

Enfield Safer Estates Team - impact report



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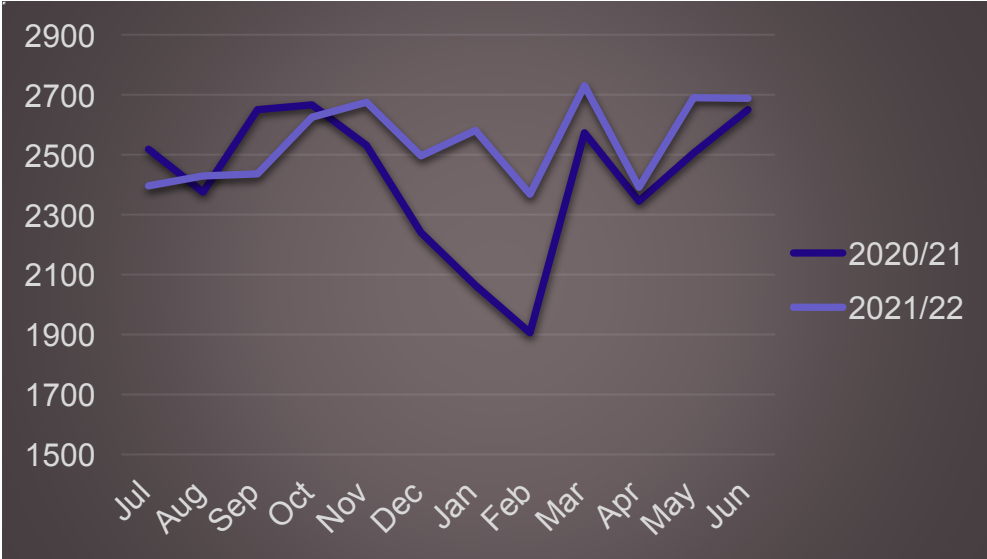
Overview:

Enfield Safer Estates Team were formed to increase safety for residents in council housing areas in the borough.

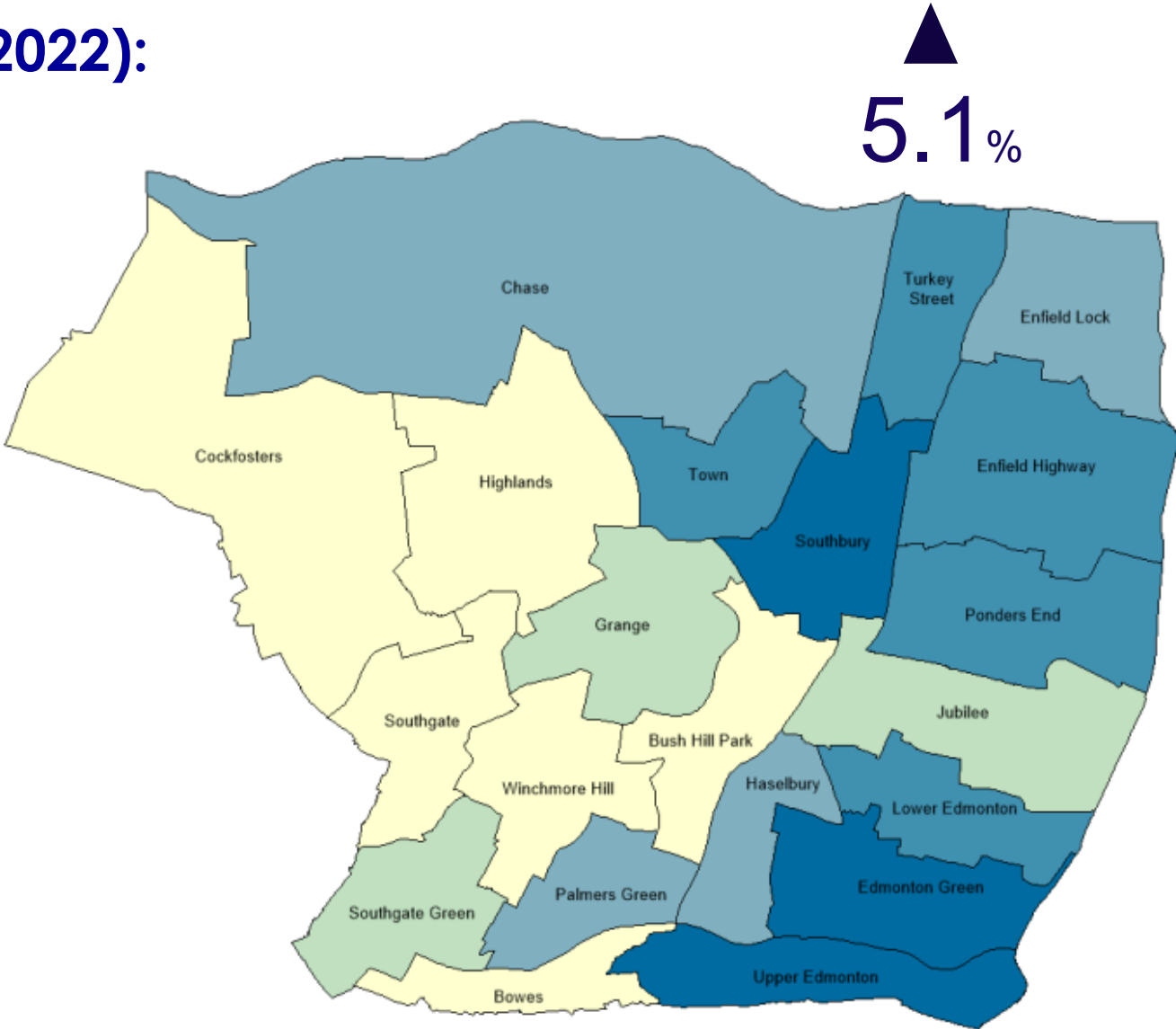
Five estates (Ayley Croft, Joyce & Snells, Lytchet, Klinger and Shires) are designated as 'priority estates', where the team are expected to focus most of their attention.

