



**Greater Brislington Neighbourhood Partnership  
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**Title:**

**Officer presenting report:**

**Recommendation:**  
  
a) To **note** contents of the report.

**1. Performance**

**Bristol South Oct 2015**

Offence/Offence Group Description	Recorded Crime				Fully Resolved Rate		
	YTD Current Year	YTD Last Year	% Chg	Chg	Current Year	Last Year	Chg (% pft)
Criminal Damage	1,070	1,053	1.6%	17	13.6%	14.6%	-1.0%
Dwelling Burglary	317	317	0.0%	0	5.7%	13.6%	-7.9%
Fraud & Forgery	21	10	110.0%	11	61.9%	140.0%	-78.1%
Non Dwelling Burglary	351	414	-15.2%	-63	4.3%	9.2%	-4.9%
Other Offences	155	85	82.4%	70	42.6%	82.4%	-39.8%
Racially or Religiously Aggravated Crimes	134	114	17.5%	20	36.6%	41.2%	-4.7%
Robbery	58	70	-17.1%	-12	12.1%	22.9%	-10.8%
Sexual Offences	156	123	26.8%	33	23.7%	43.9%	-20.2%
Shoplifting	816	996	-18.1%	-180	41.5%	47.3%	-5.7%
Theft from the Person	39	36	8.3%	3	5.1%	8.3%	-3.2%
Theft from Vehicle	629	606	3.8%	23	2.4%	6.9%	-4.5%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	185	145	27.6%	40	7.6%	7.6%	0.0%
Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle	181	161	12.4%	20	1.1%	4.3%	-3.2%
<b>Total Crime</b>	<b>7,744</b>	<b>7,029</b>	<b>10.2%</b>	<b>715</b>	<b>21.7%</b>	<b>28.9%</b>	<b>-7.2%</b>
Violence Against the Person	2,773	1,803	45.7%	870	27.4%	39.6%	-12.2%

Dispose 1 Group	Recorded Incidents			
	YTD Current Year	YTD Last Year	% Chg	Chg
A SB	2,683	3,847	-30.3%	-1164

The above reflects levels of crime reported to Police across the entire Bristol South Local Policing area for the year to date (April – End of Oct 2015). Burglary offences are fairly stable. There has been a continued

increase in the recording of offences as racially or religiously aggravated, partly due to better confidence in reporting issues but also attributable to some concerning cases whereby victims have been targeted on numerous occasions. It is important to note that these figures only relate to racial or religiously aggravated offences; there is no specific criminal offence for homophobic or disablist hate crime, and even with racial or religious hate crimes the evidence often does not support the higher “aggravated” charge. The true level of crime with a hate element is therefore significantly higher.

Of concern is the increase in total crime, which is up 10% (715 more offences). This is almost entirely due to a significant increase in the recording of incidents of violence against the person offences, up almost 46% across the Bristol South area (870 more offences). As I have stressed before, changes in recording practices mean that we are now (properly) recording offences which we previously didn’t, and it is very difficult to draw any meaningful conclusions at this time.

The second table details the number of “incidents” recorded by Police. It is important to bear in mind that several people might report the same incident, but each report would be counted in the above list. However, as a comparison year on year, it does now seem to show a continued reduction in reports of anti-social behaviour (ASB) across the whole of South Bristol. As before, I would caution against reading too much into this though, because it might simply be down to better recording of incidents as crimes (particularly violence against the person) rather than ASB.

Individual figures for the neighbourhood partnership area, and per ward, are shown on the pages that follow;

### Partnership Area

Offence/Offence Group Description	Recorded Crime				Fully Resolved Rate		
	YTD Current Year	YTD Last Year	% Chg	Chg	Current Year	Last Year	Chg (ppt)
Criminal Damage	148	124	19.4%	24	18.9%	13.7%	+5.2%
Dwelling Burglary	47	49	-4.1%	-2	8.5%	10.2%	-1.7%
Fraud & Forgery	5			5	80.0%		+80.0%
Non Dwelling Burglary	56	72	-22.2%	-16	3.6%	5.6%	-2.0%
Other Offences	28	9	211.1%	19	39.3%	55.6%	-16.3%
Racially or Religiously Aggravated Crimes	16	24	-33.3%	-8	43.8%	50.0%	-6.3%
Robbery	7	8	-12.5%	-1		37.5%	-37.5%
Sexual Offences	15	14	7.1%	1	6.7%	35.7%	-29.0%
Shoplifting	129	175	-26.3%	-46	37.2%	39.4%	-2.2%
Theft from the Person	5	1	400.0%	4			
Theft from Vehicle	123	77	59.7%	46	1.6%	1.3%	+0.3%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	22	25	-12.0%	-3	27.3%	8.0%	+19.3%
Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle	11	14	-21.4%	-3		14.3%	-14.3%
Total Crime	1,132	970	16.7%	162	21.9%	26.2%	-4.3%
Violence Against the Person	360	234	53.8%	126	28.6%	42.7%	-14.1%

Dispose 1 Group	Recorded Incidents			
	YTD Current Year	YTD Last Year	% Chg	Chg
ASB	287	452	-36.5%	-165

Greater Brislington accounts for 15% of total crime across South Bristol, and just under 11% of total anti-social behaviour. I appreciate a question was asked as to what “other offences” covers; I don’t know, and can’t find the person that would know! I will attempt to find out before the meeting and will pass the information on.

