

Crimes in Allerdale with a Domestic Violence Interest Marker

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Nationally domestic violence accounts for a quarter of all recorded violent crime in England and Wales. Nearly half of all female murder victims are killed by a current or former partner. The evidence is stark - statistically every two minutes the police are called about a domestic violence incident and every week two women are killed by a partner or ex partner.

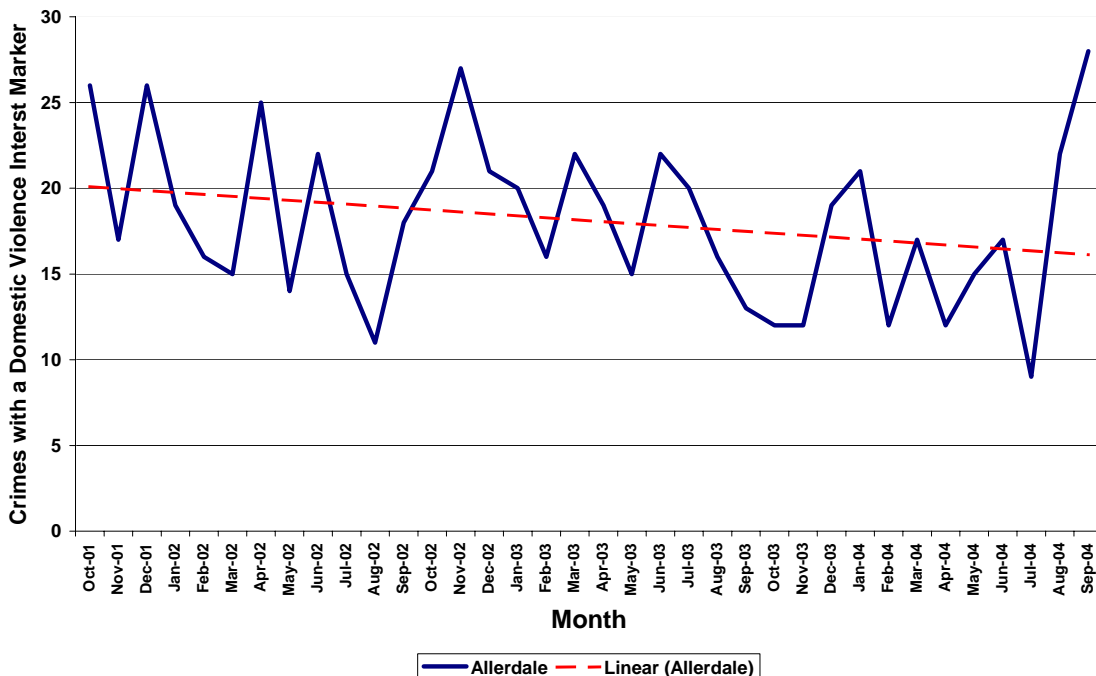
Domestic violence is also a primary indicator of child protection needs with children living in violent households being statistically more at risk of experiencing abuse themselves.

In Cumbria the importance of reducing the levels of domestic violence has been recognised and for that reason domestic violence has been incorporated into Local Public Service Agreements agreed between the County Council and central government. Stretching targets are now in place to increase the level of reporting of domestic violence, reduce the level of repeat victimisation, reduce the volume of victim retraction statements and increase the number of successful convictions. These targets run for three years up to 2005/06.

Perspective (Setting the Scene)

Timeline Graph to show the number of Crimes with a Domestic Violence Interest Marker in Allerdale by Month.

Date Range: 01 October 2001 to 30 September 2004.



The above plot of incidents over the last three years has shown a decline of approximately 6% per annum. Crimes with a domestic violence interest marker, plotted above, do not provide a full picture of the level of domestic violence occurring in West Cumbria because most of the abuse is not reported to the police. However,

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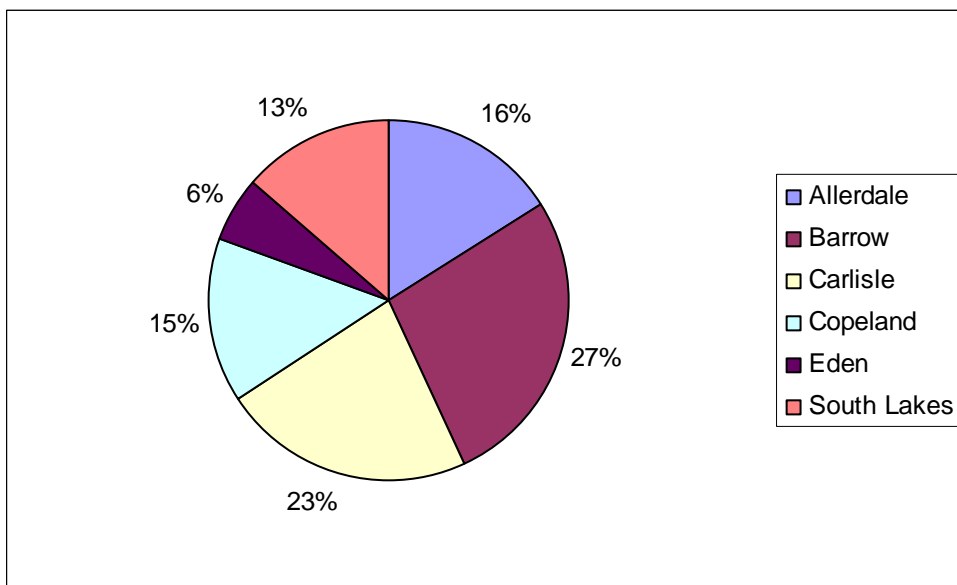
where a crime is recorded and domestic violence is considered to be a factor in that crime then that crime receives a marker. The plot above indicates that these recorded crimes associated with domestic violence have been reducing.

