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1. Introduction

This annual summary bulletin brings together crime statistics from the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) and British Transport Police (BTP) to provide a summary of recorded crime relating to TfL's public transport networks during Financial Year (FY) 2015/16 (1 April 2015 – 31 March 2016). This annual bulletin focuses on the London Bus network, London Underground (LU) / Docklands Light Railway (DLR)[1], London Tramlink and London Overground (LO) service.

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 during FY 2015/16 and are consistent with Home Office counting rules. The figures do not include crimes that have not been reported to the police or those that the police decide not to record as crimes.

Public transport in London continues to be a 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.

While levels of transport crime remain low, figures from the MPS and BTP show that crime on the network has increased by 6.6 per cent in 2015/16 compared with 2014/15 which saw the lowest level of crime on record and nine consecutive years of crime reduction. The increases were anticipated and were largely driven by changes in the reporting and recording of certain offences – namely violence against the person (VAP) and sexual offences - reflecting wider increases seen across London and the UK generally, as well as the proactive efforts of TfL and the police to improve confidence in reporting of sexual offences. TfL and its police partners are redoubling their efforts and have put measures in place to deal with increases in crime on the network.

The headline figures include:
- The levels of pan-modal transport crime[2] in 2015/16 were 6.6% higher (1,845 more offences) than in 2014/15 and the rate of crime has increased to 7.4 crimes per million passenger journeys (from 7.0 in 2014/15), as can be seen in chart 1 and table 1.
- Levels of bus-related crime in 2015/16 were 1.5% higher (258 more offences) than in 2014/15 and the rate of crime for the bus network has risen to 7.5 crimes per million passenger journeys (from 7.2 in 2014/15).
- Crime on LU/DLR increased during 2015/16 by 11.7% (1,120 more offences) than in 2014/15 with the rate of crime rising to 7.3 crimes per million passenger journeys (from 6.8 in 2014/15).

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[1] Crime figures for LU and DLR are reported together as these networks are policed by the same division of the BTP.
2 The pan-modal transport crime figure and rate is based on the aggregate crime and passenger journey figures for the bus, LU/DLR, Tramlink and LO networks.

- Crime on London Overground (LO) increased during 2015/16 by 56.4% (452 more offences) compared with the previous year. The rate of crime increased to 6.8 from 5.7 in 2014/15.
- Crime on London Tramlink increased by 6.0% during 2015/16 (15 more offences) compared with 2014/15 with the rate of crime rising to 9.6 crimes per million passenger journeys (from 8.1 in 2014/15).

The increase in the number of recorded sexual offences seen on the transport system was anticipated and is considered a positive result of Project Guardian, an initiative to reduce unwanted sexual behaviour on London's public transport which has historically been underreported. Project Guardian which includes the 'Report it to Stop it' communications campaign which was launched last year, aims to increase confidence in reporting sexual offences on the Capital's public transport, reduce the risk of becoming a victim, challenge unwanted sexual behaviour and target offenders. This important work continues.

The increase in VAP offences on the transport network reflects a wider increase in VAP being seen across London and other UK forces. The increase in low level VAP has is in large part been driven by a change in the way VAP offences are recorded by the police due to changes to recording practices. Serious violence remains very rare on the network.

From 31st May 2015, the former West Anglia suburban rail routes from Liverpool Street to north-east London became part of the LO network and offences relating to this part of the network are now reflected in the LO crime figures. This has resulted in an increase in the volume of crime and rate of crime for LO. It won't be possible to directly compare against previous figures until Q2 2016/17.
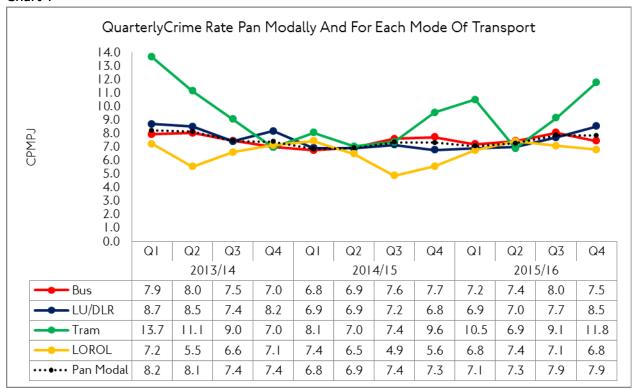
Chart 1

