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Crime Pattern Analysis

Alcohol Related Crime, ASB and PSW Occurrences within the City of York CIA

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Introduction

The purpose of this report is to highlight the current picture of Alcohol Related Crime, Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and Public, Safety and Welfare (PSW) occurrences reported within the City of York Cumulative Impact Area (CIA) area.

Data within this review will focus on the following period: 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024. Activity will be compared with data from the previous financial years (2022/23 and 2021/22). The data is based on reported time, which may not always be the same as the time at which the incident occurred.

For the purpose of this report, alcohol-fuelled disorder during the day-time economy period is identified as between the hours of 0600 and 1800 and alcohol-fuelled disorder during the night-time economy period is between 1800 and 0600.

Key Findings

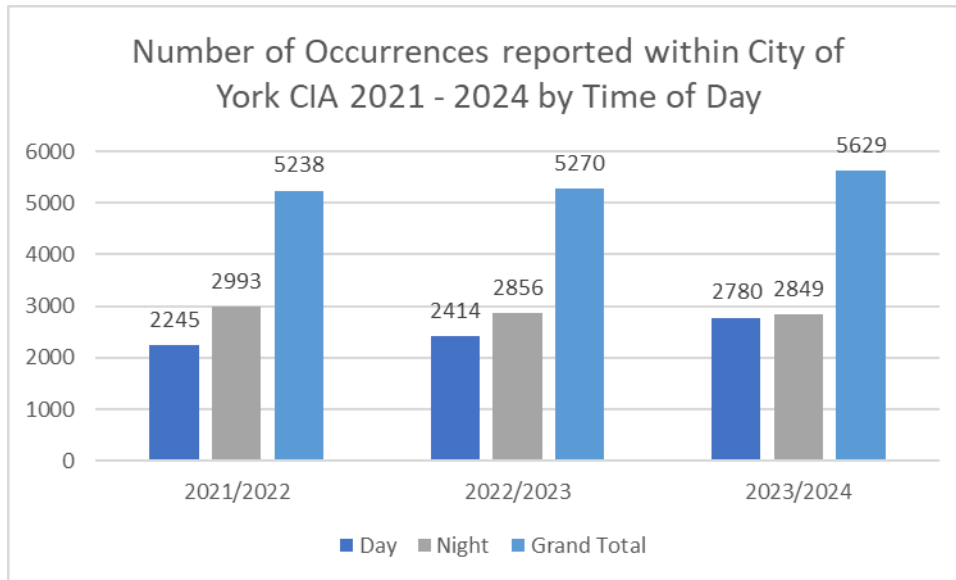
Overall the crime and occurrences continue to follow a similar pattern to those highlighted in the York CIA report covering 2018/19-2020/21. The Cumulative Impact Area (CIA) encapsulates the majority of Crimes / ASB and PSW incidents in the centre of York.