## Brislington West

Offence/Offence Group Description	Recorded Crime				Fully Resolved Rate		
	YTD Current Year	YTD Last Year	% Chg	Chg	Current Year	Last Year	Chg (% pts)
Criminal Damage	67	60	11.7%	7	14.9%	21.7%	-6.7%
Dwelling Burglary	17	24	-29.2%	-7	11.8%	12.5%	-0.7%
Fraud & Forgery	5			5	80.0%		+80.0%
Non Dwelling Burglary	39	41	-4.9%	-2	5.1%	9.8%	-4.6%
Other Offences	10	6	66.7%	4	50.0%	66.7%	-16.7%
Racially or Religiously Aggravated Crimes	9	9	0.0%	0	44.4%	44.4%	+0.0%
Robbery	3	6	-50.0%	-3		33.3%	-33.3%
Sexual Offences	6	7	-14.3%	-1		42.9%	-42.9%
Shoplifting	92	133	-30.8%	-41	45.7%	45.1%	+0.5%
Theft from the Person	3			3			
Theft from Vehicle	79	37	113.5%	42			
Theft of Motor Vehicle	13	13	0.0%	0	15.4%		+15.4%
Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle	5	9	-44.4%	-4		22.2%	-22.2%
Total Crime	655	564	16.1%	91	21.7%	30.7%	-9.0%
Violence Against the Person	193	119	62.2%	74	27.5%	51.3%	-23.8%

Dispose 1 Group	Recorded Incidents			
	YTD Current Year	YTD Last Year	% Chg	Chg
A SB	137	200	-31.5%	-63

## Brislington East

Offence/Offence Group Description	Recorded Crime				Fully Resolved Rate		
	YTD Current Year	YTD Last Year	% Chg	Chg	Current Year	Last Year	Chg (% pts)
Criminal Damage	81	64	26.6%	17	22.2%	6.3%	+16.0%
Dwelling Burglary	30	25	20.0%	5	6.7%	8.0%	-1.3%
Fraud & Forgery							
Non Dwelling Burglary	17	31	-45.2%	-14			
Other Offences	18	3	500.0%	15	33.3%	33.3%	+0.0%
Racially or Religiously Aggravated Crimes	7	15	-53.3%	-8	42.9%	53.3%	-10.5%
Robbery	4	2	100.0%	2		50.0%	-50.0%
Sexual Offences	9	7	28.6%	2	11.1%	28.6%	-17.5%
Shoplifting	37	42	-11.9%	-5	16.2%	21.4%	-5.2%
Theft from the Person	2	1	100.0%	1			
Theft from Vehicle	44	40	10.0%	4	4.5%	2.5%	+2.0%
Theft of Motor Vehicle	9	12	-25.0%	-3	44.4%	16.7%	+27.8%
Theft or Unauthorised Taking of a Pedal Cycle	6	5	20.0%	1			
Total Crime	477	406	17.5%	71	22.2%	20.0%	+2.3%
Violence Against the Person	167	115	45.2%	52	29.9%	33.9%	-4.0%

Dispose 1 Group	Recorded Incidents			
	YTD Current Year	YTD Last Year	% Chg	Chg
A SB	150	252	-40.5%	-102

## **General Update**

I am conscious that questions have been asked in relation to the closure of Brislington Police Station. That building cost a huge sum of money to rent (the equivalent of 3 – 4 PCSOs per year). Whilst it had the advantage of being located within the Brislington area, other higher demand areas (Hartcliffe for example) did not have such a facility. It therefore seemed inequitable to maintain that facility in light of significant budgetary cuts that had been made at that time.

The most significant impact upon policing resources for the Greater Brislington area has been the ongoing IPCC investigation into the actions of police officers and staff in relation to the very tragic death of Bejan Ebrahimi. That has resulted in the suspension of a Brislington beat manager and PCSO for a hugely significant amount of time. The criminal case is now being addressed through the Crown Court, and following this there is very likely to be an internal misconduct case. Whilst suspended I cannot permanently replace these officers, as they could well return to their jobs. It is very unfortunate that the community has lost the services of two officers for such a length of time, but it is really an issue out of my control.

Members at the last meeting also commented upon the most effective means of publicising police community events / meetings etc. I have asked the Brislington team to ensure that they use the most effective means possible, and would encourage everyone to sign up to either a neighbourhood watch scheme or pass your email details to our neighbourhood officers; in this way we can contact you directly and quickly via email.