



Public Accountability Meeting Stalking and Harassment

22nd May 2018



Areas of Discussion



- Definitions
- National context
- Local context
- Our challenges
- Actions

Harassment



“a course of conduct directed at an individual by another, which causes the victim to feel alarmed, distressed, and/or in fear that violence may be used against them or another.

It can include physical, online, verbal, or non-verbal interference or intimidation. The term also includes harassment by two or more suspects against one individual, or harassment against closely connected groups of people.

The behaviour in question must be such that a reasonable person in possession of the same information would think it amounted to harassment.”

Stalking



“behaviour that constitutes harassment and where the perpetrator appears to be fixated and/or obsessed with another”

Living in Fear – the police and CPS response to harassment and stalking July 2017

Stalking Perpetrators



- The rejected
- Intimacy seekers
- Incompetent suitors
- The resentful
- The predatory

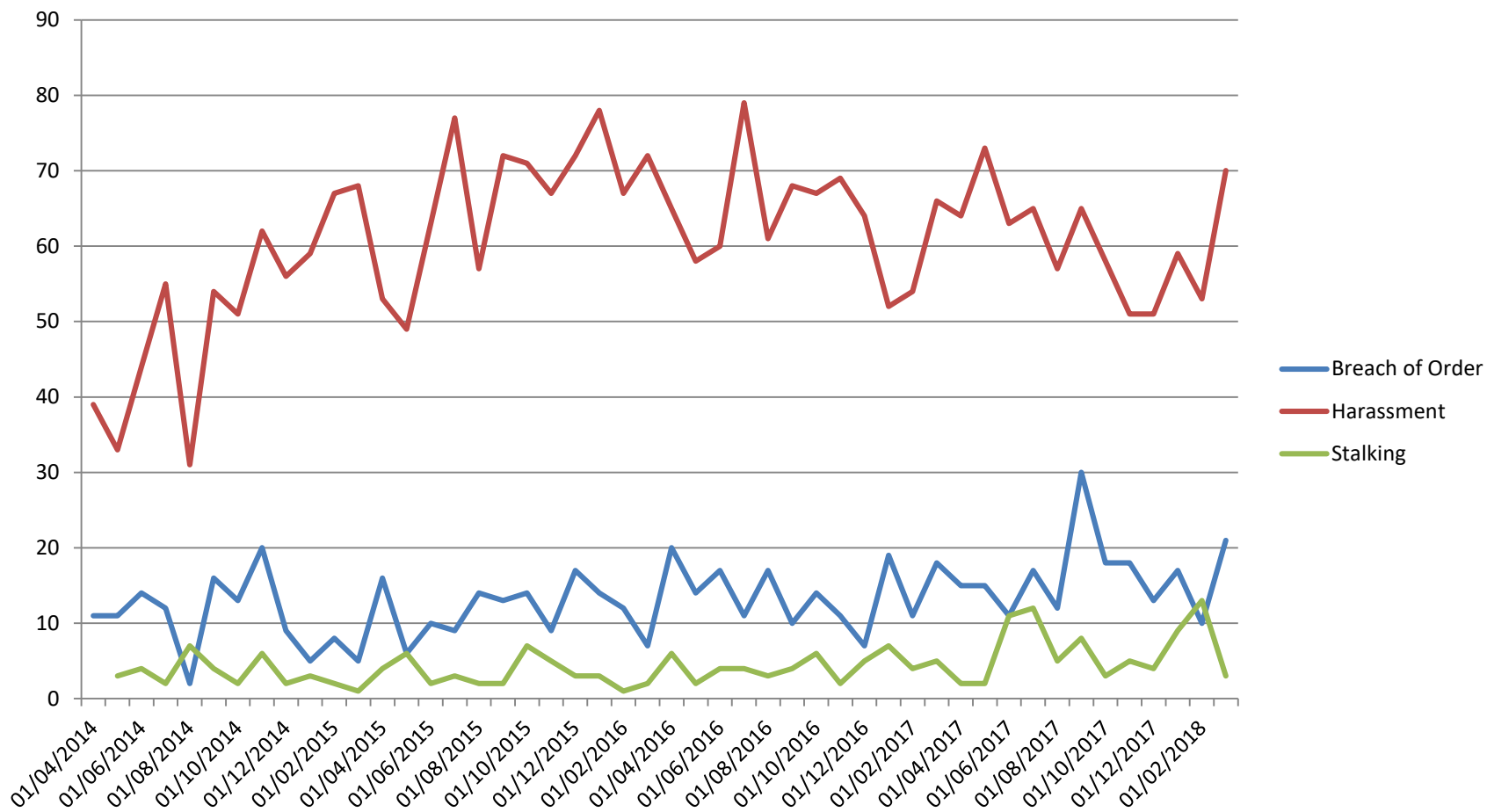
Stalking National Findings



- Approximately 76% of women murdered nationally had reported stalking in the previous 12 months. This increases to 85% for women who were murdered by their partner.
- 75% of domestic violence stalkers will turn up at the workplace.
- 1 in 10 stalkers, who had no prior relationship with the victim will act on a threat they make.
- In 2016 according to the Crime Survey England and Wales found 4.9% women and 2.4% men had reported stalking.
- Cyber-stalking is on the increase