2023/24 Data

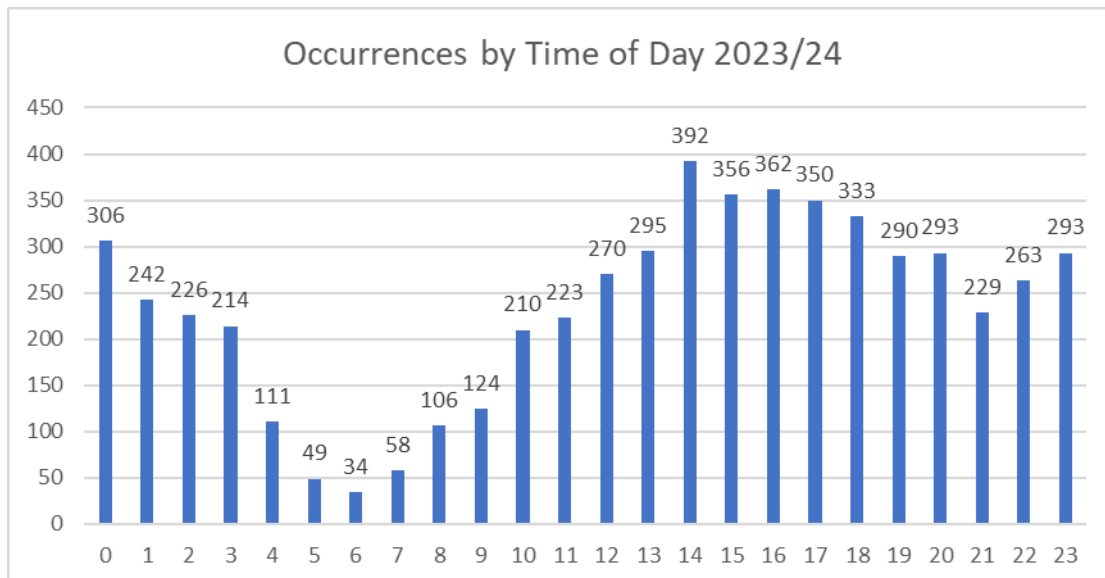
- There are similar levels of reporting in the daytime and night-time economy
- The peak reporting time is between 14:00 – 18:00, which is a shift from 2020/21 where the peak was between 23:00 – 01:00
- There is a substantial rise in reporting on a weekend, in particular on Saturdays, which accounts for 22% of the total
- August is the month which sees the most reports
- Crime Violence is the top crime type, followed closely by Crime Theft General, and then ASB Nuisance. This is a change from the 2018-2021 CIA (ASB Nuisance).
- The top five streets reflect previous years (with the order slightly changed)
- Piccadilly has seen a significant increase in reporting
- ASB Nuisance accounts for 61% of Dispersals issued
- Coney Street saw the most Dispersals issued (17% of the total)
- Coney Street is the location with the most Crime Theft General, and PSW Abandoned Call reports
- Blake Street is the location with the most ASB Nuisance and Crime Violence reports

Occurrences

- There are more incidents reported within the City of York Cumulative Impact Area (CIA) during the Night-time Economy period (NTE), however this has levelled off in the period 2023 – 2024 with just over half (51%) reported in the NTE.

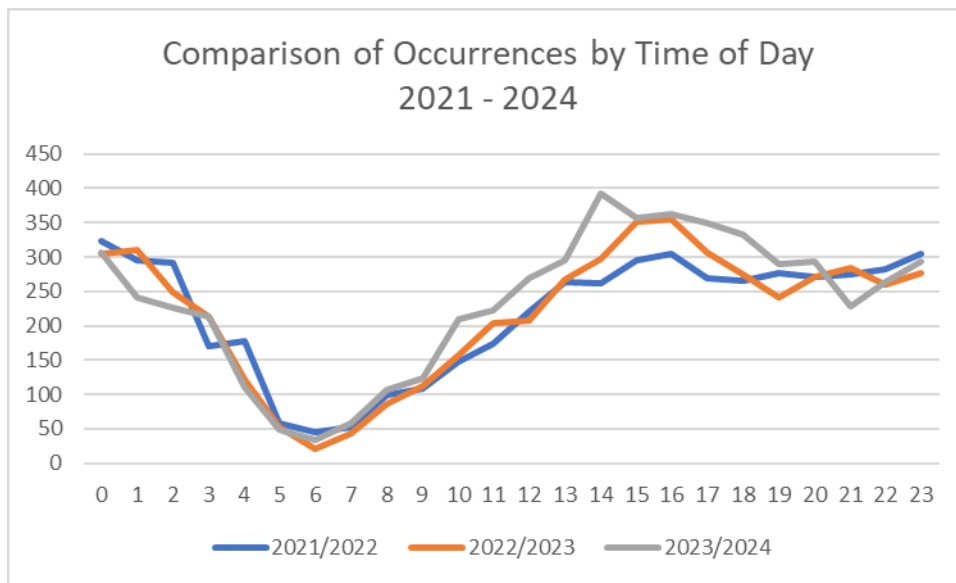


- For the period 2023/24 there is a peak in reporting between 14:00 – 18:00. There is another smaller peak between 23:00 – 01:00

