



**London TravelWatch  
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# Introduction

1. Is it safe in London?
2. Sexual Offences
3. Questions
4. Neighbourhood Policing
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## National Operational Priorities

- Counter terrorism
- Cable theft
- Staff assaults
- Robbery
- Football
- Violent assaults
- Anti social behaviour
- Graffiti
- Route crime
- Investigating fatalities



## National Performance 2008/9

- 67,217 Notifiable offences (-15% on 2005/6)
- 935 Sex Offences (-2.6% 25 crimes on 2007/8)

## London Areas Performance 2008/9

- 45,596 Notifiable offences (-17% on 2005/6)
- 676 Sex Offences (- 1.4% 10 crimes on 2007/8)
- **London Area** 527 Sex offences (+4.2% 21 crimes on 2007/8)



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## **BTP Performance in London Areas – Priority Crime 2005/6 to 2008/9**

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	Variance 05/06
<b>Notifiable offences</b>	54,956	55,149	48,030	45,596	<b>-17%</b>
<b>Route crime</b>	1,181	920	835	836	<b>-29%</b>
<b>Theft Passenger Property</b>	18,166	17,345	15,105	12,474	<b>-31%</b>
<b>Anti Social Behaviour</b>	20,088	18,614	17,173	17,173	<b>-12%</b>
<b>Robbery</b>	1,957	1,748	896	725	<b>-63%</b>
<b>Staff Assaults</b>	2,090	2,223	1,932	1,882	<b>-10%</b>



## London Areas Performance 2008/9

	BTP	LU	LN	LS
<b>All Crime</b>	- 4.5% 67,217	- 8.1% 15,109	- 2.3% 13,867	- 4.4% 16,620
<b>Theft</b>	- 15.6% 16,386	- 18% 6,134	- 13.1% 3,289	- 15.6% 3,051
<b>Robbery</b>	- 15.7% 895	- 29.2% 136	- 21.4% 253	- 12% 336
<b>Criminal Damage</b>	- 17.2% 6,501	- 15.9% 1,615	- 18.5% 986	- 17.7% 1,563
<b>Motor Vehicle / Cycle</b>	- 5.4% 9,294	+ 5% 359	- 9.5% 2,853	- 3.3% 3,591
<b>Violent Crime</b>	- 2.4% 9,004	- 2.6% 2,158	+ 4.6% 1,831	- 8% 2,396
<b>Sex Offences</b>	- 2.6% 935 (960)	+ 1.8% 338 (332)	-3.5% 139 (147)	-3.9% 199 (207)



## Is It Safe ?

- Crime down, detections up
- Low crime rate – Nationally 34 notifiable crimes per million passenger journeys
- Low crime rate – London Underground 13 notifiable crimes per million passenger journeys
- **Nationally Sexual Offences are 1.5% of notifiable crimes**
- **London Areas Sexual Offences are 1.25% of notifiable crimes**



## Is It Safe ?

- **But fear of crime**
- **16% of passengers expressed concern over personal safety when travelling by train**
- **Main concerns**
  - **Anti social behaviour**
  - **Staffing at stations & on trains**
  - **Station security (lighting)**





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## London Area – Sex Offences

Offence Category	2006/ 2007	2007/ 2008	2008/ 2009	1 April 2009- 23 June 2009		2008/09 compared to 2006/07	2008/09 compared to 2006/08
Sexual Offences against Males	24	17	18	4		- 25.0%	5.9%
<b>Sexual Offences against Females</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>58</b>		<b>9.3%</b>	<b>6.3%</b>
Indecent Exposure	189	101	98	19		- 48.1%	- 3.0%
Other Sexual	131	100	105	23		- 19.8%	5.0%
<b>Total Sexual Offences</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>104</b>		<b>- 15.5%</b>	<b>4.2%</b>

Crime Code	2006 / 2007	2007 / 2008	2008 / 2009	1/4/ 2009 - 23/6/2009		2008/09 compared to 2006/07	2008/09 compared to 2007/08
Sexual Assault on a Male aged 13 and over	19	16	15	4		-21.1%	-6.3%
Sexual Assault on a Male Child under 13	4	1	3	0		-25.0%	200.0%
Rape of a Male Child under 13	1	0	0	0		-100.0%	-100.0%
<b>Rape of a Female aged 16 and over</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>400.0%</b>	<b>400.0%</b>
Rape of a Female Child under 16	1	0	0	1		-100.0%	-100.0%
<b>Sexual Assault on a Female aged 13 or over</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>55</b>		<b>6.9%</b>	<b>4.6%</b>
<b>Sexual Assault on a Female Child under 13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>133.3%</b>	<b>16.7%</b>
Indecent Exposure	189	101	98	19		-48.1%	-3.0%
<b>Committing an act outraging public decency</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>20</b>		<b>22.4%</b>	<b>5.1%</b>
Sexual Activity involving a Child under 13	0	1	0	0		N/A	-100.0%
Sexual Activity involving a Child under 16	2	1	1	0		-50.0%	0.0%
Familial Sexual Offences (Incest)	1	0	1	0		0.0%	0.0%
Abuse of Children through Prostitution & Pornography	0	1	0	0		N/A	-100.0%
Sexual Grooming	3	0	2	0		-33.3%	-33.3%
Other Sex offences (includes administering a substance with intent to commit a sexual offence)	58	19	19	3		-67.2%	0.0%
	<b>624</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>104</b>		<b>-15.5%</b>	<b>4.2%</b>



