

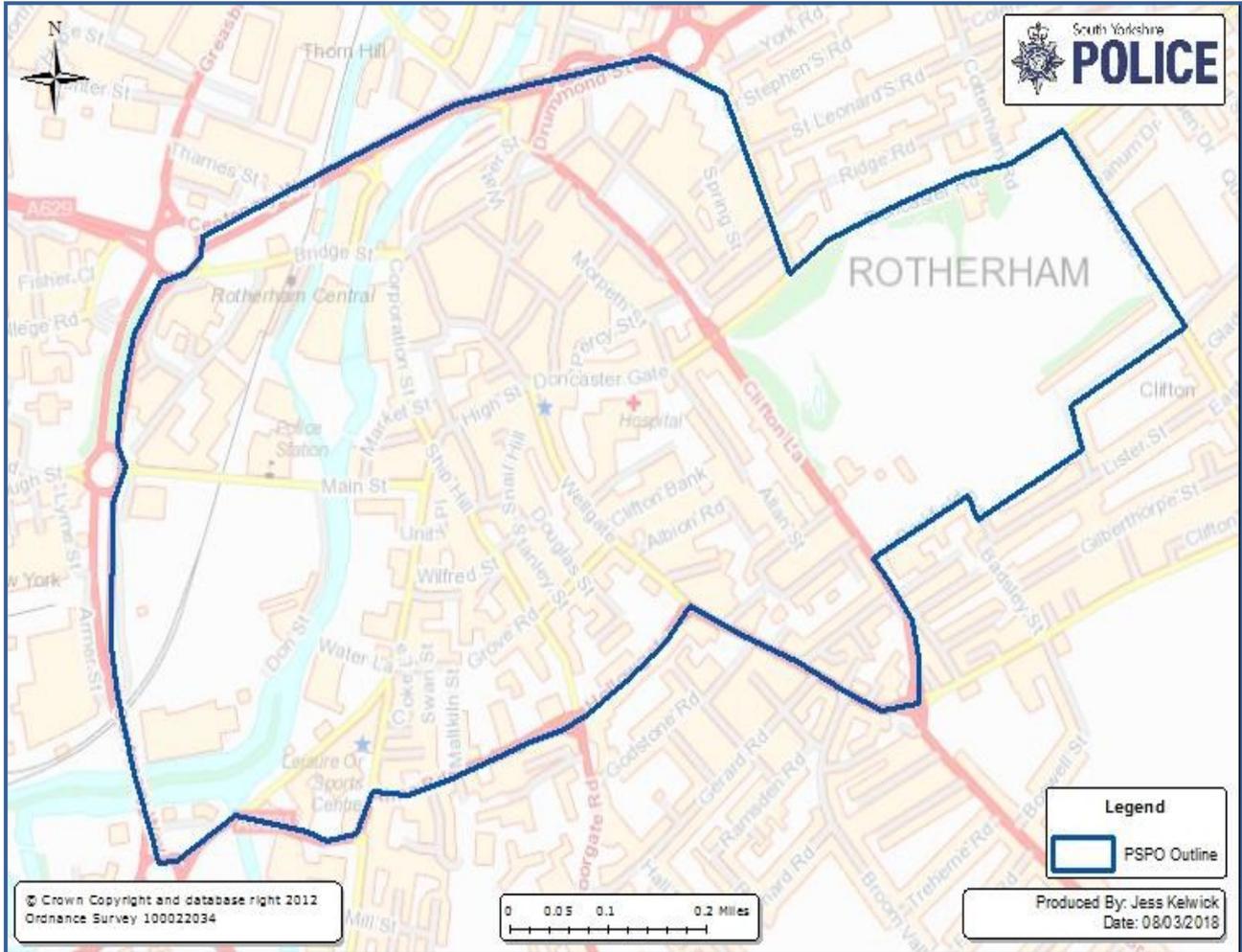
Force Intelligence Analyst Unit

Rotherham Town Centre PSPO Update

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Data Period	01/10/2016 – 30/04/2020	Protective Marking & Handling Instructions	Official
Aim & Purpose	The aim is to provide an update of ASB incidents committed within the Town Centre PSPO area since the last review updated up to 28 th July 2019.		
Sources & Parameters	Data is extracted from Procad and Smart Contact and processed through ArcGIS/ESRI software.		
Limitations	<p>Due to the methods of data extraction and anomalies with the geocoding of data, any figures provided within this report should be treated as unaudited. The force has a clear policy on the issuing of unaudited data externally and should you wish to share this data externally you take full responsibility for doing so.</p> <p>This report is the position of the South Yorkshire Police as of 21st May 2020. Any data prior to 13th November 2018 was sourced from Procad. The latest data used within this report was sourced from Smart Contact and extracted on 21st May 2020. Any changes to the data used following this date will not be captured within the report. Therefore if the