

# Family Services

Update for Safer Communities Partnership

October 2021

# Barnet Supporting Families Programme Brief (Families First)

Barnet continues to deliver against the outcomes of the Supporting Families Programme and exceed expected claims for progress made.

36% of families attached to the Supporting Families Programme are attached under the domain of Child in Need, this includes children open to Early Help and Children's Social Care Services.

25% of families are attached under the Health domain; this includes physical and mental health

Child and Adult offending attachments remain relatively low and there has been an 8% increase in families attached under the school attendance domain, likely impacted by attendance fluctuations during the Covid-19 pandemic.

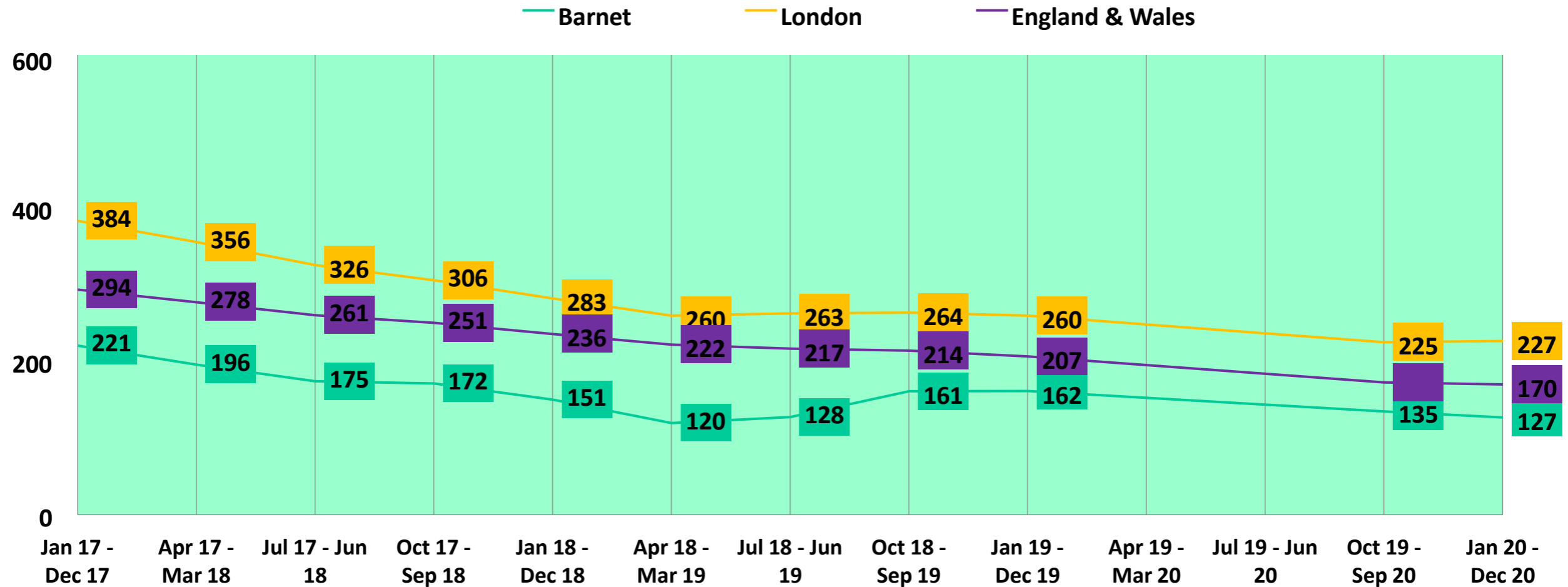
Quarter	Target	Actual Submission	% Achieved
Q1	97	115	119%
Q2	91	104	107%
Q3	91		
Q4	91		
<b>Total</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>219</b>	

