

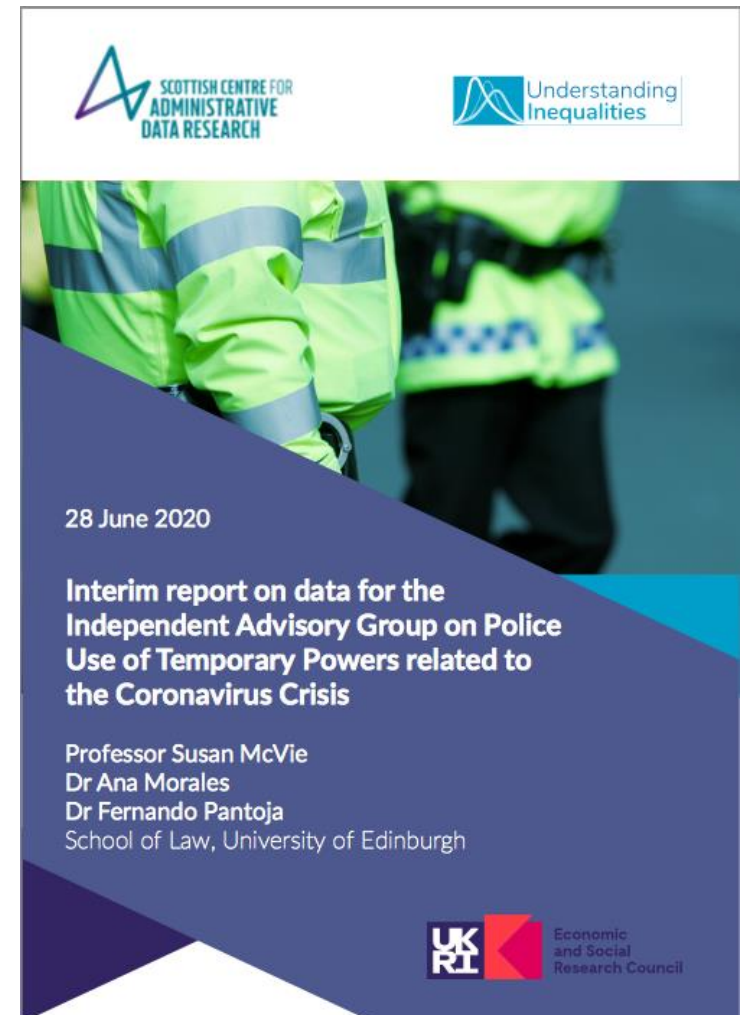
Independent Advisory Group on Police Use of Temporary Powers relating to the Coronavirus Crisis

Key findings from interim data report

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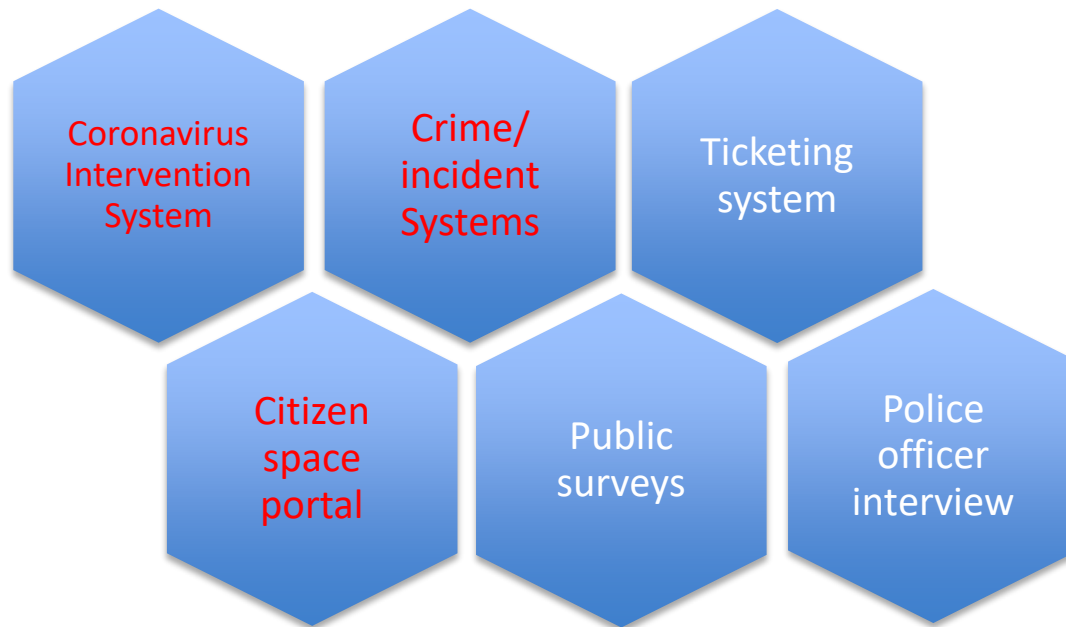
Structure

- Data gathering process
- Key findings:
 - Police use of the powers
 - Change over time
 - Wider policing context
 - Public response



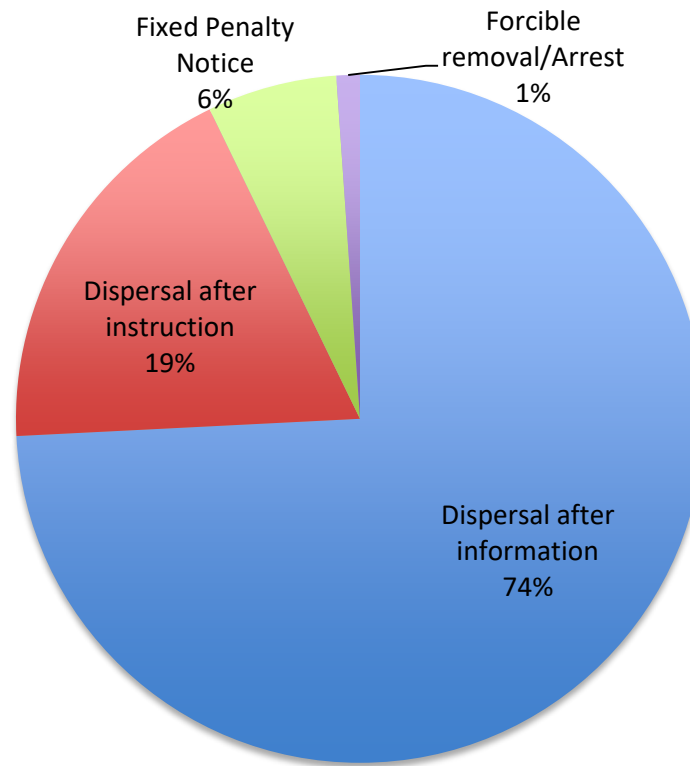
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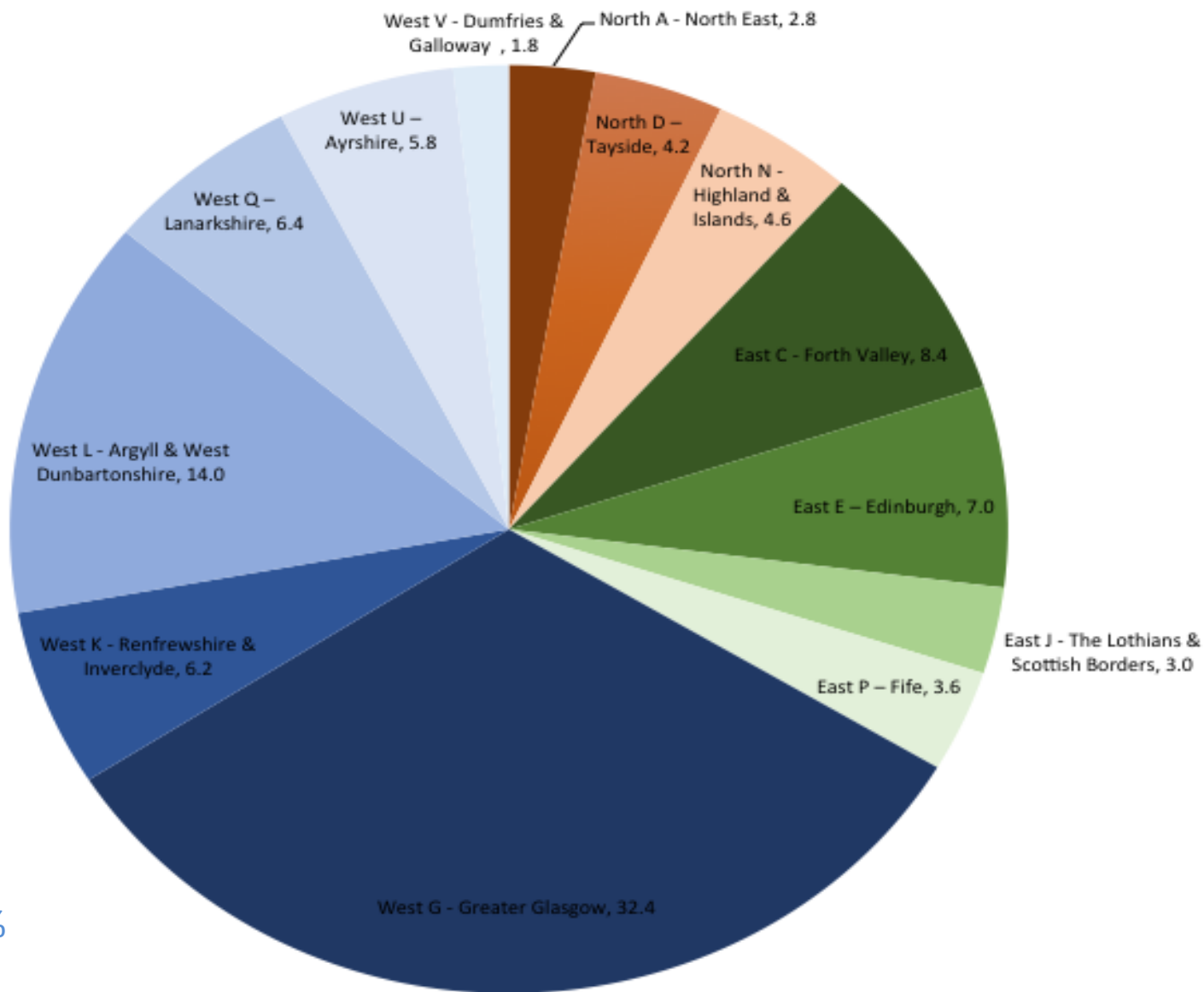
- 3 priority areas relating to Operation Talla:
 - Police application of the powers
 - Public acceptability of the powers
 - Public compliance with the regulations