data held within the report is required for use elsewhere in the future due to the Retain, Review, Delete requirements of MOPI additional checks may be required to ensure accuracy of the information.</p> <p>All the maps within this document, original representations or otherwise, are reproduced from the Ordnance Survey mapping with the permission of the Controller of Her Majesty's Stationery Office Crown Copyright. Unauthorised reproduction infringes Crown Copyright and may lead to prosecution or civil proceedings. SYP Licence No. PA 0103. Geocoding is not always accurate and as such there may be anomalies in the data.</p>		

Methodology and Limitations

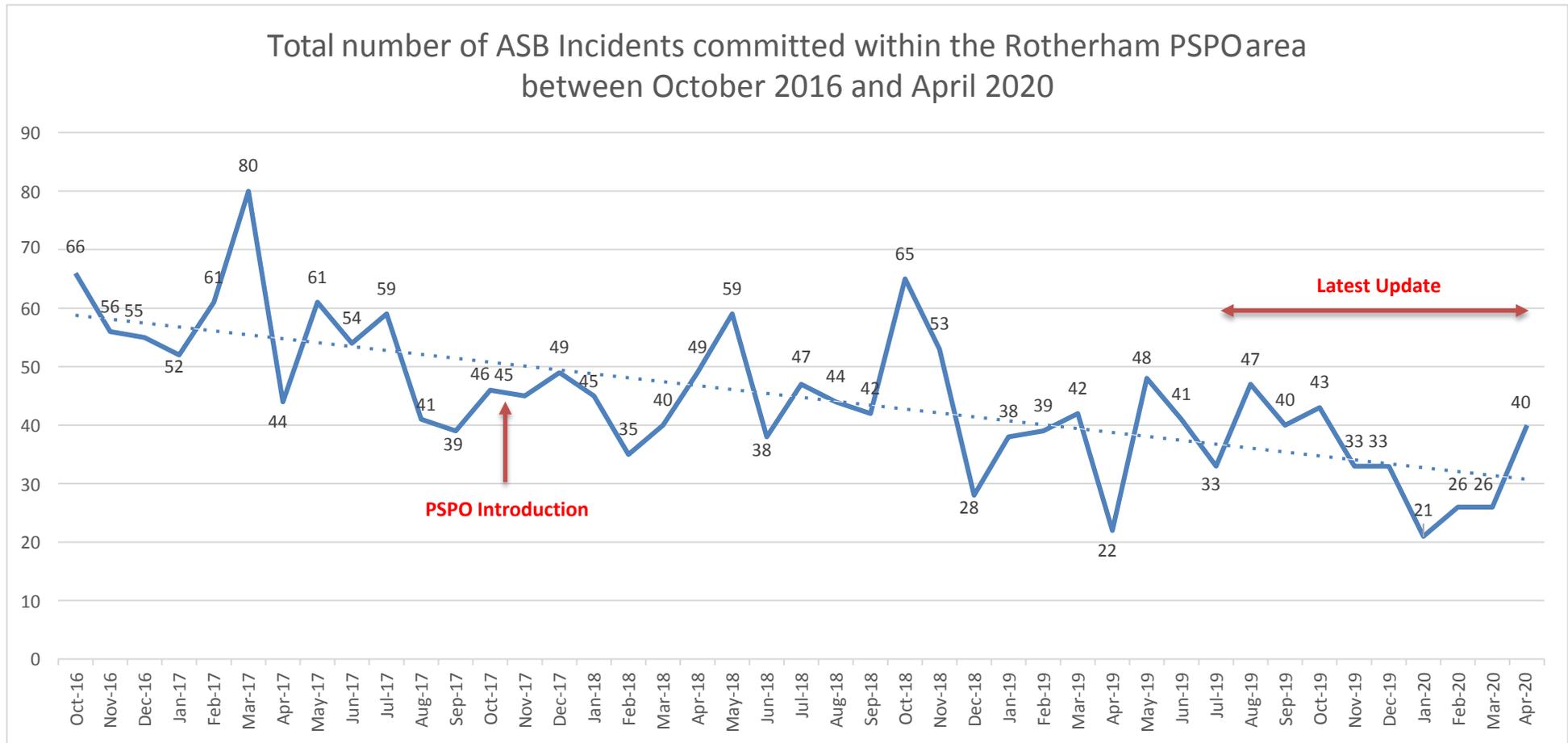
ASB incident data has been extracted for the whole of Rotherham. Then filtered to isolate incidents committed within the 'Public Spaces Protection Order' (PSPO) area for analysis. The defined PSPO shape is shown below and has been drawn using Arc Mapping software following receipt of an illustrative map from RMBC on the 28th February 2018. Due to recording practices and human error, some ASB may have been incorrectly included or excluded from the PSPO; however, every effort has been taken to avoid this.