# Barnet Youth Offending Service

## Q2 2021

# First Time Entrants (FTE's)

Rate of FTEs per 100,000 under 18's - Jan 20 - Dec 20



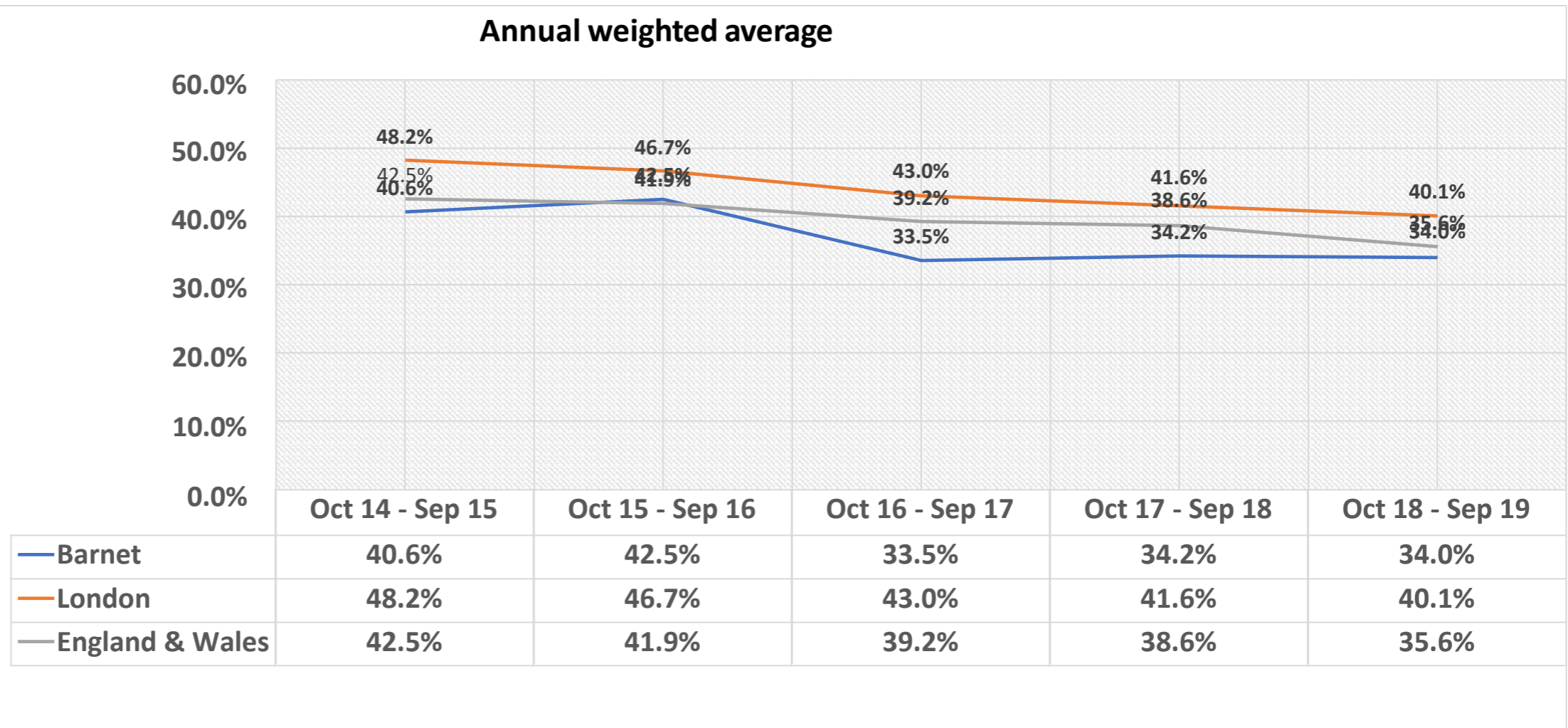
Youth Justice Board (YJB) data for FTE (taken from PNC) shows a 42% reduction falling from 221>127 over the period Jan to Dec 2017 to Jan to Dec 2020.

Data is missing for the Covid period from March 2020 – September 2020

Barnet's FTEs per 100,000 rates continues to outperform London (PCC area), YOT statistical neighbours and National (England and Wales) rates.

The reduction in FTE's into the criminal justice system is supported by effective diversionary and prevention approaches including Out-of-Court Joint Decision-making Panel, Community Resolutions, Operation Turning Point and integrated approach that enables young people to access the range of universal and targeted 0-19 Early Help Services on offer.

