

A1: Making our streets, villages, towns and city safer.**Detections**

The recent HMICFRS inspection reflected that the forces approach to criminal investigation was graded as good.

Having laid the foundations in terms of the quality of investigations we now focus on improving timeliness, not just in terms of the time taken by investigators to gather the evidence required for a prosecution but in partnership with the Crown prosecution Service and other Criminal Justice partners we focus on the end-to-end provision of victim focussed outcomes.

All criminal investigation must have an outcome assigned. There are 22 possible outcomes listed. Outcomes 1 to 8 are considered by the force to be positive outcomes. The priority will always be to bring offenders to justice by one of these 8 outcomes where there is sufficient evidence, and it is in the public interest to do so. The 8 outcomes are as follows:

- 1 Charge / Summons
- 2 Caution – Youths
- 3 Caution – Adults
- 4 Taken into Consideration
- 5 The Offender has Died (all offences) before proceedings could be initiated but sufficient evidence to charge had been secured
- 6 Penalty Notice
- 7 Cannabis Warning
- 8 Community Resolution (inc. Restorative Justice)

All outcomes are monitored through the force operational performance review board as an indication of the quality of our investigations in bringing offenders to justice, preventing crime and improving confidence and satisfaction in policing.

Outcomes 1 – 8 assigned to a crime on closure are considered detected crimes. Outcome 1 involves a case being prosecuted through the court system. Outcomes 2 – 8 are considered out of court disposals.

Out of court disposals are made in consultation with victims of crime are an opportunity to provide intervention and support to offenders at an earlier stage, including diverting them into rehabilitative services to help reduce escalation of offending. Out of court disposals provide swifter justice for victims.

The table below shows the overall detection rate for Nottinghamshire Police. The dates shown are financial years April to March.

Detection Rate	2019/2020	2020/2021
Nottinghamshire	15.30%	13.60%
National	12%	10.80%

At the time of writing, we are approaching the end of Q.3 2022 -2023 with a detection rate of 14.16 %. Our current crime and outcomes data are shown in the table below.

Nottinghamshire Crime and Outcomes	April 2022 - October 2022						
	All Crime	All Detections	Detection % Rate vs All Crimes	Charges	Charge % Rate vs All Detections	Out of Court Disposals	Out of Court Disposal % Rate vs All Detections
All Crime	62,212	8,807	14.16%	5,785	65.69%	3,022	34.31%
Victim-Based Crime	51,816	5,688	10.98%	4,056	71.31%	1,632	28.69%
Violence against the Person	21,202	2,676	12.62%	1,879	70.22%	797	29.78%
Homicide	7	8	114.29%	8	100.00%	-	0.00%
Death or Serious Injury - Unlawful Driving	5	7	140.00%	6	85.71%	1	14.29%
Violence with injury	6,768	1,108	16.37%	783	70.67%	325	29.33%
Violence without injury	8,068	1,034	12.82%	697	67.41%	337	32.59%
Stalking and Harassment	6,355	519	8.17%	385	74.18%	134	25.82%
Sexual Offences	2,177	207	9.51%	190	91.79%	17	8.21%
Rape	774	47	6.07%	47	100.00%	-	0.00%
Other Sexual Offences	1,403	160	11.40%	143	89.38%	17	10.63%
Robbery	606	124	20.46%	120	96.77%	4	3.23%
Robbery of Business Property	82	27	32.93%	27	100.00%	-	0.00%
Robbery of Personal Property	524	97	18.51%	93	95.88%	4	4.12%
Burglary	2,910	263	9.04%	241	91.63%	22	8.37%
Burglary - Residential	1,998	185	9.26%	172	92.97%	13	7.03%
Burglary - Business and Community	912	78	8.55%	69	88.46%	9	11.54%
Theft	14,216	1,619	11.39%	1,159	71.59%	460	28.41%
Theft from the Person	644	30	4.66%	22	73.33%	8	26.67%
Bicycle Theft	922	10	1.08%	10	100.00%	-	0.00%
Shoplifting	7,013	1,427	20.35%	1,062	74.42%	365	25.58%
Other Theft	5,637	152	2.70%	65	42.76%	87	57.24%
Vehicle Offences	3,580	120	3.35%	113	94.17%	7	5.83%
Theft from a Motor Vehicle	1,955	36	1.84%	34	94.44%	2	5.56%
Theft of a Motor Vehicle	1,240	62	5.00%	58	93.55%	4	6.45%
Interfering with Motor Vehicle	385	22	5.71%	21	95.45%	1	4.55%
Arson and Criminal Damage	7,125	679	9.53%	354	52.14%	325	47.86%
Arson	577	40	6.93%	25	62.50%	15	37.50%
Criminal Damage	6,548	639	9.76%	329	51.49%	310	48.51%
Other Crimes Against Society	10,396	3,119	30.00%	1,729	55.43%	1,390	44.57%
Drug Offences	2,350	1,705	72.55%	692	40.59%	1,013	59.41%
Trafficking in Controlled Drugs	517	287	55.51%	232	80.84%	55	19.16%
Possession of Drugs	1,833	1,418	77.36%	460	32.44%	958	67.56%
Possession of Weapons	917	413	45.04%	351	84.99%	62	15.01%
Public Order Offences	5,317	796	14.97%	519	65.20%	277	34.80%
Miscellaneous Crimes Against Society	1,812	205	11.31%	167	81.46%	38	18.54%
Domestic Crime	9,661	1,098	11.37%	941	85.70%	157	14.30%
Violence	7,334	815	11.11%	726	89.08%	89	10.92%
Sexual	361	25	6.93%	25	100.00%	-	0.00%
Other Crime	1,966	258	13.12%	190	73.64%	68	26.36%
Hate Crime	1,093	217	19.85%	159	73.27%	58	26.73%