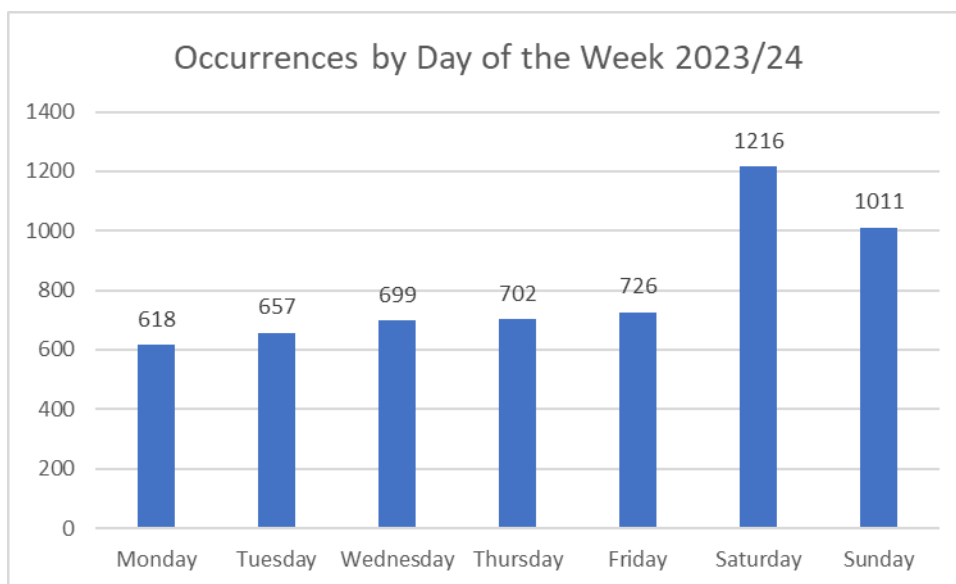


- By comparison with 2021/22 and 2022/23, the peaks in reporting times are:
 2021/22 the peak is between 23:00 – 01:00, with a smaller peak between 15:00 – 17:00
 2022/23 the peak is between 15:00 – 17:00, with a smaller peak between 00:00 – 02:00.

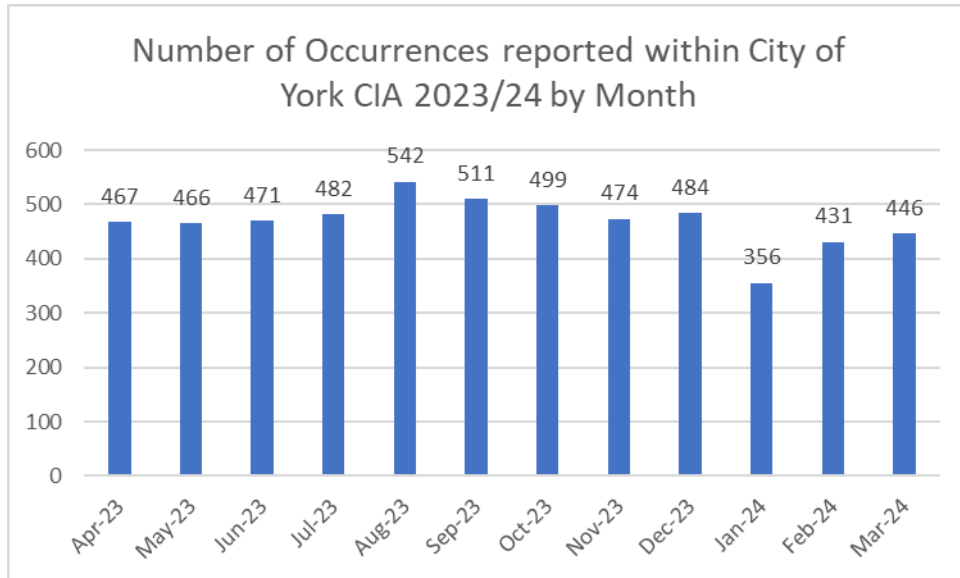
This shows a move towards increased reporting in the Daytime Economy over the years.