Table to show the Crime Detection Rate of all Offence Types for Crimes with a Domestic Violence Interest Marker in Allerdale. Date range: 01 October 2001 to 30 September 2004.

Detected Flag	DV Crimes
Count Detected	531
Count not Detected	122
Percentage Detected	81%
Percentage not Detected	19%

Invariably most domestic violence victims know their attacker and consequently there is a high detection rate for this crime.

Pie Chart to show the Percentage Distribution of Crimes with a Domestic Violence Interest Marker in Cumbria. Total Number of Offences 1230. Date Range: 01 October 2003 to 30 September 2004.



Allerdale and Copeland have both recorded roughly 15% of all domestic violence in the county which is in line with population levels, however, the rate of domestic violence per head of population is higher in Copeland than Allerdale.

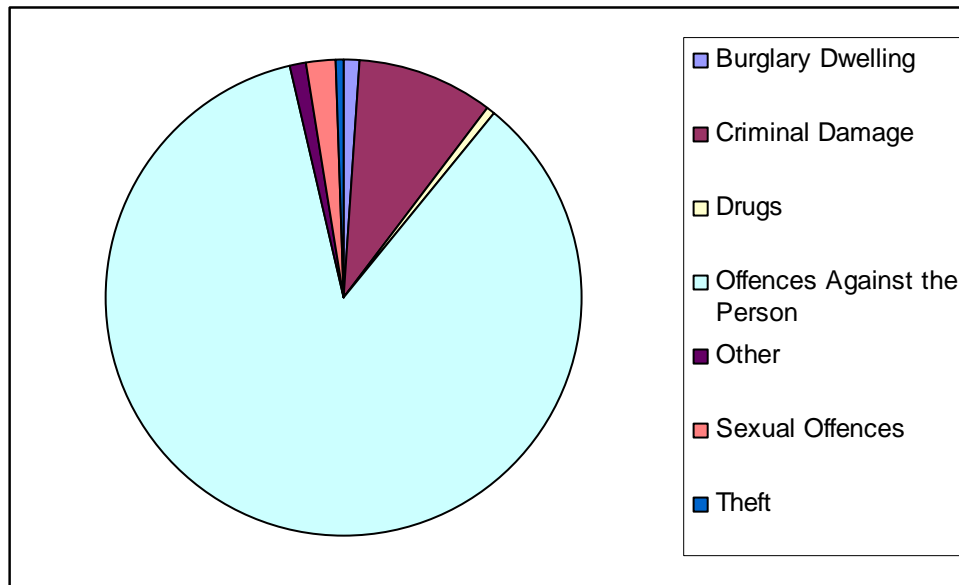
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Pie Chart to Show the Offence Types as a Percentage of all Crimes with a Domestic Violence Interest Marker in Allerdale.

Date range: 01 October 2003 to 30 September 2004.

Total number of crimes = 196



As expected the vast majority of domestic violence crimes are offences against the person, and in Allerdale these account for 87% of recorded incidents. Criminal damage inflicted by one partner on the property of the other accounts for about another 10% of recorded crimes. Details are shown below in the table.

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Table to show the Number and Percentage of Crimes with a Domestic Violence Interest Marker in Cumbria by Offence Type and District.

Offence Types	Allerdale	Barrow-in-Furness	Carlisle	Copeland	Eden	South Lakeland	Cumbria
Burglary Dwelling	2	1	1	2	0	0	6
Criminal Damage	18	38	42	26	7	12	143
Drugs	1	0	1	1	0	0	3
Offences Against the Person	168	282	227	152	65	150	1044
Other	2	10	5	1	0	2	20
Robbery	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Sexual Offences	4	2	3	0	0	1	10
Theft	1	0	1	1	0	0	3
All Offences	196	334	280	183	72	165	1230

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Drugs	1	0	1	1	0	0	3
Other	2	10	5	1	0	2	20
Theft	1	0	1	1	0	0	3
Violent Crime	172	285	230	152	65	151	1055
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Offence Types	Allerdale	Barrow-in-Furness	Carlisle	Copeland	Eden	South Lakeland	Cumbria
Burglary Dwelling	1.0%	0.3%	0.4%	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%
Criminal Damage	9.2%	11.4%	15.0%	14.2%	9.7%	7.3%	11.6%
Drugs	0.5%	0.0%	0.4%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%
Other	1.0%	3.0%	1.8%	0.5%	0.0%	1.2%	1.6%
Theft	0.5%	0.0%	0.4%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%
Violent Crime	87.8%	85.3%	82.1%	83.1%	90.3%	91.5%	85.8%
All Offences	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Analysis and Interpretation

All the analysis in this document uses the date range 01 October 2003 to 30 September 2004 unless stated otherwise.

