

# APPENDIX A

## Case Study – Police and Crime Survey

Report Date: September 2018

<b>1. Police and Crime Survey - Background</b>
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- 1.1 Nottinghamshire PCC commissioned the independent research company Information By Design to undertake a single robust and representative longitudinal survey of resident perceptions in 2017/18. Prompted by a range of strategic drivers<sup>a</sup>, the survey sought to capture and monitor public perceptions of the police, feelings of safety, experience of crime and policing priorities.
- 1.2 Over 4,200 residents were surveyed over four tranches of fieldwork between August 2017 and July 2018 using a moderated self-completion survey approach. A sampling scheme based at Lower Super Output area was used to ensure that the sample of residents provided a good coverage in terms of geography and deprivation level in each quarterly wave of fieldwork.
- 1.3 This report presents headline findings from the 2017/18 research which sets a baseline against which quarterly trends will be monitored over the remaining period of the Police and Crime Plan. Data at a Community Safety Partnership level have margin of error of +/-3% at the 95% confidence level.
- 1.4 While 60% of respondents agreed that police in their local area 'treat people fairly and with respect' and 51% agreed that police 'take people's concerns seriously', only around a quarter of respondents feel that the police are effective in providing a visible presence in the areas of greatest need. Public confidence in the police was generally found to be strongest among city residents and among people aged 75 and over.
- 1.5 63% of respondents were aware of the level of cuts to policing over recent years, however this fell to 46% among BAME communities, 50% among people aged 34 and under and 54% in the areas of highest deprivation. 51% of respondents felt that funding cuts had affected policing in their area, with this rising to 58% in Bassetlaw, Newark and Sherwood and 65% among people aged 55 to 74.
- 1.6 24% of respondents had been a victim of crime in the last 12 months, with prevalence reducing to 17% when online fraud and computer viruses / malware are excluded. Nottingham residents (27%), BAME residents (28%) and people from the most deprived communities (27%) remain at disproportionately high risk of experiencing crime. The most commonly experienced offences were online fraud (9%), intimidation and harassment (8%) and criminal damage (7%).

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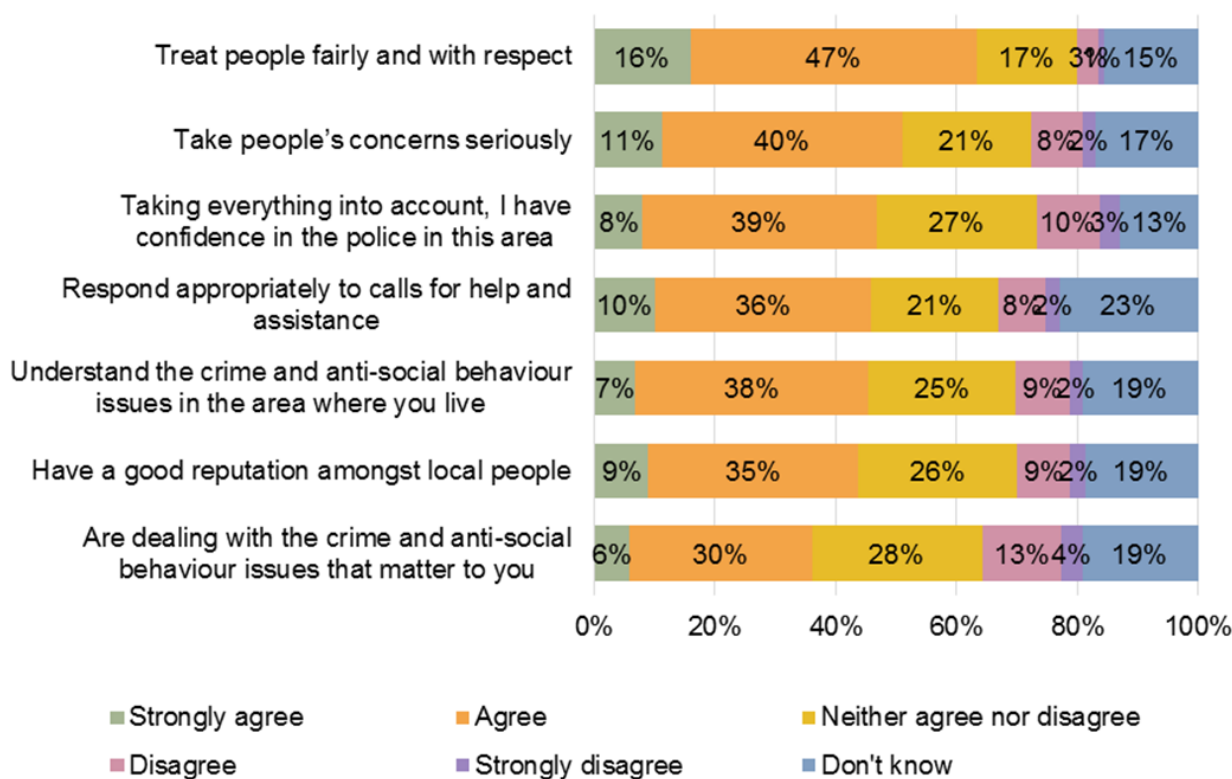
<sup>a</sup> Statutory duties to engage with local communities on local policing matters, consult with local people in identifying and setting local priorities and consult the public and local rate payers prior to issuing the policing precept; Commissioner's and Chief Constable's shared ambition to "give victims and citizens a bigger voice in policing" and to "engage our communities to ensure we understand their needs"; HMIC recommendations to further develop understanding of our local communities