Police use of the powers

- 53,112 interventions from 27th March to 17th June

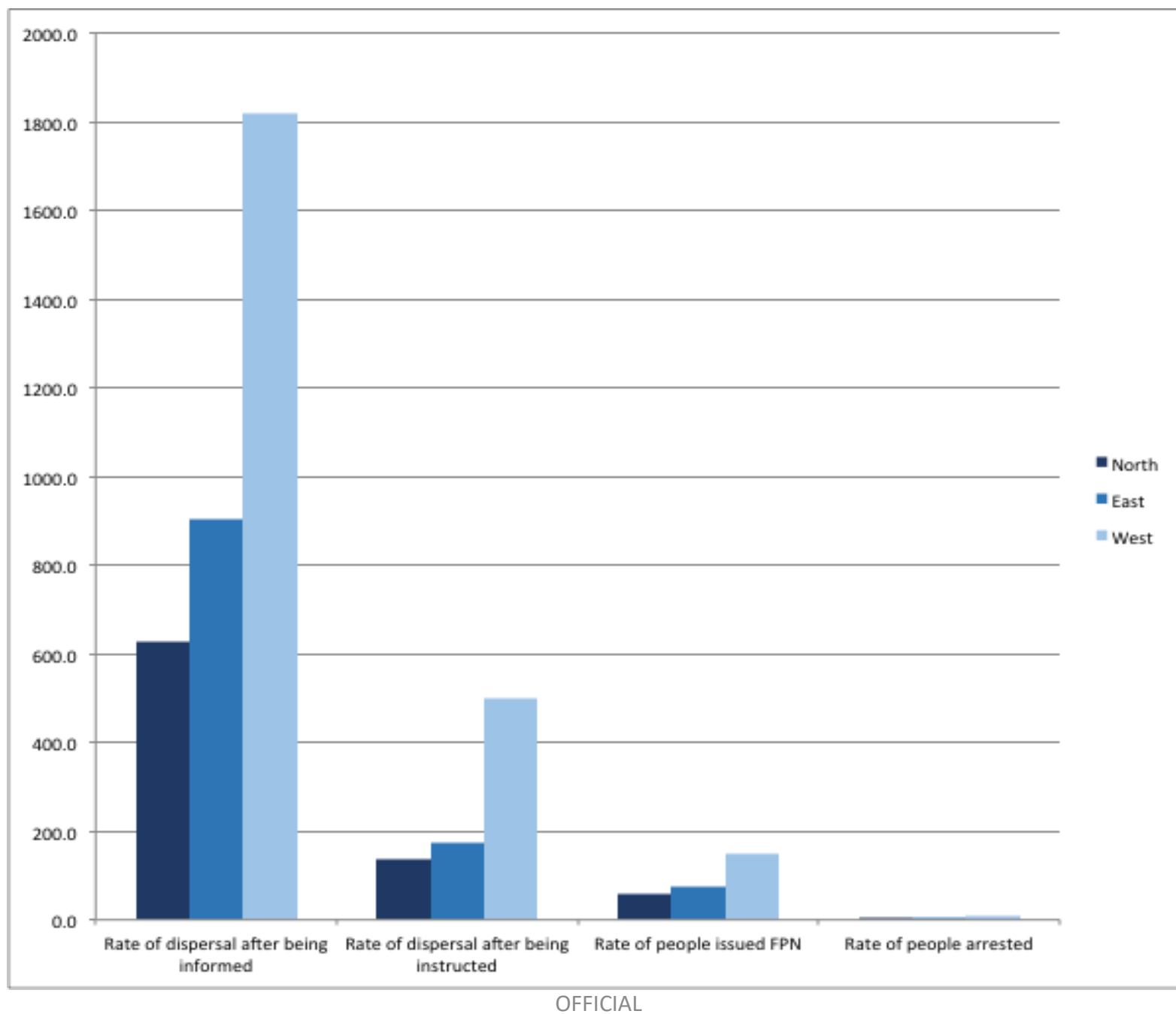




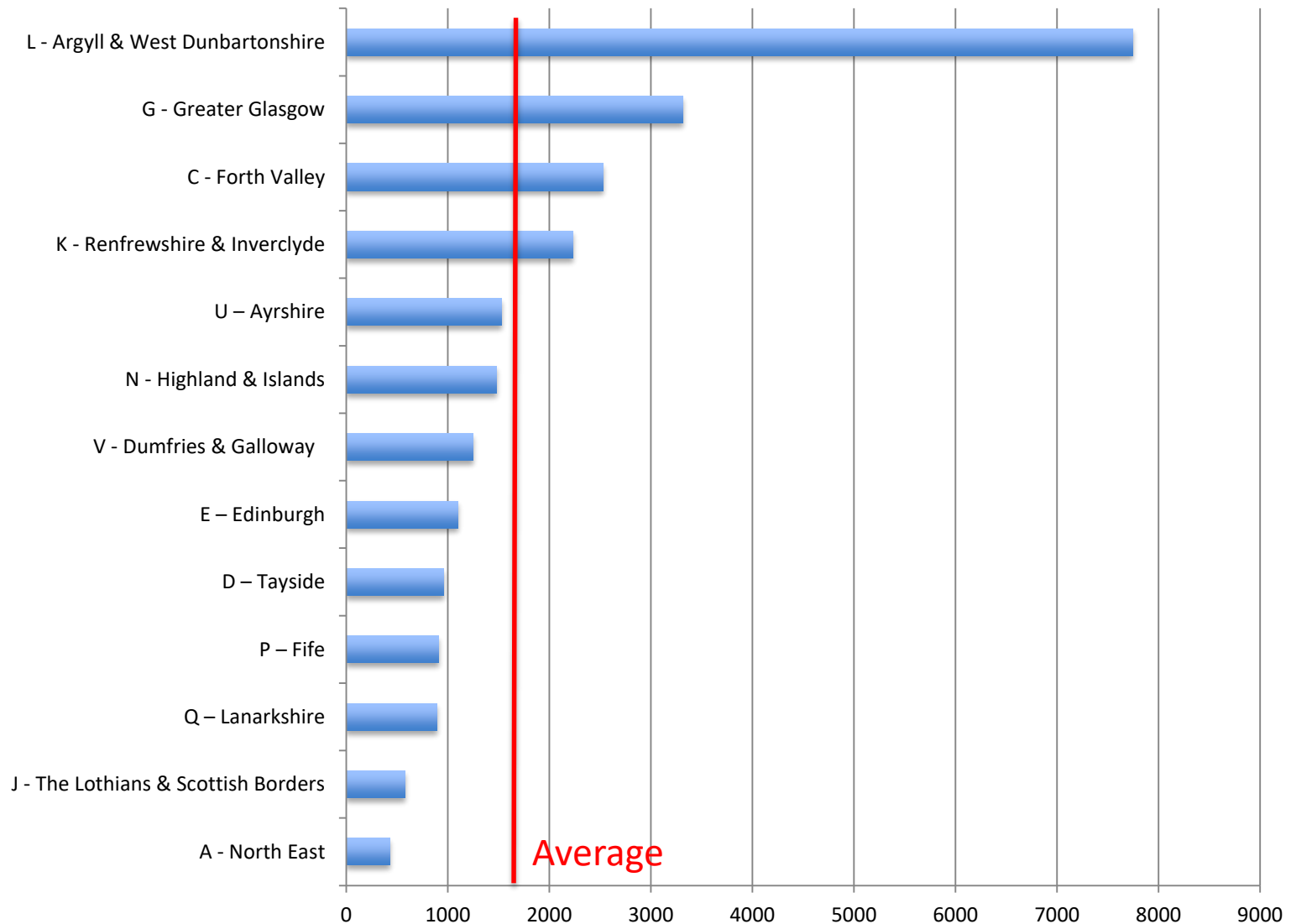
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East = 22%

North = 12%

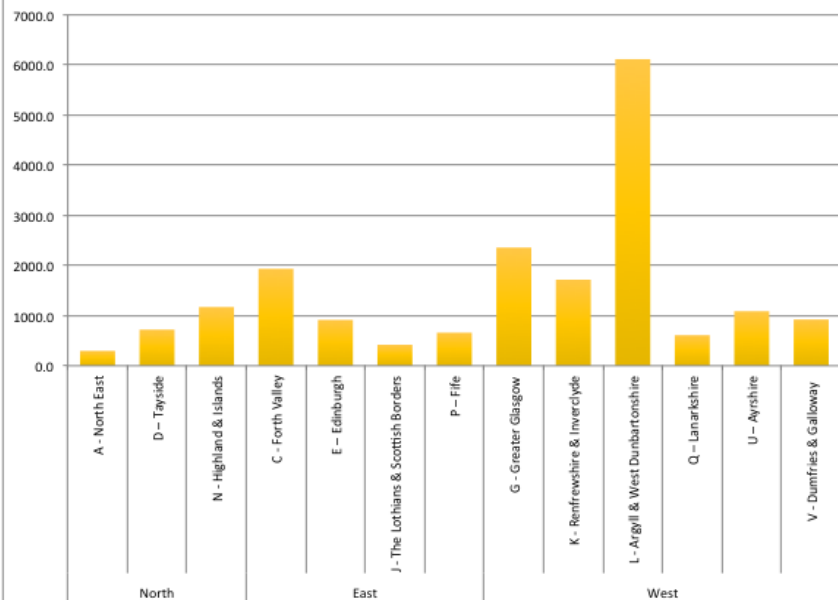


Rate of interventions per 100,000 population (age 16-59)

