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# **I. Introduction**

## **I.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 Q4 2017/18 (1 January – 31 March 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 Trams 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 even though our processes were further refined with additional checks implemented during 2017/18. 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. 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 <https://tfl.gov.uk/cdn/static/cms/documents/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, over ten million passengers travel on the TfL's public transport services each day with very few of them ever experiencing or witnessing crime.

Overall, the level of pan-modal transport related crime<sup>1</sup> in Q4 2017/18 is 6.2% higher than Q4 2016/17 (472 more offences) and the rate of crime has increased to 8.2 crimes per million passenger journeys (from 7.6 in Q4 2016/17).

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, LO and the Tram networks. The rise is largely due to increases in low level violence, pushing and shoving, verbal disputes and threatening behaviour at busy commuter times when services are at peak capacity and a number of measures are being implemented to deal with this including a refreshed approach to neighbourhood policing on the London Underground. 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 these offences on transport networks remains challenging given their sporadic nature.

It should also be noted, that there were some changes to the way that some offences were recorded by the BTP within the VAP and serious public order offences throughout 2016/17, hence for the purposes of comparison with previous years, these categories should be combined for crime upon rail modes. Levels of violence on the bus network are stable but it remains a priority and efforts to drive this down continue.

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.

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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<sup>1</sup> The pan-modal transport crime figure and rate is based on the aggregate crime and passenger journey figures for the bus, LU, DLR, Trams, LO and TfL Rail networks.

## 2.1. Quarterly crime results

Table I shows the number of recorded crimes and the rate of crime per million passenger journeys for Q4 2016/17 and Q4 2017/18<sup>2</sup>. The last column of the table shows the percentage change in the number of crimes between Q4 2016/17 and Q4 2017/18.

Table I

Network	Q4 2016/17		Q4 2017/18		% change in Crimes
	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	
Bus	4,055	7.2	3,783	6.9	-6.7%
London Underground	2,926	8.7	3,682	11	25.8%
Docklands Light Railway	131	4.3	126	4.4	-3.8%
London Overground	304	6.4	324	6.9	6.6%
TfL Rail	98	8.4	92	8.4	-6.1%
London Trams	76	10.1	55	7.9	-27.6%
Pan-Modal	7,590	7.6	8,062	8.2	6.2%

<sup>2</sup> 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.

