



## WOKING JOINT COMMITTEE

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 WOKING BOROUGH COUNCIL

**SUBJECT:** ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SAFER WOKING PARTNERSHIP  
 2018-19

**UPDATED TEXT TO REFLECT LATEST CRIME STATS  
 (ANNEX 3)**

### Domestic Abuse

- 2.3 Reports of Domestic Abuse (DA) have steadily reduced over this reporting period, totalling 354 offences: 122 DA related violence with injury offences and 232 violence without injury offences. This trend has continued to reduce into the remainder of 2019. Domestic abuse continues to be a significant focus for Surrey Police, with sustained effort to encourage reporting, provide ongoing support to domestic abuse victims and bring offenders to justice. High and Medium risk incidents (accordingly to a risk assessment used nationally) are investigated by specially trained officers.

The use of the PCSO 'DA' Car continues to support victims of domestic abuse when incidents have occurred with the intent to safeguard them and provide them, with professional partners, with the support to prevent reoccurrence. The DA car can also signpost to other professional partners who can assist and encourage reporting in the future.

### Sexual Offences

- 2.4 Reports of serious sexual offending have increased by 20% when compared to the same reporting period last year. These statistics include domestic and non-recent sexual offences. The level of public place sexual offending remains low and these offences are dealt with robustly by police.

Such offences are generally stable throughout the year, but traditionally the summer experiences a spike.

Unfortunately positive outcome rates have reduced from 17 down to 7 in this reporting period which may represent complex reasons such as evidential challenges presented by the Crown Prosecution Service; victim support and high volume historical offences.

### Hate Crime

- 2.5 Reports of Hate Crime increased by 10.7% when compared to the same reporting period last year, including both racially motivated and homphobically motivated offences. This is an area of crime where victims are often repeatedly targeted, often by different offenders. Positive outcomes have reduced by 12% - this is largely due to lack of evidence and Woking Police continues to work with victims and partner agencies to safeguard, support and prevent reoccurrence.

We continue to deal with all hate crime reports robustly and thoroughly to encourage future reporting and bring offenders to justice.

### Domestic Burglary

- 2.6 Positively, reports of domestic burglary have decreased by 5%. 2018-2019 continues the trend of continuing reduction of burglary reports.

Surrey Police continue to focus on both crime prevention and dealing with offenders via intelligence gathering, analysis, proactive detection, disruption and re-assurance patrols. In the coming months Woking Safer Neighbourhood Team will be using SelectaDNA to further deter burglars from offending and offering crime prevention advice where vulnerabilities are identified.

- 2.7 Surrey Police monitor and analyse numerous crime types and trends, identifying potential emerging problems or series and subsequently responding accordingly. Surrey Police continue to work with both partners and the broader community to make Woking Borough as safe as possible. Surrey (and Woking particularly) remains one of the safest counties in the country. We also work with offenders to identify those responsible for burglaries.
- 2.8 Residents can report criminal behaviour or incidents to the Surrey Police Safer Neighbourhood Team on 101, or if it is a genuine emergency call 999.