Table to show the breakdown of offence titles for the number of Crimes with a Domestic Violence Interest Marker in Allerdale.

1 Oct. 2001 to 30 Sept. 2004

Offence Title	Number of DV Crimes
ASSAULT OCCASION ABH	364
COMMON ASSAULT	135
OTHER CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO A DWELLING	45
THREATS TO KILL	17
HARASSMENT	15
OTHER CRIMINAL DAMAGE/OTHER	11
OTHER CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO A VEHICLE	10
INFLICT GBH	7
WOUNDING	5
RAPE OF A FEMALE 16 OR OVER	5
INDECENT ASSAULT FEMALE 16 OR OVER	4
WILFULLY ASSAULT CHILD UNDER 14	3
BURGLARY STEAL/ATT STEAL DWELLING	3
OTHER CRIMINAL DAMAGE/NOT DWELLING	2
ATT RAPE OF A FEMALE 16 OR OVER	2
THREAT/ABUSE/INSULT WORDS DISTRESS SEC 5	2
THREAT/ABUSE/INSULT WORDS/BEHAV SEC 4	2
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	2
BURGLARY W/I TO INFLICT GBH DWELLING	1
BURGLARY W/I STEAL IN DWELLING	1
ATTEMPT PERVERT COURSE OF PUBLIC JUSTICE	1
ATTEMPT MURDER-VICTIM 1 YR OLD OR OVER	1
ARSON - RECKLESSLY ENDANGER LIFE	1
AGGRAVATED BURGLARY IN A DWELLING	1
BREACH OF A RESTRAINING ORDER	1
FALSE IMPRISONMENT	1
INCEST BY MALE WITH GIRL UNDER 13	1
AFFRAY/UNLAWFUL VIOLENCE	1
OBTAIN PROPERTY BY DECEPTION	1
POSS CONTROL DRUG/CLASS B/CANNABIS RESIN	1
RACIALLY AGGRAVATED HARASSMENT/WORDS	1
ROBBERY (PERSONAL PROPERTY)	1
THEFT FROM SHOP OR STALL	1
THEFT IN DWELLING NOT AUTO MACHINE/METER	1
THREATEN TO DAMAGE PROPERTY	1
WOUND W/I TO DO GBH	1
INTIMIDATE JUROR/WITNESS/PERSON/OFFENCE	1

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Table to show the number of Violent Crimes with a Domestic Violence Interest Marker by District Council

Type of Violent Crime	Allerdale	Barrow	Carlisle	Copeland	Eden	South Lakes	Grand Total
Number of (Non Domestic Violence) Violent Crimes	1217	1309	1753	1046	401	910	6637
Number of (Domestic Violence) Violent Crimes	172	285	230	152	65	151	1055
Percentage that are Domestic Violence	12.4%	17.9%	11.6%	12.7%	13.9%	14.2%	13.7%
Total Number of Violent Crimes	1389	1594	1983	1198	466	1061	7692

Table to show the Crimes with a Domestic Violence Interest Marker in Allerdale by day of the week and hour of the day.

Earliest Hour	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Grand Total
0	4	0	3	1	0	7	1	16
1	1	1	0	0	2	2	3	9
2	1	0	0	2	1	2	1	7
3	0	2	0	3	0	1	6	12
4	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	3
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
6	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	4
7	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	4
8	1	1	0	3	1	0	4	10
9	3	2	0	2	0	1	1	9
10	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	3
11	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	7
12	1	0	1	4	2	0	0	8
13	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
14	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
15	3	2	0	0	1	5	0	11
16	0	0	2	0	2	3	0	7
17	0	2	1	0	2	1	2	8
18	2	1	4	3	0	3	1	14
19	0	4	0	0	0	1	2	7
20	0	1	2	0	2	2	2	9
21	3	2	1	0	1	3	0	10
22	5	0	1	1	0	3	8	18
23	0	1	0	4	2	4	2	13
Grand Total	31	21	16	27	18	44	39	196

Values greater than 5 are highlighted

Weekends are the periods of highest recorded DV crime with a small overspill into Monday, together accounting for nearly 60% of all recorded incidents in the twelve month period.

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Table to show the location by ward of Crimes with a Domestic Violence Interest Marker.