The contract covers 1 Police Sergeant post and 15 Police Constable posts. This meets the MPS supervision ratio of 1 PS : 8 PC. The council are invoiced based on actual resourcing levels. Any vacant posts or any abstractions from Safer Estate Team duties are not charged. The estates team currently consists of 1 Police Sergeant and 11 Police Constables.

Crime in Enfield – (2 years to June 2022):



Total Notifiable Offences increased in Enfield in 2021/22 by 5.1%



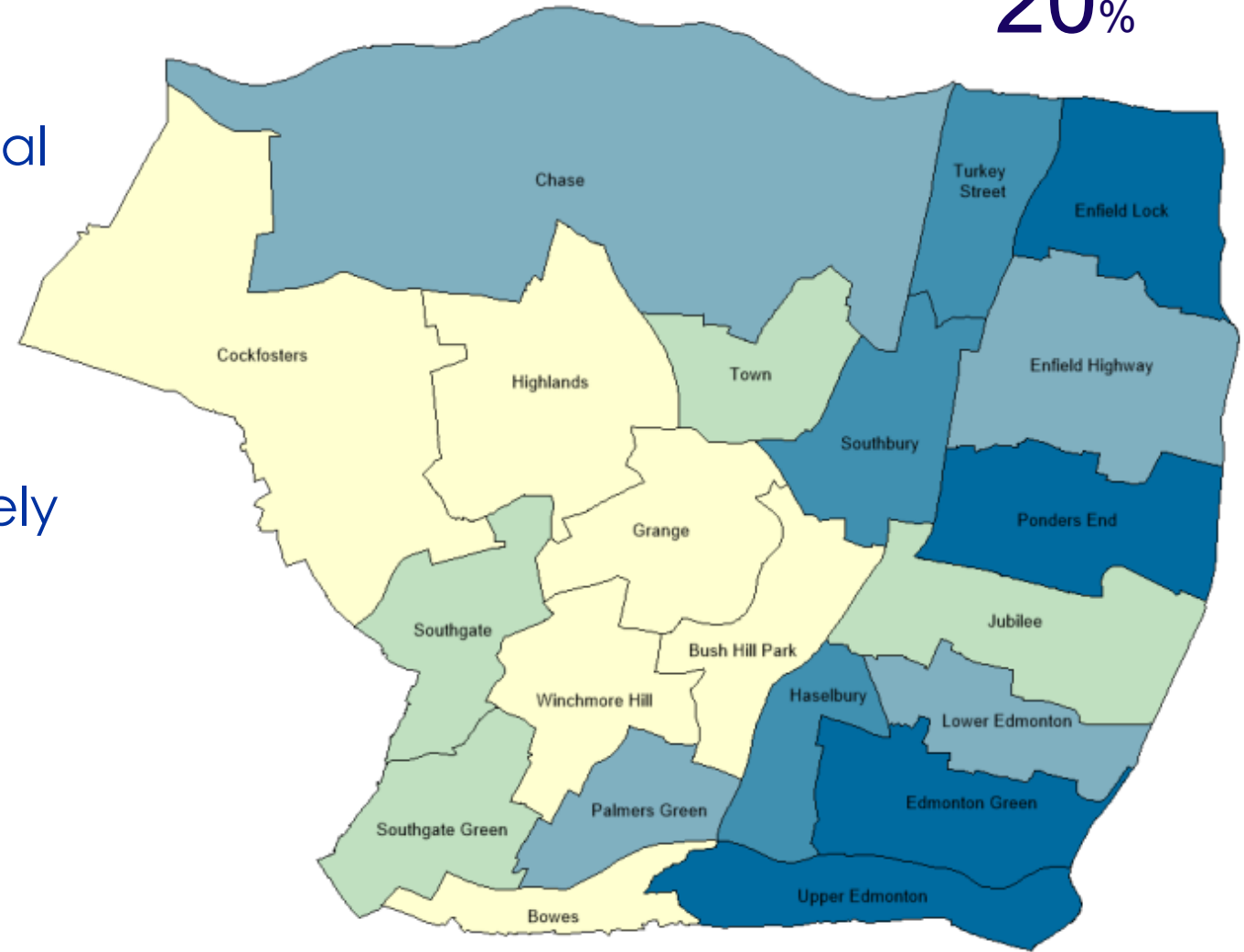
Safer Estates Team impact on crime (two years to June 2022):

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20%

Crime across the priority estates increased by 20%. This represents a total increase of 99 offences (20/21-21/22).

This increase is higher than the overall 5.1% increase in crime across the borough.

However, these areas disproportionately contribute to the overall borough average. The five priority estates are located in the East of the borough where there is a greater density of population and higher levels of crime and ASB are reported.



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		Priority estates				Enfield borough
Crime type		2020/21	2021/22	Difference	% change	Borough % change
VWI	●	46	55	+ 9	+20%	+ 15.8%
Knife crime	●	11	16	+ 5	+ 45%	- 2.3%
Possession of offensive weapon	●	6	6	0	0%	+ 16.4 %
Drugs	●	34	60	+ 26	+ 76%	+ 20.5%
Robbery	●	13	15	+ 2	+ 15%	+ 1.2 %
Burglary	●	40	28	- 12	- 30%	- 0.7%
Vehicle crime	●	89	108	+ 19	+ 21%	+ 7%
Bicycle theft	●	4	0	- 4	- 100%	- 31.9%
Shoplifting	●	2	2	0	0%	+ 10.3%
Criminal damage and arson	●	44	47	+ 3	+ 7%	+ 5.1%
Public order	●	36	29	- 7	- 19%	+ 4.9%
Rape	●	4	9	+ 5	+ 125%	+ 19.4%
Sexual offences	●	7	10	+ 3	+ 43%	+ 4.7%