- Incidents are reported throughout the week, with a substantial rise seen on a Saturday which accounts for 22% of the total in the period 2023/24, with Sunday accounting for 18%. This pattern is also seen in the data for the period 2021/2 and 2022/3.



- Reporting remains high throughout the year, with the peak in August and a decline in January.



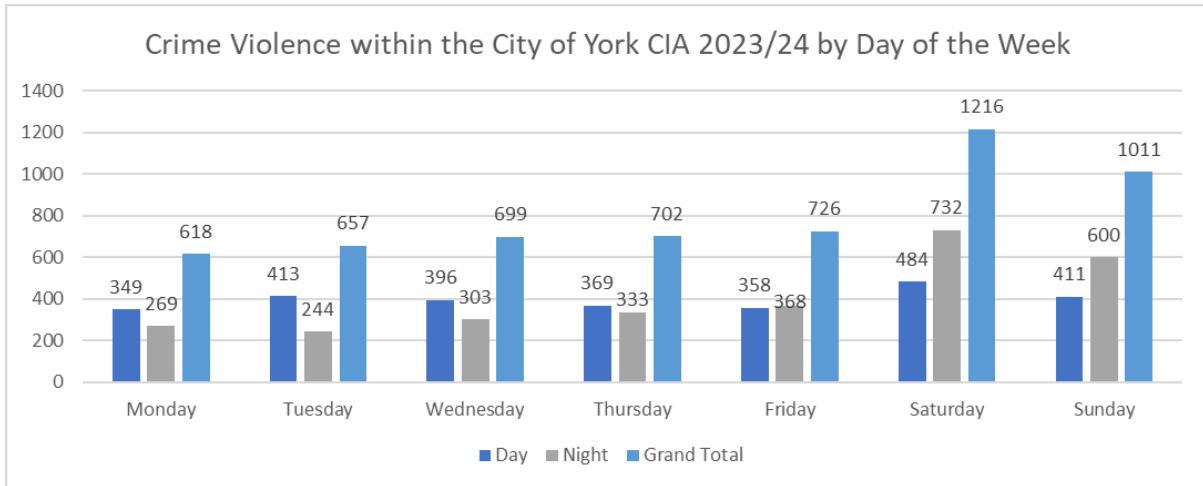
6. 5629 occurrences (within the parameters) have been reported within the CIA in 2023/24. The top occurrence types are shown within the table below, by year.

Occurrence Type	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
Crime Violence	1025	1027	1005
Crime Theft General	736	851	937
ASB Nuisance	747	559	748
PSW Abandoned Call	451	530	674
PSW Concern for Safety/Collapse/Injury/Illness/Trapped	541	555	549

7. Crime Violence is the most prevalent crime type across all three financial years, accounting for 18% in the CIA 2023/24, 66% of which were reported in the night-time economy, and 50% were reported across the weekend¹. Reporting of Crime Violence across the time periods is stable with a slight decline in 2023/24; with at least 55% of Crime Violence reporting is believed to be linked to alcohol.²

¹ Saturday and Sunday

² NICL closure class contains alcohol



8. Crime Violence accounts for 41% of crime types in the CIA 2023/24. There is a noticeable decline in Crime Sexual Offence and Crime Robbery reports for 2023/24.

Crime Type	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
Crime Violence	1025	1027	1005
Crime Theft General	736	851	937
Crime Other Offences	240	187	164
Crime Criminal Damage	137	112	111
Crime Crime related incident	67	70	87
Crime Sexual Offence	76	81	58
Crime Drugs	58	44	57
Crime Fraud & Forgery	35	47	33
Crime Robbery	24	12	13

9. Crime Sexual Offence is covered in more detail in a recent report under Op Vigilant. Op Vigilant is an operation employed by North Yorkshire Police which uses specially trained officers to identify potential perpetrators of sexual offences operating in the night-time economy. The operation has been adopted from Thames Valley Police, where plain clothed officers observed individuals of concern, passing the details to uniformed officers in order to engage with the subjects and deter any offending).