Ward Name	Number of Crimes with DV Interest Marker	Census Population	Number of Crimes with DV Interest Marker per 1000 of the Population
MOSS BAY	28	4438	6.309
ELLENBOROUGH	24	3683	6.516
ST MICHAEL'S	20	5221	3.831
EWANRIGG	16	3496	4.577
WIGTON	14	5360	2.612
ELLEN	11	3082	3.569
ALL SAINTS	10	4767	2.098
ST JOHN'S	9	5361	1.679
SEATON	8	5033	1.590
MOORCLOSE	8	4864	1.645
KESWICK	8	5391	1.484
NETHERHALL	8	3186	2.511
SILLOTH	5	3305	1.513
ASPATRIA	5	3266	1.531
HOLME	4	1657	2.414
CHRISTCHURCH	4	3110	1.286
BROUGHTON ST BRIDGET'S	3	3834	0.782
WAVER	2	1834	1.091
SOLWAY	2	1632	1.225
WARNELL	2	1889	1.059
FLIMBY	1	1636	0.611
BOLTONS	1	1747	0.572
STAINBURN	1	1630	0.613
WHARRELS	1	1545	0.647
DALTON	1	1585	0.631
CLIFTON	1	1492	0.670

The above table is based upon only one year's data but it does show the highest concentrations of domestic violence in those wards seen as the most disadvantaged in the borough. Domestic violence is believed to be a crime which shows cuts across all boundaries of social classes affected by it but this table of results does point to the problem being generally more prevalent in the more deprived wards.

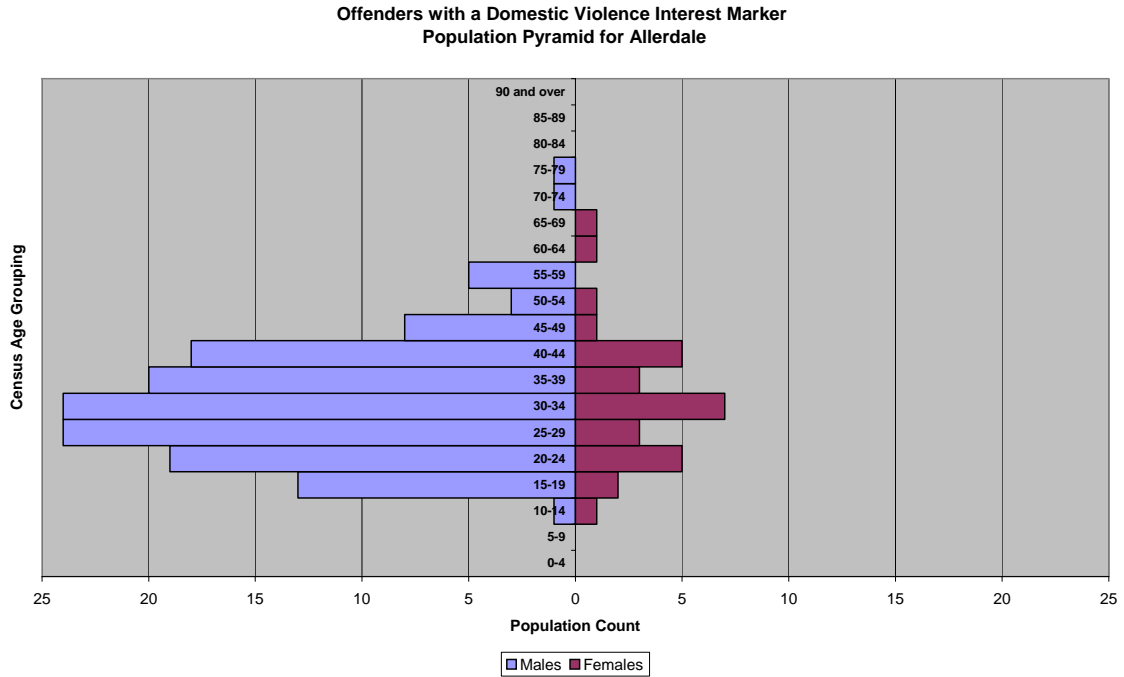
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Offenders

Based upon 81 percent of all offenders.

Population Pyramid to show Offenders with a Domestic Violence Interest Marker for Allerdale.



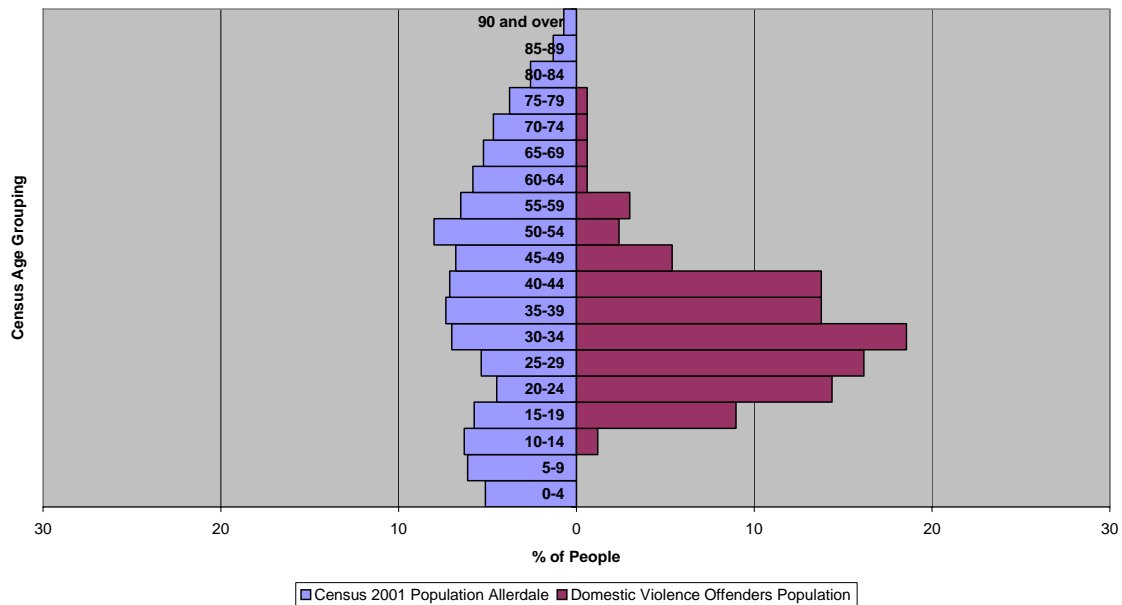
The bulk of offenders are male and between 20 and 40 years old. The proportion of female offenders shown above might be seen as quite high but these figures probably reflect higher levels of non-violent crime in the case of females than is the case with male offenders.

