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1. Introduction

1.1. Overview

This quarterly bulletin brings together crime and incident statistics from the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) and British Transport Police (BTP) for Transport for London (TfL) services during Q3 2018/19 (October–December 2018). The bulletin provides crime statistics for the London Bus network, London Underground (LU), Docklands Light Railway (DLR), London Trams, TfL Rail and London Overground (LO) services.

The BTP is responsible for policing the rail network in London, including TfL's LU, DLR, London Trams, TfL Rail and the LO services. Crime figures for LU, DLR, London Trams, TfL Rail and LO have been provided by the BTP. The BTP only deals with crime relating to the rail and Tram networks.

The MPS is responsible for policing the rest of London's transport network, including the bus network. The figures reported in this bulletin for the bus network are based on official MPS figures for bus-related crime unless otherwise stated. There is no distinct category of "bus crime" in the MPS crime recording system. Recorded crime data is extracted from the MPS system using a complex query that searches all MPS crime for transport venue codes and those that have the word bus, bus stop, bus station and transport related words somewhere in the electronic case file. For this reason, some crimes that did not occur on the bus network will be included in the figures. This is different from the BTP as all crimes dealt with by the BTP and included on their crime recording system relate directly to the rail network.

Recorded crime figures relate to crime recorded by the MPS and BTP in the quarterly period. The figures do not include crimes that have not been reported to the police or those that the police decide not to record. Crime figures reported in this bulletin are consistent with Home Office counting rules and are subject to revision in future updates. At the end of the financial year, crime and passenger journey figures contained in this report will be adjusted to reflect the most accurate and up to date data available. Some of the figures and percentage changes published in this report may change. The adjusted figures will be published in the annual statistical bulletin (See 2017/2018 Crime Statistics Bulletin for recent annual statistics - available here http://content.tfl.gov.uk/crime-statistics-bulletin-1718.pdf).

2. Summary of Quarterly statistics

Public transport in London continues to be a relatively safe and low crime environment. Currently, almost eleven million passengers travel on the TfL's public transport services each day with very few of them ever experiencing or witnessing crime[1].

Overall, the level of pan-modal transport related crime[2] in Q3 2018/19 has increased 9.5% when compared with Q3 2017/18 (830 more offences) and the rate of crime has increased to 9.3 crimes per million passenger journeys.

While levels of transport crime remain low, TfL and its transport policing partners remain focussed on those networks and crime types that have seen an increase.

Measures have been put in place to deal with the upward trend in violence / serious public order offences seen on some rail modes, most notably LU, DLR and the LO networks. The rise is largely due to an increase in low level violence, pushing and shoving, verbal disputes and threatening behaviour at busy commuter times when services are at peak capacity. Despite the upward trend in recorded incidents, overall there remain a very low number of offences. Concerted action is underway to address these offences. Some of the key measures include high visibility policing and targeted action against offenders combined with TfL's travel demand management and communications activities to encourage improved passenger behaviour, however, targeting violence/public order offences on transport networks remains challenging given their sporadic nature.

TfL continues to work with the BTP, City of London Police and the MPS on Project Guardian, a partnership initiative to increase the confidence in reporting sexual offences which occur on the London's public transport system, reduce the risk of becoming a victim, challenge unwelcome sexual behaviour and target offenders. In line with expectations, there has been an increase in the number of sexual offences reported to the police on the transport networks.

The BTP and MPS are working in partnership to tackle theft committed by organised crime groups. Specific police operations involve undertaking targeted patrols on sections of the LU network to identify known suspects and disrupt their activity.

These low levels of crime have been driven by a range of initiatives undertaken by TfL in partnership with the police forces in London. TfL's significant investment in transport policing and commitment to improving safety and security has ensured the system remains a low crime environment.

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[1] Average daily figure based upon 2017/18 passenger journey information for the bus, LU, LO, DLR, Tram and TfL Rail networks.
2 The pan-modal transport crime figure and rate is based on the aggregate crime and passenger journey figures for the bus, LU, DLR, Tram, LO and TfL Rail networks.

2.1.   Quarterly crime results

Table 1 shows the number of recorded crimes and the rate of crime per million passenger journeys for Q3 2017/18 and Q3 2018/19[3]. The last column of the table shows the percentage change in the number of crimes between Q3 2017/18 and Q3 2018/19.