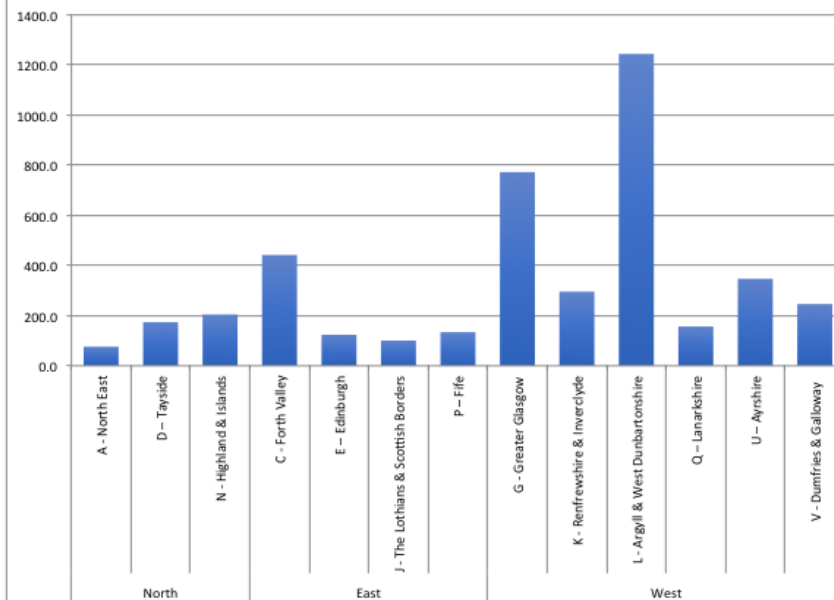


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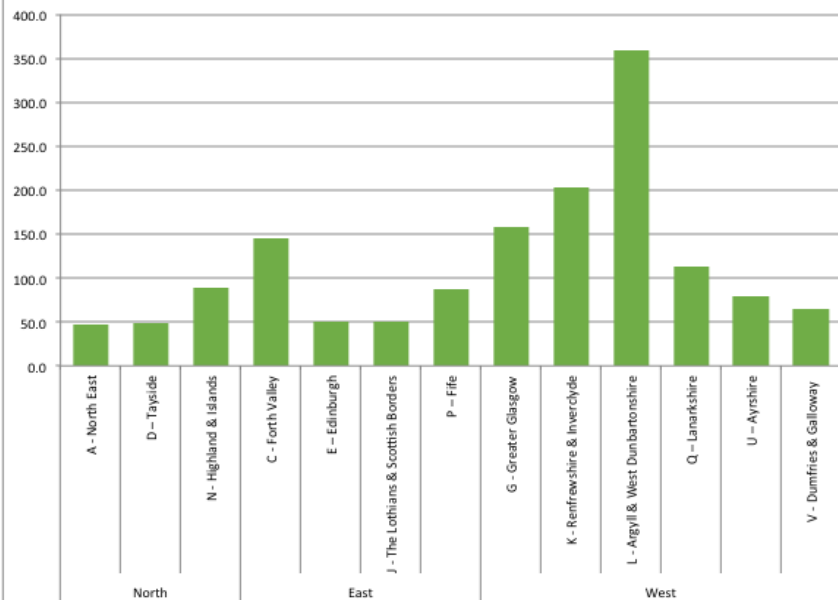
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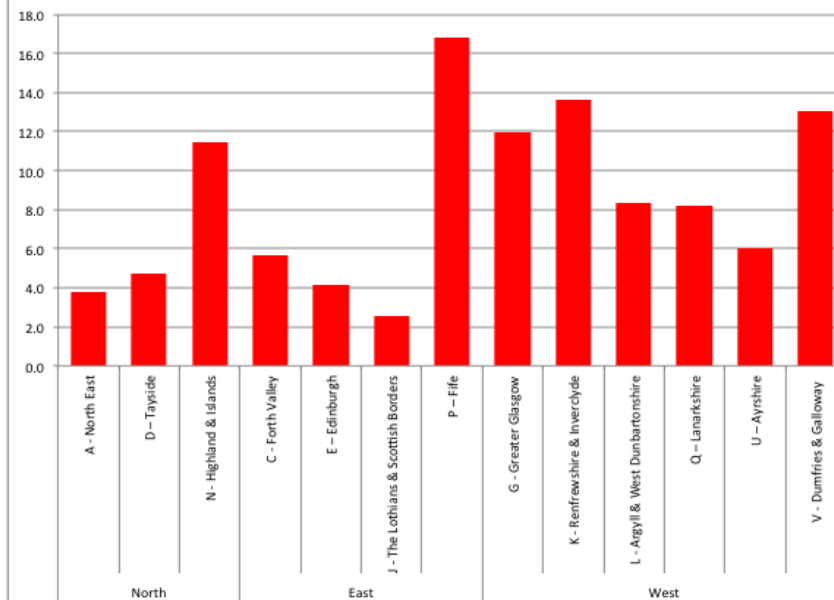