# Binary Reoffending Rate

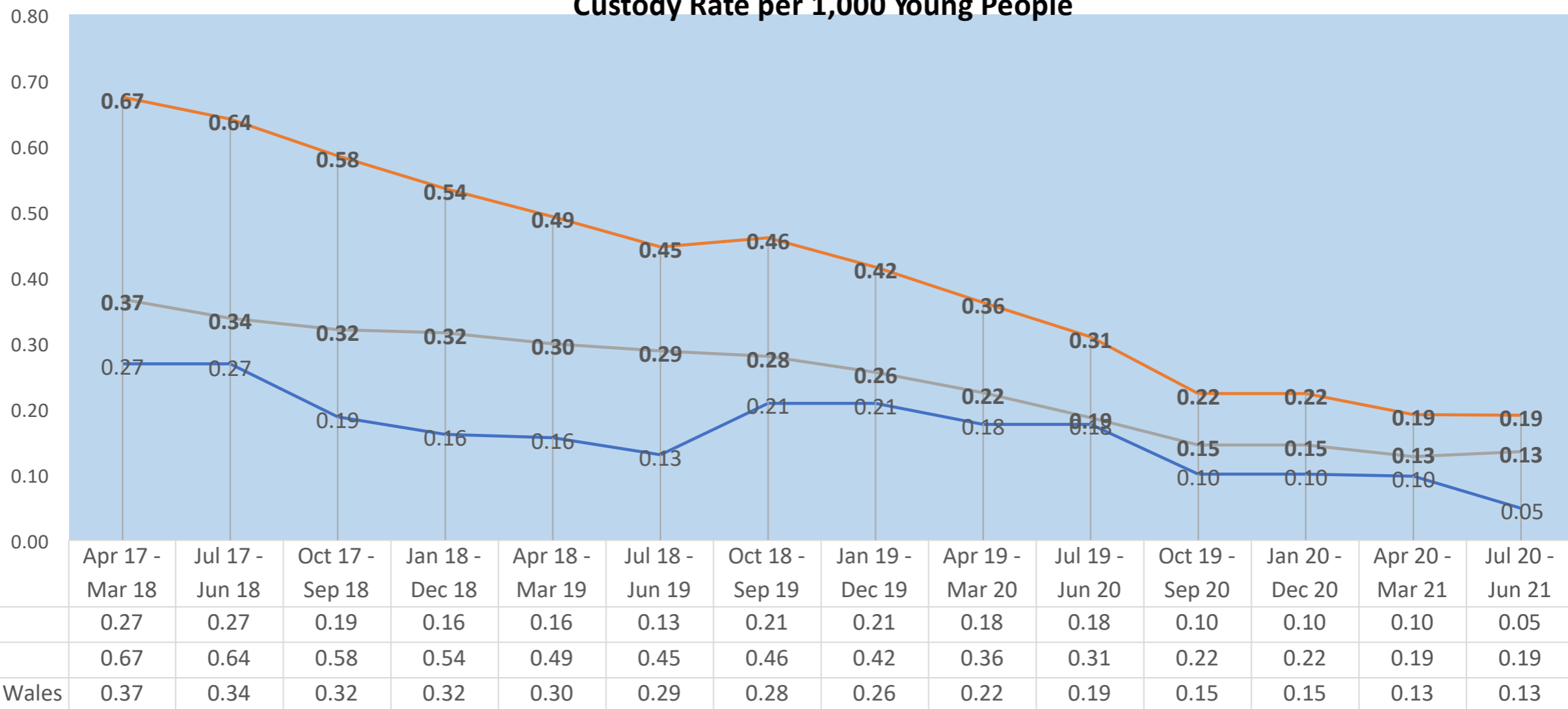


The YJB **binary re-offending rate** for Barnet between **Oct 2018 to Sep 2019** is **34%**. (The binary rate is calculated as the percentage of offenders with a proven re-offence in the reporting period). The rate is **6% lower** than the London rate and 1.6% lower than the national average.

The reduction in reoffending rates is supported through Multi-Agency Planning Panel which supports access to resources and coordination of intervention Enforcement strategies such as warning letters, the use of Child Planning Review Meetings (CPRM) and Compliance Panel Meetings are held with parents/carers when young people fail to attend appointments which encourages engagement and desistance.

# Rate of Custody

Custody Rate per 1,000 Young People



YJB data for young people in **custody** has **decreased from 0.27 > 0.05** over the period April 2017/18 when compared with June 2020/21.

Barnet's Custody rate continues to be lower than the London PCC Area and National levels for England and Wales

The YOS has through, comprehensive risk and vulnerability assessments, stringent ISS Bail Support Packages and partnership working instilled confidence from the Court in delivering community-based sentences safely.