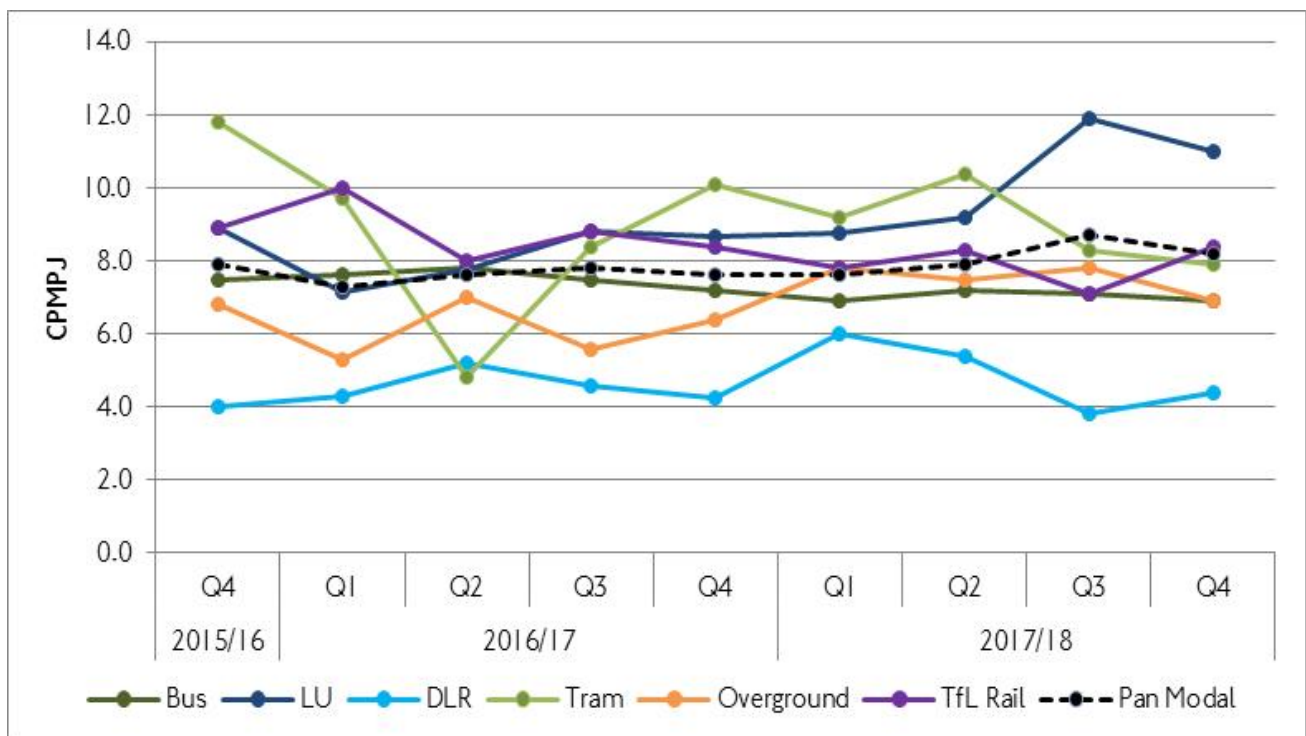
### 3. Monthly breakdown

Table 2 shows the total number of crimes for each month in Q4 2017/18. Chart 1 shows the crime rate on each mode and pan-modally since Q4 2015/2016.

Table 2

Network	January		February		March	
	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate
Bus	1,218	6.5	1,245	7.2	1,320	6.9
London Underground	1,194	10.7	1,193	11.1	1,295	11.2
Docklands Light Railway	44	4.5	30	3.2	52	5.4
London Overground	97	6.1	111	7.6	116	7.2
TfL Rail	22	5.4	34	9.8	36	10.5
London Trams	23	9.7	14	6.3	18	7.6
Pan-Modal	2,598	7.9	2,627	8.5	2,837	8.4

Chart 1



#### 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 Q4 2017/18 the table includes the number of crimes, the crime rates per million passenger journeys and makes comparisons with Q4 2016/17. Table 4, overleaf, shows the same breakdown by borough.

Table 3

Offence	Q4 2016/17		Q4 2017/18		% change in Crimes
	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	
Criminal Damage	266	Less than 1	192	Less than 1	-27.8%
Other notifiable crime <sup>3</sup>	97	Less than 1	83	Less than 1	-14.4%
Robbery	252	Less than 1	335	Less than 1	32.9%
Sexual offences	236	Less than 1	176	Less than 1	-25.4%
Theft and Handling	1,719	3.1	1,536	2.8	-10.6%
VAP	1,488	2.7	1,461	2.7	-1.8%
<b>Total Offences</b>	<b>4,058</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>3,783</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>-6.8%</b>

<sup>3</sup> Other notifiable crime includes burglary, fraud and forgery, drugs and other serious offences.

**Table 4 - Borough breakdown of bus-related crime for Q4 2017/18 (January – March 2018)**

	Criminal Damage	Other Notifiable Offences	Robbery	Sexual Offences	Theft and Handling	Violence Against the Person	Q4 2017/18 Total	Q4 2016/17 Total	% Change
Barking & Dagenham	4	4	6	1	27	29	71	70	1.4%
Barnet	8	0	18	7	30	54	117	123	-4.9%
Bexley	2	2	8	7	5	25	49	50	-2.0%
Brent	11	5	20	4	54	39	133	128	3.9%
Bromley	4	4	3	5	15	51	82	85	-3.5%
Camden	4	1	10	6	103	61	185	213	-13.1%
Croydon	7	4	17	9	29	51	117	126	-7.1%
Ealing	7	1	8	9	57	64	146	110	32.7%
Enfield	4	1	23	10	29	49	116	116	0.0%
Greenwich	18	2	4	9	29	70	132	116	13.8%
Hackney	9	8	11	8	92	57	185	281	-34.2%
Hammersmith & Fulham	2	2	5	5	56	54	124	120	3.3%
Haringey	7	4	24	10	104	62	211	252	-16.3%
Harrow	1	3	2	4	17	26	53	52	1.9%
Havering	11	1	11	4	23	26	76	74	2.7%
Hillingdon	8	3	8	4	27	49	99	128	-22.7%
Hounslow	12	0	3	6	23	38	82	91	-9.9%
Islington	6	0	12	4	84	46	152	248	-38.7%
Kensington & Chelsea	1	1	5	0	26	20	53	65	-18.5%