QuarterlyCrime Rate Pan Modally And For Each Mode Of Transport

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	2013/14				2014/15				2015/16			
Bus	7.9	8.0	7.5	7.0	6.8	6.9	7.6	7.7	7.2	7.4	8.0	7.5
LU/DLR	8.7	8.5	7.4	8.2	6.9	6.9	7.2	6.8	6.9	7.0	7.7	8.5
Tram	13.7	11.1	9.0	7.0	8.1	7.0	7.4	9.6	10.5	6.9	9.1	11.8
LOROL	7.2	5.5	6.6	7.1	7.4	6.5	4.9	5.6	6.8	7.4	7.1	6.8
Pan Modal	8.2	8.1	7.4	7.4	6.8	6.9	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.3	7.9	7.9

Table 1

Network	2013/14		2014/15		2015/16	
	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate
Bus	18,138	7.5	17,109	7.2	17,367	7.5
London Underground /Docklands Light Railway	10,958	8.0	9,599	6.8	10,719	7.3
London Overground	842	6.2	801	5.7	1,253	6.8
London Tramlink	322	10.3	249	8.1	264	9.6
Pan-Modal	30,260	7.7	27,758	7.0	29,603	7.4

2. Bus-related Crime 2013/14–2015/16

Table 2 shows the break-down of MPS bus-related[3] crime by the major crime categories used by the MPS for 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16. It includes the rate of crime[4] for each of these categories with the exception of burglary[5]. In 2015/16, there were 7.5 crimes for every million passenger journeys made on the bus network. Borough bus-related crime figures are shown in table 3.

Table 2

Crime Type	2013/14		2014/15		2015/16	
	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate
Burglary	53	N/A	51	N/A	44	N/A
Criminal Damage	1,208	Less than 1	1,134	Less than 1	1,156	Less than 1
Drugs	709	Less than 1	420	Less than 1	294	Less than 1
Fraud / Forgery	6	Less than 1	14	Less than 1	5	Less than 1
Other Notifiable Offences	230	Less than 1	263	Less than 1	302	Less than 1
Robbery	1,670	Less than 1	1,005	Less than 1	939	Less than 1
Sexual Offences	513	Less than 1	684	Less than 1	755	Less than 1
Theft and Handling	8,856	3.7	7,737	3.2	7,468	3.2
Violence against the Person	4,893	2.0	5,801	2.4	6,404	2.8
Total	18,138	7.5*	17,109	7.2*	17,367	7.5*

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[3] The crime figures published in this bulletin are based on figures produced by the Metropolitan Police Performance Information Bureau at the end of each financial year. These figures are not updated retrospectively.
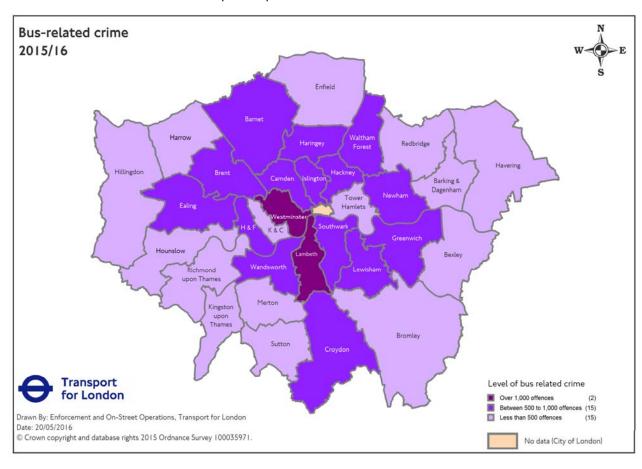
[4] Rate of crime per million passenger journeys is calculated by dividing the number of crimes by the number of passenger journeys multiplied by one million.

