# Justice Matters VAWG

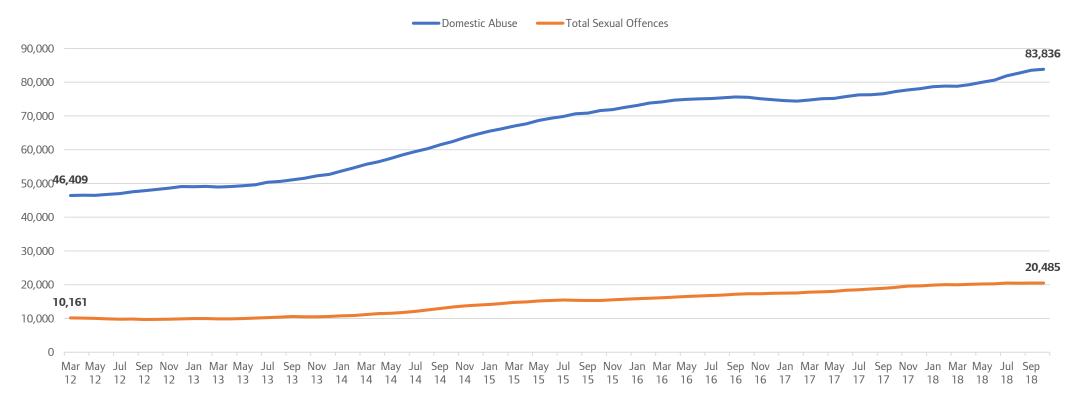
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## **RECORDED OFFENCES ARE INCREASING**

#### Recorded sexual and domestic offences - MPS

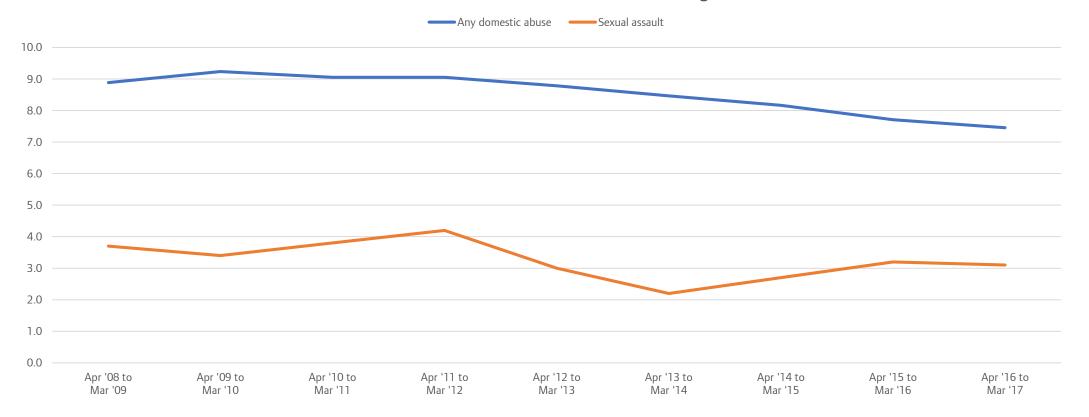


- Recorded domestic abuse and sexual offences remained fairly constant until 2014/15 at which point sharp increases in both were apparent (DA 21% increase, sexual offences +32%). Since this date increases have been less pronounced.
- Both the HMICFRS report into crime data integrity in November 2014 and the launch of Operation Yewtree in October 2012 have impacted on recorded crimes of this kind.



## **HOWEVER RECORDED PREVALENCE HAS NOT**

#### Prevalence domestic abuse and sexual assault (Women aged 16-59) - E&W



- For both domestic abuse and sexual offences, the CSEW indicates that there has been no real change in prevalence for women over the last 10 years.
- ONS recommend CSEW as the most robust measure of crime in England and Wales.



## SERVICES IN LONDON ARE STRUGGLING WITH DEMAND AND CAPACITY IS LIMITED

# Information from service providers highlights that demand has increased:

- > Demand for women's services has increased by 85% at the same time as funding has fallen by 50%
- > 64% of referrals during the year were unsuccessful.

## At the same time capacity has decreased:

- > Currently **6.6** refuge bed spaces per 1,000 estimated female victims in London
- > 38% of women stay in the refuge for a period of longer than 4 months



# Services are struggling to cope with the increasing complexity of need:

- Successful referral rates become even lower where there are complex needs that need further support (BAME, mental health, substance misuse or the number/age of a women's children)
- > Over **50%** of all women placed in refuge have children