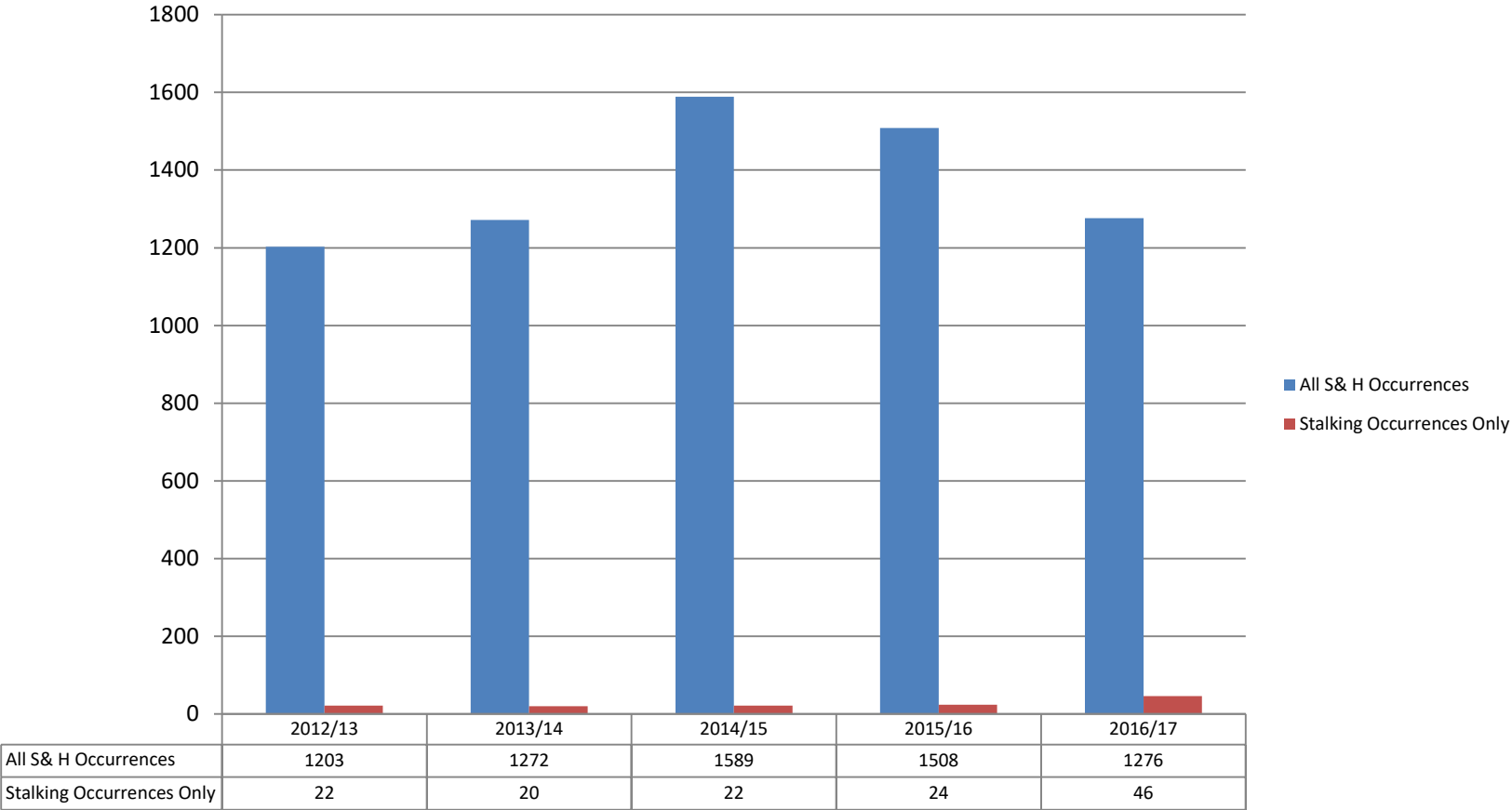
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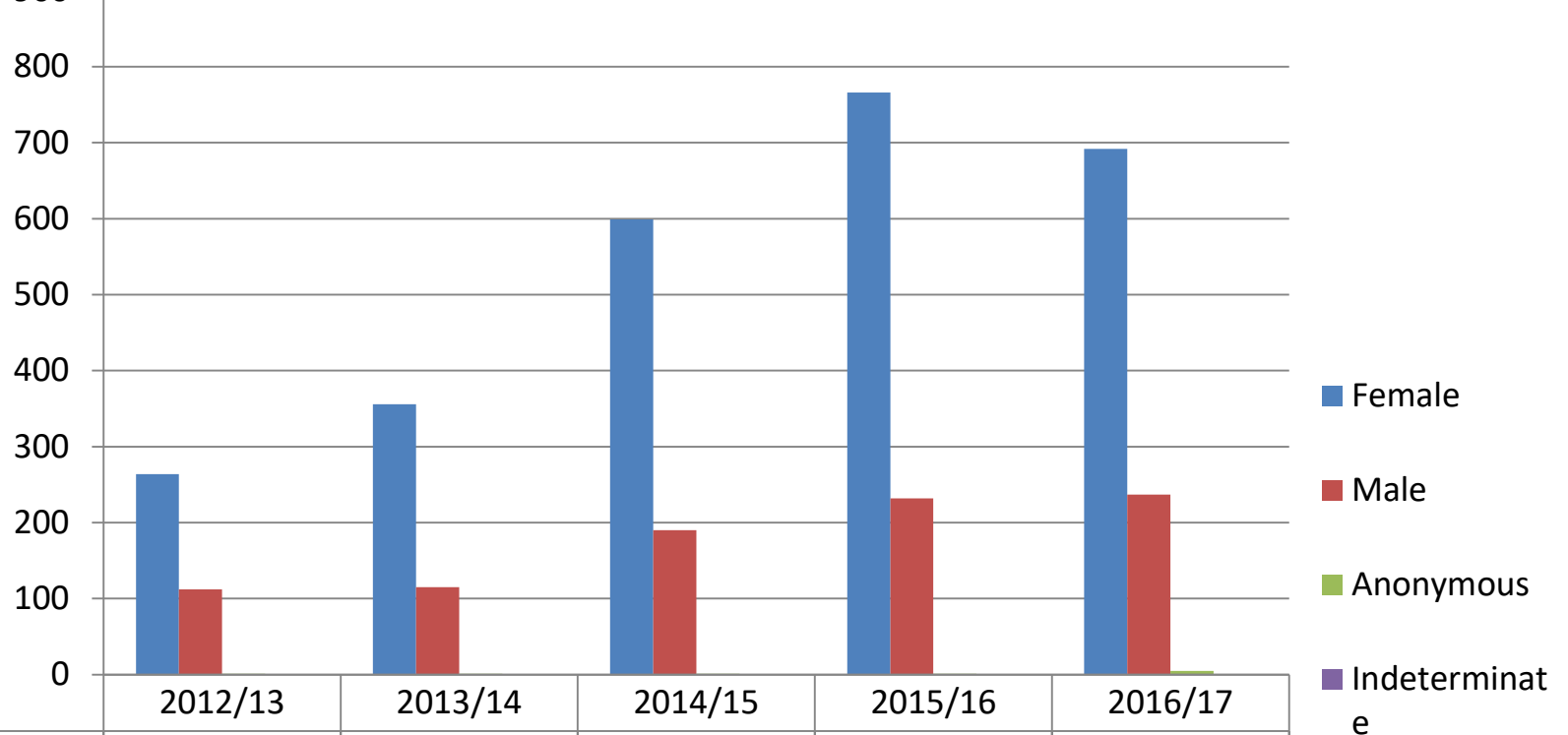
Estimated Stalking & Harassment occurrences within York and North Yorkshire between 2012/13 and 2016/17