Table 1

Network	Q3 2017/18		Q3 2018/19		% change in Crimes
	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	
Bus	4,173	7.3	4,119	7.3	–1.4%
London Underground	3,748	10.7	4,415	12.2	17.7%
Docklands Light Railway	141	4.6	187	6.0	32.6%
London Overground	353	7.4	449	9.6	27.1%
TfL Rail[4]	177	15.1	250	18.0	41.2%
London Trams	71	9.4	73	9.8	0.2%
Pan–Modal	**8,663**	**8.5**	**9,493**	**9.3**	**9.5%**

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[3] Quarterly and monthly crime figures published in this bulletin are based on figures produced by the MPS and BTP at the end of each month as a snapshot of recorded crime. These figures are then aggregated to create quarterly values for this quarterly bulletin. These figures are not updated retrospectively until the end of the financial year when adjusted figures are published in the annual statistical bulletin.

[4] The large volume and percentage rise on TfL Rail is partly due to the Q3 18/19 figures including offences reported upon the Paddington to Heathrow service introduced during May 2018.

3. Monthly breakdown

Table 2 shows the total number of crimes for each month in Q3 2018/19. Chart 1 shows the crime rate on each mode and pan-modally since April 2015.

Table 2

Network	October		November		December[5]	
	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate
Bus	1,369	7.0	1,488	7.6	1,262	7.3
London Underground	1,297	10.3	1,355	10.9	1,763	16.0
Docklands Light Railway	62	5.6	56	5.2	69	7.6
London Overground	152	8.7	130	7.8	167	13.3
TfL Rail	112	20.8	76	16.2	62	16.3
Trams	21	8.0	21	8.3	31	13.5
Pan-Modal	**3,013**	**8.4**	**3,126**	**8.8**	**3,354**	**10.8**

Chart 1
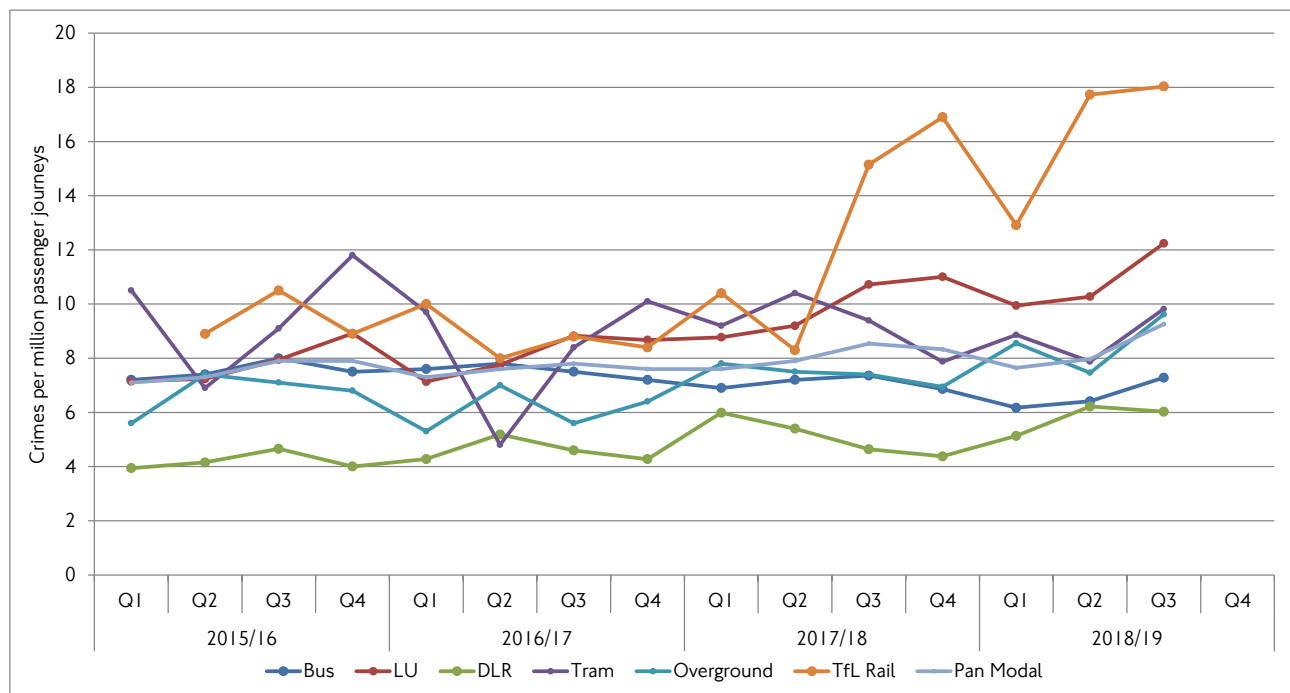
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4. Bus-related crime levels – breakdown by major crime category

Table 3 shows the breakdown of MPS bus-related crime by the major crime categories used by the MPS for Q3 2018/19 the table includes the number of crimes, the crime rates per million passenger journeys and makes comparisons with Q3 2017/18.