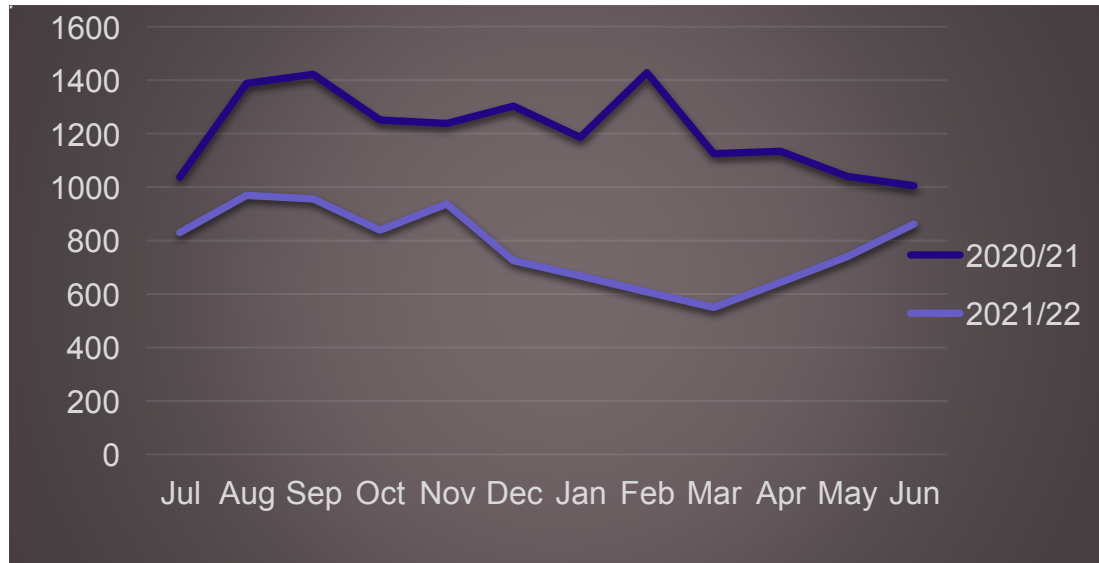


Notes on interpretation:

Drug crime has been identified as a major driver for violent crime and ASB, not just on the estates but in the wider community. The effects of a small number of individuals can have a detrimental effect on the community and local residents and also adversely affects some vulnerable young people. The team target this crime type proactively, through Stop and Search and warrants. The increase in this crime type directly reflects their proactivity.