[6] Most burglaries take place in buildings and therefore it is not appropriate to calculate crime rates for burglary based on the number of passenger journeys made on the bus network.

* Bus-related crime rates for, 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16 are based on annual passenger journey figures of 2.405b, 2.385b and 2.314b respectively.
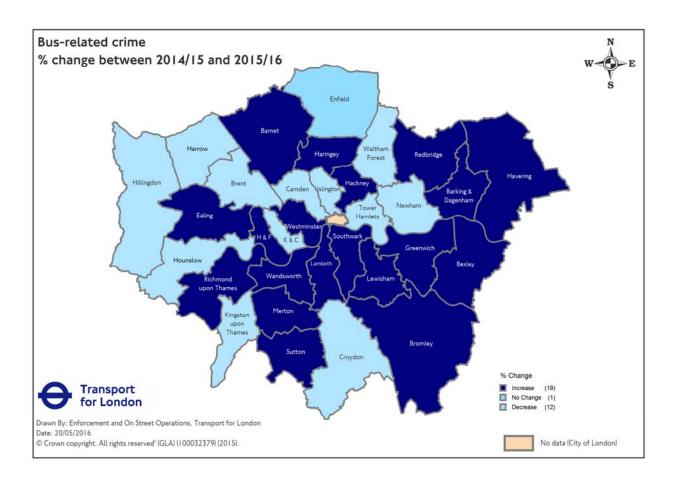
Map 1 – Bus-related crime volume by borough

Map 1 shows the breakdown of MPS bus-related crime by borough for 2015/16. The darker shades of purple show the boroughs with the highest number of recorded bus-related crimes. The map has not been adjusted for passenger or population numbers. Borough bus-related crime figures are shown in Table 3. Please note that the map below does not include data for the City of London; this is policed by the City of London Police (CoLP) which is a separate police force from the MPS.

Map 2 – Bus-related crime change between 2014/15 and 2015/16 by borough

Map 2 shows the percentage change in the levels of bus-related crime by borough[6] between 2014/15 and 2015/16. The lighter blue boroughs have seen reductions in crime. The boroughs shaded in the darkest blue have seen an increase in levels of crime. Borough bus-related crime figures are shown in Table 3.

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[6] It is not possible to create similar maps of BTP recorded crime. The exact location of crimes upon the rail network is unknown due to some victims identifying the offence at the end of their journey which was undertaken across more than one borough.

Table 3 – Borough breakdown of bus related crime for 2014/15 – 2015/16

	Financial Year 2015/16									2014/15 Total	2015/16 Total	% Change
	Burglary	Criminal Damage	Drugs	Fraud or Forgery	Other Notifiable Offences	Robbery	Sexual Offences	Theft and Handling	Violence Against the Person			
Barking & Dagenham	1	43	5	0	3	27	18	117	135	323	349	8.1%
Barnet	1	41	5	0	25	42	25	223	212	535	574	7.3%
Bexley	1	36	5	0	7	6	10	62	116	221	243	10.0%
Brent	0	30	14	0	11	39	29	267	250	647	640	-1.01%
Bromley	1	48	2	0	6	12	17	114	179	353	379	7.4%
Camden	1	41	0	1	6	32	26	393	213	767	713	-7.0%
Croydon	4	49	2	0	9	33	26	194	240	576	557	-3.3%
Ealing	3	42	2	0	13	28	49	179	263	552	579	4.9%
Enfield	2	43	1	0	8	54	21	172	148	449	449	0.0%
Greenwich	0	39	1	0	8	20	35	186	227	406	516	27.1%
Hackney	3	38	2	1	19	35	26	413	253	771	790	2.5%
Hammersmith & Fulham	2	14	6	0	11	20	13	199	238	491	503	2.4%
Haringey	1	47	8	0	14	39	29	337	222	629	697	10.8%
Harrow	1	20	1	0	5	18	16	84	122	277	267	-3.6%
Havering	2	66	6	0	9	16	15	91	165	295	370	25.4%
Hillingdon	1	33	5	0	12	22	20	171	209	526	473	-10.2%
Hounslow	2	47	1	0	7	16	31	139	181	456	424	-7.0%
Islington	0	18	5	0	12	55	26	519	216	958	851	-11.1%
Kensington & Chelsea	0	12	1	0	0	15	9	159	100	297	296	-0.3%
Kingston upon Thames	0	15	2	1	3	4	10	72	86	203	193	-4.9%
Lambeth	0	56	21	0	22	73	51	511	369	1,061	1109	4.5%
Lewisham	6	39	7	0	11	33	20	252	267	585	630	7.7%
Merton	1	15	2	1	7	13	14	115	143	267	311	16.5%
Newham	1	44	26	0	11	47	33	333	266	886	761	-14.1%

