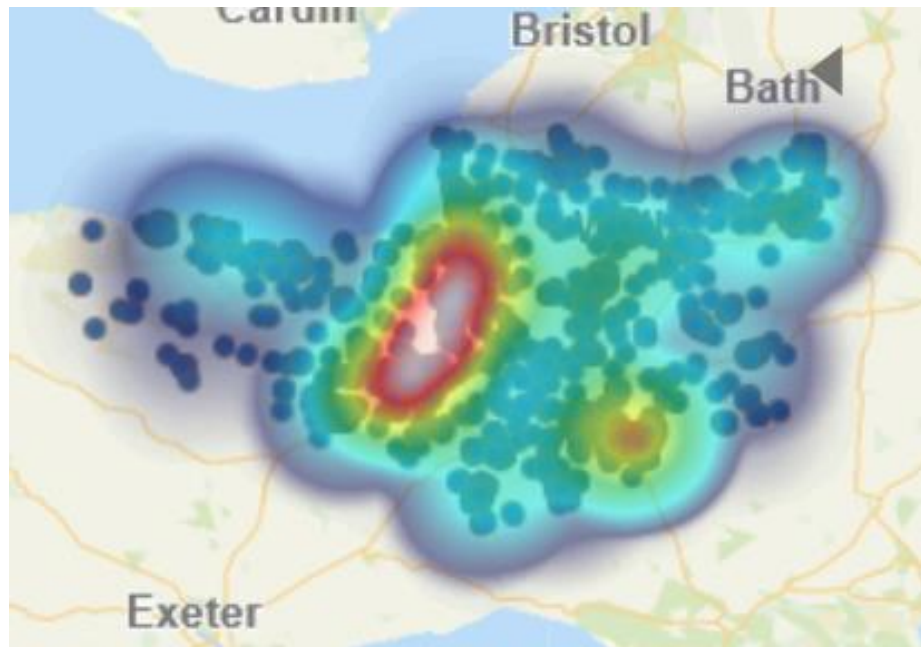
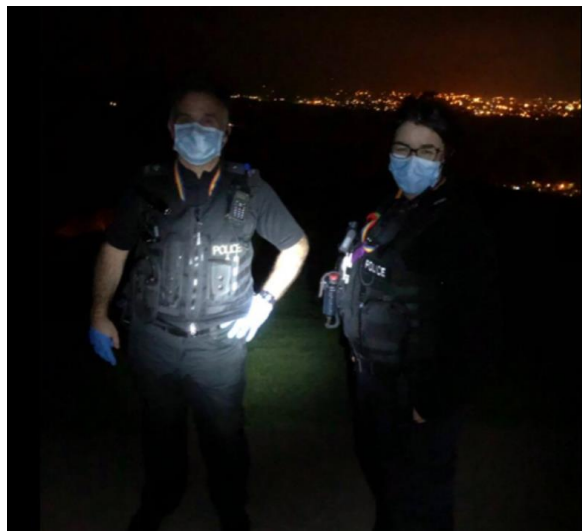


Compliance



Total Breach Incidents

9,699¹⁸⁴
Individual PNs Issued



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Somerset Context

- Second homes & Tourism
- Beauty Spots (Cheddar and Tor)
- Policing protests
- Rurality

By setting right tone, being consistent vast majority of our communities have complied and worked with us, allowing us to focus on the minority.



