

Milton Keynes Violent Crime Taskforce

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Overview of YTD data

- Milton Keynes has a 10% increase YTD (April to Dec 18/19) – up by 22 crimes which involved a bladed or pointed article.
- Across the force there has been a 12% increase YTD of possession of articles with a blade or point.
- During this time there has been an increase of stop and search which is up across the force by 76%.

Changes in crime type volumes

Crime Type	2018	2019	+/-	%
GBH Section 18 (Wounding with intent to do GBH)	112	90	-22	-20%
GBH Section 20 (Wound or inflict GBH with or without weapon)	58	70	+12	+21%
Assault occasioning ABH	450	485	+35	+8%
Threats to kill	93	97	+4	+4%
Robbery - Personal	319	363	+44	+14%
Robbery - Business	64	53	-11	-17%

Possession of article with blade or point has increased by 12% YTD (543 to 608).

Use of Stop & Search has seen a large increase of 76% YTD (5,844 to 10,305).

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- Nationally it is recognised there is a knife crime issue and a public health approach is required to provide early intervention, diversion and education.
- This is all the more closer to home for us as we remember that in the last 6 months 5 young men from within the Milton Keynes community have lost their lives as a result of knife injuries.

What are Thames Valley Police doing?

- As a force we have introduced a central Violent Crime Reduction Unit which works closely with the TVP PCC
- Violent Crime Taskforce – on a local level we have created the VCT and we have the following aims;
 - To focus on early identification of individuals at risk of serious violence concentrating on youth violence.
 - Working with partners to identify projects and initiatives available for young people to be referred to for early intervention and diversion away from behaviours likely to place them at risk of youth violence such as drugs, carrying of weapons and gang and ASB group affiliations.
 - Proactive policing allowing us to target those who commit criminal offences including drug dealing and carrying of weapons
 - Everyone is to be offered the opportunity to engage with early intervention and diversion no matter what stage they may be at within the criminal justice process.

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- Child Missing Exploitation Team + (CMET+)
 - ❑ In September 2019 CMET+ was formed which is a monthly partnership meeting to discuss young people who are at risk of youth violence and/or exploitation through gangs, ASB groups and drugs.
 - ❑ This is attended by representatives from the CSC, YOT, Probation, MK College, Health, Compass, Youth Faculty and many more.
 - ❑ This is a operational meeting sharing information to allow a wrap around service to be offered by all services providing the best chance of supporting a young person and their families.

Home Office Serious Violence Funding

At the end of 2019 Milton Keynes LPA was awarded funding from the Home Office under the serious violence fund. It is likely that additional funds will be received in the new financial year.

The money has been spent on the following;

- Part funding of the VCT
- Investment in ANPR technology
- Knife crime and awareness project within hard to reach communities through the Community and Diversion Officers

- ❑ Test purchasing operations working alongside Trading Standards focusing on retailers within hot spot areas
- ❑ Commissioning our OU colleagues to carry out evidence based research as a follow up to the previous paper written by Steven Conway in 2014 titled 'Accounting for the absence of gangs within Milton Keynes'.
- ❑ Additional funds provided to support additional role out of Boxing Clever and Project 9.
- ❑ Purchase of mobile CCTV cameras
- ❑ Collaboration with MK Community Foundation to fund additional projects and initiatives within Milton Keynes focusing on young people
- ❑ Lastly, funding of 'My Life, My Choice' programme provided by Lime to 4 secondary schools, 20 feeder schools and 1 PRU.

Safer School Officers

- ❑ TVP and MKC have collaborated to fund 2 additional Safer Schools Officers for 2 years – the aim is to work with children and young people in secondary and feeder schools.
- ❑ These Officers will help to build trust between the Police and young people, support teachers and staff and provide educational packages around key themes to keep young people safe.

PCC Funding

In addition to the above the PCC has provided funding for the below additional initiatives for the Milton Keynes area including;

- Sofea
- Divert
- Reach Every Generation - mentor scheme
- Thames Valley Partnership – mentor scheme
- Redeem Our Communities (ROC)



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