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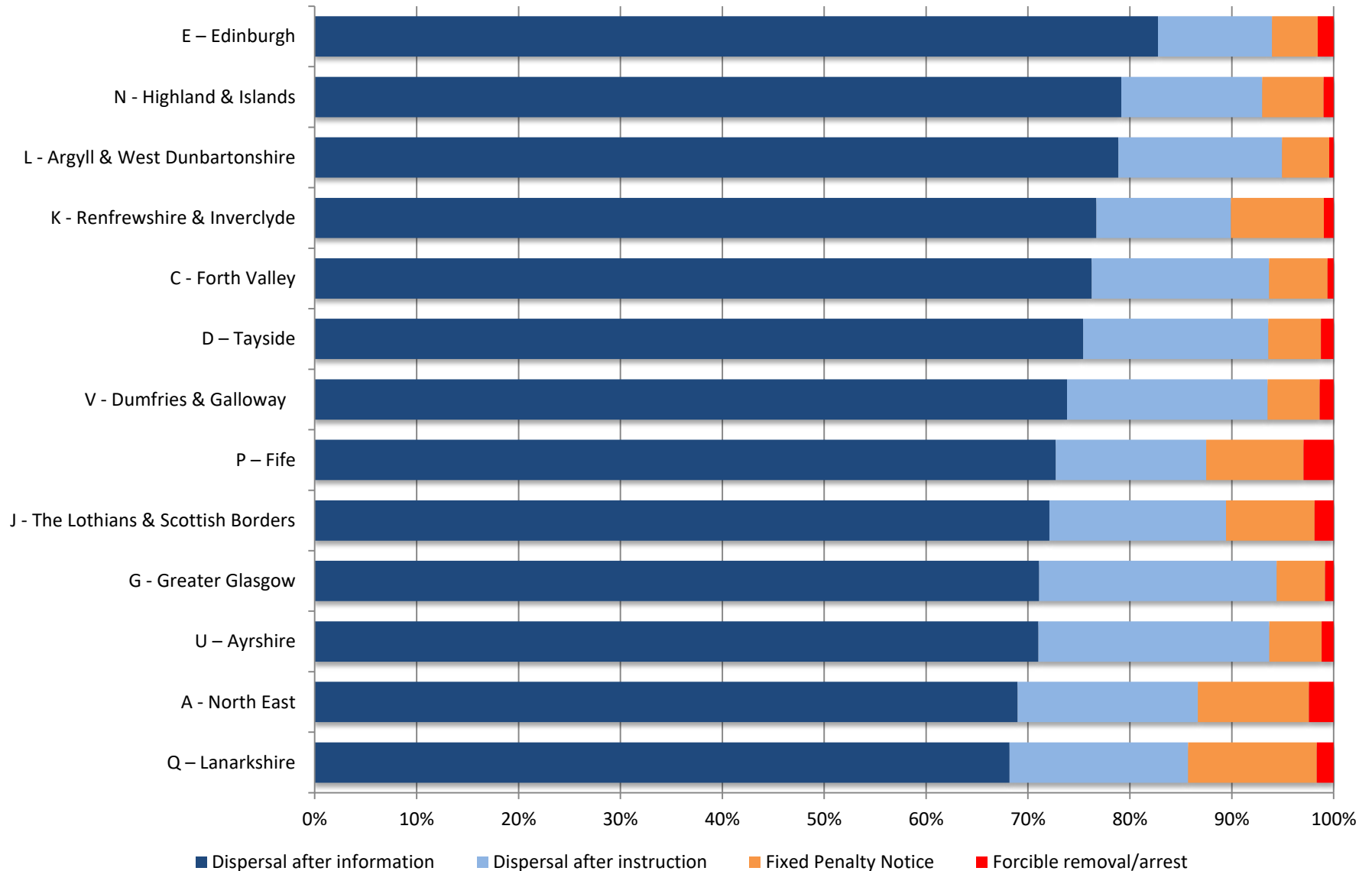
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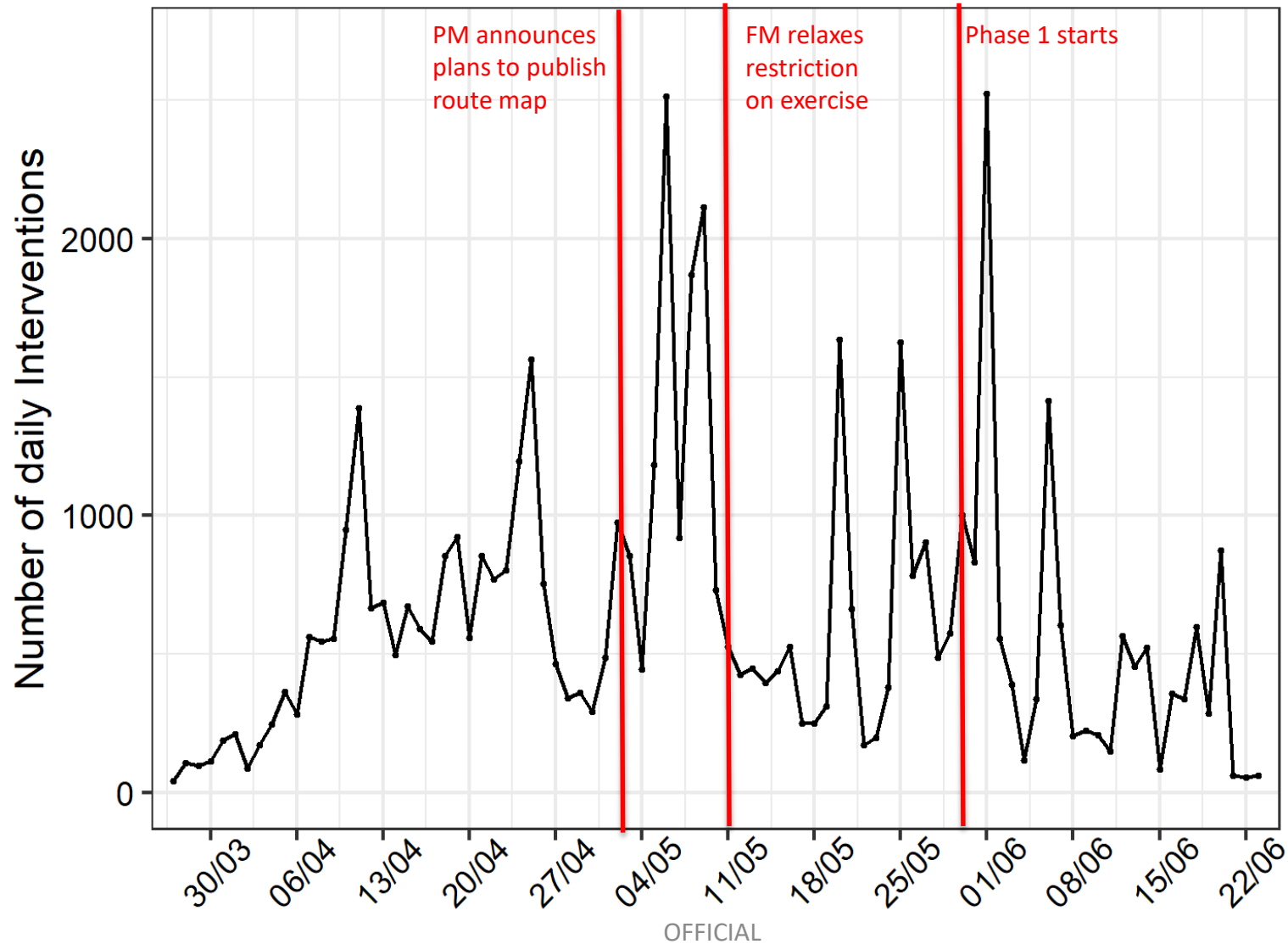
Rate of arrest