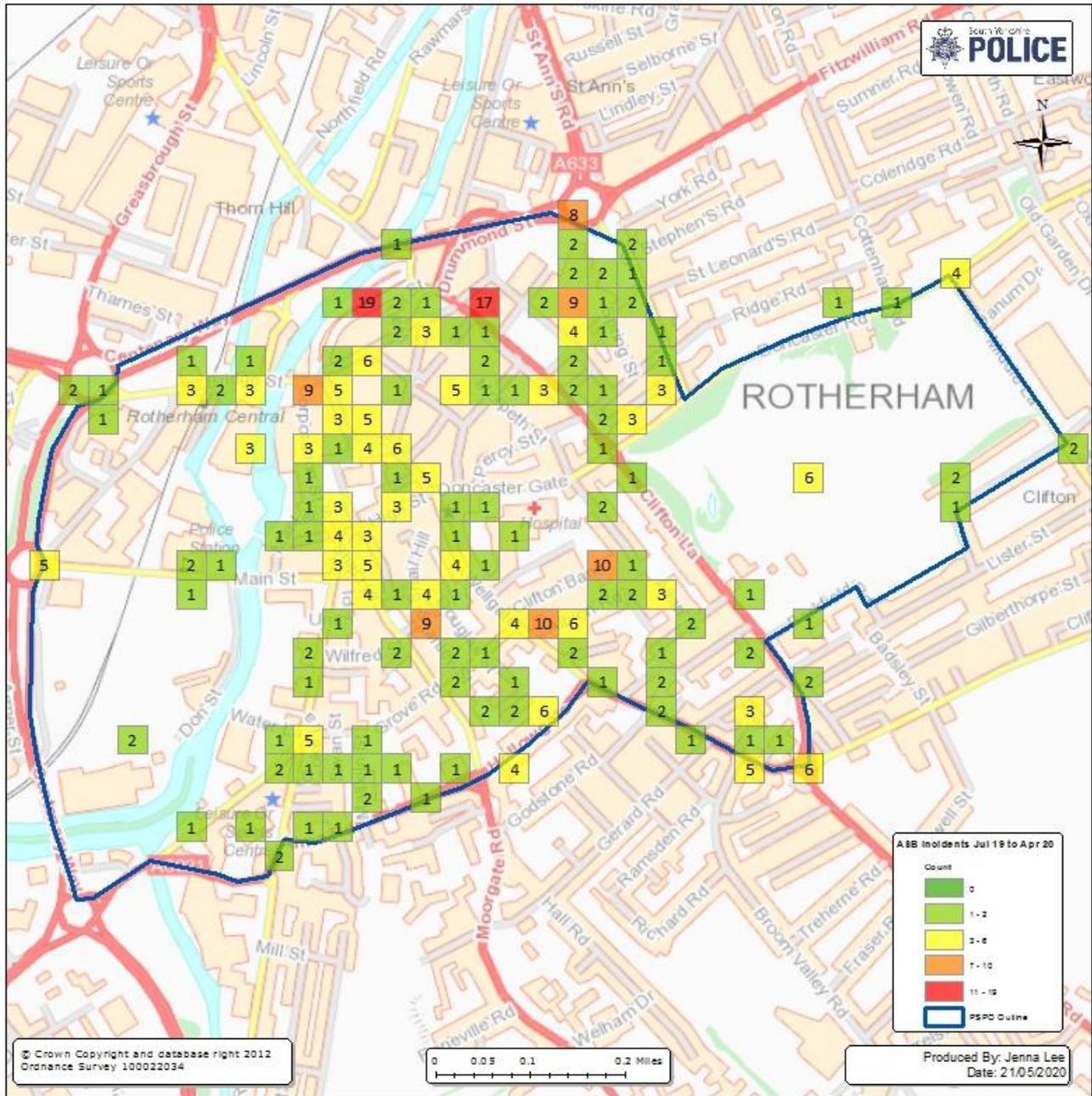
PSPO Overview

The PSPO was introduced on 20th October 2017 and has been in force since this date. Therefore, to analyse its effectiveness, ASB incidents between 1st October 2016 to 31st October 2018 were initially extracted for analysis. The previous update included ASB data between 1st November 2018 to 28th July 2019. The latest update includes ASB data between 1st July 2019 (to ensure the full month was covered) to 30th April 2020. Since 1st July 2019, there have been 342 ASB incidents in the Town Centre PSPO area.

Please note that since the COVID-19 pandemic first case to public notice, there have been notable changes in anti-social behaviour across the country. This has been further impacted by the enforcement of the ‘stay home’ policy implemented by the government on 23rd March 2020, with notable increases seen in ASB. Therefore, the impact of COVID-19 should be considered when considering any changes in ASB volumes, particularly for March and April 2020.



Grid Map - July 2019 to April 2020¹



The above map highlights key areas of note for ASB incidents, particularly at the Rotherham Interchange and Tesco, Drummond Street as well as Albion Road/Wellgate area, Bridgegate/Corporation Street/Frederick Street area, Spring Walk area, William Street, The Crofts, and College Street.

