

COMMUNITY SAFETY

A Q&A WITH PC MICK MURRAY HILLRISE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOODS TEAM

On 22nd November 2017 WHPARA held a public community safety meeting in St. Andrew's to discuss concerns about crime, especially moped-enabled theft, in the area. The Hillrise Safer Neighbourhoods Team were billed to appear, but, due to a local incident, were unable to make it. However, a lively discussion ensued and we collated a list of questions and observations to put to PC Mick Murray of Hillrise SNT. Below are his responses.

[Passages shown thus are our comments]

Overall crime rates and detections?

For an overview of crime in the ward, please refer to the attachments; we only have detection rates for the whole borough.

Moped crime *[Used primarily to snatch phones and other electronic equipment]*

With regard to the recent spate of phone snatches, there has been a marked decrease in reported incidents with 5 this month so far (robbery and theft). The month of October saw 25 robberies (19) and thefts (6) of phones. *[This is just Hillside ward].*

I have attached some stats for you; you will see that robbery and theft (snatch) are recorded separately; robbery is more serious as it involves violence or a threat of violence.

The crime stats for Crouch End are for comparison.

Three youths were recently charged with a series of robberies and thefts in and around Camden and Islington with one of them being remanded in prison pending trial. A fourth youth believed *[to be involved]* in the robberies is under investigation and pending an ID procedure.

Nearest police station / reporting crime / which number to use?

The nearest police station is Holloway (mine) 284 Hornsey Road, N7 7QY. However, the front desk (only) will be closed to the public as of 14th December 2017 as part of our efficiency drive. *[Nearest stations can be found on the Met website - ours are probably Kentish Town and Hornsey].*

To report any non-emergency incident, including road traffic collisions, it is best to use the Met website <https://www.met.police.uk/> and hit the "report" tab. You can phone the non-emergency 101 number, however, as mentioned by some of your members, this number is extremely busy.

The 999 number is for situations where:

- The suspect is still present
- There is an immediate threat to life or violence is threatened or used
- Serious car accident
- Major incidents

Waiting time on 101 number *[several people at the meeting mentioned having to wait a long time, in one case until the next day, before getting or response]*

I will raise this issue with my Inspector.

Where should we send any pictures of a crime?

At the moment, we are unable to accept CCTV downloads via the website.
[NB – this is a misunderstanding – I think the point was about where to send mobile phone pics of crime – we'll check with PC Murray and update this on our website.]

What should we do if approached or attacked?

I advise that if it is a robbery where you are threatened with violence, or if a knife is shown or intimidated, then you hand over what they want – usually a phone. Most of the snatches are just that, a snatch, where a phone is simply snatched from the hand.

Can the law be changed in regard to passengers on mopeds? *[there was a suggestion that this might reduce moped crime, which involves 2 riders]*

Highly unlikely.

Do Police stop people cycling on pavements?

Yes, we do ask some cyclists to get off the pavement, some do get small fines.

Other points/comments

In answer to some of the other points raised, we are aware of all the house burglaries in the area and our team will always attend to provide reassurance and give crime prevention advice.

Londoners are fortunate in regard to "bobbies on the beat"; the Mayor has insisted that each ward have at least two constables and a PCSO and that they are ring-fenced from other police duties such as demonstrations, football etc.

Many of the county forces do not have these officers. Myself, Faisal and Nicola, spend most of our time on the beat around the ward visiting local groups – youth clubs, after school clubs and last Friday we walked into an archery club in Caxton House!! I myself was on foot patrol over Halloween and popped in to St Andrews as there was an event on for the young people.

Reduction in Police numbers in the Met

As to the number of police officers employed by the Met, from the pdf link [*House of Commons Briefing Paper no. 00634, 18 October 2017, Police Service Strength, Grahame Allen & Elise Uberoi*], it looks like the Met is down from a high of 33,367 in 2010 to 31,517 this year and with further major cuts promised to our budget, I'm not sure those numbers will rise anytime soon. The pdf makes very interesting reading and shows police numbers in comparison to other European countries.

Download from

<http://researchbriefings.files.parliament.uk/documents/SN00634/SN00634.pdf> or from

WHPARA at www.whpara.org.uk/assets/pdfs/police/Police_Service_Strength_SN00634.pdf

Further Information

Along with Inspector Steven Murfin and Sergeant Daniel Sullivan, PC Mick Murray looks after the Hillrise Safer Neighbourhoods Team, assisted by PC Faisal Shabir and PCOs Tosun Gulakdeniz and Nicola Hallett. **Email:** mick.K.murray@met.pnn.police.uk.