The data analysed in this report covered the period April 2023 – March 2024, and focussed on the Night-time Economy in York City Centre (rather than the CIA).

Extract as follows:

- i) *Seventy two percent of offences occurred between Friday night and the early hours of Sunday morning (28 out of 39 offences). The highest level of offending occurred on Saturday nights into Sunday mornings (18 offences, 46% of the total). There was a slight peak in offences in the early hours of Wednesday mornings (5 offences). Three of the victims were aged between 17 and 21. Two victims' home addresses suggest that they could be students. One of the victims was walking home*

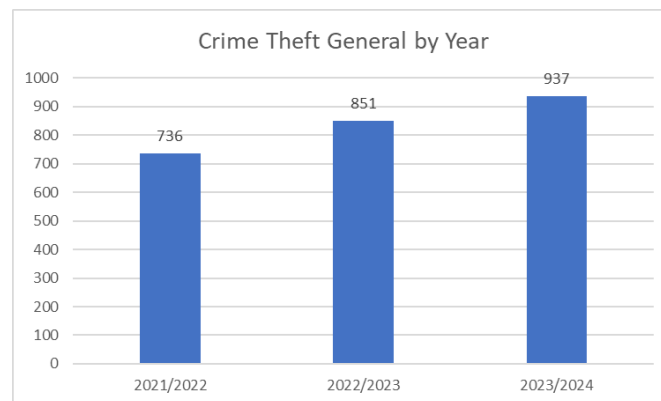
after working as a member of bar staff at a city centre bar. There were no repeat locations for midweek offences.

- ii) **Number of offences:**
GEORGE HUDSON STREET YORK YO16JL - 7
TANNER ROW YORK YO16JB - 5
SWINEGATE YORK YO18AZ - 4
CLIFFORD STREET YORK YO19RD - 2
KING STREET YORK YO19SP - 2

*The top three repeat premises were located on:
 George Hudson Street, Tanner Row and Swinegate.
 These venues collectively accounted for 14 offences (36% of the total).*

Of the offences which occurred on the street, no street saw more than one offence.

10. Crime Theft General has seen an increase in reporting year on year, accounting for 38% of the crime types in the CIA 2023/24.
 Out of the 937 Crime Theft General, 543 crimes have property listed as stolen, alcohol was stolen in 61 of the total offences (6.5%)³.



11. ASB Nuisance saw a reduction in 2022/23, with similar levels seen in 2021/22 and 2023/24.
 ASB Personal has seen a slight reduction between 2021/22 and 2023/24, with ASB Environmental seeing a significant reduction in 2022/23 and then again in 2023/24.

Occurrence Type	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
ASB Nuisance	747	559	748
ASB Personal	61	34	44
ASB Environmental	71	25	15

³ Evidence from the Commercial Victimization Survey (CVS), 2021 indicates that some types of retail premises experienced notably higher prevalence of theft by a customer. For example 77% of supermarkets experienced customer theft according to the CVS, 2021 which is much higher than the wider Wholesale and retail sector (25%). The two most commonly stolen items by customer theft were ‘food or groceries’ and ‘alcohol’ (an estimated 39% and 25%, respectively) (Source: ONS October 2023)

12. Dispersals Notices⁴ were issued across nine occurrence types, ASB Nuisance accounting for 61% of Dispersals in 2023/24.
2022/23 saw a decrease in Dispersals issued (35), overall the number of Dispersals issued between 2021 – 2024 remains low.