## YOS Service Developments

- Nine young people aged 14-16 years subject to Referral Order/Youth Rehabilitation Orders attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Barnet YOS **5-day Residential Programme** in August 2021. One young person attended as a mentor having completed the 1<sup>st</sup> Residential Programme in 2019. The programme aims to build resilience and reduce risk of future offending.
- A Criminal Behaviour and Knife Crime Prevention Order Protocol has been developed in response to changes in Law to promote joint working and engagement in support for young people who carry knives
- Eight new Community Panel Volunteers have completed 12- week training on Referral Order Panel Meetings and Restorative Justice Conferences
- Reparation partnerships have been developed with Barnet Libraries, Town Centre Regeneration Teams, Flower Bank and Finchley Central Ink Project
- A second Whiteboard Project has been completed focusing on Restorative Justice and Reparation. The video is here <https://vimeo.com/595529475>
- Parents and young people have been attending Barnet's statutory YOT Management Board meetings sharing lived experience to support service development

# Adolescents & Young Adults at Risk of Exploitation & Violence



- At August 2021, Barnet Family Services was actively working 142 Young People aged 11- 18 years who are considered to be at Risk /Vulnerable to Exploitation.
- All are open to Children's Social Care Services.
  - 104 Young People on the Vulnerable Adolescents Index aged 11 – 17 years
  - 38 Young People on the Vulnerable Adolescents Index aged 18 who are receiving Leaving Care Services
- *NB: There are more being supported at a lower level of risk and need in Early Help Services and across VCS but data is not readily available for these cohorts.*

Of the 104 Young People:

- 27 (25%) are also open to YOT (20 assessed as High Risk)
- 19 (18%) have a 'gangs' flag (10 of these are open to YOT)
- 10 (9.5%) have a 'CSE' flag (3 of these are open to YOT)
- 24 (23%) are NEET (5 of these are open to YOT)
- 59 (56%) have had missing episodes in the past 3 months

# Child Exploitation & Missing (CEAM)

There are only 9 girls open to Vulnerable Adolescent at Risk Panel (VARP) for CSE concerns which has been reducing year on year alongside an increase in boys being identified as at risk or involved in criminal exploitation. The age is also increasing with young people aged 17 /18 years being most likely to be identified as at risk of exploitation.

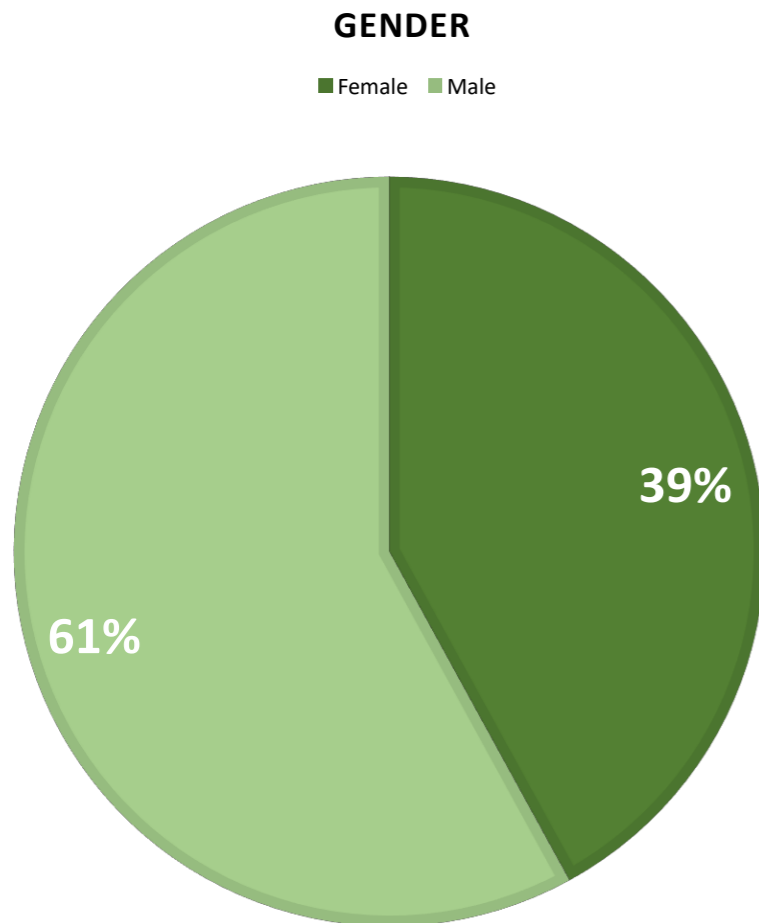
There are 38 open 'gang' episodes which is a small increase on 2019/20 (32 >38). Of these, 34 are male and 76% are from racially minoritised backgrounds

50% of this cohort have regular missing episodes

Young people having relationships with a person of concern continues to be the primary professional concern at CEAM meetings. Girls score higher for sexual health concerns

The CEAM scores are also high for a young person's recognition of exploitative relationships and distrust of authority figures (social workers, police, schools).