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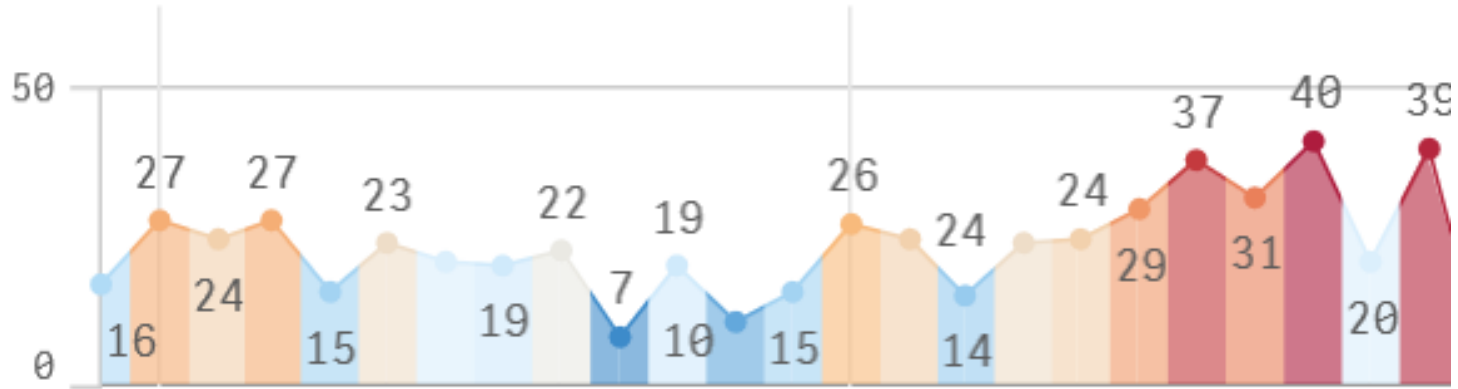


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Assaults on Officers



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Our Workforce



- 85% of our staff undertaking normal duties
- Within 7 days we had a COVID specific App – monitoring staff sickness
- 1 million calls in a year
- Business as usual; County Lines to Wild Swimming!



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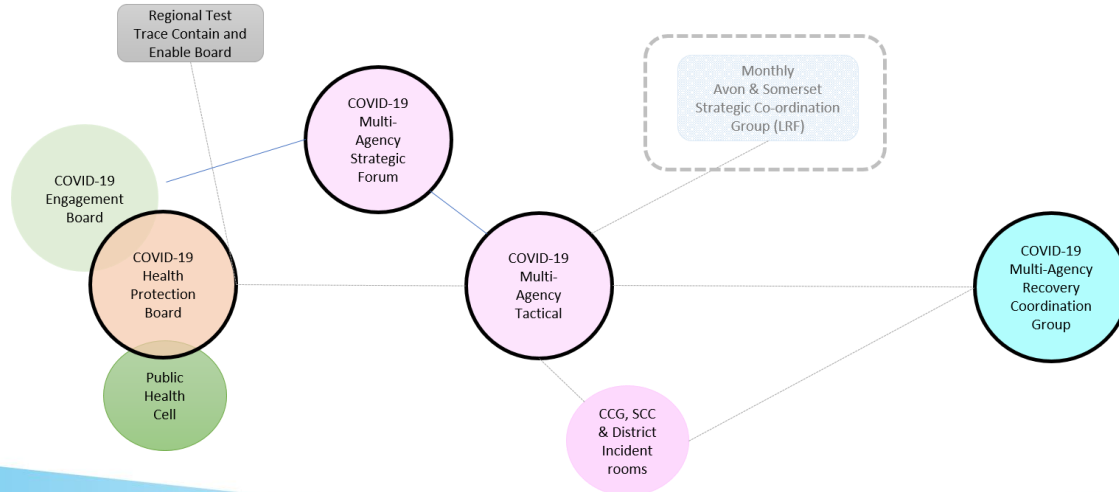
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How

- Culture and IT
- Configured to deal with emergency situations (LRF)
- Pre-existing partner relationships
- COVID specific structures