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Population Pyramid to show the Offender Age Profile of Offenders with a Domestic Violence Interest Marker in Allerdale against the Population Age Profile of Allerdale.

Offenders with a Domestic Violence Interest Marker in Allerdale against Census 2001 Population Pyramid by percentages.

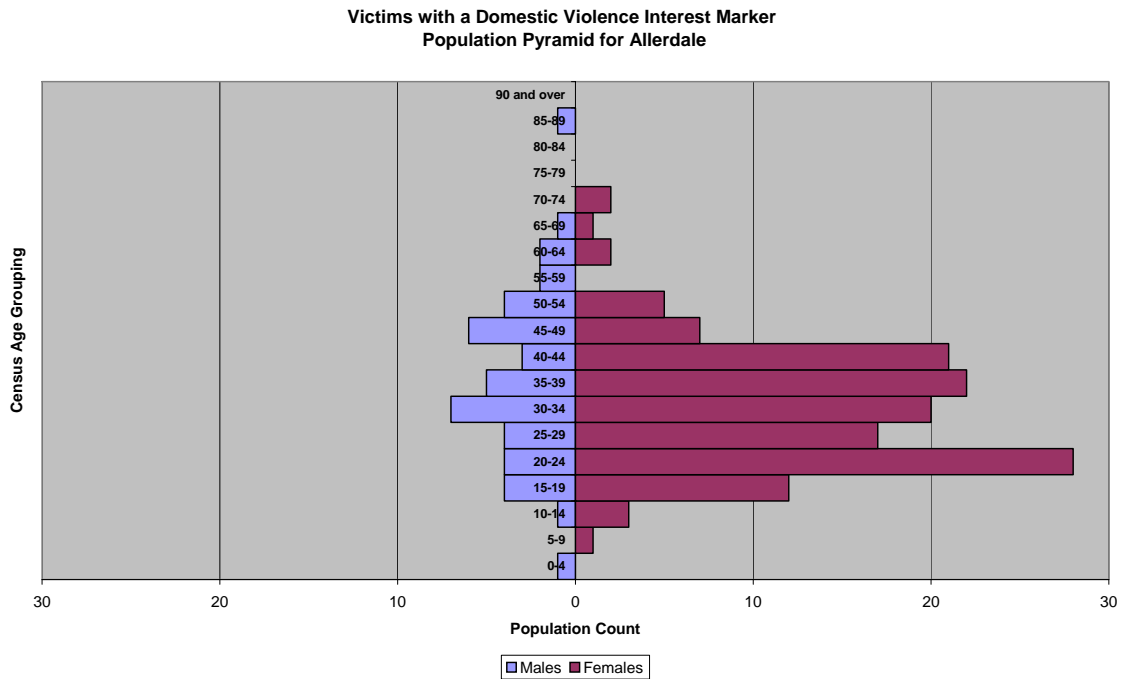


Between the ages of 20 and 40 the proportion of offenders is significantly greater than the general population and this is exactly mirrored in the age rates of victims. Domestic violence appears to be a greater problem amongst men and women below 50 years old although the notoriously low reporting rates suspected for this crime might mask a more hidden problem amongst older groups. There is an increasing realisation that abuse of the elderly by other family members might be much more prevalent than records reveal and the figures presented in this audit probably grossly underestimate this problem.

Both offender and victim age profiles reflect a broader spread of ages compared to most other violent crimes where offenders, in particular, are normally less than 35 years. This indicates that the motives and the conditions which drive domestic violence are very different to those applying to other crimes.