Type of intervention as a % of all activity, by Division

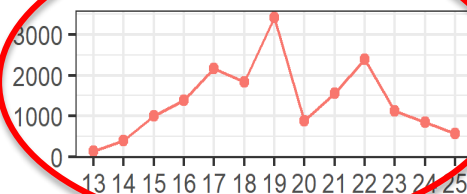


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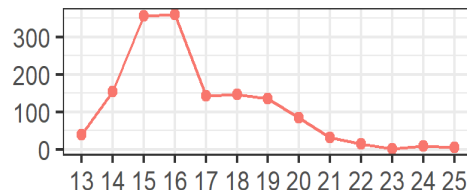
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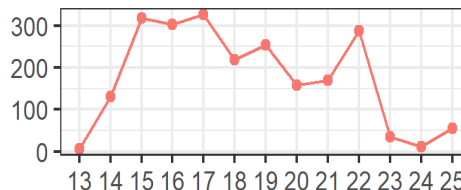


Gradual rise in activity in early lockdown, peaking in early May then falling

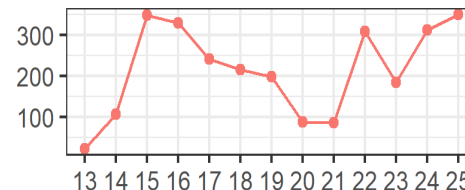
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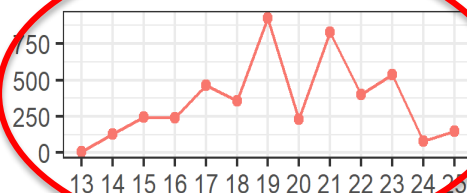
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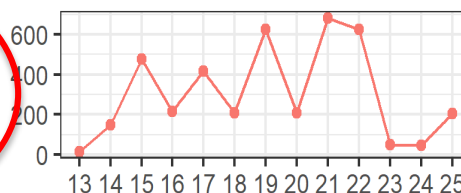
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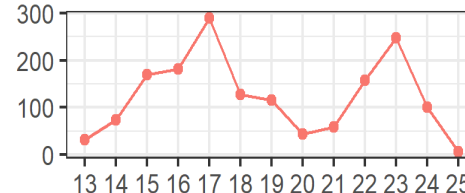
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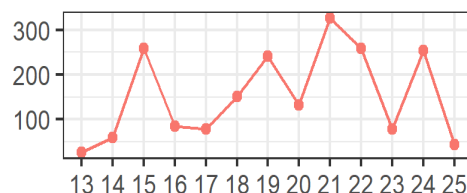
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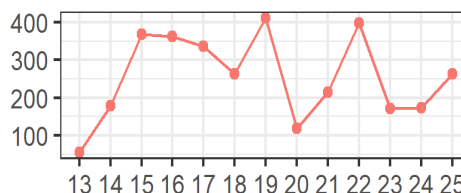
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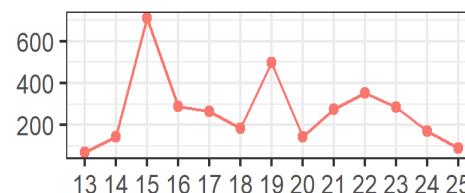
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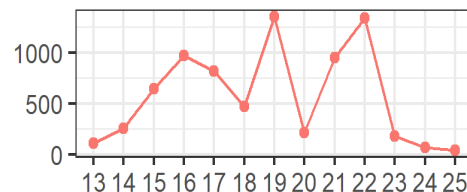
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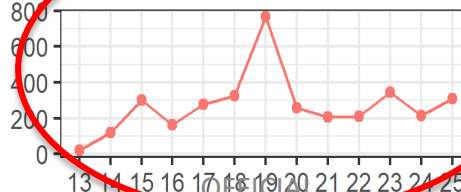
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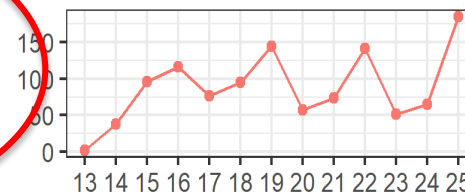
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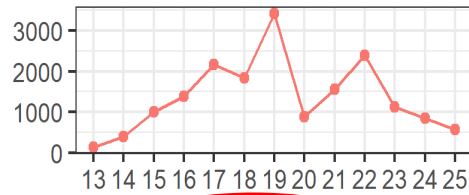
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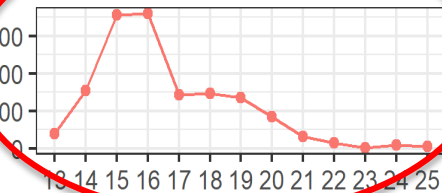


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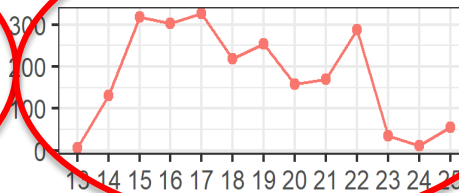


Peak in activity during early lockdown followed by a decline

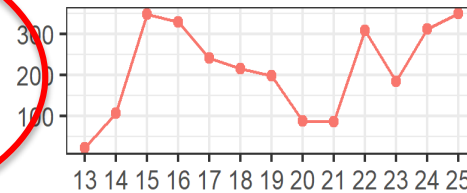
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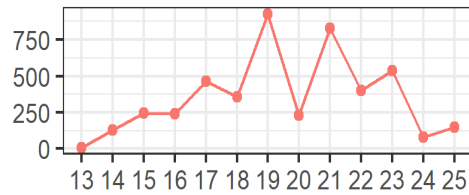
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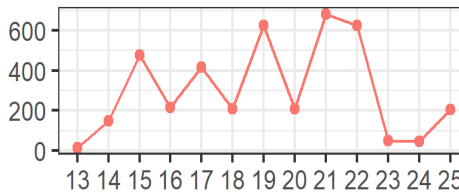
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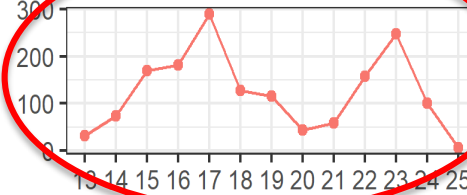
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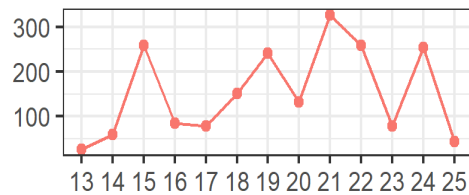
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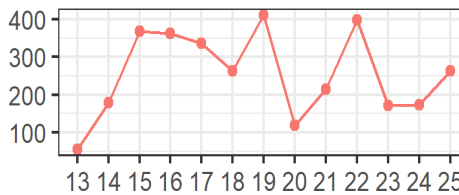
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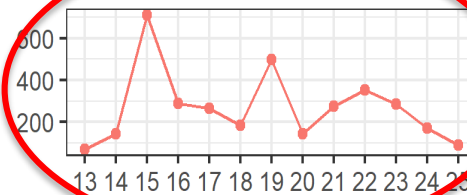
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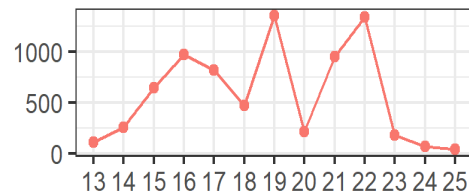
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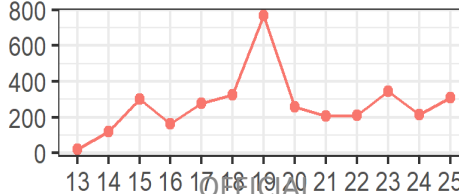
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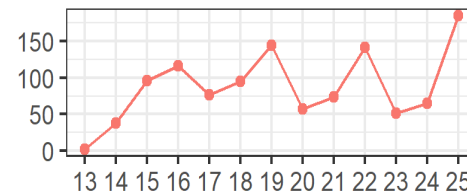
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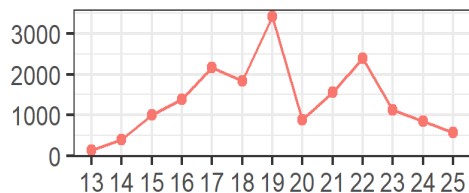
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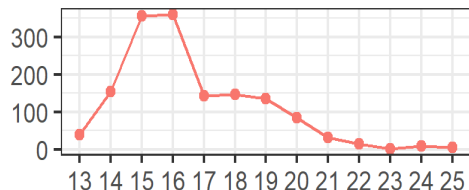
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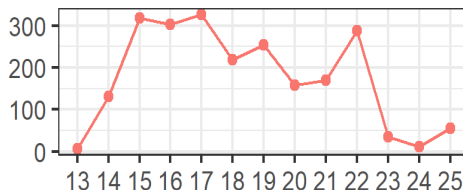


