

MGLA190224-6873 – FOI response - VRU impact data

Over the last two years, London's Violence Reduction Unit has invested in more than 150,000 positive opportunities.

Since the VRU was set up in 2019, the first of its kind in England, there has been a 22 per cent reduction in homicides, a 20 per cent fall in knife crime with injury for those aged under-25, and a 16 per cent reduction in robbery. [Compared to November 2018 when the set-up of the VRU was announced.]

Offence Type	Nov 18 to Oct 19	Nov 19 to Oct 20	Nov 20 to Oct 21	Nov 21 to Oct 22	Nov 22 to Oct 23	Change vs. Previous 12m	Change vs Nov 18 - Oct 19 (Pre COVID)
Knife crime	15,278	12,978	10,831	12,367	14,164	14.5%	-7.3%
Knife Crime U25 Non-DA	1,675	1267	1236	1249	1346	7.8%	-19.6%
Gun Crime	2,138	1819	1378	1439	1431	-0.6%	-33.1%
Lethal Barrelled Discharges	296	327	222	209	187	-10.5%	-36.8%
Robbery	38,773	30,486	22,850	27,049	32,393	19.8%	-16.5%
Homicide	142	140	137	110	111	0.9%	-21.8%