Occurrence Type	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
ASB Nuisance	51	18	43
Admin Police Generated Resource Activity	4	7	10
Crime Violence	4	2	4
Crime Theft General		2	7
Crime Other Offences	1	1	5
PSW Concern for Safety/Collapse/Injury/Illness/Trapped		4	
Crime Crime related incident	1		1
ASB Environmental			1
Crime Drugs		1	
Grand Total	61	35	71

13. The top ten areas where Dispersal Notices were issued for the period 2023/24, shows Coney Street as the top location (17%), this was also seen in 2022/23.
St Saviourgate is a new location seen in 2023-24 with six Dispersal Notices issued, compared to 2022/23 and 2021/22 where none were issued. Similarly, Station Road has seen four Dispersal Notices used, whereas in 2022/23 and 2021/22 none were issued.
In 2023/24 75% of the Dispersals were issued in the Daytime Economy.

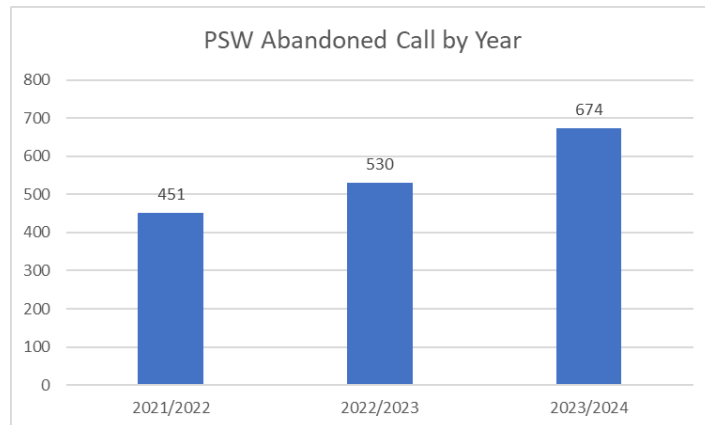
Street Address	2021/2022
HIGH OUSEGATE	6
ST HELENS SQUARE	5
CONEY STREET	4
PARLIAMENT STREET	4
LOW OUSEGATE	4
LENDAL	4
LITTLE STONEGATE	3
DAVYGATE	3
STONEGATE	3
BLAKE STREET	2

Street Address	2022/2023
CONEY STREET	9
BLAKE STREET	7
PARLIAMENT STREET	4
LOW OUSEGATE	3
ST HELENS SQUARE	2
DAVYGATE	2
PAVEMENT	1
LITTLE STONEGATE	1
STONEGATE	1
DUNCOMBE PLACE	1

Street Address	2023/2024
CONEY STREET	12
BLAKE STREET	7
ST SAVIOURGATE	6
LOW OUSEGATE	6
PARLIAMENT STREET	5
PICCADILLY	5
STATION ROAD	4
LOW PETERGATE	3
STONEGATE	2
PAVEMENT	2

⁴ Under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, Officers can disperse people who they believe are likely to commit crime or disorder, or behave anti-socially.

14. PSW Abandoned Call has seen a steady increase in reporting between 2021 and 2024.



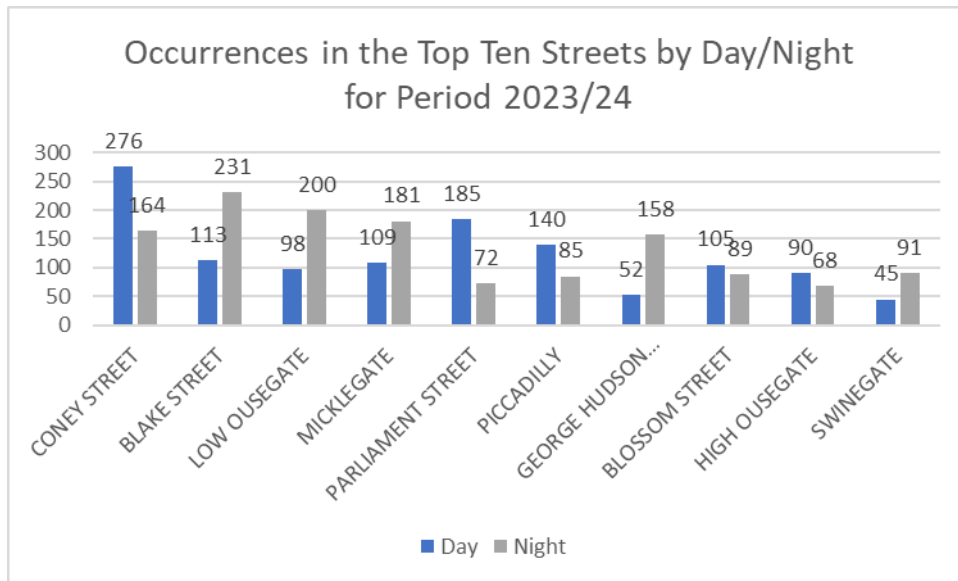
15. PSW Concern for Safety/Collapse/ Injury/ Illness/Trapped is also recorded within the top tier of occurrences. Levels remain relatively stable between 2021 and 2024.