Levels within North Yorkshire



Victims of Stalking & Harassment Crimes across the Five Year period



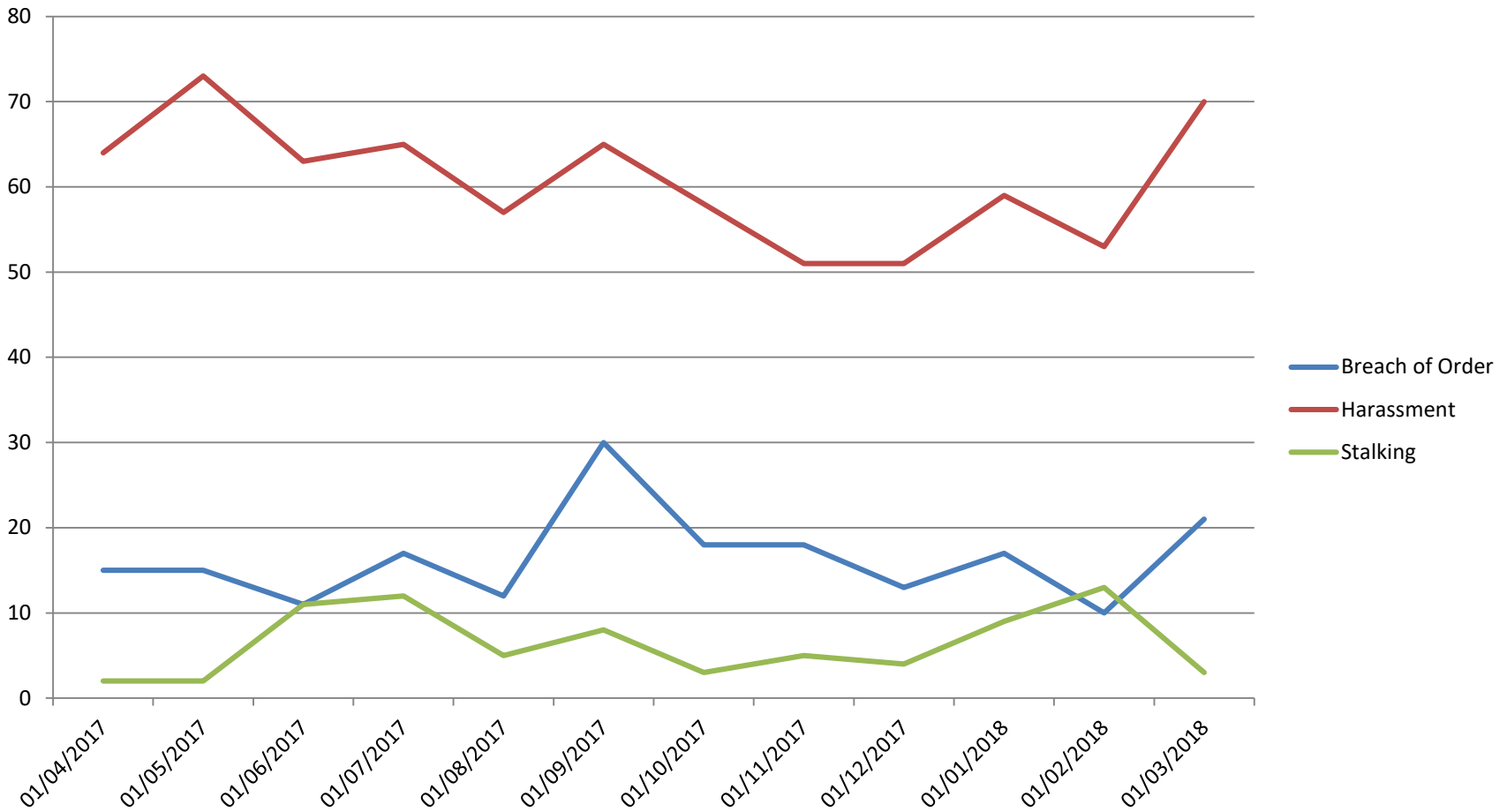
| | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 |
|---------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Female | 264 | 356 | 599 | 766 | 692 |
| Male | 112 | 115 | 190 | 232 | 237 |
| Anonymous | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Indeterminate | | | | | 1 |