Building trusted relationships to support young people to engage with support to help them out of exploitative relationships remains key



Since June 2021 there has been a further increase of CEAM meetings held for boys and young men.

# SIRM

Barnet holds a Serious Incident Response Meeting (SIRM) for every incident of Serious Youth Violence that takes place in the borough. Since 2019 there has been **77 SIRM** meetings held in relation to 75 young people aged 0-25 years (plus two aged 25+ years). Of these;

- 57 (**76%**) are relative to young people aged **16 – 25 years**,
- 56 (74%) are relative to knife enabled offences (52 separate stabbings and 4 other knife incidents) of which 5 were individual suspects and 51 were individual victims.
- 10 (13%) are relative to firearm offences, (10 separate incidents) of which 1 was a suspect and 9 were individual victims
- 11 (14%) were relative to assaults and threats to life of which all were victims, two of which were female.
- 57 (76%) incidents involved young people from Black, Asian, mixed or other racially minoritised backgrounds

## **18- 25 Year Olds**

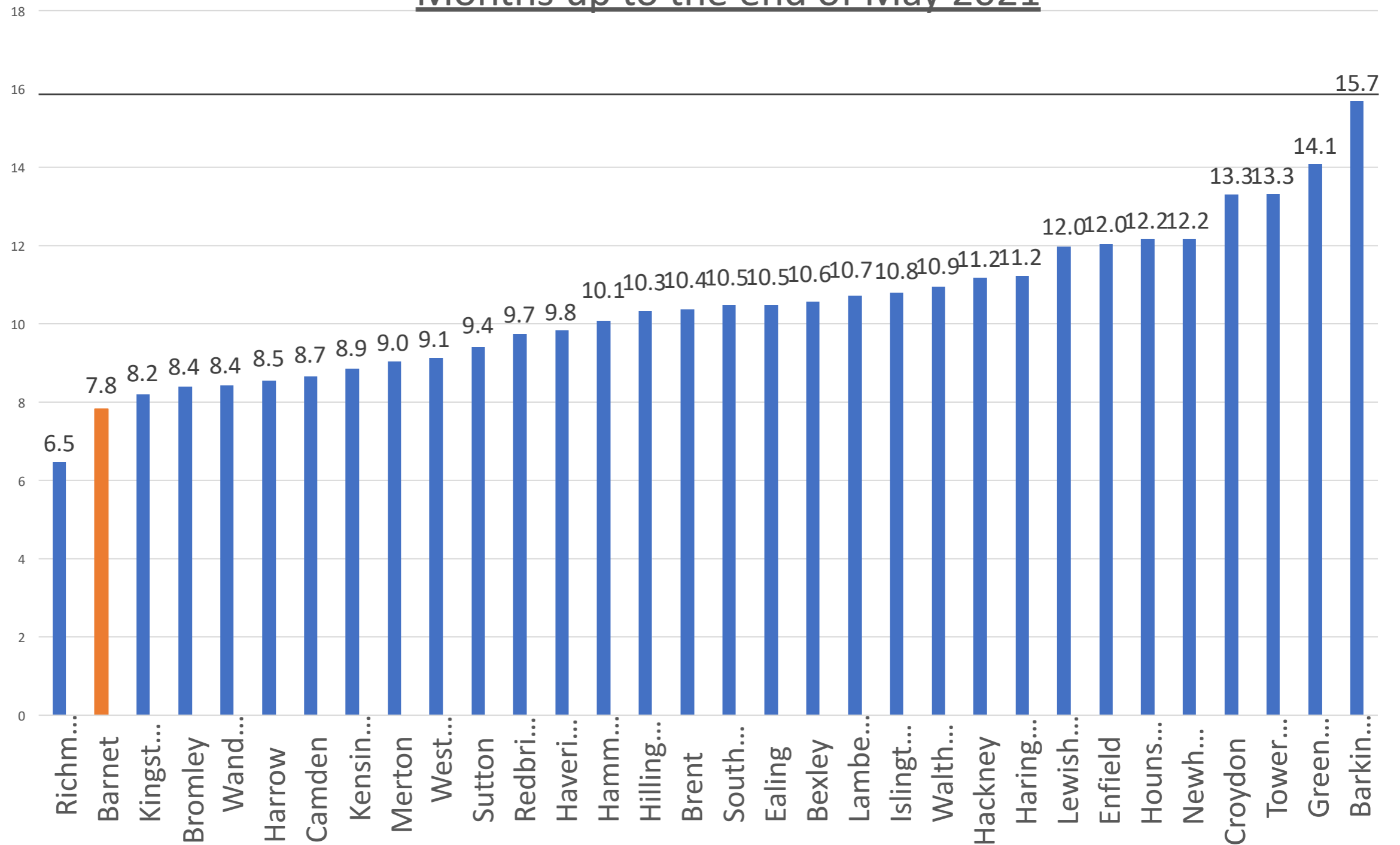
- 31 (41%) of SIRM's were relative to young adults aged 18 – 25 year olds.
- 30 were victims and 1 was a suspect
- 22 (71%) knife enabled incidents (stabbings)
- 6 (19%) firearms present
- 4 (13%) assaults/threats to life
- 20 (64%) incidents involved young adults from Black, Asian, mixed and other racially minoritised backgrounds