For more information on the team, stats on crime in the area, and to share any concerns go to: <https://www.met.police.uk/your-area/islington/hillrise/>.

See above for how to report crime and WHPARA's Community Safety page (www.whpara.org.uk/comm-safety/) for additional information.

Meetings

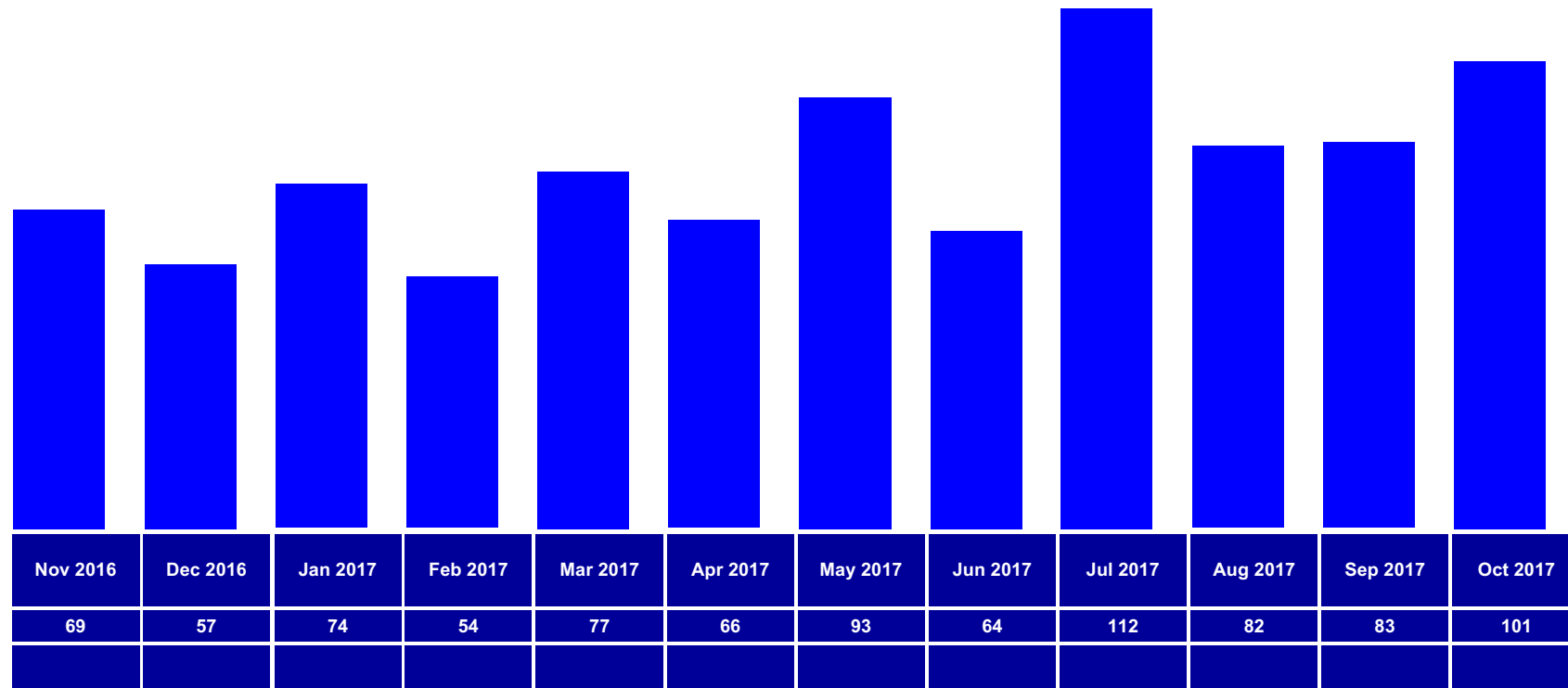
Hillrise Safer Neighbourhoods Policing organise meetings 2-3 times per year to share information and discuss issues pertaining to crime. If you'd like to attend please contact Cllr. Poyser in the first instance, who is collating names and contact details. He can be reached at david.poyser@islington.gov.uk.

WHPARA attends these meetings and will be reporting back on matters of interest on our Police page: www.whpara.org.uk/comm-safety/police/.