A clear rise in activity towards the end of June

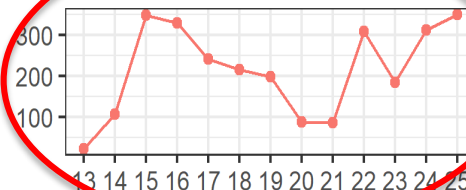
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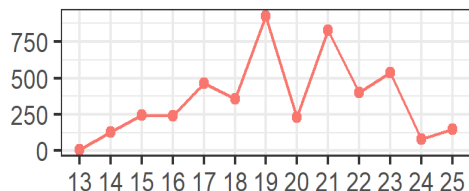
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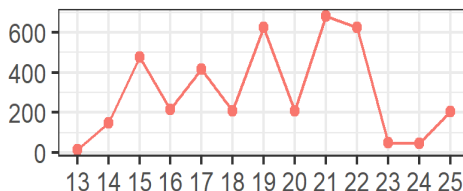
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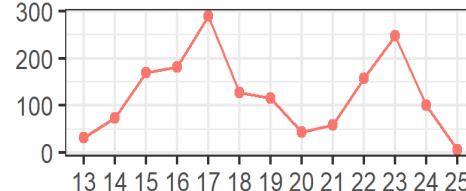
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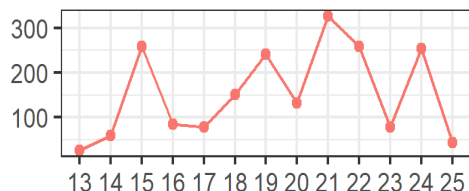
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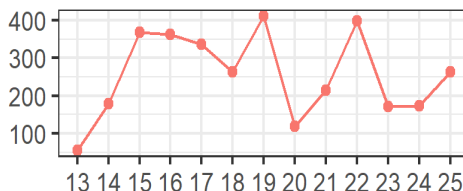
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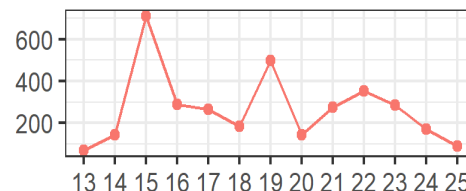
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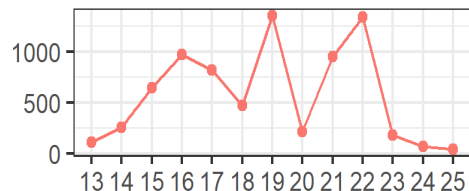
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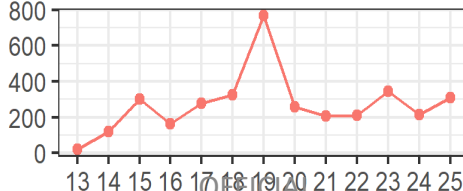
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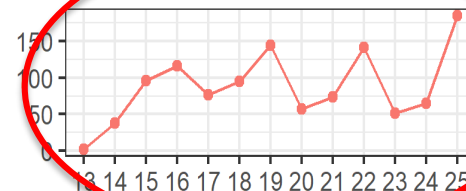
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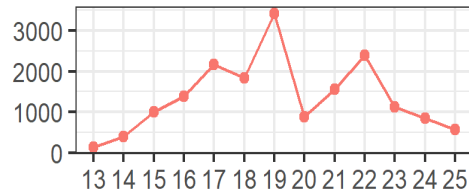
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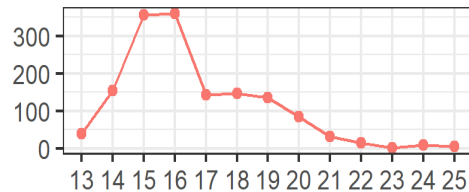


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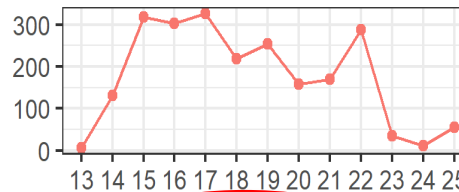