Rape is a priority crime type for the MPS. A review of the offences within this geographical location in the period reported revealed that this significant increase included historic offences which have been reported in the period shown, offences which have taken place inside private premises between parties known to each other and offences on sex workers working in the vicinity of priority estates. Safer Estate Team officers, Operation Boxster officers and Public Protection specialist investigators are working tirelessly to ensure women and girls are safe in Enfield.

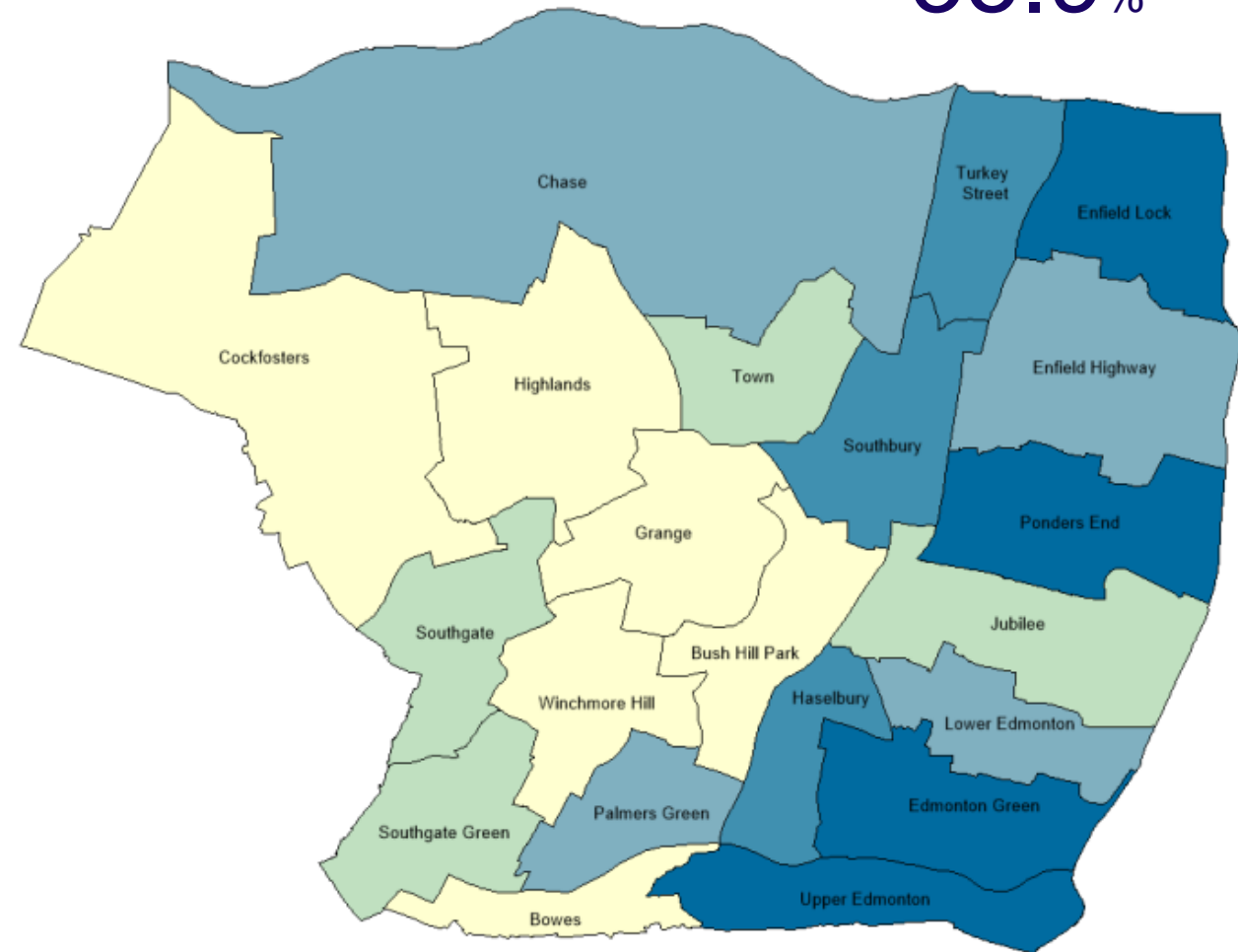
ASB in Enfield (two years to June 2022):