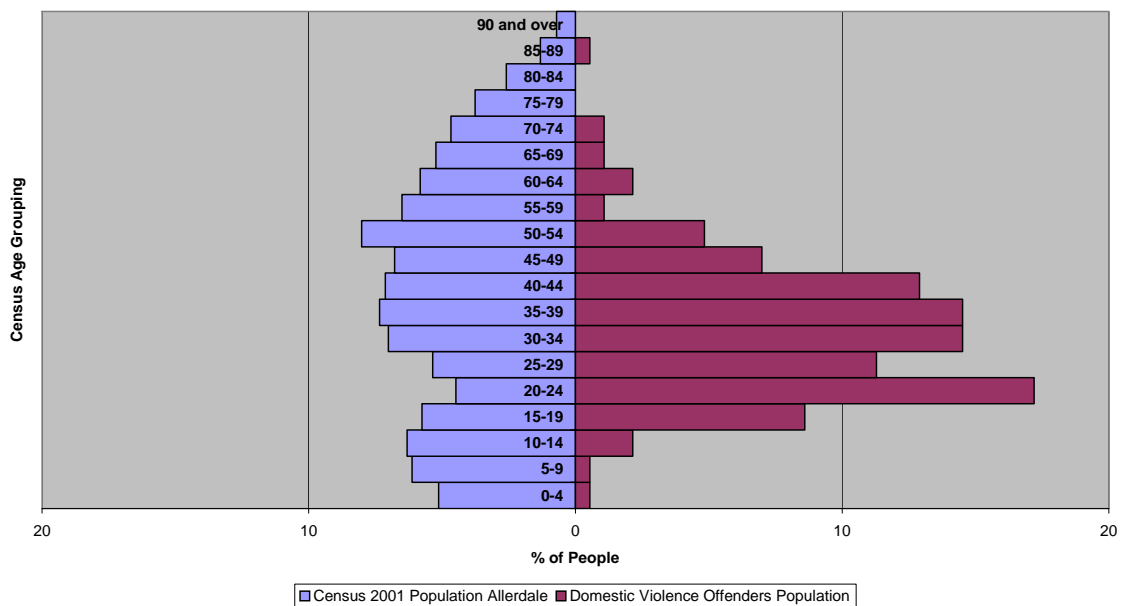
Victims

Population Pyramid to show Victims with a Domestic Violence Interest Marker for Allerdale.



Population Pyramid to show the Victim Age Profile of Victims with a Domestic Violence Interest Marker in Allerdale against the Population Age Profile of Allerdale.

Victims with a Domestic Violence Interest Marker in Allerdale against Census 2001 Population Pyramid by percentages.



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Performance monitoring

The following paragraphs and graphs summarise the current position in relation to meeting the government targets set as part of the Local Public Service Level Agreement. These figures are for all of West Cumbria.

The actual targets that were agreed over a three-year period are detailed below. It must be remembered that the original baseline was the year 2001/02. This was revised by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) in light of the 2002/03 out turns, which exceeded three of the four three year targets. This was mainly due to changes in the crime recording and better collection methods. The baseline is therefore now 2002/03.

The agreed targets are: -

- Indicator 1 - Increase incidents reported to the police by 1422. (Cumbria)
- Indicator 2 - Reduce by 10 percentage points the victims of repeat victimisation.
- Indicator 3 - Decrease by 7 percentage points the number of victim retraction statements.
- Indicator 4 - Increase by 40 the number of convictions for DV -related offences. (Cumbria)

Performance Indicator 1 BVPI 154 for West Cumbria

	Count of DV Incidents West	Count of DV Incidents North	Count of DV Incidents South	Count of DV Incidents Cumbria (Total)
Total for 2003/4	1408	1026	2092	4526
% of Incidents 2003/4	31%	23%	46%	100%

Table to show proportion of target given to each are based on the levels of Domestic Violence in the year 2003/4 (Baseline year for setting area targets)

	Target West	Target North	Target South	Target Cumbria (Total)
Proportion of Target (%)	31%	23%	46%	100%
Proportion of Target in Numbers	1770	1290	2630	5689

The target for 2004/2005 is to increase the number of reported incidents to 1770 by end of March 2005

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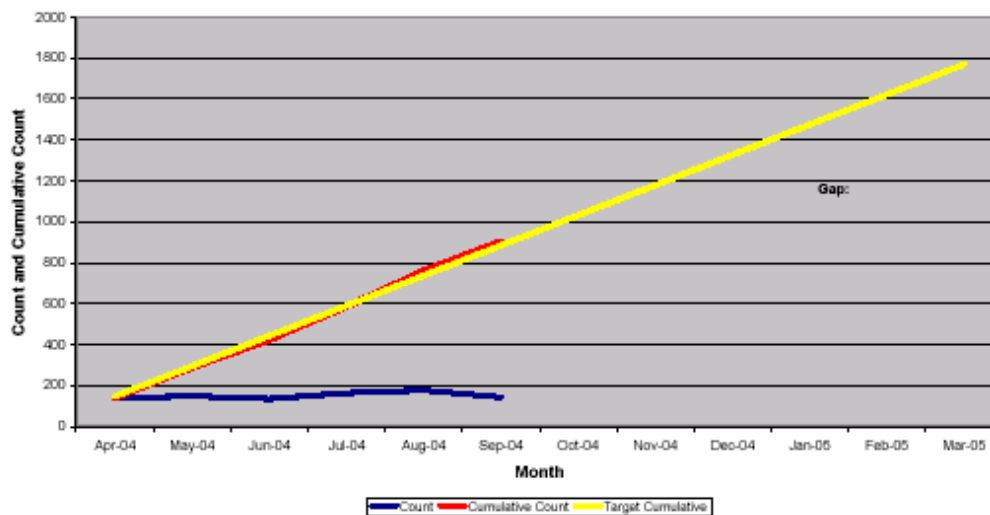
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Performance Indicator 1: BVPI 154 - WEST CUMBRIA

