

Measures where trend status has not been applied:

1. **Hospital admissions of under 25's for assault with a sharp object:** This measure comes from NHS data (Hospital Episode Statistics (HES) NHS Digital) and is subject to varying policy practices amongst NHS Trusts. In order to protect patient confidentiality counts between 1 and 7 are not available and all other counts are rounded to the nearest 5. In view these factors, and the variances that have been applied as part of the RAG system, a RAG status has not been applied to this measure. As stated in the main report, a revised measure will be brought to the panel in November.
2. **Violence which is flagged as Domestic Abuse related:** As outlined in the main report, domestic abuse is often a hidden crime so data held by the police can only provide a partial picture of the actual level of domestic abuse experienced and it is therefore difficult to apply a trend status for this measure. An increase in domestic violence crime could be interpreted as a positive reflection of victims' confidence in reporting. However, an increase in reports could reflect a 'real' increase in victimisation and therefore a negative outcome.
3. **Public order offences:** Typically public order offences are a product of pro-active police activity, so trends in this area are influenced by this. A decrease in the number of recorded public order offences could reflect a lack of police activity rather than reduced levels of crime, and therefore a RAG assessment therefore is not appropriate for this measure.
4. **Drug possession and drug trafficking offences:** Similarly, trends in this area are influenced by pro-active policing. An increase in drug offences could indicate more police activity, more dealers arrested and more drugs removed from the streets, or it could mean more drug related activity (use and dealing), so again, applying a RAG assessment may be misleading.
5. **Hate crime:** Data held by the police can only provide a partial picture of the actual level of hate crime experienced as it is often under reported. Like domestic abuse, increased levels of recorded hate crime may indicate better confidence in reporting, and decreases may not indicate an actual decrease in crime but reduced reporting.
6. **The measures which reflect levels of demand will also not have a RAG status applied and are viewed as monitoring indicators.** This includes the number of customer contacts and the number of reports made to Devon and Cornwall Police from Crime Stoppers. Increased contact and reports could be an indicator of increased public confidence in policing and reporting, and accessible contact methods. Increased contact could also be an indicator of increased crime and other incidents. These measures do not have a RAG status applied.