

South East Sheffield worst for violent and sexual crimes

South East Sheffield has the highest number of violent and sexual offenses in the entire city, according to the latest figures released by Police UK.

The statistics for September show the area recorded 547 violent and sexual offenses. This is compared to 238 for the South West, 488 for the North East and 480 for Sheffield Central and North West.

This marks a 17% increase from last month and a 7% rise compared to September of last year.

Leah Grayson, from the national charity Victim Support said: "It's really sad that a lot of men and women find it acceptable to violate people."

She suggested that victims can carry the trauma of deteriorating mental health for the rest of their lives, and the government should invest more money into the police department to help victims combat these crimes.

"I think extra recruitment is needed. We need more police officers to be able to help and protect people in South Yorkshire," Ms Grayson added.



Victim Support's central hub – Hackenthorpe Lodge

Source: Zhaona Li

Clair Holly, 49, a mum who has lived in South East Sheffield all her life, said she was worried about her kids due to the frequency of violent and sexual offenses.

“I don’t feel very safe in parts of town anymore. It’s just so many words to say.

“It has gotten a bit worse over the last few years with the crime, and it’s going to get worse.

“There is nothing for us to do, and there is not enough police and education,” Ms Holly added.

Last week, South Yorkshire police took part in Operation Sceptre -- a bi-annual campaign focused on detecting, preventing and reducing knife crime.

Detective Superintendent David Cowley, force lead for violent crime, said knife crime is an area of their focus and the results of the operation were positive.

“We take tackling violent crime extremely seriously and we know that when violent crime incidents do happen in our communities, they understandably cause great concern,” Det Supt Cowley added.



*Sheffield South East Police in anti-knife crime campaign
Source: Sheffield South East NPT*

South Yorkshire Police also works with partners across the rest of the criminal justice system, including the Crown Prosecution Service to tackle sexual offences.

Detective Chief Inspector Emma Knight, force lead for rape and sexual offences, said: "Sexual offences have a devastating impact on victims. I would urge anyone affected by sexual abuse to report it to us – no matter when it took place, we will investigate it, and we will support you."