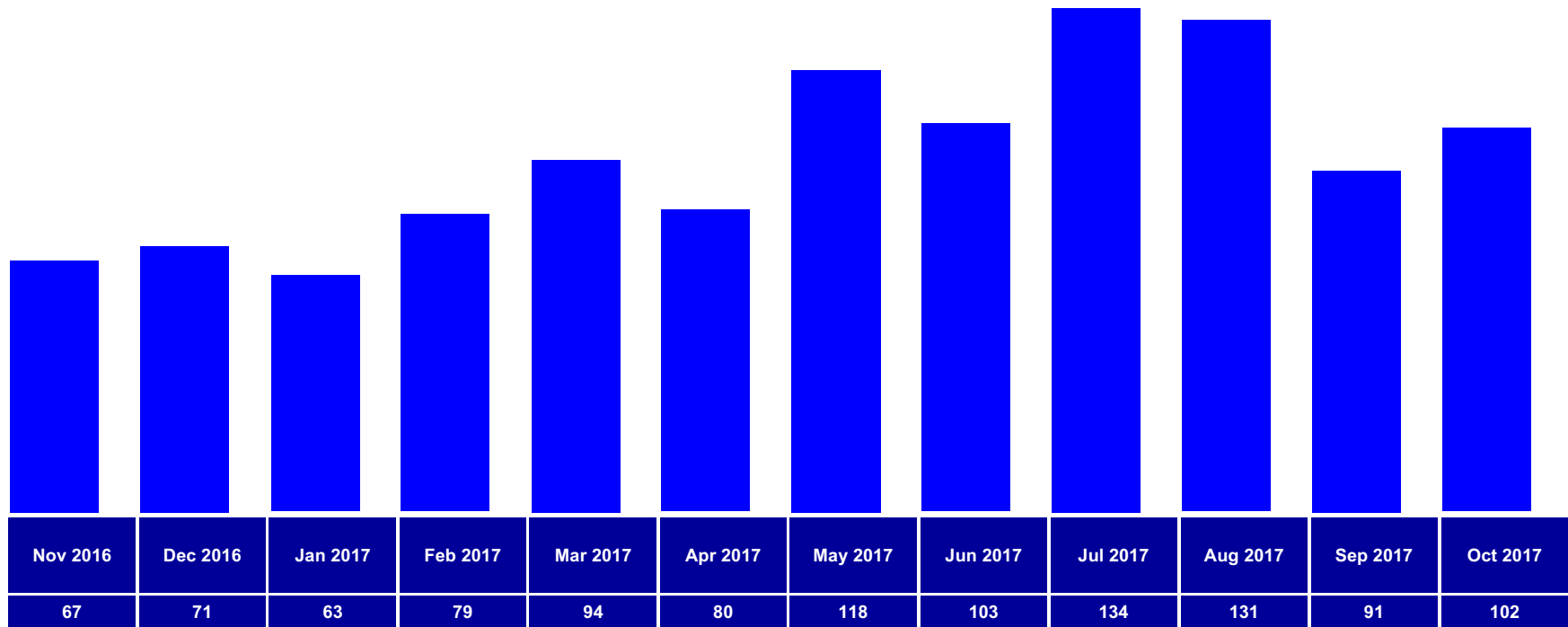
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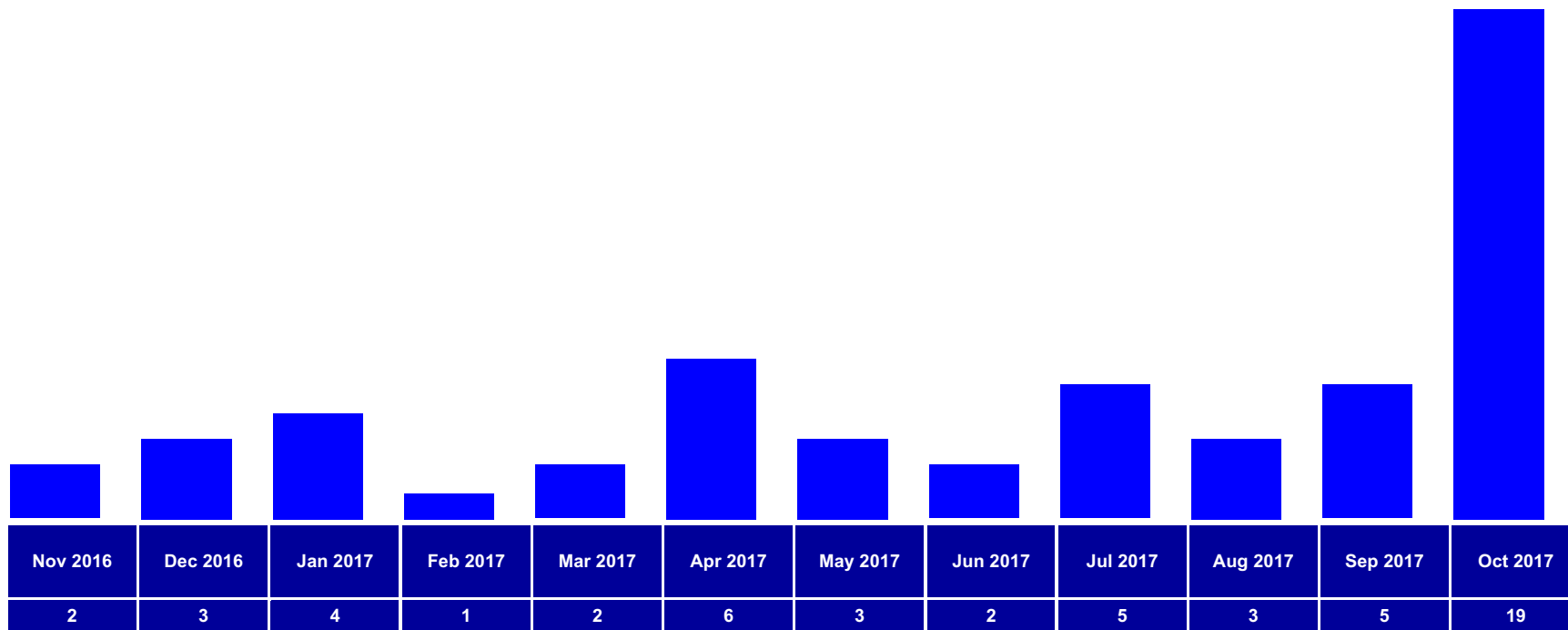