The embedded tables show the detection rates comparing the full years 2019/2020 with 2021/2022



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For ease of understanding the key highlights of this data can be summarised as follows:

- The overall detection rate is showing an increase in 2022-2023 to 14.16 % when compared to 2021- 2022 at 13.6 %
- Currently our charge rate sits at 65.69 % of all detections.
- Our out of court disposal rate sits at 34.31 % of all detections.
- The out of court disposal rate increased by 11.85 % in 2021 – 2022 compared to 2019 - 2020. This is considered a positive step. The force is confident that out of court disposals are being used appropriately. The ratio of charges compared to out of court disposals remains consistent this financial year compared to last financial year.
- The detection rate for rape this financial year currently sits at 6.07 %. The detection rate for rape improved from 4.18 % in 2019 -2020 to 8.72 % in 2021 -2022. We are however showing a reduced detection rate compared to last year. Analysis shows that our detection rate decreased between June and September 2022 but is now increasing. We currently achieve 50 % of our positive outcomes for rape within less than 12 months. This is compared to 28 % the previous year.
- Our detection rate for dwelling house burglary has increased to 9.26 % this financial year to date compared to 6.34 % in 2021-2022.
- Our detection rate for personal robbery has increased to 18.5 % this financial year to date compared to 11.46 % in 2021-2022.
- Our shoplifting detection rate reduced by 10.6 % in 2021 – 2022 compared to 2019 -2020. This year we have shown a slight increase in detections from 19.09 % in 2020 – 2021 to 20.35 % this financial year to date.
- Since the pandemic there have been increasing evidential difficulties in identifying shop thieves and the propensity for offenders to conceal their identity with facemasks. There have been spates of multiple shop thefts across the force area involving travelling criminals. Excellent work by our Neighbourhood Hub enables these offences to be linked and by working with business we mitigate further risk of offences while parallel investigations ensue identify suspects.

- In respect of multiple thefts our detectives are working with local policing colleagues to share awareness to use outcome code 4 more frequently as an efficient way to detect multiple offences. Training is currently being delivered on investigative and interview strategies to achieve positive outcomes through crimes being taken into consideration alongside a charge.
- The detection rate for domestic violence reduced by 3.4 % in 2021 -2022 compared to the previous financial year. Positively the detection rate for domestic violence has increased this financial year to date to 11.11 % compared to 9.81 % the previous financial year. We have restructured our domestic violence teams and increased resources into this department. Despite a reduced detection rate compared to 2019 -2020 the conviction rate at court for domestic violence continues to increase. This is reflective of our commitment to supporting victims and quality of our investigations.