No clear pattern in activity during lockdown

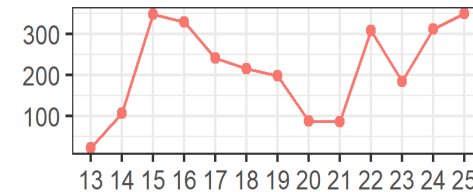
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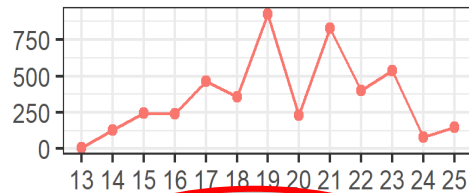
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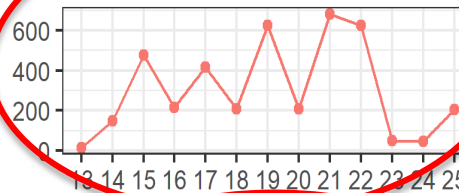
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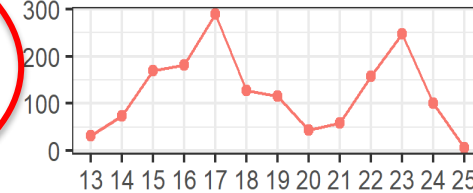
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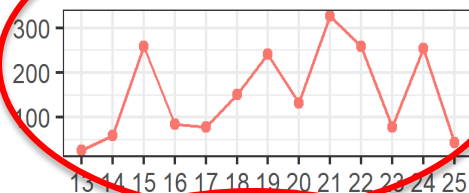
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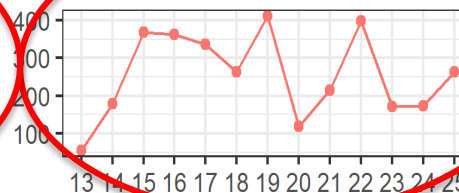
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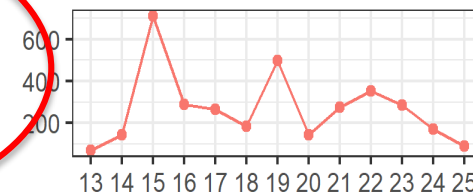
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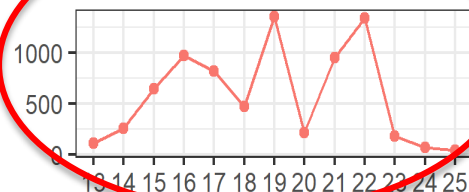
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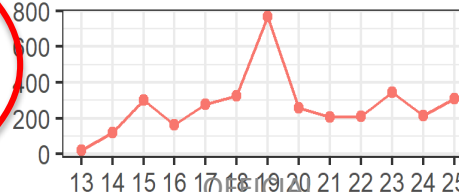
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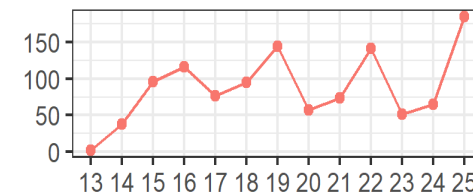
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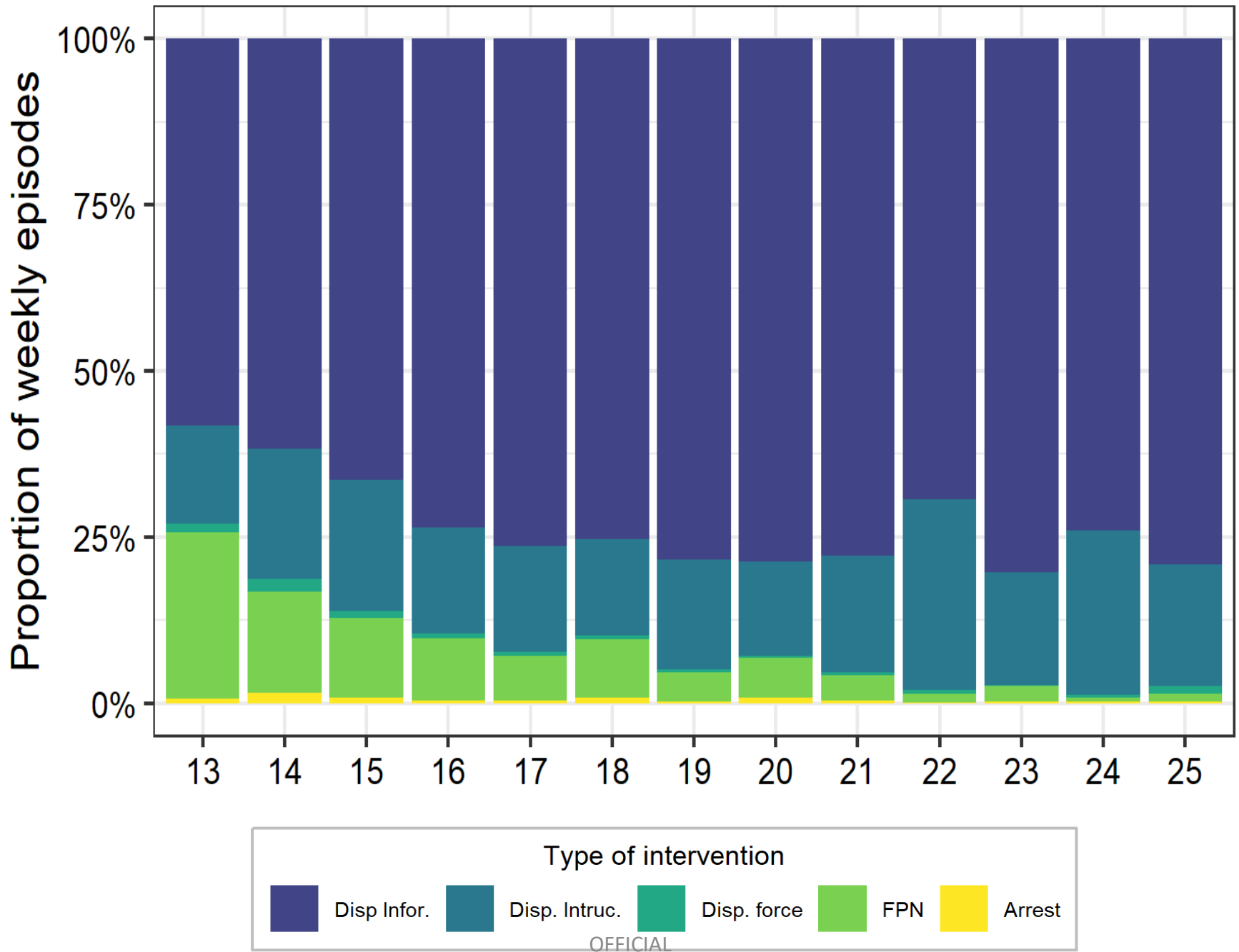
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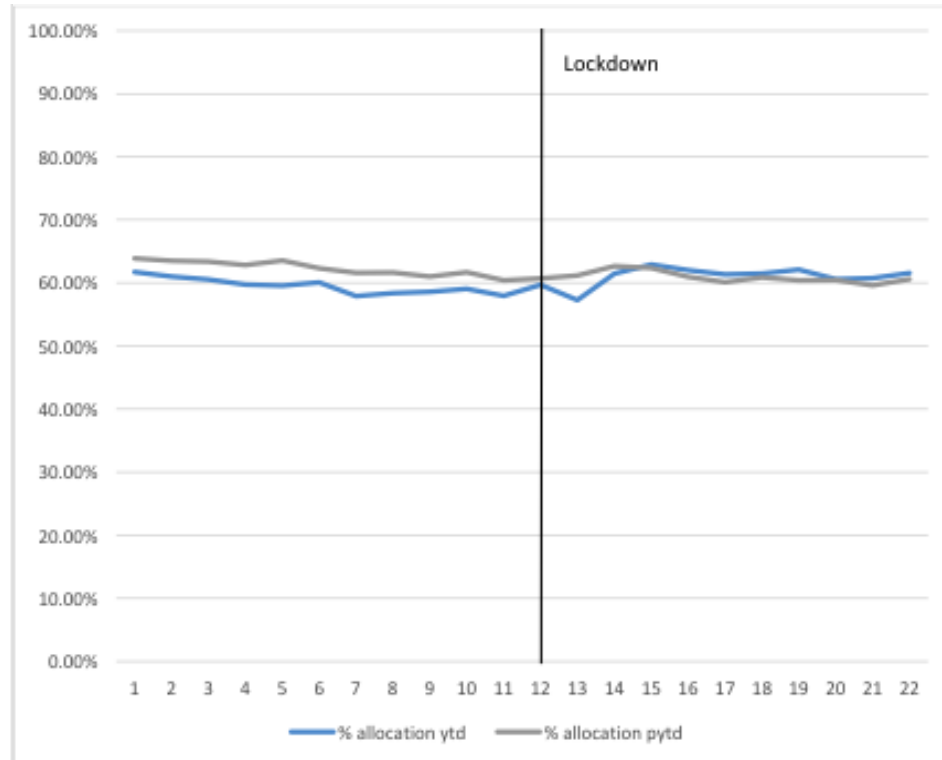
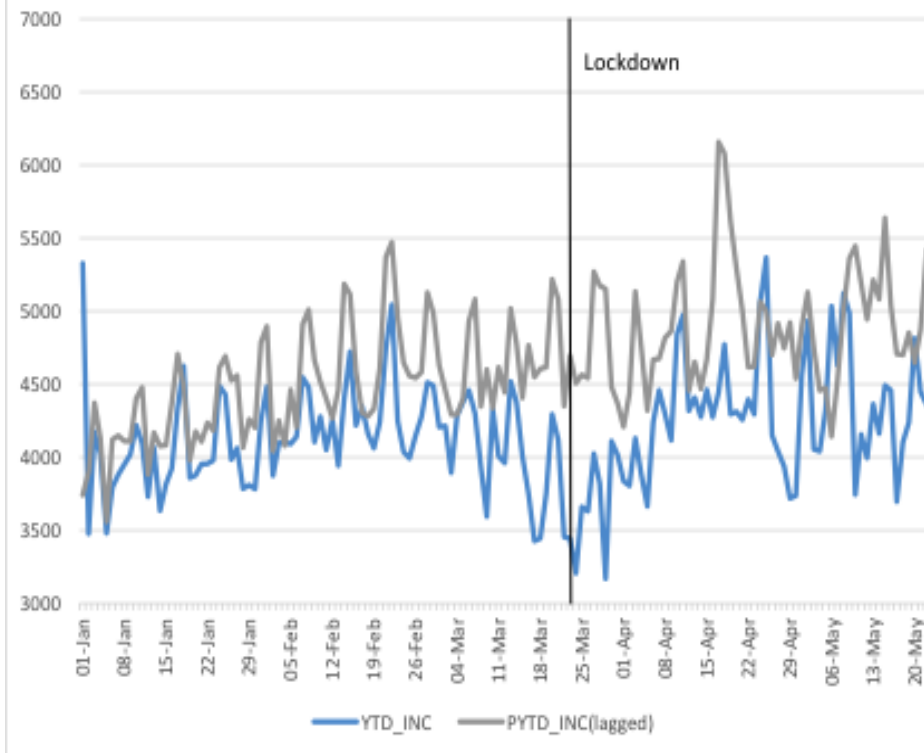