- 1.7 Only around 33% of crimes were reported to the police with rates of reporting remaining particularly low in the case of computer misuse offences (4%) and online fraud (13%). The most common reasons for not reporting crime include; feeling that the offence was too trivial, feeling that the police would not have been bothered and feeling that the police could have done nothing.
- 1.8 The top three crime or anti-social issues that respondents would like to see police or other agencies do more to tackle in their area were reckless and dangerous driving (47%), drug use and dealing (45%) and burglary (45%). The profile of community priorities varied however by area, with disproportionately higher levels of concern about wildlife crime in Bassetlaw, Newark and Sherwood, drug use and dealing in Mansfield and Ashfield and hate crime in Nottingham.
- 1.9 A more detailed baseline findings relating to the 2017/18 Police and Crime Survey can be found on the Nottinghamshire PCC website at:- <https://www.nottinghamshire.pcc.police.uk/Home.aspx>

## NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME SURVEY: HEADLINE STATISTICS

AUGUST 2017 TO JULY 2018 BASELINE

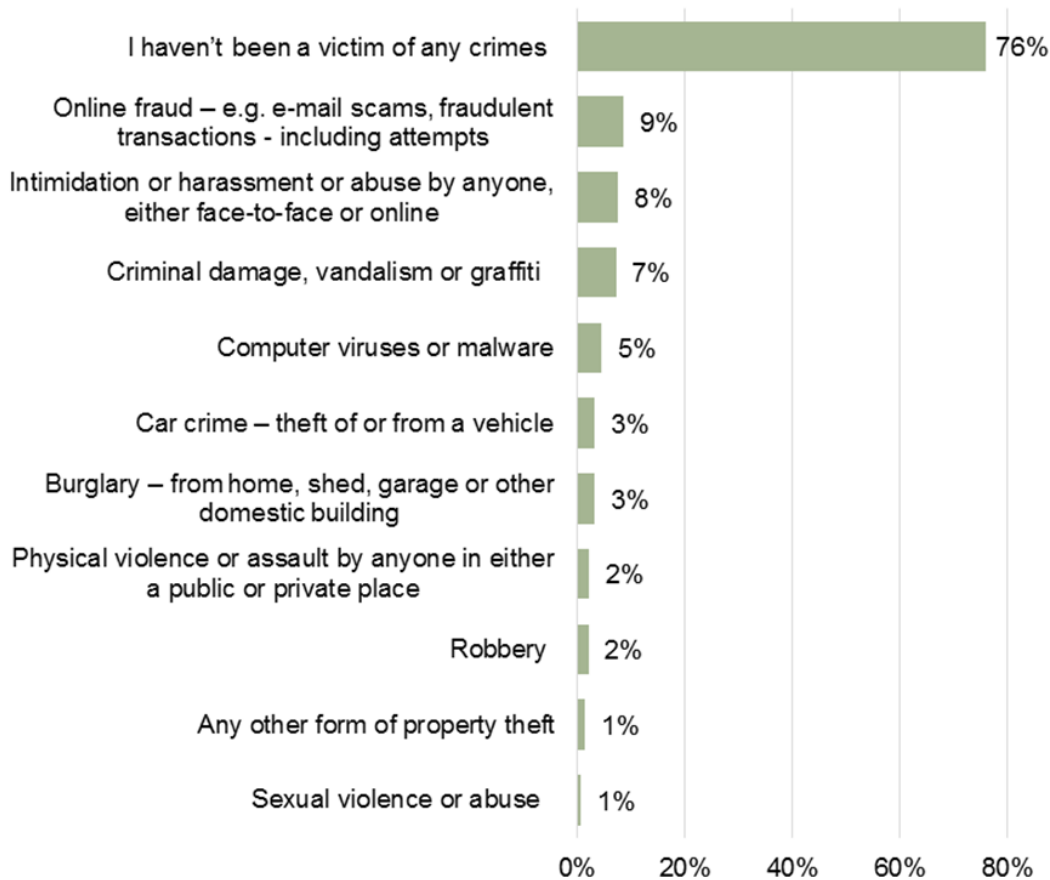