Note: the pandemic had a significant impact on ASB levels.

ASB reduced in Enfield in 2021/22 by 35.9%

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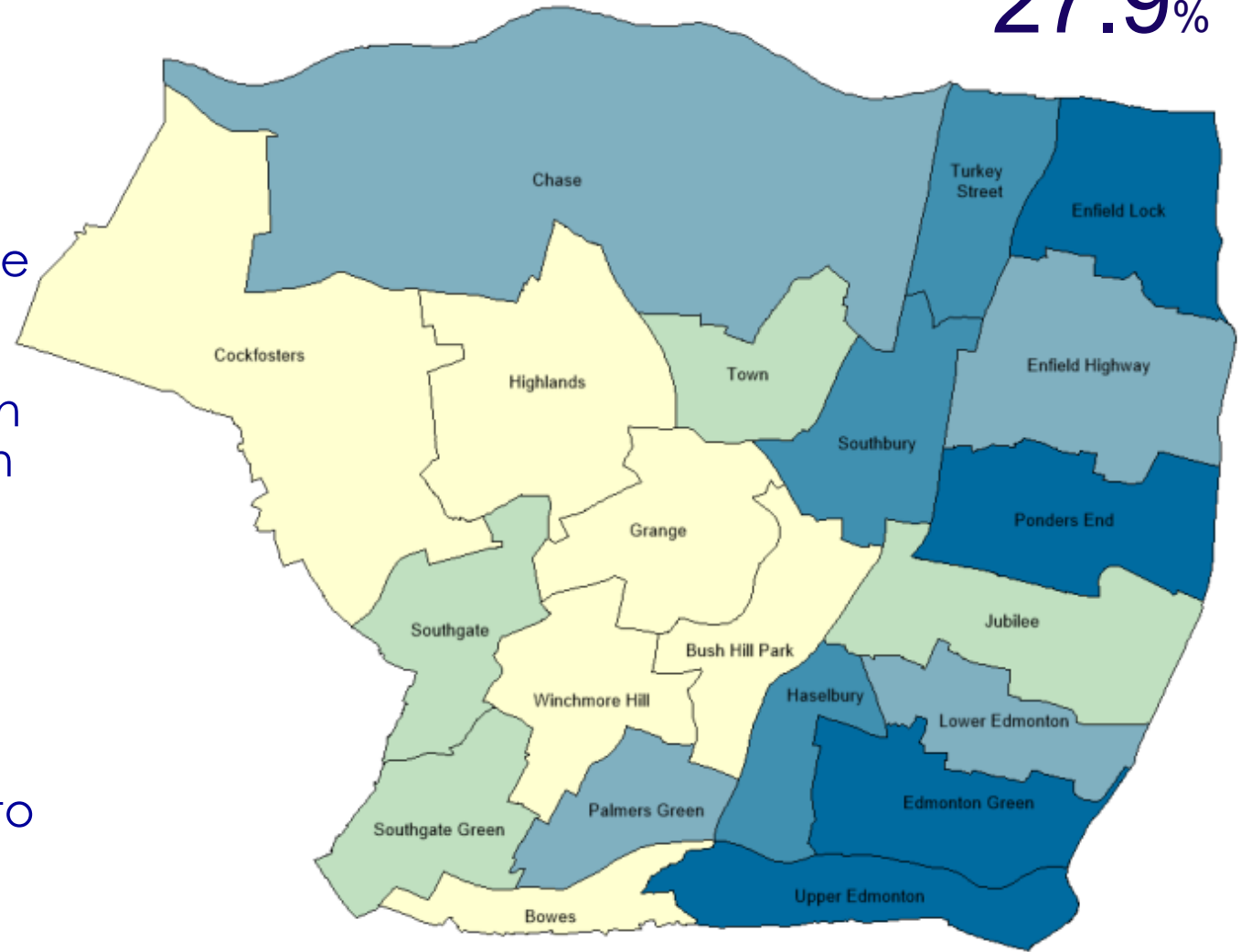
Safer Estates Team impact on ASB (two years to June 2022):

