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**POLICE
& CRIME**
COMMISSIONER
THAMES VALLEY

Matthew Barber
Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner



- **Hold the Chief Constable to account for policing**
- **Develop and publish a Police and Crime Plan**
- **Set the policing precept to fund local policing**
- **Scrutinise, support and challenge performance**
- **Engage with communities and seek their views on policing and crime**
- **Commission services and award grants including services to support victims of crime and Restorative Justice**

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**Role & responsibilities of the
Police & Crime Commissioner**

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE
OXFORDSHIRE
BERKSHIRE

- 2.3 MILLION** POPULATION
- 18 LOCAL AUTHORITIES**
- 196 MILES OF MOTORWAY**
- 6 MILLION VISITORS EACH YEAR**
- 2,200 SQUARE MILES**

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Thames Valley
The largest non-metropolitan police force

PREVENTION & EARLY INTERVENTION

REDUCING CRIME, PREVENTING HARM

- VULNERABILITY:** Mental Health, Criminal Justice Experience, Hidden Abuse, Elder Abuse, Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hubs (MASH), Road Safety
- PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION:** Cybercrime, Peer on peer abuse, Hate Crime, Technological Surveillance, Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)
- REDUCING RE-OFFENDING:** Gangs and Knife Crime, Domestic Violence Perpetrators, Substance Abuse, Offender Management
- POLICE ETHICS AND REFORM:** Managing Demand, Interacting with young people, Uptake of Technology, Support for Victims
- SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME AND TERRORISM:** Public Awareness, "Dare to share", Prevent Violent Extremism, Exploitation of Vulnerable People

- Awarded £213k to organisations to raise awareness and provide training on cybercrime
- Grant funding of £120k awarded to seven organisations, including those targeting schools which require FGM prevention activities
- Commissioned **SAFE!** to provide Young Victims Services including a focus on 'peer on peer' abuse
- **Operation Signature** launched to safeguard victims of financial abuse.
- **Hate crime awareness campaign** encouraging victims to report continues to be promoted.
- **#SlowDown** social media campaign highlighted the risk of illegal/inappropriate speeds.

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Strategic priorities

VULNERABILITY

- Supported officers and staff to improve victim welfare through direct contact with Victims First Hub
- Funded AGE UK £55k to work with organisations engaged with elder abuse and safeguarding
- Launched awareness campaign 'Know This Isn't Love' to raise awareness of coercive control.
- Phase 3 of the TVP 'Hidden Harm' campaign raised awareness of HBV and Forced Marriage.
- LPA's are working with Force Intelligence Hubs to identify modern day slavery victims and those in brothels.
- Thames Valley ISVA Service funded by the OPCC supports victims of sexual violence

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POLICE ETHICS & REFORM

- Official launch of Victims First
- Launched Victims First Connect which provides access points in local communities for support and referral
- The Force has launched its new website and has seen a significant take-up in the number of people reporting crime on-line
- Force-wide communications to promote Victims Code
- Key criminal justice partners engaged to establish complementary approaches to diversion and offender aftercare referrals.
- CPS evidence exchange system 'Egress' - reduces paper and disks.

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SERIOUS ORGANISED CRIME & TERRORISM

- County Drugs Lines week saw: 106 people arrested, 27 warrants, 156 stop and searches, £133k seized along with 2,800 wraps of drugs.
- 43 children and 69 vulnerable adults were safeguarded
- Serious Organised Crime Drug Exploitation meetings are now linked with Protecting Vulnerable People teams, sharing common themes of exploitation.
- Prevent training delivered by the OPCC.
- A numbers of LPAs have structured neighbourhood policing to ensure more effective intelligence is gathered, with a focus on organised crime and recognising radicalisation.