# Serious Youth Violence

- ❑ 25% (2020) and 45% (2021) of SIRM related incidents involve victims who were not open to Children's Social Care or YOS at the time.
- ❑ Oversight for Serious Adult Violence transferred to Family Services in May 2021, followed by the Knife Crime Reduction Plan in September 2021.
- ❑ MOPAC have circulated a template for the multi-agency partnership to complete a Violence & Vulnerability Action Plan which will be submitted by 10 December 2021. This replaces to the Knife Crime Action Plan and Family Services will report on the new Plan at the CSPB in 2022
- ❑ Transitional Safeguarding is a strategic priority in the Vulnerable Adolescents Strategy 2020 – 2022. Through the work of the partnership a stronger system of support for young people transitioning from youth to adult services will be developed and this will remain a key focus for the year ahead.

# Domestic Abuse & Violence Against Women & Girls

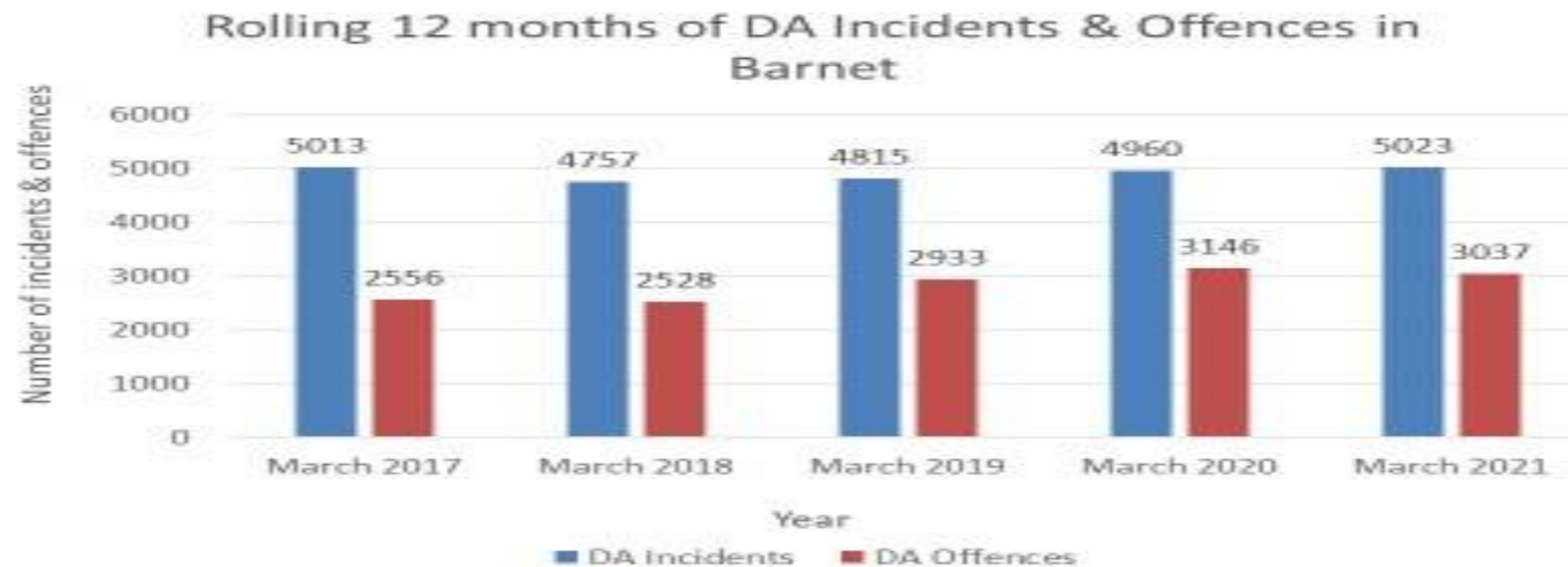
## Domestic Abuse Incidents per 1000 Population in the 12 Months up to the end of May 2021