¹ Please note that 42 offences were captured within the edge of the grid area but occurred outside of the PSPO outline. Whilst this does not affect the incident figures provided for the PSPO area, please be aware when reviewing the above grid map.

Incident Types July 2019 – April 2020

The most common incident type was rowdy/inconsiderate behaviour, which accounts for 62% of all incidents recorded in the Town Centre PSPO area between July 2019 and April 2020.

Incident Title	Count
ROWDY/INCONSIDERATE	211
BEGGING/VAGRANCY	30
VEH NUISANCE/INAPP USE	24
NUISANCE NEIGHBOUR	16
FIREWORKS	15
ABND VEH NOT STOLEN	14
ANIMAL PROBLEM	7
STREET DRINKING	6
NOISE	6
NUISANCE ²	6
LITTER/DRUGS TRAPPINGS	3
OFF ROAD BIKE/QUAD	2
TRESPASS	2
Total	342

2- Year Comparison

This 2-year comparison shows that ASB incidents between May 2019 and April 2020 have decreased by 17% compared to the previous 12-months. The only notable increase is in April 2020, which is likely due to the impact of COVID-19 and the 'stay home' policy implemented.

Month	May 18 - Apr 19	May 19 - Apr 20	Change	% Change
May	59	48	-11	-19%
Jun	38	41	3	8%
Jul	47	33	-14	-30%
Aug	44	47	3	7%
Sep	42	40	-2	-5%
Oct	65	43	-22	-34%
Nov	53	33	-20	-38%
Dec	28	33	5	18%
Jan	38	21	-17	-45%
Feb	39	26	-13	-33%
Mar	42	26	-16	-38%
Apr	22	40	18	82%
Total	517	431	-86	-17%

² There are a small number of incidents where there was no specific incident type recorded and were recorded under the ASB categories of Environmental, Nuisance or Personal only.