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Kingston upon Thames	1	4	2	2	15	23	47	45	4.4%
Lambeth	6	6	25	7	88	103	235	220	6.8%
Lewisham	6	4	19	6	47	80	162	128	26.6%
Merton	3	3	2	2	25	28	63	54	16.7%
Newham	10	3	21	13	119	53	219	184	19.0%
Redbridge	6	1	4	3	36	16	66	100	-34.0%
Richmond upon Thames	1	0	3	2	21	21	48	40	20.0%
Southwark	7	2	17	5	86	73	190	218	-12.8%
Sutton	2	0	2	2	14	13	33	54	-38.9%
Tower Hamlets	3	2	7	4	41	40	97	96	1.0%
Waltham Forest	6	1	15	5	48	35	110	109	0.9%
Wandsworth	3	1	8	3	43	27	85	85	0.0%
Westminster	12	10	12	10	123	78	245	277	-11.6%
<b>Q4 2017/18 Total</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>1,536</b>	<b>1,461</b>	<b>3,783</b>	<b>4,058</b>	<b>-6.8%</b>
<b>Q4 2016/17 Total</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>1,719</b>	<b>1,488</b>			
<b>% change</b>	<b>-27.8%</b>	<b>-14.4%</b>	<b>32.9%</b>	<b>-25.4%</b>	<b>-10.6%</b>	<b>-1.8%</b>			

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 Q4 2017/18. The table includes the number of crimes and the crime rates per million passenger journeys made on the LU and makes comparisons with Q4 2016/17.

Table 5

Offence	Q4 2016/17		Q4 2017/18		% change in Crimes
	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	
Violence Against the Person and Serious Public Order	1,083	3.2	1,448	4.3	33.7%
Sexual Offences	250	Less than 1	237	Less than 1	-5.2%
Criminal Damage	274	Less than 1	320	1	16.8%
Line of Route	44	Less than 1	9	Less than 1	-79.5%
Theft of Passenger Property	1,026	3	1,373	4.1	33.8%
Motor Vehicle/Cycle Offences	83	Less than 1	64	Less than 1	-22.9%
Robbery	28	Less than 1	58	Less than 1	107.1%
Theft of Railway Property / Burglary	50	Less than 1	59	Less than 1	18.0%
Serious Fraud	28	Less than 1	20	Less than 1	-28.6%
Drugs	47	Less than 1	72	Less than 1	53.2%
Other Serious Offences	13	Less than 1	22	Less than 1	69.2%
<b>Total Notifiable Offences</b>	<b>2,926</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>3,682</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>25.8%</b>

**Note:** there were some changes to the way that some offences were recorded within the VAP and serious public order offences throughout 2016/17. For the purposes of comparison with 2016/17, these categories have been combined in the above table. The combined level of VAP/serious public order offences increased by 33.7% (365 more offences) compared with the previous year.

## 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 Q4 2017/18. The table includes the number of crimes and the crime rates per million passenger journeys made on the DLR and makes comparisons with Q4 2016/17.

Table 6

Offence	Q4 2016/17		Q4 2017/18		% change in Crimes
	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	
Violence Against the Person and Serious Public Order	68	2.2	67	2.3	-1.5%
Sexual Offences	6	Less than 1	2	Less than 1	-66.7%
Criminal Damage	10	Less than 1	5	Less than 1	-50.0%
Line of Route	6	Less than 1	2	Less than 1	-66.7%
Theft of Passenger Property	24	Less than 1	31	1.1	29.2%
Motor Vehicle/Cycle Offences	4	Less than 1	4	Less than 1	0.0%
Robbery	6	Less than 1	9	Less than 1	50.0%
Theft of Railway Property / Burglary	3	Less than 1	5	Less than 1	66.7%
Serious Fraud	0	Less than 1	1	Less than 1	100%
Drugs	2	Less than 1	0	Less than 1	-100.0%
Other Serious Offences	2	Less than 1	0	Less than 1	-100.0%
<b>Total Notifiable Offences</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>-3.8%</b>

**Note:** there were some changes to the way that some offences were recorded within the VAP and serious public order offences throughout 2016/17. For the purposes of comparison with 2016/17, these categories have been combined in the above table. The combined level of VAP/serious public order offences decreased by 1.5% (1 less offence) compared with the previous year.