## Detection Rates

### **BTP**

2007/8	32.6%
2008/9	31.3%
2009/10	38.0%

### **London Area**

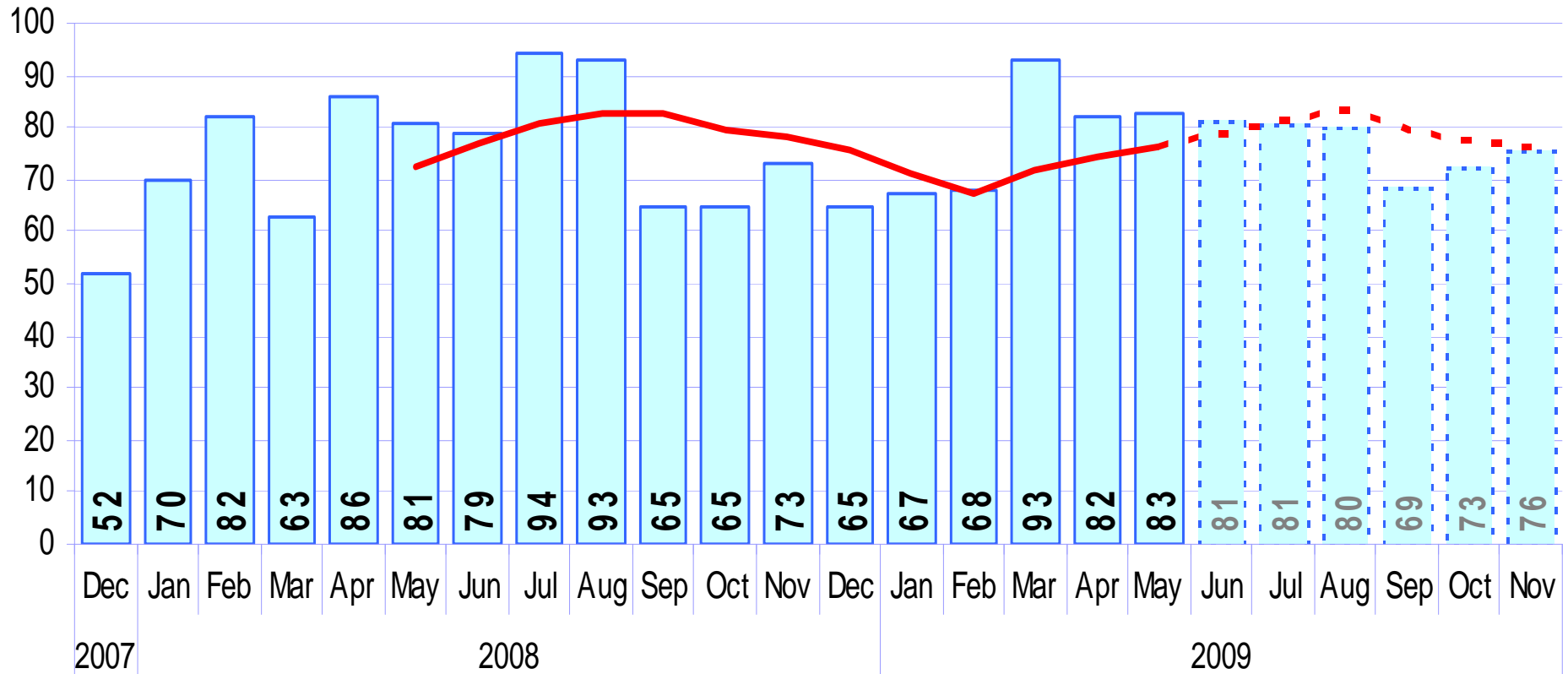
2007/8	29.2%
2008/9	24.3%
2009/10	37.1%



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# Seasonal Trends

## 02A Sex



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# Types of Offences

## Sexual Offences

- Occur throughout the day
- No Hot Spots

## Sexual Assault on a Female aged 13 and over

- Touching to Groping
- Occur mainly on trains
- Peak 08:00 to 09:00 and 16:00 to 19:00
- Throughout Year – Limited Seasonality
- London Underground