Location

16. The ‘Top Ten Tier Streets’, within the CIA, which record the highest level of occurrences and crimes, are evidenced within the table below. Coney Street, Blake Street and Micklegate feature highly across the years. These localities encompass a high concentration of licensed premises, off-license express supermarkets, late night eateries and cafes as well as hotel and retail premises. Consequently footfall is high. Piccadilly has seen the biggest increase in reporting in 2023/24 compared with previous years, followed by Low Ousegate.

Street Address	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	% Change 22/23 - 23/24
CONEY STREET	370	386	440	↑ 12%
BLAKE STREET	284	301	344	↑ 13%
LOW OUSEGATE	219	218	298	↑ 27%
MICKLEGATE	335	318	290	↓ 10%
PARLIAMENT STREET	254	300	257	↓ 17%
PICCADILLY	125	132	225	↑ 41%
GEORGE HUDSON STREET	240	228	210	↓ 9%
BLOSSOM STREET	196	195	194	↓ 1%
HIGH OUSEGATE	93	138	158	↑ 13%
SWINEGATE	128	108	136	↑ 21%

17. Night-time Economy reporting is more prevalent in Blake Street, Low Ousegate, Micklegate, George Hudson Street and Swinegate.



18. The top five tier streets (2023-24) are listed below against the top five occurrence and crime types.

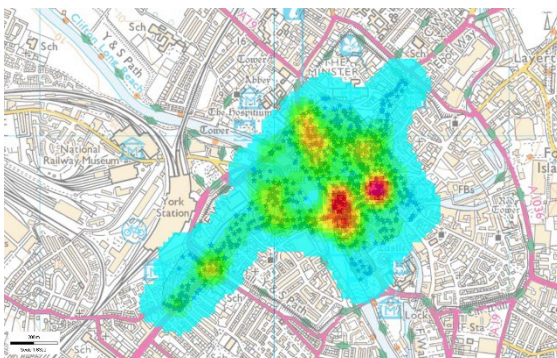
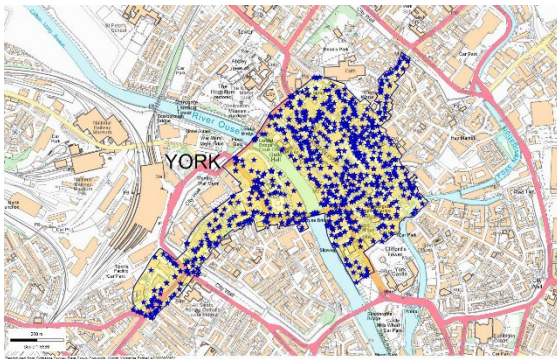
- Coney Street reports predominantly Crime Theft General, followed by PSW Abandoned Call
- Blake Street reports predominantly ASB Nuisance, closely followed by Crime Violence
- Low Ousegate reports predominantly PSW Concern for Safety closely followed by Crime Violence
- Micklegate reports are predominantly Crime Violence
- Parliament Street reports are predominantly Crime Theft General