Levels within North Yorkshire



| | 2012/13 | 2013/14 | 2014/15 | 2015/16 | 2016/17 | TOTAL |
|-------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| YORK | 322 | 350 | 407 | 358 | 300 | 1737 |
| SCARBOROUGH | 217 | 243 | 308 | 316 | 280 | 1364 |
| HARROGATE | 210 | 182 | 270 | 264 | 215 | 1141 |
| SELBY | 138 | 139 | 161 | 156 | 144 | 738 |
| HAMBLETON | 125 | 128 | 169 | 139 | 109 | 670 |
| CRAVEN | 78 | 71 | 87 | 104 | 78 | 418 |
| RYEDALE | 49 | 71 | 86 | 99 | 69 | 374 |
| RICHMOND | 51 | 68 | 84 | 51 | 56 | 310 |
| TOTAL | 1190 | 1252 | 1572 | 1487 | 1251 | |

Levels within North Yorkshire – 12 months



Challenges



- Awareness and understanding of these offences
- Data Abstraction.
- Use of 253 DASH form.
- Appropriate support to victims.

Current National Steer



- House of Commons 19th January 2018 Second reading of the Stalking Protection Bill 2017-19
- Awaiting guidance from the APP College of Policing.
- A training tool has been recommended as part of the Bill above to ensure understanding and consistency nationwide.
- Awaiting Sentencing Council consultation on 'Intimidatory offences and domestic abuse guidelines'
- National Stalking and Harassment Working Group

Victims views



- Often advice given to victims is for them to change their behaviour in some way.
- Victims are unaware how to get help.
- Police officers and staff do not recognise stalking when it is first reported.
- Victims treated as a nuisance.
- Victims didn't feel they could speak with employers .

Case Studies



| <u>Incompetent suitor</u> | <u>The rejected</u> |
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| Victims views listened to | Victims views identified as not criminal |
| Offences identified and investigated | Further reports |
| Arrest of perpetrator | Review of occurrences |
| Lots of different agencies involved. | Offences identified. |
| Arranged Multi agency meeting | Others involved but no coordination |
| Actions to safeguard and safety plan | Perpetrator interviewed |
| Charged, remanded and convicted | Reported breaches |
| Restraining order | |
| Occurrences cease. | |
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| <u>Consequences</u> | <u>Consequences</u> |
| Vulnerability identified | Vulnerability not resolved |
| Confidence in support agencies | Reduced confidence |
| Satisfaction in Police | No victim support |
| Officers confidence to deal with offences | Unwilling to make further reports |
| Offender stops | Offending continues |
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NYP Actions

- Force Tactical Priority.
- Reviewed force policy and guidance provided.
- Nexus review.
- Amended flow charts and HIN direction.
- Neighbourhood policing conference delivery.
- Aide memoir.
- Force wide Briefing items.
- On line training for officers and staff.
- Inspectors day inputs.
- No Home Here campaign.
- Conferences for high risk victims.
- National Stalking and Harassment Working Group



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Specialist Support



- **Suzy Lamplugh Trust**

National Stalking Helpline: 0808 802 0300

www.suzylamplugh.org

- **Paladin National Stalking Advocacy Service**

Advice Line: 0203 866 4107

info@paladinservice.co.uk

- **Independent Domestic Abuse Services (IDAS)**

National Helpline: 0808 2000 247

Local Helpline: 03000 110 110

info@idas.org.uk



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