27.9%

ASB across the priority estates reduced by 27.9%.

This reduction is less than the overall 35.9% reduction across the borough. However, these areas disproportionately contribute to the overall borough average. The five priority estates are located in the East of the borough where there is a greater density of population and higher levels of crime and ASB are reported.

Four out of five priority estates recorded a reduction in the number of ASB calls in the past 12 months when compared to the previous year. A reduction of 27.9% equates to 94 less reports of ASB across the estates.



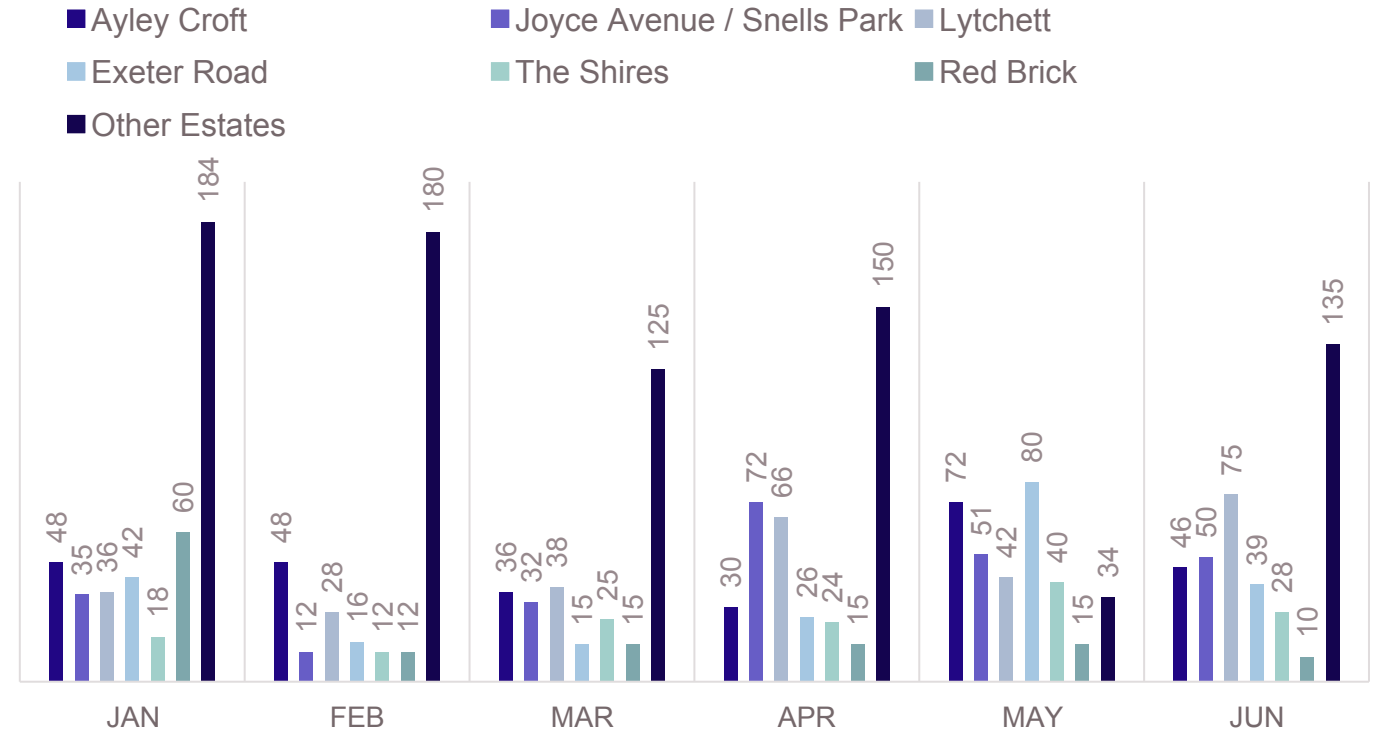
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Work returns (January to June 2022):

