



# Research and Analysis

## PROBLEM SUMMARY – NTE S District

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### BRIEF SUMMARY OF ISSUE(S): What is the problem and how is it occurring?

The NTE remains a priority for Southampton due to continued offending within the city centre that is linked to alcohol consumption. It is clear from the figures that this issue is within the city centre where licensed premises are highly concentrated.

The majority of these offences occur over the weekend (Saturday and Sunday) and also on a Wednesday in the early hours (linked to Tuesday Student nights).

A recent Sexual Offences report found that offences linked to the NTE had increased in 2013/14, particularly between October and December 2013. 16% overall occurred within a Licensed premise<sup>1</sup>.

This report reviews both Violence Against the Person (VAP) and Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) within the hours of 1900 and 0700 to establish what impact the NTE has on these issues.

### VAP INCIDENTS

- 1440 VAP incidents are linked to a licensed premise or have occurred in a public place between 01/04/13 and 31/01/14 and between the hours of 1900 and 0700hrs.
- This is a reduction on the figures for the same period the year before of 206 incidents, or 12%, however, less incidents are linked to licensed premises, 379 (23%) than in the current period.
- Just under a third of 2013/14 public place VAP incidents, 444 (31%), are linked to a licensed premises. This increase is likely to be due to better recording.
- 55 incidents of most serious violence recorded overall, 14 (25%) linked to a licensed premises.
- ████████ is the most frequently linked licensed premise - 7% of all VAP
- Overall, 7% (111) VAP occurrences are linked as having a weapon used;
  - 25 incidents are linked as having a "Glass" used as a weapon.
  - 34 incidents involved a bladed implement
  - 51 involved a non-bladed implement
- 438 (30%) incidents are linked as having an offender in drink at the time of the incident. It is likely the number of offenders in drink is higher than recorded, particularly if no offender is identified, this assessment cannot be made. There is no figure for victims in drink available.

It should be noted that this is unlikely to be an accurate reflection of violence within the NTE as several incidents that occur outside of licensed premises but within the Cumulative Impact Areas (CIA) will not be included in this review. There are also likely to be incidents of public place violence during this time period that is not related

<sup>1</sup> Western Area NTE serious sexual offences profile April –Dec Author Vicky QUICK Date: 20/01/14

to alcohol consumption or the NTE, but due to data quality it is not possible to exclude all these offences at this time.

The possibility that premises linked to the violence incidents do not accurately reflect where the incident has occurred is also very real – it may be the best landmark to link to reflect the occurrence location rather than the persons involved in the incident actually having frequented that establishment.

It is suggested that a business/organisation be created in RMS to enable the linking of NTE related incidents in order to gain a better understanding of the issues within this environment.

### Seasonal Issues

- Offences linked to licensed premises increased in September 2013, remaining higher for the rest of the year until a dip in January. This differs from the year before when there was an actual reduction in offences in September that continued until a spike in November.
- The December increase in incidents occurs in both years and is likely to be linked to Christmas celebrations increasing the number of people out in the NTE.
- The reduction in January occurs in both years, as may be expected as people have less money to spend in this month.
- The increase in offences linked to licensed premises in 2013/14 may be due to continued engagement the licensing teams have with these establishments to encourage them to report incidents on their premises, as well as the team correcting occurrence locations on RMS when they become aware of errors. Therefore, a more accurate picture is represented.

