

Appendix 3 – The Cost of Crime

Extract from the Barnet Community Safety Strategic Assessment 2014/15

The cost of crime

The home office produces unit cost estimates for different crime types.ⁱ The estimates take into account anticipatory costs (for example security expenditure), consequential costs (e.g. property stolen, emotional or physical impacts), and response costs (e.g. costs to the criminal justice system).

The table to the left calculates total cost estimates for different crime types on Barnet by multiplying the home office unit cost estimate by the number of offences in the borough in one year (2013).

Type	Estimated annual cost (2013)	% of total cost
Violence - ABH and GBH	£22,813,255	30.9%
Sexual Offences	£13,117,960	17.8%
Burglary in A Dwelling	£10,817,300	14.6%
Robbery -Personal Property	£5,937,940	8.0%
Burglary in Other Buildings	£5,875,200	8.0%
Theft/Taking Of Motor Vehicle	£3,772,230	5.1%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	£3,079,252	4.2%
Other Theft	£2,759,008	3.7%
Common Assault	£2,115,750	2.9%
Criminal Damage Total	£2,016,495	2.7%
Robbery - Business Property	£693,528	0.9%
Theft Person	£576,065	0.8%
Theft/Taking Of Pedal Cycle	£173,201	0.2%
Theft From Shops	£146,072	0.2%
Total Annual Cost (excluding Some crime types)* ¹	£73,893,256	

This gives an estimated annual total cost of around £73.9M for reported crime in Barnet in one year. Note this estimate does not include costs for the following offences: Drugs; Fraud; Handling; Motor vehicle tampering; Harassment; carrying of weapons; and Violence other than Common Assault, ABH, GBH. The estimated costs of unreported crime are also not included in this figure.

The top three cost contributors are violent crime, Sexual Offences and Residential burglary. Note that for the top two (Violence and Sexual offences) the majority of the victims (though minority of the perpetrators) are women and girls.

ⁱ https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/118042/IOM-phase2-costs-multipliers.pdf