## Outraging Public Decency

- Masturbating whilst watching victim (sit near/change seats)
- Train often busy, but lone females are targeted
- Peak at 08:00 and 18:00
- Summer Months - Seasonality
- London South



## Victims / Offenders

### Victims

- Young White Females ( - 20 years)

### Offenders

- 96% Male
- 31 - 40 years
- 45% White; 26% Asian; 16% Black
- Range: High Risk Sex Offenders to Unknown
- Majority not pre-planned – take opportunities
- Alcohol link – serious offences



## London Underground

- **2007/08 – 332 crimes (Detections 27.5%)**
- **2008/09 – 338 crimes (+6) (Detections 21.2%)**
- **2009/10 – at present - 25% and 36.8% Detections**
- **60% sexual offences are touching on crowded trains**
- **Local Policing Plan Priority**
- **Dedicated Indecency Unit**
- **CCTV**
- **Plain Clothes Patrols**
- **Under Reporting (crowded trains / train movements / do not see the offender / down to experience / repeat victim)**



## London South

- 2007/8 – 207 crimes (22.4% Detections)
- 2008/9 – 199 crimes (-8) (28.6% detections)
- 2009/10 – increase of 5 (34 – 39), -2 Sexual Assault, increase in Outraging Public Decency, Local Policing Plan Priority (48.6% Detections)
- CCTV
- Plain Clothes Patrols
- High Number of Registered Sex offenders (Croydon, Lambeth , Lewisham. Southwark)
- Arrest of two serial offenders (six in total)
- Reporting – More confident due to crime type





# Sexual Offences

Questions?



## Policing Transport in London

### **British Transport Police**

- Three London Areas
- Response
- NPT's – every Borough
- CTSU

### **City of London Police**

- Response and NPT's
- Transport Unit

### **Metropolitan Police Service**

- 32 Borough OCU's
- Borough OCU Response and NPT's
- Transport OCU
- Safer Transport Teams
- Hub Teams



## Neighbourhood Policing

- **72 NPT's in BTP**
- **44 NPT's in London**
- **BTP NPT in every London Borough**
- **Cover agreed stations / line of route**
- **Not possible everywhere**
- **Problem solving / own territory / relationships**
- **BTPA Evaluation**



## **BTP and Partner Initiatives**

- **Neighbourhood Policing Teams / Engagement**
- **London Transport Community Safety Partnership**
- **Community Safety Plan (2010 Mayor's Strategy)**
- **Police Joint Operations with TfL**
- **COMPSTAT**
- **Joint Tasking Meetings (BTP)**
- **Joint Tasking and Action Groups (MPS)**



## **BTP and Partner Initiatives**

- **Mayors 50 (Bromley, Croydon, Wimbledon, Acton, Finsbury Park, Seven Sisters, Stratford)**
- **London Overground**
- **Borough Engagement Groups (Hammersmith and Fulham, Newham)**
- **Westfield Shopping Centre**
- **Special Constabulary**



## London Underground

- **30 NPT's launched June 2008**
- **Cover all of the Underground system**
- **21% staff – Officers and PCSO's**
- **Cover morning rush hour to close**
- **Abstraction Policy (achieved 85%)**
- **Successes – visibility, crime reduction / detection, engagement with business and station staff**
- **Ongoing Work – PACT meetings, community and passenger engagement**



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## **London North**

- **Review 2008 - 6 NPT Hub Teams (Liverpool Street, Kings Cross, St Pancras, Euston, Paddington, Marylebone)**
- **London Overground – 3 NPT's (Watford – Richmond, West London Line - Stratford, Gospel Oak - Barking)**
- **Mayor's 50 (Acton, Finsbury Park, Seven Sisters, Stratford)**
- **Cover 07:00 to Midnight**
- **Officers and PCSO's, with Travel Safe Officers**
- **Successes – visibility, crime reduction / detection, engagement with business and station staff, PACT Meetings**



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## **London South**

- **BTP / TfL Funding (Lewisham, Waterloo, Clapham Junction, London Bridge, Victoria, Victoria Loop Line, First Capital Connect, Richmond)**
- **Mayor's 50 (Croydon, Bromley, Wimbledon)**
- **Officers and PCSO's, with Travel Safe Officers**
- **Successes – visibility, crime reduction / detection, engagement with business and station staff, PACT Meetings**





# Neighbourhood Policing

Questions?