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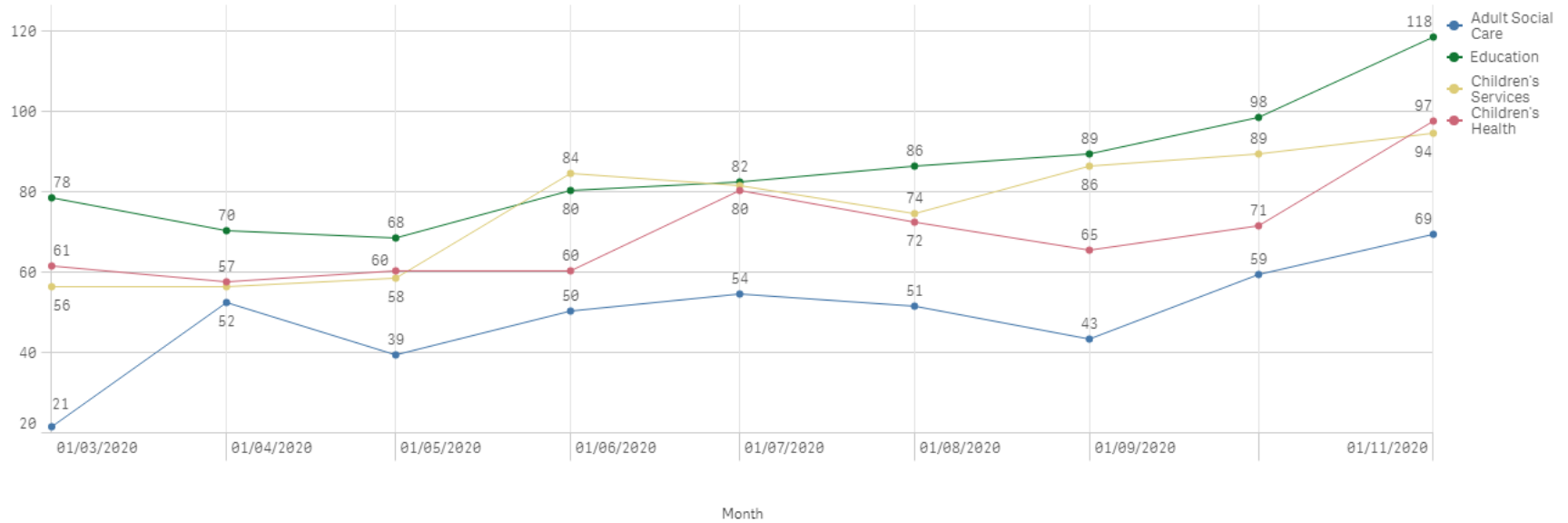
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Safeguarding Referrals in Somerset

March 20 - November 20



Safeguarding Referrals Over Time



High Risk Domestic Abuse – MARAC Data



Somerset run 4 separate MARAC meetings each month although the figures for Taunton, West Somerset and Sedgemoor have been combined.

Combined Somerset MARAC	2019	2020 to date
Total Cases Discussed	508	307
Average per month	42.4	39.7
Police	369	274
IDVA	65	41
Repeat Cases	88	131
Children in Affected Households	692	391

Individual Somerset MARACs broken down:



South Somerset MARAC	2019	2020 to date
Total Cases Discussed	163	116
Average per month	13.6	12.9
Police	114	94
IDVA	24	12
Repeat Cases	27	41
Children in Affected Households	258	128

Taunton, West Somerset and Sedgemoor MARAC	2019	2020 to date
Total Cases Discussed	248	178
Average per month	20.7	19.8
Police	186	126
IDVA	27	26
Repeat Cases	40	65
Children in Affected Households	308	208

Mendip MARAC	2019	2020 to date
Total Cases Discussed	97	63
Average per month	8.1	7
Police	69	54
IDVA	14	3
Repeat Cases	21	25
Children in Affected Households	126	55

What's Next?



- Potential steady increase in disclosures from children
- Increase in reports of online exploitation
- Increased requests for support following reporting of Domestic Abuse (not necessarily to Police)
- Increased support needs identified for children struggling with poor mental health



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- Public confidence has risen to 78%
 - Marathon not a sprint, Christmas and the New Year is a risk
 - Winning is not catching COVID and allowing the NHS to protect us until mass vaccination becomes effective
 - Emergence from COVID restrictions



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