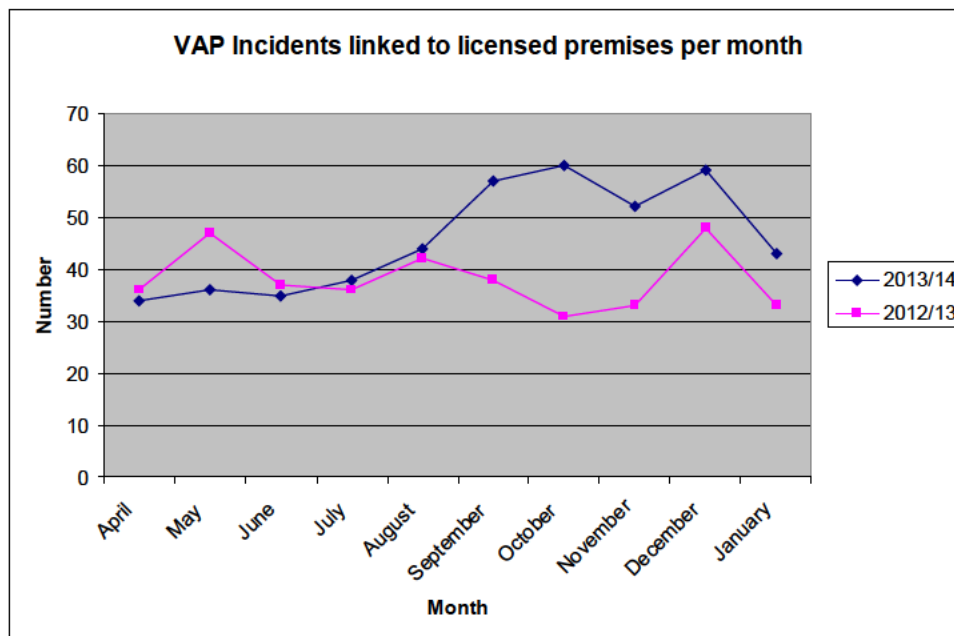


Figure 1: Line graph of VAP incidents linked to a licensed premises on RMS by month

### Violent Crime by Type

Violence Category	Total
1 Common assault	360
2 Harassment	235
3 Serious	743
4a On police	50
6 Sex offence	52

- The majority of incidents are ABH or above (743, 52%)
- 55 (4%) incidents are MSV
- When all offences linked to a licensed premise are reviewed, the number of incidents of ABH or above is slightly higher at 60%, or 275 offences.

VAP by category

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- 14 incidents of MSV are linked to a licensed premises, a quarter (25%) of all MSV occurring during the review period, and 3% of all VAP that is linked to these establishments.

**TEMPORAL SUMMARY: When is the problem occurring? Peak times/days?**

- The largest volume of incidents occurrence on Saturdays and Sundays but Wednesday mornings are also higher.
- Wednesday mornings between 0100-0400hrs
- Saturday mornings between midnight and 0300hrs
- Saturday evenings into Sunday morning from 2300 until 0400hrs
- Mondays appear to have a number of incidents at [redacted] (5) and [redacted] (6)
- Wednesdays
  - there have been 7 reports at [redacted]
  - 9 at [redacted]
  - 22 at [redacted]
- Thursday; 5 at [redacted]
- Weekends: [redacted]

Occurrence Start Day of Week	Occurrence Start Hour							
	11pm	Midnight	1am	2am	3am	4am	5am	6am
Monday	12	31	11	9	5	2		1
Tuesday	11	26	8	8	8	3	2	2
Wednesday	9	23	25	31	16	8	1	1
Thursday	8	12	4	6	8	3		1
Friday	19	34	13	13	14	6	2	1
Saturday	47	50	40	48	34	22	11	4
Sunday	20	69	54	51	44	10	7	1
Grand Total	126	245	155	166	129	54	23	11

Table 2: All VAP incidents by day and hour from 2300hrs

This table shows the peak times to be:

- Early hours of Saturday and Sunday morning from midnight to 4am, with Saturdays around 11pm also a peak time.
- Early hours of Wednesday morning and to a lesser extent Monday & Friday mornings.

When this the occurrences times are reviewed for incidents linked to a licensed premises only, a similar pattern is recorded, with Sunday mornings recording the most incidents between midnight and 4am, closely followed by Saturdays between midnight and 3m.

Wednesday mornings also remain busy with peak times between 1am and 3am.

Occurrence Start Day of Week	Occurrence Start Hour							
	11pm	Midnight	1am	2am	3am	4am	5am	6am
Monday	1	11	6	7	3			
Tuesday	3	3	2		4			
Wednesday	3	9	17	21	12	1		
Thursday	2	2	2	2	3	3		
Friday	6	10	6	3	7	2	1	
Saturday	16	20	28	25	12	5	1	1
Sunday	6	35	24	22	22	3	1	
Grand Total	37	90	85	80	63	14	3	1

Table 3: All VAP incidents linked to a licensed premises as occurrence address by day and hour from 2300hrs

**PROBLEM LOCATION(S): Licensed Premises**

- SW sector records the highest number of offences, 578, 40% of all incidents within Southampton.
- There are a number of premises that record more than 10 incidents since April:
  - [redacted] is top with 56 VAP incidents reported; with a further 35 linked to [redacted] and 9 at [redacted], taking the total to 100 incidents, almost a quarter of all licensed premises linked VAP.
  - [redacted] accounts for 25 incidents

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- [redacted] a further 21, with [redacted] another 20
- [redacted], also in the Bedford Place/London Road area had 15 incidents linked
- The clubs around Vernon walk, [redacted] [redacted] account for 19 incidents collectively

Both [redacted] have been engaging with the Police licensing team and encouraged to report incidents to Police. This may have contributed to the number of occurrences linked to these premises. Positive engagement with the establishments should be encouraged and therefore the high numbers are not always a negative, but should continue to be monitored.