Table to show Performance indicator 1: BVPI 154 Figures

Month	Count	Cumulative Count	Target Cumulative
Apr-04	138	138	147
May-04	149	287	295
Jun-04	135	422	442
Jul-04	163	585	590
Aug-04	177	762	737
Sep-04	143	905	885
Oct-04			1032
Nov-04			1179
Dec-04			1327
Jan-05			1474
Feb-05			1622
Mar-05			1769

WEST CUMBRIA
Performance Indicator 1: Number of Domestic Violence Incidents BVPI 154



The current rate of reporting is meeting the target and if existing performance is maintained then this target should be met.

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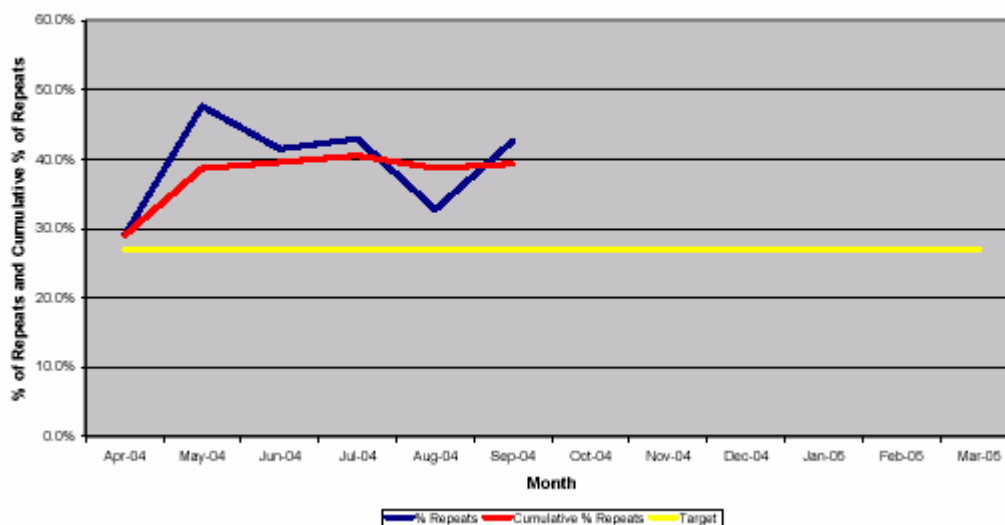
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Performance Indicator 2: BVPI 154: Percentage of Repeat Victimization WEST CUMBRIA

Table to show Performance Indicator 2: BVPI 154 Figures

Month	Numbers	Repeats	% Repeats	Cumulative Count	Cumulative Repeats	Cumulative % Repeats	Target
Apr-04	138	40	29.0%	138	40	29.0%	27%
May-04	149	71	47.7%	287	111	38.7%	27%
Jun-04	135	56	41.5%	422	167	39.6%	27%
Jul-04	163	70	42.9%	585	237	40.5%	27%
Aug-04	177	58	32.8%	762	295	38.7%	27%
Sep-04	143	61	42.7%	905	356	39.3%	27%
Oct-04							27%
Nov-04							27%
Dec-04							27%
Jan-05							27%
Feb-05							27%
Mar-05							27%
Total	905	356	39.3%				

WEST CUMBRIA
Performance Indicator 2: Percentage of Domestic Violence Incidents Repeats



Repeat victimisation has been at a steady rate of roughly 40% for all the 2004/05 year and stands well above the target of 27% set for end of March 2005 and 24% at end of March 2006. Unless there are dramatic improvements there is little likelihood of this target being met.

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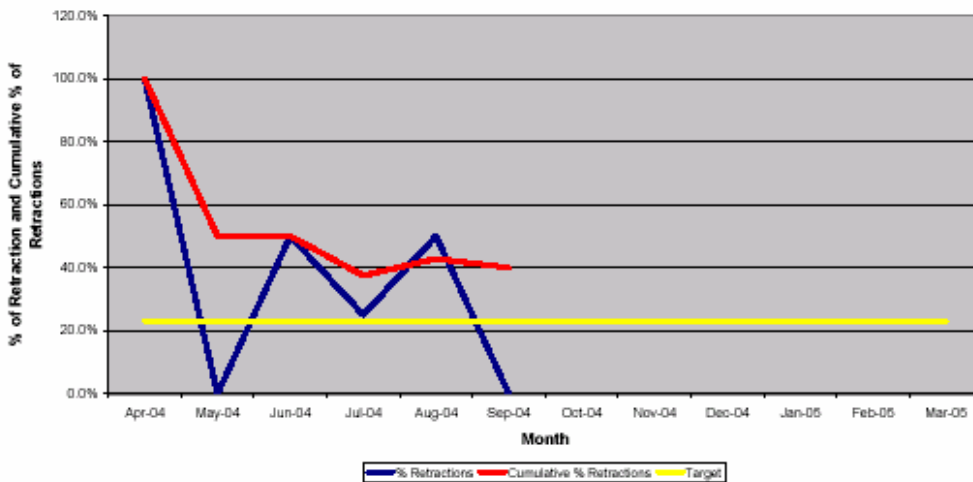
Performance Indicator 3: The number of CPS retraction statements