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	Burglary	Criminal Damage	Drugs	Fraud or Forgery	Other Notifiable Offences	Robbery	Sexual Offences	Theft and Handling	Violence Against the Person	2014/15 Total	2015/16 Total	% Change
Redbridge	1	36	5	0	6	23	18	178	141	393	408	3.8%
Richmond upon Thames	1	24	0	0	3	4	13	74	94	212	213	0.5%
Southwark	4	51	8	0	15	76	25	439	340	857	958	11.8%
Sutton	0	16	3	0	3	7	11	60	93	190	193	1.6%
Tower Hamlets	1	41	3	0	6	22	19	225	161	521	478	-8.3%
Waltham Forest	0	45	11	0	7	17	25	195	205	530	505	-4.7%
Wandsworth	0	23	3	0	11	27	28	256	210	513	558	8.8%
Westminster	2	44	131	1	12	64	47	739	340	1,362	1380	1.3%
2015/16 Total	44	1,156	294	5	302	939	755	7,468	6,404	17,109	17,367	1.5%
2014/15 Total	51	1,134	420	14	263	1,005	684	7,737	5,801			
% Change	-13.7%	1.9%	-30.0%	-64.3%	14.8%	-6.6%	10.4%	-3.5%	10.4%			

3. London Underground and Docklands Light Railway Crime 2013/14–2015/16

Table 4 provides a breakdown of the major crime categories[7] used by the BTP for the LU and DLR networks in 2013/14, 2014/15[8] and 2015/16. There were 7.3 crimes for every million passenger journeys made on the LU and DLR networks in 2015/16.

Table 4

Crime Type	2013/14		2014/15		2015/16	
	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate
Violence Against the Person	2,077	1.5	2,255	1.6	2,777	1.9
Sexual Offences	429	Less than 1	567	Less than 1	894	Less than 1
Criminal Damage	607	Less than 1	572	Less than 1	736	Less than 1
Line of Route	65	Less than 1	70	Less than 1	71	Less than 1
Theft of Passenger Property	5,102	3.7	4,107	2.9	4,236	2.9
Motor Vehicle/Cycle Offences	332	Less than 1	323	Less than 1	448	Less than 1
Robbery	83	Less than 1	75	Less than 1	97	Less than 1
Theft of Railway Property / Burglary	189	Less than 1	203	Less than 1	194	Less than 1
Serious Public Order	883	Less than 1	879	Less than 1	803	Less than 1
Serious Fraud	175	Less than 1	111	Less than 1	186	Less than 1
Drugs	913	Less than 1	367	Less than 1	201	Less than 1
Other Serious Offences	103	Less than 1	70	Less than 1	76	Less than 1
Total Notifiable Offences	**10,958**	**8.0****	**9,599**	**6.8****	**10,719**	**7.3****

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[7] The BTP categorise crime differently to the MPS. The BTP categories reflect the type of crime experienced on the rail network.

[8] The crime figures published in this bulletin are based on figures produced by the British Transport Police at the end of each financial year. These figures are not updated retrospectively.

** BTP LU/DLR crime rates for 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16 are based on annual passenger journey figures of, 1.366b, 1.416b, and 1.466b respectively.