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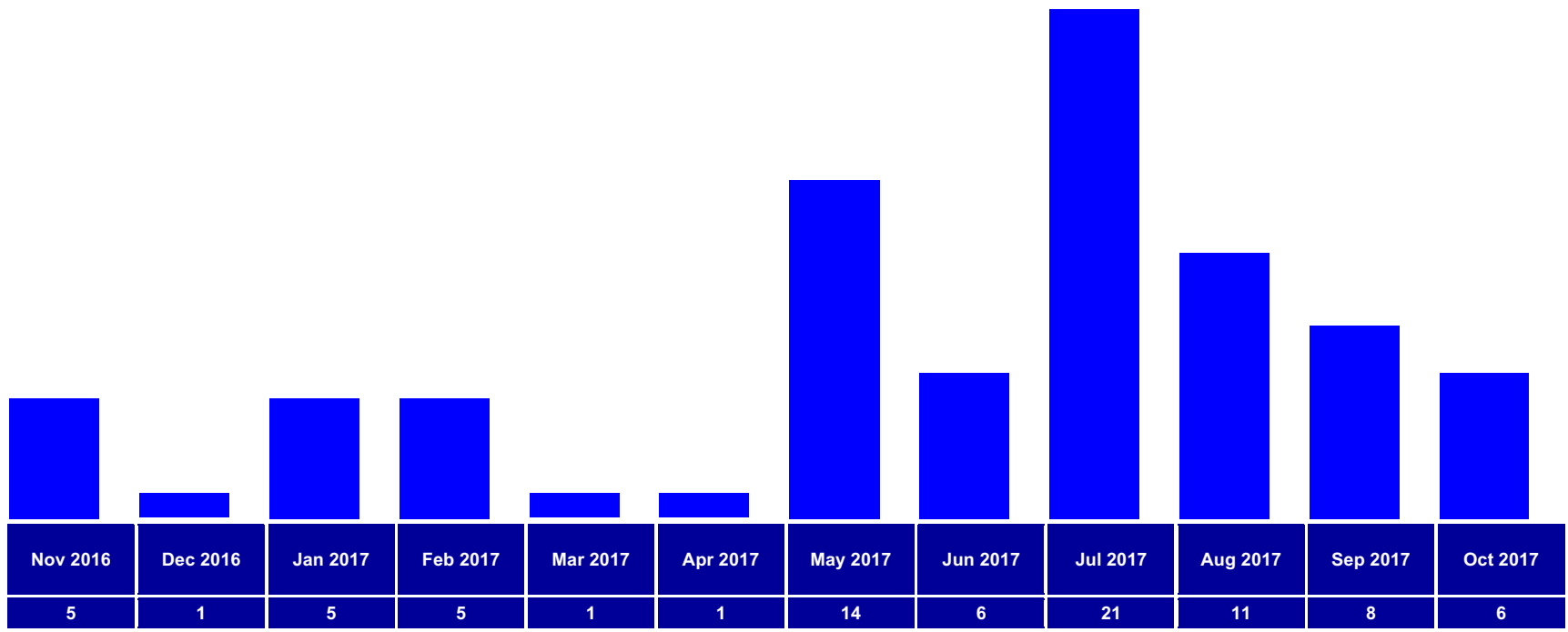
All crime Hillrise ward Nov 2016 – Oct 2017