Table 3

Offence	Q3 2017/18		Q3 2018/19		% change in Crimes
	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	
Criminal Damage	239	Less than 1	132	Less than 1	-44.8%
Other notifiable crime[6]	100	Less than 1	69	Less than 1	-31.0%
Robbery	349	Less than 1	360	Less than 1	3.2%
Sexual offences	179	Less than 1	187	Less than 1	4.5%
Theft and Handling	1,677	2.9	1,813	3.2	8.1%
VAP	1,629	2.9	1,558	2.8	-4.4%
Total Offences	**4,173**	**7.3**	**4,119**	**7.3**	**-1.3%**

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[6] Other notifiable crime includes burglary, fraud and forgery, drugs and other serious offences.

Table 4 - Borough breakdown of bus-related crime Q3 2018/19 (October–December 2018)

	Criminal Damage	Other Notifiable Offences	Robbery	Sexual Offences	Theft and Handling	Violence Against the Person	Q3 2018/19 Total	Q3 2017/18 Total	% Change
Barking & Dagenham	1	2	8	6	30	26	73	68	7.4%
Barnet	7	1	13	6	50	77	154	146	5.5%
Bexley	6	1	6	5	14	32	64	47	36.2%
Brent	3	5	7	7	80	64	166	177	-6.2%
Bromley	5	2	3	2	18	35	65	94	-30.9%
Camden	7	1	7	7	97	51	170	258	-34.1%
Croydon	1	3	13	6	41	48	112	127	-11.8%
Ealing	3	1	12	7	57	54	134	131	2.3%
Enfield	2	0	24	12	70	72	180	135	33.3%
Greenwich	6	2	10	9	27	70	124	118	5.1%
Hackney	5	2	25	6	130	77	245	201	21.9%
Hammersmith & Fulham	3	0	8	5	33	45	94	114	-17.5%
Haringey	5	2	33	11	127	69	247	215	14.9%
Harrow	4	2	3	5	26	28	68	49	38.8%
Havering	6	1	11	4	11	38	71	83	-14.5%
Hillingdon	5	1	9	9	31	57	112	135	-17.0%
Hounslow	2	2	6	8	35	32	85	68	25.0%
Islington	2	3	10	7	98	50	170	169	0.6%
Kensington & Chelsea	1	2	4		39	19	65	68	-4.4%
Kingston upon Thames	4	2	3	4	24	22	59	48	22.9%
Lambeth	3	5	12	5	96	85	206	233	-11.6%
Lewisham	3	1	25	6	61	59	155	138	12.3%
Merton	4	0		3	14	31	52	47	10.6%
Newham	5	1	16	10	99	70	201	185	8.6%
Redbridge	1	2	16	4	51	38	112	86	30.2%
Richmond upon Thames	5	2	3	3	21	21	55	40	37.5%
Southwark	11	3	25	7	116	60	222	262	-15.3%
Sutton	2	1	6		10	23	42	33	27.3%
Tower Hamlets	2	2	3	2	53	49	111	107	3.7%
Waltham Forest	9	8	6	7	55	52	137	139	-1.4%
Wandsworth		3	3	9	45	34	94	132	-28.8%
Westminster	9	6	30	5	154	70	274	320	-14.4%
Q3 2018/19 Total	132	69	360	187	1,813	1,558	4,119	4,173	-1.3%
Q3 2017/18 Total	239	100	349	179	1,677	1,629			
% change	-44.8%	-31.0%	3.2%	4.5%	8.1%	-4.4%			

Key		
Volume	Low	High
% Change	Reduction	Increase

5. London Underground crime levels

Table 5 shows the breakdown of crime on the LU network by the major crime categories used by the BTP for Q3 2018/19. The table includes the number of crimes and the crime rates per million passenger journeys made on the LU and makes comparisons with Q3 2017/18.