Street Address	ASB Nuisance	Crime Theft General	Crime Violence	PSW Abandoned Call	PSW Concern for Safety/Collapse/Injury/Illness/Trapped
CONEY STREET	48	110	56	74	28
BLAKE STREET	100	28	88	25	19
LOW OUSEGATE	35	42	63	11	67
MICKLEGATE	34	27	63	33	25
PARLIAMENT STREET	33	81	17	12	26

19. 2021/2022

Hot Spot Map showing the concentration of occurrences within the City of York CIA between **01/04/2021 and 31/03/2022**.

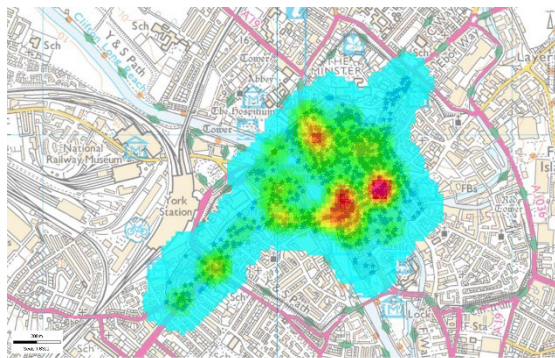
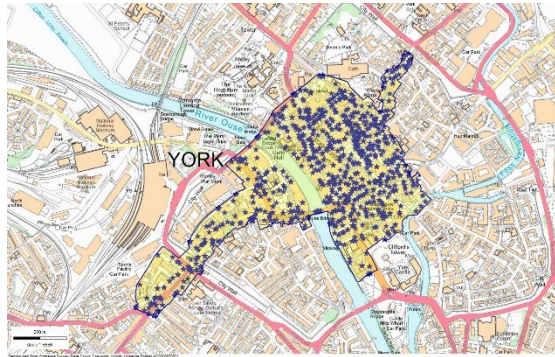
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Area Two – Coney Street/ Spurriergate/Low Ousegate area



20. 2022/2023

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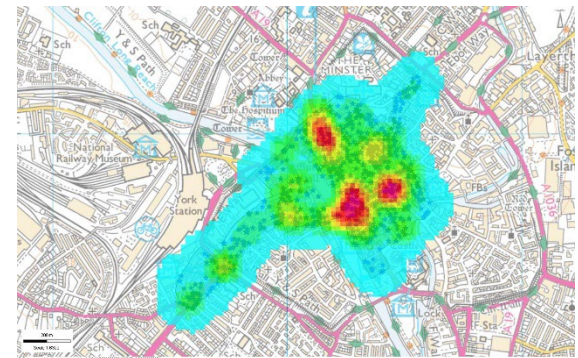
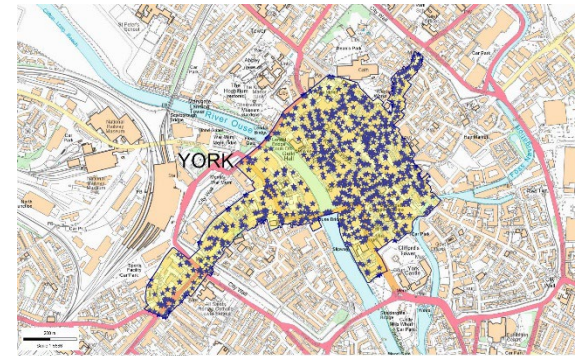
Area One – Parliament Street/Piccadilly/Pavement area
Area Two – Spurriergate/Low Ousegate area
Area Three – Blake Street area



21. 2023/2024

Hot Spot Map showing the concentration of occurrences within the City of York CIA between **01/04/2023 and 31/03/2024**.

Area One – Coney Street/ Low Ousegate area
Area Three – Parliament Street/ Piccadilly area
Area Two – Blake Street area



Pink shading indicates highest density and graduating orange/ yellow/ green/ blue shading showing lowest density of occurrences.

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