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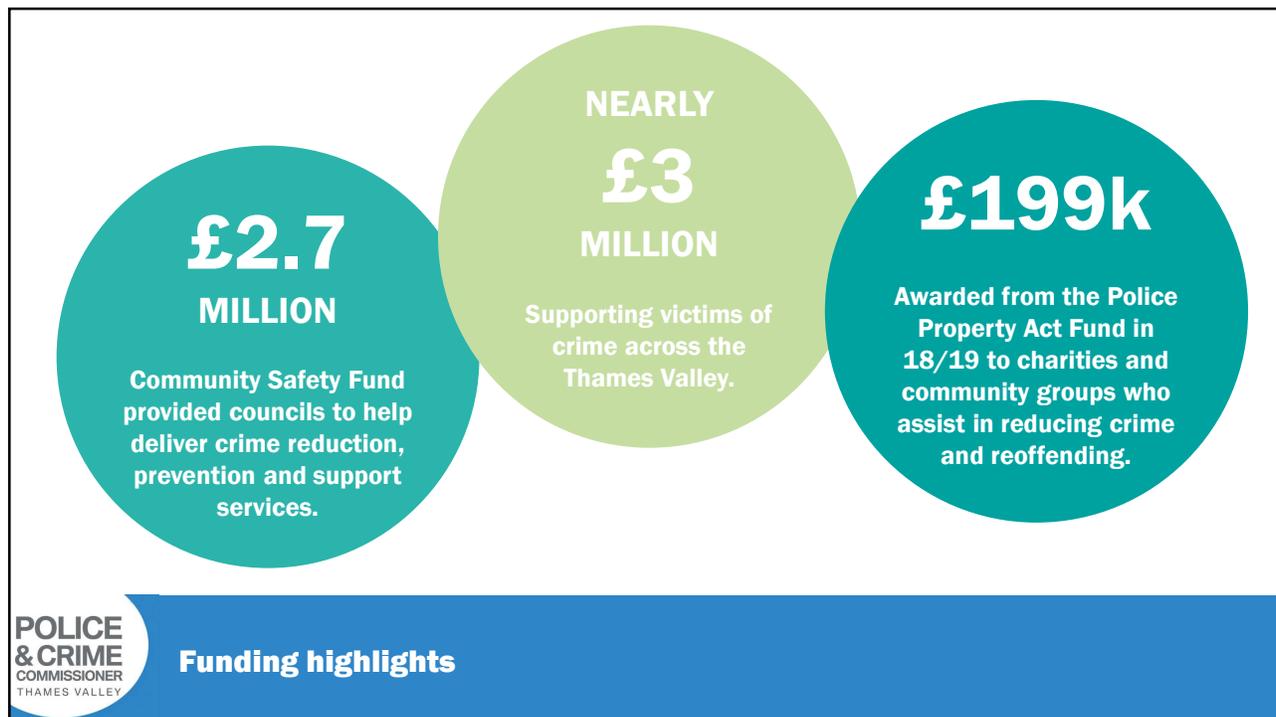
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REDUCING RE-OFFENDING

- Awarded over £820k from Home Office Early Intervention Youth Fund to help tackle youth violence, vulnerability and exploitation.
- Over £72k awarded to a project which works with offenders ‘through the gates’ to help them into employment.
- Over £52K awarded to work towards rehabilitation of high risk sexual offenders.
- The out of court disposals framework is being rolled out. This provides a two tier disposal strategy of conditional cautions or community resolutions and ensures appropriate disposals are made.

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VICTIMS FIRST
Care | Empower | Recover

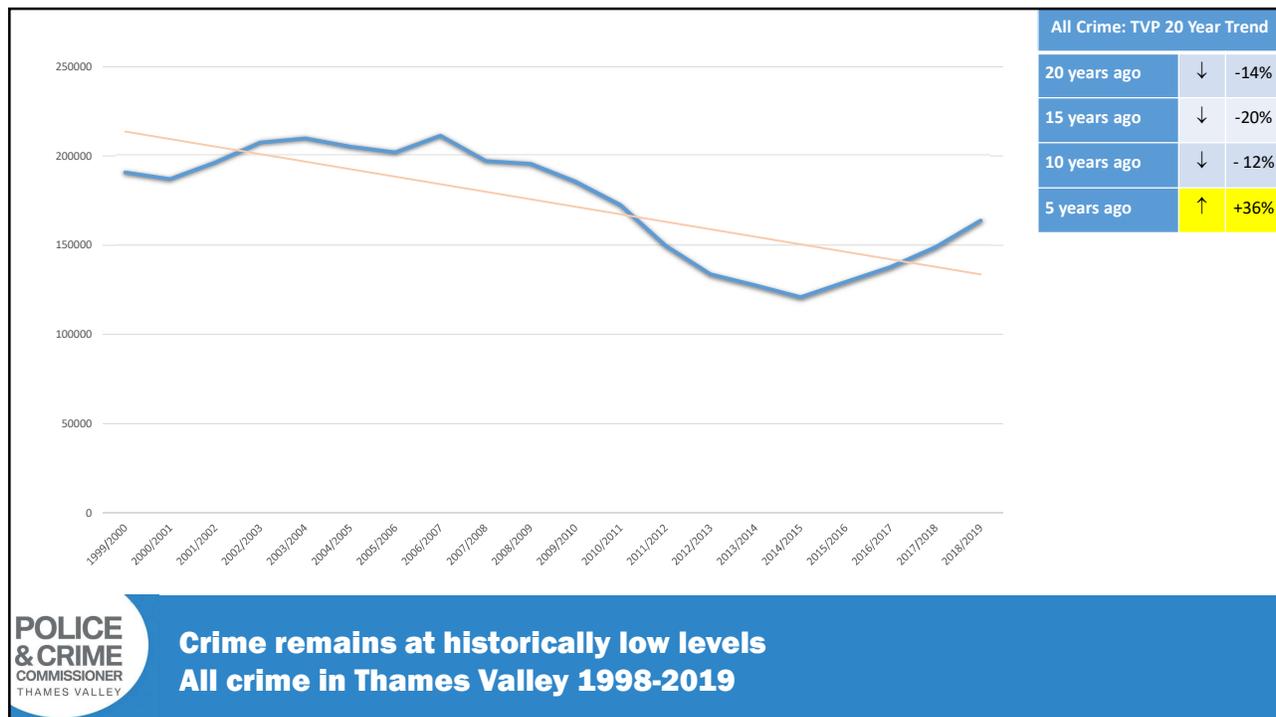
Victims First is dedicated to making sure that all victims of crime receive the support they need to cope and recover from the impact of their crime. Victims First provides free emotional and practical support to all victims and witnesses of crime. It is available across Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire and can provide help regardless of whether or not the crime has been reported to the police.