Table 5

Offence	Q3 2017/18		Q3 2018/19		% change in Crimes
	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	
Violence Against the Person	875	2.5	900	2.5	2.9%
Sexual Offences	326	Less than 1	307	Less than 1	-5.8%
Criminal Damage	249	Less than 1	210	Less than 1	-15.7%
Line of Route‡‡	14	Less than 1	15	N/A	7.1%
Theft of Passenger Property	1,413	4.0	1,997	5.5	41.3%
Motor Vehicle/Cycle Offences	85	Less than 1	106	Less than 1	24.7%
Robbery	35	Less than 1	55	Less than 1	57.1%
Serious Public Order	623	1.8	627	1.7	0.6%
Theft of Railway Property / Burglary	48	Less than 1	41	Less than 1	-14.6%
Serious Fraud	21	Less than 1	40	Less than 1	90.5%
Drugs	37	Less than 1	86	Less than 1	132.4%
Other Serious Offences	22	Less than 1	31	Less than 1	40.9%
Total Notifiable Offences	3,748	10.7	4,415	12.2	17.8%

‡‡ Line of route offences include stone throwing, trespass and causing obstructions on the line.

6. Docklands Light Railway crime levels

Table 6 shows the breakdown of crime on the DLR network by the major crime categories used by the BTP for Q3 2018/19. The table includes the number of crimes and the crime rates per million passenger journeys made on the DLR and makes comparisons with Q3 2017/18.

Table 6

Offence	Q3 2017/18		Q3 2018/19		% change in Crimes
	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	
Violence Against the Person	36	1.2	69	2.2	91.7%
Sexual Offences	10	Less than 1	7	Less than 1	-30.0%
Criminal Damage	7	Less than 1	8	Less than 1	14.3%
Line of Route	1	Less than 1	1	Less than 1	0%
Theft of Passenger Property	44	1.4	43	1.4	-2.3%
Motor Vehicle/Cycle Offences	7	Less than 1	6	Less than 1	-14.3%
Robbery	6	Less than 1	5	Less than 1	16.7%
Serious Public Order	26	Less than 1	33	Less than 1	26.9%
Theft of Railway Property / Burglary	2	Less than 1	6	Less than 1	200.0%
Serious Fraud	0	Less than 1	0	Less than 1	0%
Drugs	2	Less than 1	4	Less than 1	100.0%
Other Serious Offences	0	Less than 1	5	Less than 1	%
Total Notifiable Offences	141	4.6	187	6.0	32.6%

7. London Overground crime levels

Table 7 shows the breakdown of crime on the LO network by the major crime categories used by the BTP for Q3 2018/19. The table includes the number of crimes and the crime rates per million passenger journeys made on the London Overground and makes comparisons with Q3 2017/18.

Table 7

Offence	Q3 2017/18		Q3 2018/19		% change in Crimes
	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	
Violence Against the Person	80	1.7	108	2.3	35.0%
Sexual Offences	31	Less than 1	15	Less than 1	-51.6%
Criminal Damage	41	Less than 1	53	1.1	29.3%
Line of Route	1	Less than 1	1	N/A	0%
Theft of Passenger Property	63	1.3	102	2.2	61.9%
Motor Vehicle/Cycle Offences	31	Less than 1	27	Less than 1	-12.9%
Robbery	5	Less than 1	10	Less than 1	100%
Serious Public Order	87	1.8	111	2.4	27.6%
Theft of Railway Property / Burglary	7	Less than 1	4	Less than 1	–42.9%
Serious Fraud	1	N/A	0	Less than 1	-100.0%
Drugs	4	Less than 1	14	Less than 1	250.0%
Other Serious Offences	2	Less than 1	4	Less than 1	100.0%
Total Notifiable Offences	353	7.4	449	9.6	27.2%

8. TfL Rail crime levels

Table 8 shows the breakdown of crime on the TfL rail network by the major crime categories used by the BTP for Q3 2018/19[§§]. The table includes the number of crimes and the crime rates per million passenger journeys made on the TfL rail and makes comparisons with Q3 2017/18.