All crime Crouch End ward Nov 2016 – Oct 2017



Robbery in Hillrise Nov 2016 – Oct 2017



Theft from person (snatches) in Hillrise Nov 206 – Oct 2017

Category	Offences		Sanction Detections		Percentage Change		Sanction Detection Rate	
	Offs		SDs		Offs	SDs	fy15-16	fy16-17
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Total	28,149	28,409	4,850	5,008	0.92%	3.26%	17.23%	17.63%
Total	2,412	1,953	195	170	-19.03%	-12.82%	8.08%	8.70%
Burglary in a Dwelling	1,394	1,049	95	56	-24.75%	-41.05%	6.81%	5.34%
Burglary in Other Buildings	1,018	904	100	114	-11.20%	14.00%	9.82%	12.61%
Total	2,032	1,879	310	279	-7.53%	-10.00%	15.26%	14.85%
Criminal Damage to a Dwelling	530	462	104	72	-12.83%	-30.77%	19.62%	15.58%
Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle	694	632	44	62	-8.93%	40.91%	6.34%	9.81%
Criminal Damage to Other buildings	222	237	50	40	6.76%	-20.00%	22.52%	16.88%
Other Criminal Damage	586	548	112	105	-6.48%	-6.25%	19.11%	19.16%
Total	1,634	1,658	1,344	1,661	1.47%	23.59%	82.25%	100.18%
Drug Trafficking	119	113	93	123	-5.04%	32.26%	78.15%	108.85%
Other Drug Offences	2	14	3	13	600.00%	333.33%	150.00%	92.86%
Possession of Drugs	1,513	1,531	1,248	1,525	1.19%	22.20%	82.49%	99.61%
Total	35	34	15	13	-2.86%	-13.33%	42.86%	38.24%
Counted per Victim	0	0	0	1				
Other Fraud & Forgery	35	34	15	12	-2.86%	-20.00%	42.86%	35.29%
Total			233	230	3.69%	-1.29%	45.24%	43.07%
Going Equipped			9	20	17.65%	122.22%	52.94%	100.00%
Other Notifiable			224	210	3.21%	-6.25%	44.98%	40.86%
Total			72	52	7.99%	-27.78%	7.57%	5.06%
Business Property			22	16	40.00%	-27.27%	36.67%	19.05%
Personal Property			50	36	5.84%	-28.00%	5.61%	3.82%
Total			73	69	12.94%	-5.48%	15.24%	12.75%
Other Sexual	317	345	61	46	8.83%	-24.59%	19.24%	13.33%
Rape	162	196	12	23	20.99%	91.67%	7.41%	11.73%
Total	12,309	13,020	697	758	5.78%	8.75%	5.66%	5.82%
Handling Stolen Goods	64	53	58	40	-17.19%	-31.03%	90.63%	75.47%
Motor Vehicle Interference & Tampering	390	257	17	14	-34.10%	-17.65%	4.36%	5.45%
Other Theft	3,838	3,840	131	142	0.05%	8.40%	3.41%	3.70%
Theft from Motor Vehicle	1,438	1,489	16	13	3.55%	-18.75%	1.11%	0.87%
Theft from Shops	1,337	1,546	345	438	15.63%	26.96%	25.80%	28.33%
Theft Person	3,492	4,207	47	47	20.48%	0.00%	1.35%	1.12%
Theft Taking of Motor Vehicle	712	639	59	43	-10.25%	-27.12%	8.29%	6.73%
Theft Taking of Pedal Cycles	1,038	989	24	21	-4.72%	-12.50%	2.31%	2.12%
Total	7,782	7,763	1,911	1,776	-0.24%	-7.06%	24.56%	22.88%
Assault with Injury	1,501	1,477	462	410	-1.60%	-11.26%	30.78%	27.76%
Common Assault	2,041	2,009	435	370	-1.57%	-14.94%	21.31%	18.42%
Harassment	2,839	2,937	479	444	3.45%	-7.31%	16.87%	15.12%
Murder	6	4	6	2	-33.33%	-66.67%	100.00%	50.00%
Offensive Weapon	167	185	150	159	10.78%	6.00%	89.82%	85.95%
Other Violence	317	314	143	147	-0.95%	2.80%	45.11%	46.82%
Wounding GBH	911	837	236	244	-8.12%	3.39%	25.91%	29.15%

Financial Year: fy15-16
 Major: Fraud and Forgery
 Minor: Counted per Victim
 Type: Offs
 Count: 0