## 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 Q4 2017/18. The table includes the number of crimes and the crime rates per million passenger journeys made on the London Overground and makes comparisons with Q4 2016/17.

Table 7

Offence	Q4 2016/17		Q4 2017/18		% change in Crimes
	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	
Violence Against the Person and Serious Public Order	142	3	165	3.5	16.2%
Sexual Offences	21	Less than 1	16	Less than 1	-23.8%
Criminal Damage	34	Less than 1	48	1.0	41.2%
Line of Route	6	Less than 1	0	Less than 1	-100.0%
Theft of Passenger Property	60	1.3	64	1.4	6.7%
Motor Vehicle/Cycle Offences	16	Less than 1	13	Less than 1	-18.8%
Robbery	5	Less than 1	2	Less than 1	-60.0%
Theft of Railway Property / Burglary	8	Less than 1	7	Less than 1	-12.5%
Serious Fraud	1	Less than 1	1	Less than 1	0.0%
Drugs	6	Less than 1	3	Less than 1	-50.0%
Other Serious Offences	5	Less than 1	5	Less than 1	0.0%
<b>Total Notifiable Offences</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>6.6%</b>

**Note:** there were some changes to the way that some offences were recorded within the VAP and serious public order offences throughout 2016/17. For the purposes of comparison with 2016/17, these categories have been combined in the above table. The combined level of VAP/serious public order offences increased by 16.2% (23 more offences) compared with the previous year.

## 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 Q4 2017/18. The table includes the number of crimes and the crime rates per million passenger journeys made on the TfL rail and makes comparisons with Q4 2016/17.

Table 8

Offence	Q4 2016/17		Q4 2017/18		% change in Crimes
	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	
Violence Against the Person and Serious Public Order	43	3.7	42	3.8	-2.3%
Sexual Offences	8	Less than 1	11	1	37.5%
Criminal Damage	13	Less than 1	11	1	-15.4%
Line of Route	1	Less than 1	0	Less than 1	-100.0%
Theft of Passenger Property	9	1.4	18	1.6	100.0%
Motor Vehicle/Cycle Offences	10	Less than 1	4	Less than 1	-60.0%
Robbery	0	Less than 1	1	Less than 1	100%
Theft of Railway Property / Burglary	9	Less than 1	2	Less than 1	-77.8%
Serious Fraud	0	Less than 1	0	Less than 1	N/A
Drugs	1	Less than 1	0	Less than 1	-100.0%
Other Serious Offences	4	Less than 1	3	Less than 1	-25.0%
<b>Total Notifiable Offences</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>-6.1%</b>

**Note:** there were some changes to the way that some offences were recorded within the VAP and serious public order offences throughout 2016/17. For the purposes of comparison with 2016/17, these categories have been combined in the above table. The combined level of VAP/serious public order offences decreased by 2.3% (1 less offence) compared with the previous year.

## 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 Q4 2017/18. The table includes the number of crimes and makes comparisons with Q4 2016/17.

Table 9

Offence	Q4 2016/17		Q4 2017/18		% change in Crimes
	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	
Violence Against the Person and Serious Public Order	43	5.7	39	5.6	-9.3%
Sexual Offences	3	Less than 1	0	Less than 1	-100.0%
Criminal Damage	6	Less than 1	5	Less than 1	-16.7%
Line of Route	6	Less than 1	0	Less than 1	-100.0%
Theft of Passenger Property	6	Less than 1	2	Less than 1	-66.7%
Motor Vehicle/Cycle Offences	3	Less than 1	1	Less than 1	-66.7%
Robbery	3	Less than 1	3	Less than 1	0.0%
Theft of Railway Property / Burglary	2	Less than 1	1	Less than 1	-50.0%
Serious Fraud	0	Less than 1	0	Less than 1	N/A
Drugs	3	Less than 1	4	Less than 1	33.3%
Other Serious Offences	1	Less than 1	0	Less than 1	-100.0%
<b>Total Notifiable Offences</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>-27.6%</b>

**Note:** there were some changes to the way that some offences were recorded within the VAP and serious public order offences throughout 2016/17. For the purposes of comparison with 2016/17, these categories have been combined in the above table. The combined level of VAP/serious public order offences decreased by 9.3% (4 fewer offences) compared with the previous year.

## 10. 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](http://www.btp.police.uk/about_us/your_right_to_information/publications.aspx)

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