

STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENT 2021<sup>1</sup>

## KEY FINDINGS

The overall crime rate decreased by 6% in comparison to 2019

While most high-level crime has reduced, risk for the most vulnerable adults and children has increased, including domestic abuse and drug use<sup>2</sup>

Arun had the third highest crime rate per 1000 population<sup>3</sup> at 65 per 1000 residents

Police Community Safety Partnership data shows that 49.5% of all crimes in Arun are violent crimes which is comparable to rates across West Sussex

Drugs trafficking and supply has increased significantly compared to previous year (↑91%)

The severity of crimes recorded continues to increase across West Sussex. Although Arun crime severity score was 10.4 which is one of the highest in the county, however, still lower than both Sussex (11.6) and England (13.8)<sup>4</sup>

Domestic abuse crimes increased by 9% however the total number of reported domestic incidents decreased slightly (↓2%). The severity of recorded domestic crimes has increased during 2020

Reporting of all forms of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) increased, likely due to community tensions exacerbated by 3 national lockdowns within the last year. Environmental ASB has been a particular issue for the locality

The pandemic fight is not over yet and easing of the restrictions are still uncertain at the time of compiling this report. Therefore, it is a reasonable expectation that the effects of the pandemic will be reflected in crime figures going forward

<sup>1</sup> January 2020 – December 2020

<sup>2</sup> The Safer West Sussex Partnership Strategic Intelligence Assessment 2021

<sup>3</sup> For West Sussex

<sup>4</sup> The Crime Severity Score is calculated as follows:  $\text{Sum [across all offences] (Weight * Number of offences) / (Area) mid-year population estimate}$ . For more information visit the [ONS website](#)