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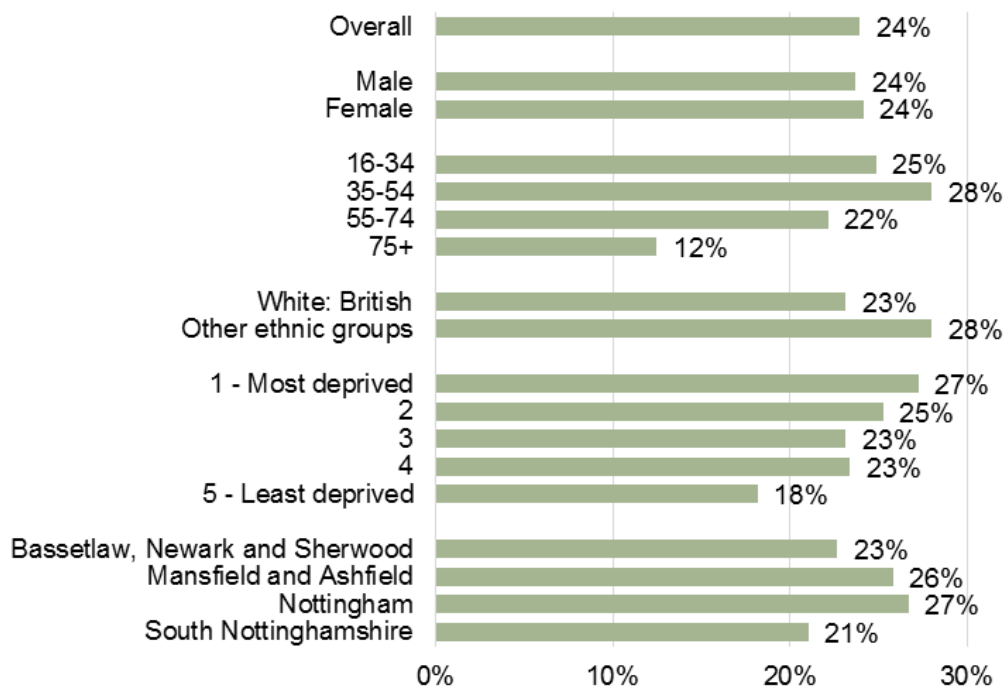
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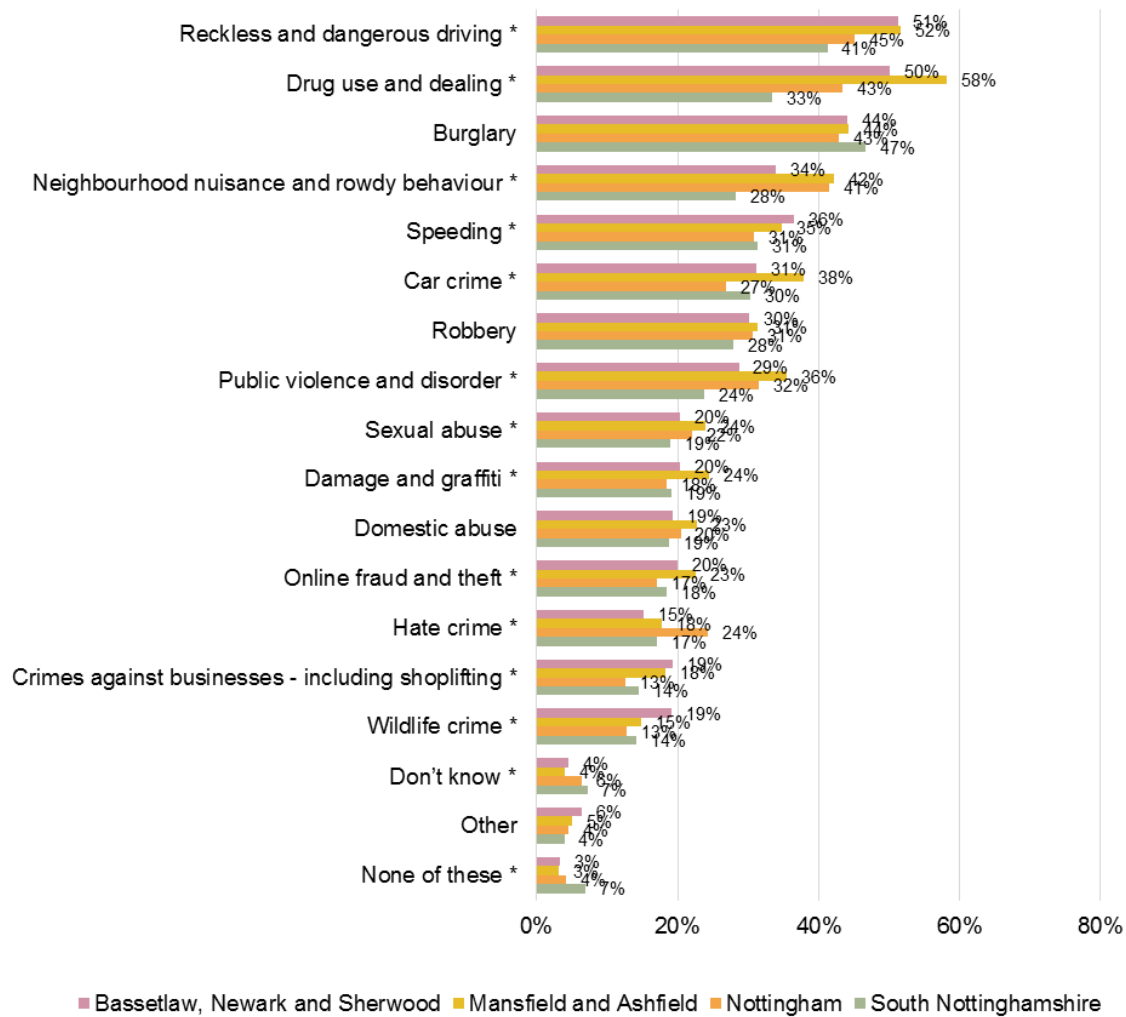
**In the last 12 months, have you personally been a victim of any of the following crimes?**



**Victim of crime in the last 12 months**



**Are there any specific crime or anti-social behaviour issues that you would like to see the police and other agencies do more to tackle in your area?**



**Taking everything into account, the police in this area are doing a good a job - Strongly agree & agree**