Table 8

Offence	Q3 2017/18		Q3 2018/19		% change in Crimes
	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	
Violence Against the Person	60	5.1	65	4.7	8.3%
Sexual Offences	10	Less than 1	11	Less than 1	10.0%
Criminal Damage	10	Less than 1	30	2.2	200.0%
Line of Route	1	Less than 1	2	Less than 1	100.0%
Theft of Passenger Property	31	2.7	39	2.8	25.8%
Motor Vehicle/Cycle Offences	8	Less than 1	34	2.5	325.0%
Robbery	5	Less than 1	6	Less than 1	20.0%
Serious Public Order	31	2.7	43	3.1	38.7%
Theft of Railway Property / Burglary	13	1.1	4	Less than 1	-69.2%
Serious Fraud	0	Less than 1	1	Less than 1	100.0%
Drugs	8	Less than 1	12	Less than 1	50.0%
Other Serious Offences	0	N/A	3	Less than 1	100.0%
Total Notifiable Offences	177	15.1	250	18.0	41.2%

[§§] Q3 2018/19 figures onwards include information relating to the introduction of the TfL Rail service between Paddington and Heathrow (replacing the previous Heathrow Connect service), making meaningful comparison with the previously reported figures difficult.

9. London Trams crime levels

Table 9 shows the breakdown of crime on the London Trams network by the major crime categories used by the BTP for Q3 2018/19. The table includes the number of crimes and makes comparisons with Q3 2017/18.

Table 9

Offence	Q3 2017/18		Q3 2018/19		% change in Crimes
	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	
Violence Against the Person	25	3.3	22	3.0	12.0%
Sexual Offences	1	Less than 1	2	Less than 1	100%
Criminal Damage	8	1.1	6	Less than 1	25.0%
Line of Route	3	Less than 1	2	Less than 1	-33.3%
Theft of Passenger Property	5	Less than 1	13	1.7	160%
Motor Vehicle/Cycle Offences	5	Less than 1	2	Less than 1	-60%
Robbery	6	Less than 1	2	Less than 1	-66.6%
Serious Public Order	15	2.0	13	1.7	%
Theft of Railway Property / Burglary	1	Less than 1	0	Less than 1	-100%
Serious Fraud	0	N/A	1	Less than 1	100%
Drugs	2	Less than 1	10	1.3	400%
Other Serious Offences	0	N/A	0	N/A	0%
Total Notifiable Offences	71	9.4	73	9.8	2.8%

10.   Hate Crime***

Tables 10 and 11 bring together police data from the MPS and BTP to provide a summary on the number of hate crimes recorded by the police for TfL's public transport services for Q3 2018/19. The tables include the number of crimes and makes comparisons with Q3 2017/18.

Hate crime is a subset of notifiable crime and accounted for per cent of crime on TfL networks in Q3 2018/19. Hate crime offences are counted within the crime figures reported in the previous sections of the report.

Figures in this report include the number of offences, and how many motivating factors††† these covered. The sum of the hate motivating factors will exceed the total number of offences, as a hate crime can be marked as having more than one contributory factor.

Table 10

Hate crime category / Transport Mode	Bus	LU	DLR	LO	TfL Rail	Tram
Race	258	192	9	32	17	6
Religion	46	36	0	1	4	0
Sexual Orientation	30	47	4	6	2	0
Transgender	1	1	2	0	0	0
Disability	6	4	0	0	0	0
Total Motivational Factors Q3 2018/9	341	280	15	39	23	0
Total Hate crime Q3 2018/19	296	258	13	40	19	6
Total Hate crime Q3 2017/18	254	280	18	50	8	4
% change	16.5	-7.9	-27.8	-20.0	137.5	50.0

Table 11

Crime Category / Transport Mode	Bus	LU	DLR	LO	TfL Rail	Tram
Criminal Damage & Arson	9	5	0	0	0	0
Other	10	6	0	1	0	0
Public Order offences	197	185	12	34	10	2
Violence against person with injury	27	13	0	4	6	1
Violence Against Person without injury	53	49	1	1	3	3
Total Crime Types Q3 2018/19	296	258	13	40	19	6

*** Hate crime is defined as any criminal offence which is perceived, by the victim or any other person, to be motivated by hostility or prejudice towards someone based on a personal characteristic.

††† The police can flag an offence as being motivated by one or more of the key strands of hate crime that are monitored by the Government – race, religion/faith, sexual orientation, disability or transgender identity. For example, a public order offence such as insulting and intimidating language offence can be flagged as both a race and religious hate crime if it was motivated by hostility towards those perceived or actual characteristics.

11. Useful links

Transport for London
- http://www.tfl.gov.uk

Metropolitan Police Service – http://www.met.police.uk
- Crime figures – https://www.met.police.uk/stats-and-data/

British Transport Police http://www.btp.police.uk/
- Crime figures – http://www.btp.police.uk/about_us/your_right_to_information/publications.aspx

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