Table to show Performance Indicator 3 figures: Percentage of CPS Retractions

Month	Total Cases	Number of Retractions	% Retractions
Apr-04	1	1	100.0%
May-04	1	0	0.0%
Jun-04	2	1	50.0%
Jul-04	4	1	25.0%
Aug-04	6	3	50.0%
Sep-04	1	0	0.0%
Oct-04			
Nov-04			
Dec-04			
Jan-05			
Feb-05			
Mar-05			
Total	15	6	40.0%

Cumulative Count	Cumulative Retractions	Cumulative % Retractions	Target
1	1	100.0%	23%
2	1	50.0%	23%
4	2	50.0%	23%
8	3	37.5%	23%
14	6	42.9%	23%
15	6	40.0%	23%
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WEST CUMBRIA
Performance Indicator 3: Percentage of CPS Retractions



Although the proportion of retraction statements is still well below the 23% target there are small signs that this might be improving. There needs to be continued pressure within the court system to ensure as many cases as possible do go to court with appropriate support being offered to victims who might be under pressure to retract.

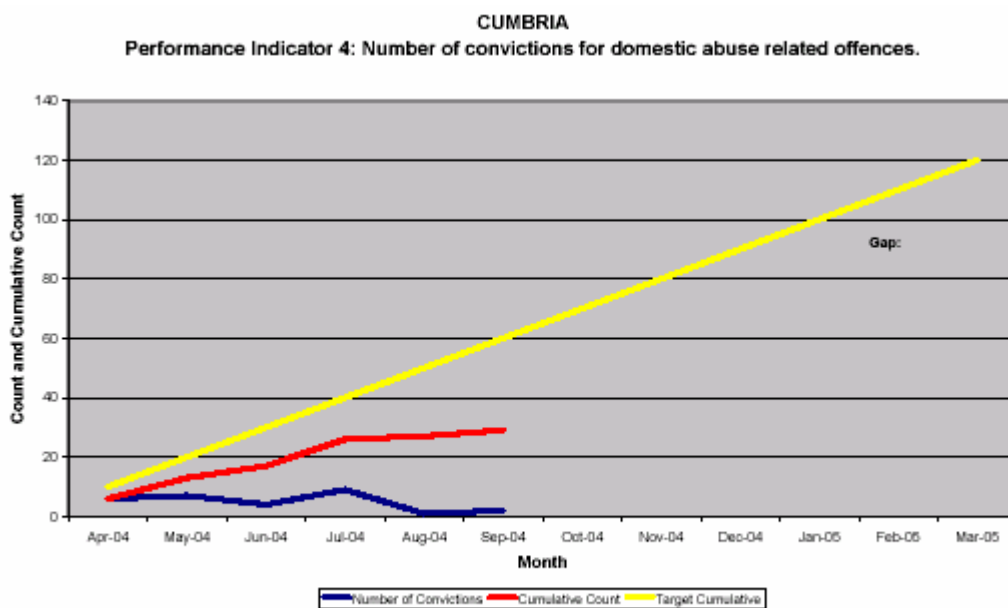
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Performance Indicator 4: Increase the number of convictions

Table to show the Cumbria figures for PI 4

Month	Number of Convictions	Cumulative Count	Target Cumulative
Apr-04	6	6	10
May-04	7	13	20
Jun-04	4	17	30
Jul-04	9	26	40
Aug-04	1	27	50
Sep-04	2	29	60
Oct-04			70
Nov-04			80
Dec-04			90
Jan-05			100
Feb-05			110
Mar-05			120



- The target requires that 120 convictions be attained by end March 05 – current progress is achieving half that rate.

Performance Summary against LPSA targets

Performance Indicator 1: Number of Domestic Violence Incidents BVPI 154

- West Cumbria is 21 incidents off meeting its target

Performance Indicator 2: Percentage of Repeat Victimization

- West Cumbria has 39.3% of victims between April and September 2004 who were repeat victims.

Performance Indicator 3: Percentage of Retractions

- West Cumbria is not on target, with 40% of the convictions for Domestic Violence between April and September 2004 ending in retraction the target of 23% will be hard to achieve by end of March 2005.

Performance Indicator 4: Number of Convictions for Domestic Abuse related offences.

This is measured as county-wide target because of the way the CPS is structured and cases come to court.

- The target for between April and September 2004 was to have 60 convictions for Domestic Violence. Cumbria had only 29 convictions in this time period.