4. London Overground Crime 2013/14 – 2015/16

Table 5 provides a breakdown of the major crime categories used by the BTP for the LO network in 2013/14, 2014/15[9] and 2015/16. There were 5.7 crimes for every million passenger journeys made on the LO network in 2015/16.

Table 5

Crime Type	2013/14		2014/15		2015/16	
	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate
Violence Against the Person	193	1.4	218	1.6	408	2.3
Sexual Offences	22	Less than 1	45	Less than 1	49	Less than 1
Criminal Damage	39	Less than 1	37	Less than 1	103	Less than 1
Line of Route	3	Less than 1	4	Less than 1	13	Less than 1
Theft of Passenger Property	232	1.7	187	1.3	262	1.4
Motor Vehicle/Cycle Offences	71	Less than 1	83	Less than 1	128	Less than 1
Robbery	11	Less than 1	7	Less than 1	15	Less than 1
Theft of Railway Property / Burglary	16	Less than 1	14	Less than 1	53	Less than 1
Serious Public Order	122	Less than 1	116	Less than 1	144	Less than 1
Serious Fraud	4	Less than 1	6	Less than 1	7	Less than 1
Drugs	118	Less than 1	78	Less than 1	49	Less than 1
Other Serious Offences	11	Less than 1	6	Less than 1	22	Less than 1
Total Notifiable Offences[10]	842	6.2**	801	5.7**	1,253	6.8**

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[9] The crime figures published in this bulletin are based on figures produced by the British Transport Police at the end of each financial year. These figures are not updated retrospectively.

** BTP LO crime rates for 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16 are based on the annual passenger journey figures of 135.79m, 139.89m and 184.11m respectively.

[10] The LO crime data has been adjusted to account for a change in reporting practice whereby offences recorded at stations managed by other train operating companies but used by LO (e.g. Barking, Watford Junction) have been removed unless they have taken place on the LO services to avoid duplication as these are included in other BTP policing divisions statistics. All data from previous years has been adjusted accordingly.

5. London Tramlink Crime 2013/14 – 2015/16

Table 6 provides a breakdown of the major crime categories used by the BTP for the London Tramlink network in 2013/14 2014/15 and 2015/16[11]. There were 9.6 crimes for every million passenger journeys made on the London Tramlink network in 2015/16.

Table 6

Crime Type	2013/14		2014/15		2015/16	
	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate
Violence Against the Person	76	2.4	83	2.7	94	3.4
Sexual Offences	8	Less than 1	13	Less than 1	18	Less than 1
Criminal Damage	32	1.0	19	Less than 1	31	1.1
Line of Route	27	Less than 1	23	Less than 1	9	0.3
Theft of Passenger Property	55	1.8	33	1.1	29	1.1
Motor Vehicle/Cycle Offences	13	Less than 1	3	Less than 1	10	Less than 1
Robbery	24	Less than 1	11	Less than 1	5	Less than 1
Theft of Railway Property / Burglary	4	Less than 1	2	Less than 1	2	Less than 1
Serious Public Order	37	1.2	37	1.2	37	1.3
Serious Fraud	0	N/A	0	N/A	0	N/A
Drugs	40	1.3	22	Less than 1	24	Less than 1
Other Serious Offences	6	Less than 1	3	Less than 1	5	Less than 1
Total Notifiable Offences	322	10.3**	249	8.1**	264	9.8**

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[11] The crime figures published in this bulletin are based on figures produced by the British Transport Police at the end of each financial year. These figures are not updated retrospectively.
** BTP London Tramlink crime rates for 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16 are based on annual passenger journey figures of 31.22m, 30.74m and 27.00m respectively.

6. Useful links

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

Metropolitan Police Service - http://www.met.police.uk
- Crime figures - http://www.met.police.uk/crimefigures/index.php

British Transport Police http://www.btp.police.uk/
- Crime figures - http://www.btp.police.uk/stats/
- L Area (London Underground / Docklands Light Railway) Division – http://www.btp.police.uk/about_us/our_strategy_and_plans.aspx
- London Underground Division Neighbourhood Policing Teams – http://www.btp.police.uk/local_btp_teams/london_underground.aspx

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