Barnet's rate of domestic abuse incidents in Barnet is 7.8 per 1000 population (12 months to May 2021). This is the 2nd lowest rate of all 32 London boroughs.

# Understanding Prevalence

## DA Incidents & Offences March 2017-2021



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• There were 5023 domestic abuse violence with Injury offences recorded by the police in Barnet in March 2020/21 (an increase of 1.5% compared to the previous year). However, there has been a 3.4% decrease in reported DA offences in the same period.

• 2020, for violence with Injury domestic abuse offences, **118** suspects were identified and proceeded against by police. This equates to a Sanction Detection Rate of **14.9%**, up from **13.3%** the previous year

There were 728 Domestic Abuse Violence with Injury offences recorded by the police in Barnet in the 12 months up to the end of May 2021 (a decrease of 15.6% compared to the previous year)

In the 12 months up to 1st June 2021, for Violence with Injury Domestic Abuse offences, 82 suspects were identified and proceeded against by police. This equates to a Sanction Detection Rate of 11.2%, down from 15.5% a year prior

## Key Developments

- Successful bid to Home Office/MOPAC for £305,832. RISE will deliver a culturally appropriate perpetrator programmes to minoritised and/or marginalised communities for one year. The programme, led by LB Barnet in collaboration with Brent and Enfield
- Family Services have recommissioned Advocacy and Support Service, 2 women's refuges and the perpetrator programme
- A Domestic Abuse Consultant has been appointed to deliver multi-agency training on the implementation of changes made within the provisions set out in the Domestic Abuse Act 2021
- Extending child to adult/parent Domestic Abuse work to include children who are aged 18+ (adult child to adult parent abuse)
- Roll out of Independent Domestic Violence Advocate (IDVA) and Young Peoples IDVA (YIDVA) Training to statutory and VCS providers working in front line roles with women and young women aged 16+: Training a core group of professionals (25-30) in an accredited IDVA/YIDVA course.
- Development of an Independent Sexual Violence Advisor (ISVA) role to Children's Services



# Domestic Abuse & Violence Against Women & Girls Strategy 2021 - 2024

Consultation with VAWG survivors and key stakeholders as follows:

- A consultation with survivors on 14 September 2021
- A workshop with VAWG partners on 20 September 2021
- A consultation with survivors on 30 September 2021
- Barnet Partnership Board members discussion on 1st October 2021
- Barnet members on 13 October 2021

Following the consultations, we have received valuable feedback and we reviewed the partnership objectives which are now:

1. Early intervention and prevention of Domestic Abuse and VAWG
2. Support all victims and survivors to report, access help and recover
3. Pursue perpetrators and improve their engagement with behaviour change interventions to reduce harms to victims and their families
4. Strengthen the partnership response to improve multiagency working and information sharing to deliver improved outcomes
5. Working together for safer streets, community and public spaces

# Next Steps

- ❑ **Completion of Violence & Vulnerability Action Plan (December 2021)**
- ❑ **Public consultation of Domestic Abuse & VAWG Strategy (December 2021)**
- ❑ **Complete roll out of multi-agency Domestic Abuse Act 2021 Training (January 2022)**
- ❑ **Implement new Culturally Integrated Family Approach (CIFA) to Domestic Abuse Perpetrator programme in Barnet, Brent & Enfield (immediate)**
- ❑ **Award contracts for recommissioned Domestic Abuse services (Advocacy, 2 women's refuges and the perpetrator programme (implementation April 2022))**