Our Services

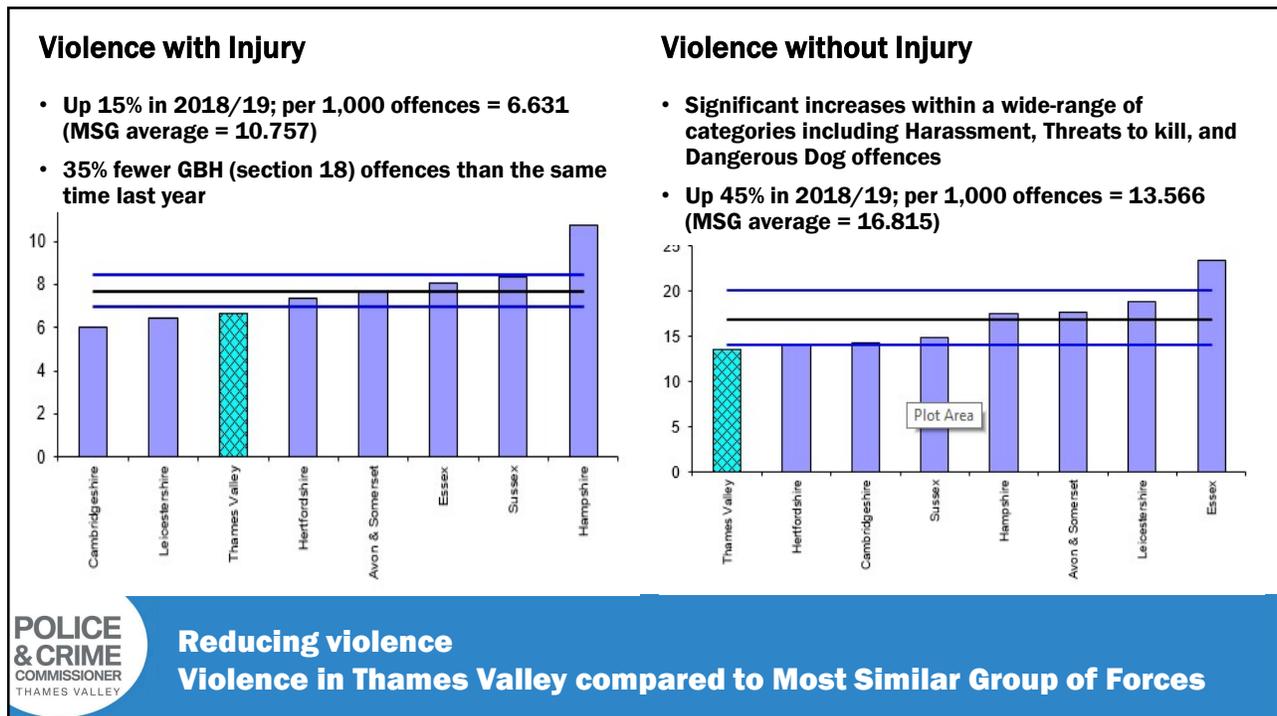
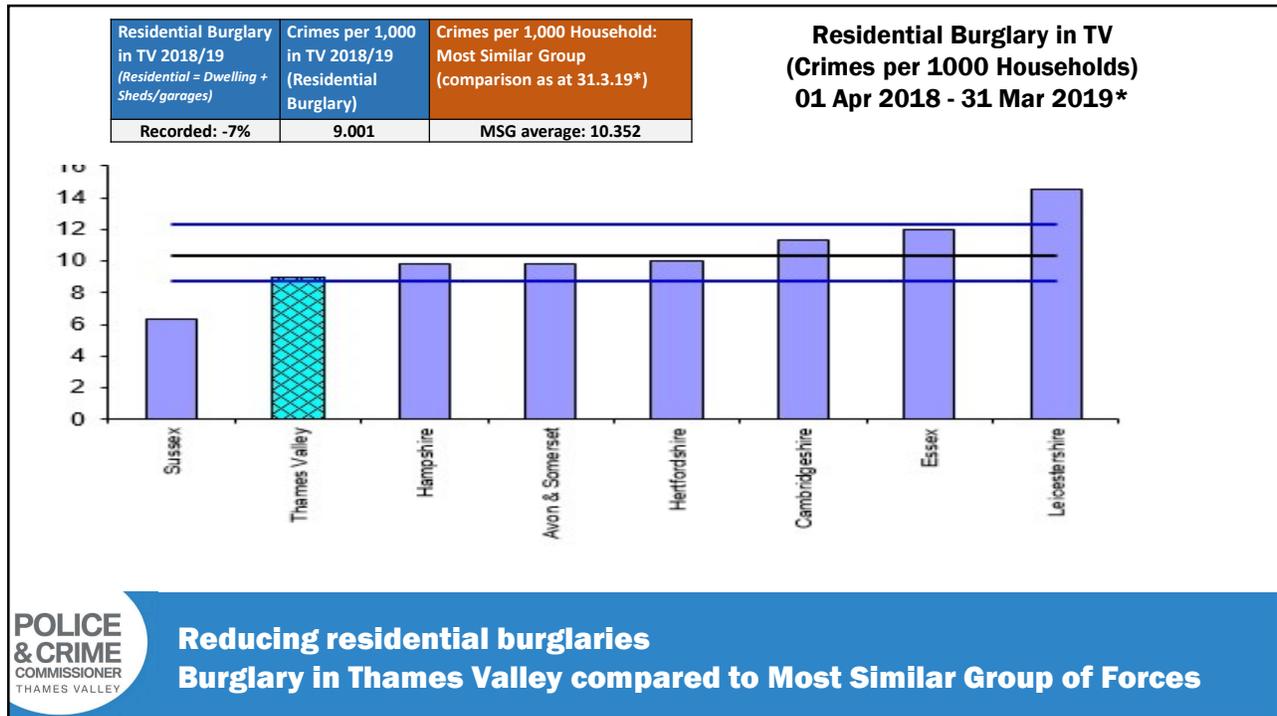
- Telephone support
- Face to face support
- Advocacy, including help to access other services such as sexual health clinics, drug and alcohol or legal services
- Support through the criminal justice system
- Therapeutic counselling
- Specialist services which include help for victims of sexual violence and domestic abuse

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Victims First
Providing support for victims of crime



- **The overall increase in crime remains historically low in Thames Valley: 21,671 fewer crimes compared to 10 years ago (186,612) and 41,322 fewer offences compared to 15 years ago (205,264)**
- **Thames Valley saw recorded crime increase by 10.3% (148,821 → 164,153) compared to the national increase of 8%**
- **Violence against the person offences have risen by 40.7% (compared to a 20% increase nationally)**
- **Sexual offences increased by 16.2% over the past year (compared to a 7% increase nationally)**
- **Burglary dwelling decreased by 2% (3% decrease nationally)**
- **Criminal Damage and Arson decreased by 2.6% (compared to a 3% decrease nationally)**
- **Drug offences increased by 9.9% (compared to a 11% increase nationally)**
- **Possession of weapons offences increased by 28.2% (compared to a 19% increase nationally)**





- **TVP answered 554,316 '101' calls and 341,233 '999' calls**
 - **13% increase in the volume of 999 calls received;**
 - **16% decrease in the number of 101 calls (signs of improvement in the last few months of 18/19) – average time to answer = 2.5 mins (2020/21 aim of improving this towards 2 mins);**
 - **On-line reporting publicised and continues to increase**



Call response performance



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Any questions?