Activity:	Volume:
Arrests	28
Charges	9
Stop and Search	72
Crimes investigated	44
Crimes solved	16
Safeguarding reports	14

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Benefits of the funded team:

The team work in close partnership with council officers. The flow of intelligence between the Safer Estates Team and the ASB co-ordinators allows the council to re-direct police resources to target crime and ASB issues impacting residents without delay. The team also attend events such as resident association meetings to provide an accessible service for local residents.

The team are not abstracted except for in exceptional circumstances. Their abstraction rate is significantly lower than other Neighbourhood Policing Teams on the BCU. The terms of the contract ensure consistency and resilience in resourcing to estates. The contract conditions ensure the Local Authority is not charged for any time the team are abstracted for. A thorough invoicing process ensures abstractions are identified before invoices are created.

Intelligence gathering is a key focus for the team. The team includes experienced officers with significant knowledge of the local area. This is invaluable to operational impact and has led to them identifying a number of individuals who frequent the estates as being wanted by police, some of whom had been outstanding for a significant period of time. The team have identified individuals wanted for theft, murder and firearms offences in the last few months alone. One such individual was recently arrested and subsequently imprisoned for two burglaries, three thefts and breach of a court order.

The team often work with their corresponding neighbourhood ward teams and have been able to draw in additional teams to assist with focussed work on the estates. They have also worked with new recruits to train them in street based policing skills bringing additional resources to the areas, in addition to the commissioned service.



Recent examples of good work:

In February the Team became aware of a county lines drug gang operating around the EN3 area. Through regular patrols of this area and arrests for drugs offences of both dealers and customers they were able to disrupt activity, with the line moving out of the area.

In March whilst on patrol:

The team stopped and searched a 15 year old male who was found to have a large knife on him. The team investigated further and noted that the male had been seen talking to a known gang member. In interview the team were able to establish potential gang grooming and the 15 year old was diverted to support networks aimed at breaking gang affiliation. They also obtained the first knife crime prevention order on the borough.

They also attended a call to a male acting suspiciously and spotted a male known to them. On searching this male they recovered a knife and a large amount of drugs wraps and evidence of dealing. The male was charged and subsequently given a custodial sentence.

The team arrested a male for fraud, having been found with a credit card not in his name. An extensive investigation revealed the male was linked to providing gangs with vehicles obtained by fraud.

In April the team received information that there was a drug dealer active on a number of Enfield Estates. One of the team was able to identify the suspect from the information provided and spotted him whilst on patrol. The male was found to have 106 drugs wraps of heroin and crack cocaine on his person and was charged with drugs supply.

In June the team identified two addresses being used to supply drugs, causing significant disruption to residents. A search of one such address recovered a significant amount of cannabis and resulted in a charge for drug supply. This activity has been well received by residents and ASB officers.