[redacted]  
The capacity of this venue is around [redacted] people, so the footfall within this premise is frequently higher than that of the other licensed premises in Southampton. Therefore, it may be expected that the number of VAP incidents linked to this premises are higher.

This premises also recorded the highest amount of sex offences linked to a NTE premise, with 9 incidents linked as either occurring in the premise or the victim and offender meeting at the location<sup>2</sup>.

## ASB

- There are 5398 ASB incidents *reported* between 01/04/13 and 31/01/14, that were reported between 1900 & 0700 hours; these will not all be linked to the NTE.
- There are 1452 incidents that have occurred in SC, the main NTE area, 27% of ASB during this time period.
- For the purposes of this review, only SC incidents have been further reviewed.
- When the types of ASB reported are reviewed, just over half of all incidents in SC (808, or 56%) are Rowdy & inconsiderate behaviour calls.
- Neighbour nuisance is next with 265 calls, or 18%
- When the 1452 incidents are reviewed for peak times, incidents vary in number per hour from 1 to 35.
- There are higher volumes across the whole week between 7pm and 2am.
- Friday night into Saturday morning (til 2am) and Saturday evening from 7pm through to Sunday morning 5am remain peak times for ASB incidents in the SC area.
- Incidents are also slightly increased Friday evening until 1am.
- The highest concentration of incidents is recorded on a Sunday morning between midnight and 3am, but higher volumes of occurrences continue until 6am on this day.

Occurrence Start Day of Week	Reported Hour						
	Midnight	1am	2am	3am	4am	5am	6am
Monday	16	10	7	5	5	2	2
Tuesday	13	13	16	6	3	6	2
Wednesday	19	19	10	18	16	8	
Thursday	14	11	6	7	5	1	
Friday	23	19	12	10	14	4	3
Saturday	33	33	19	21	23	7	3
Sunday	41	49	36	25	27	16	8

### Repeat premises linked to ASB incidents:

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Premises	No of ASB incidents linked
██████████	34
██████████	25
██████████	23
██████████	17
██████████	14
██████████	14
██████████	14
██████████	12
██████████	11
██████████	10
██████████	10
██████████	8

Table 4: All ASB incidents by day and hour from 2300hrs

- Both ██████████ in the CIA around Bedford Place/London Road report high numbers of ASB occurrences. The majority of these are linked to vagrants, however, although there are a number of incidents linked to drunk persons from the NTE as well.
- Again, ██████████ has the most ASB incidents linked to it for any licensed bar or club. 18 of the 25 incidents occurred between 1am and 5am
- ██████████ and ██████████ also feature highly in relation to VAP offences.
- All the incidents linked to ██████████ are reported after midnight, up until 5.34hrs. The majority, 15, occur between 2am and 5am. Most of these incidents are reports of issues with the door staff or the door staff reporting incidents of customers causing problems.
- ██████████ does feature in the top 12 but more VAP incidents are linked to the premise. 6 of these occur between 1am and 3.30am
- Of the 17 incidents at ██████████, 11 of them were actually reported between 2am and 6am, suggesting this is an area for persons to congregate when leaving the NTE, most likely ██████████, the nearest late opening Club. Several of the reports have come from the near by hotels reporting excess noise.

## CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The NTE continues to draw Police resources into the city centre to deal with violence and anti-social behaviour. The weekend remains particularly busy, especially the early hours of Friday and Saturday mornings.

Despite reports of lower footfall in these pubs and clubs, they are still linked to nearly a third of all VAP reported in the whole of Southampton between 1900 & 0700 hours. The number of VAP incidents linked to alcohol consumption is likely to be a lot higher than currently recorded due to issues discussed above. While the NTE continues to exist, there will remain a need for police to resource the crime that results from this.

There is currently no accurate recording of crime and ASB linked to the NTE; a bus/org on RMS may assist providing a better picture of the issue and where resources are most needed.