Wider policing context

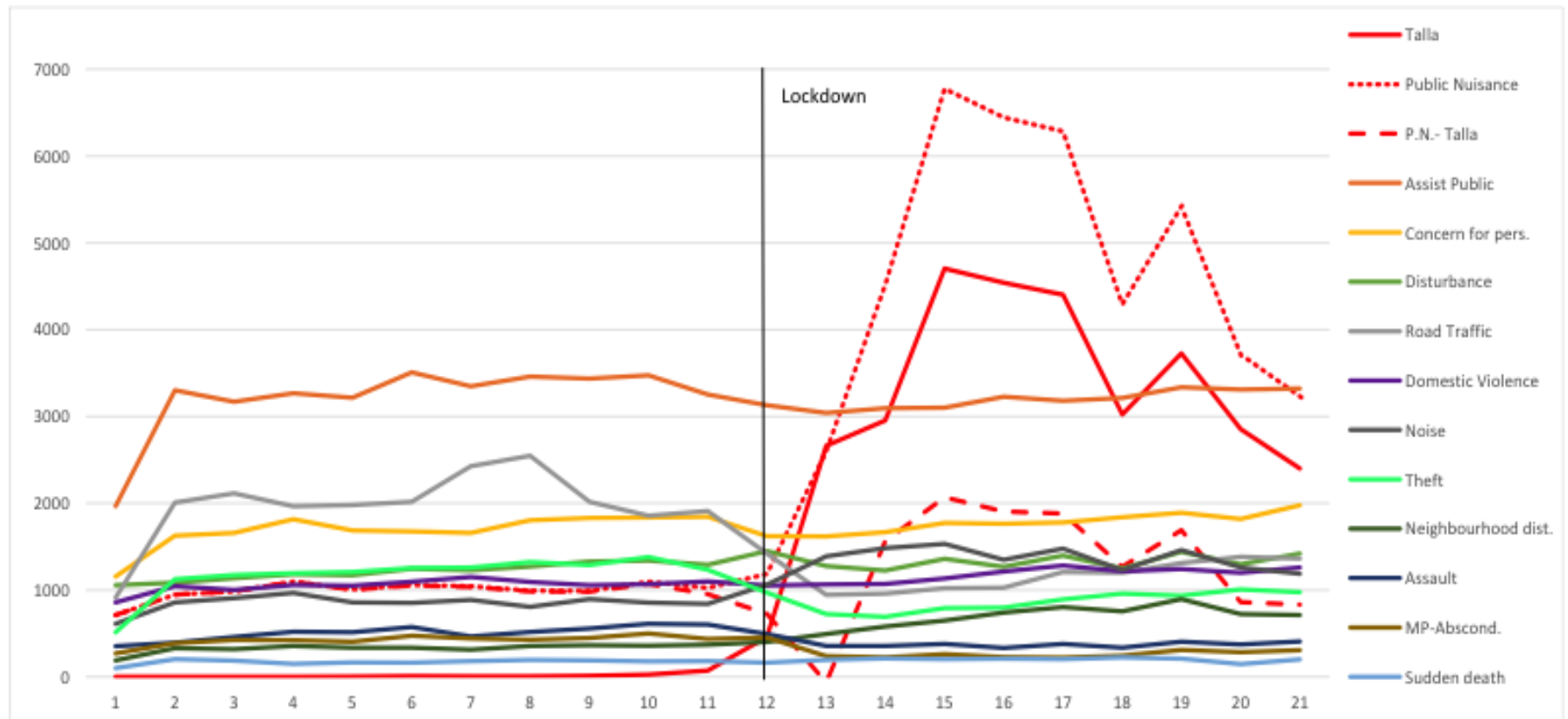
Country	Total number of FPNs issued to 8 th June 2020	Population size	Rate per 10,000 population	Difference to Scotland
Wales	2,282	3,138,631	7.3	+22%
Scotland	3,240	5,438,100	6.0	-
England	15,715	55,977,178	2.8	-53%

Caution is required in interpreting cross-country comparisons!

Change in the number of incidents recorded and proportion receiving resource allocation



Change in incidents by type



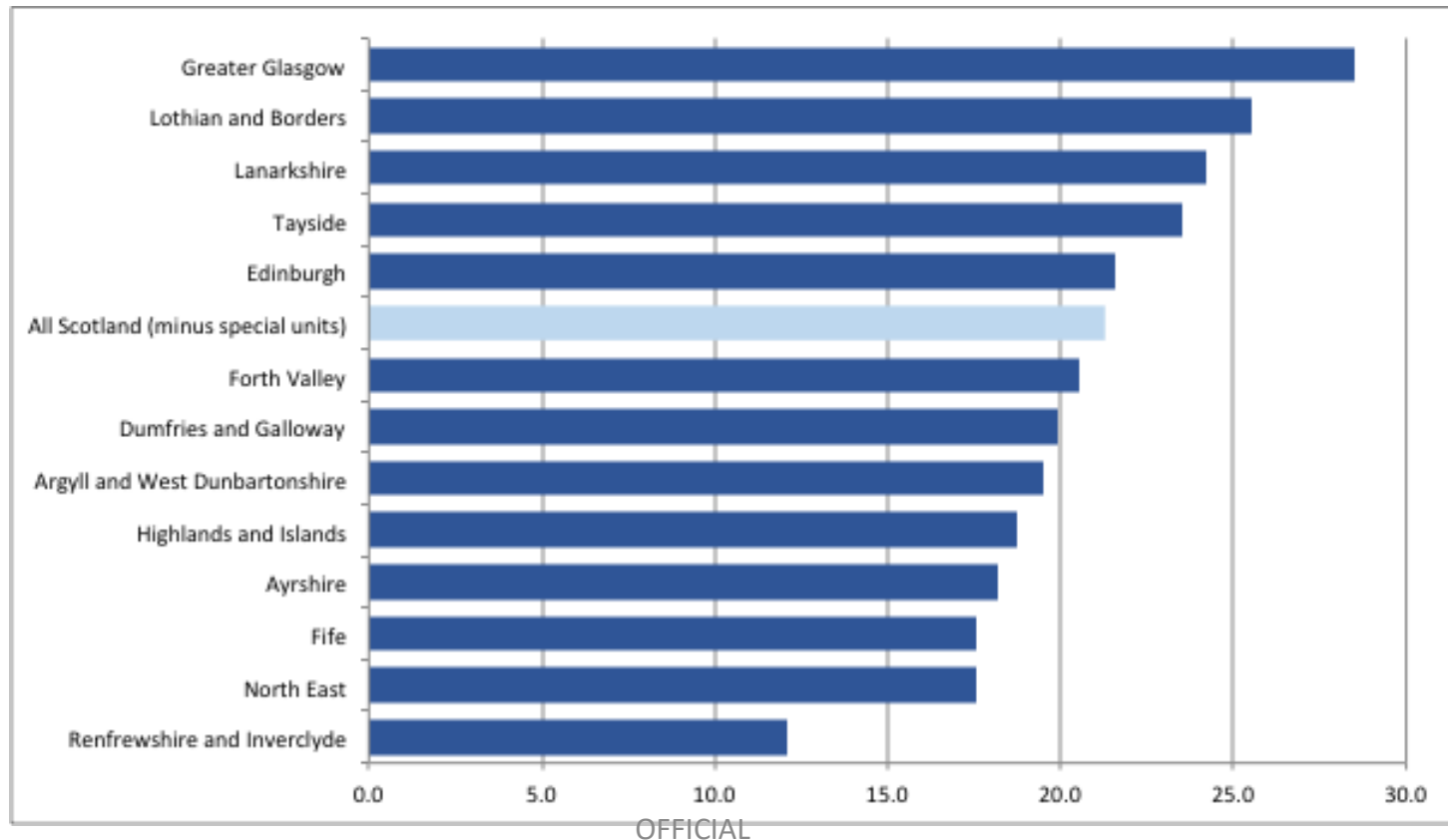
Public response to police use of powers

- 40 responses to the Citizen Space Portal
- Not a demographically representative group
- Only 13 reported they or a friend/family member having police contact during lockdown
- Overall, experience of police contact was positive
- But equally divided between 'satisfied' and 'disappointed'

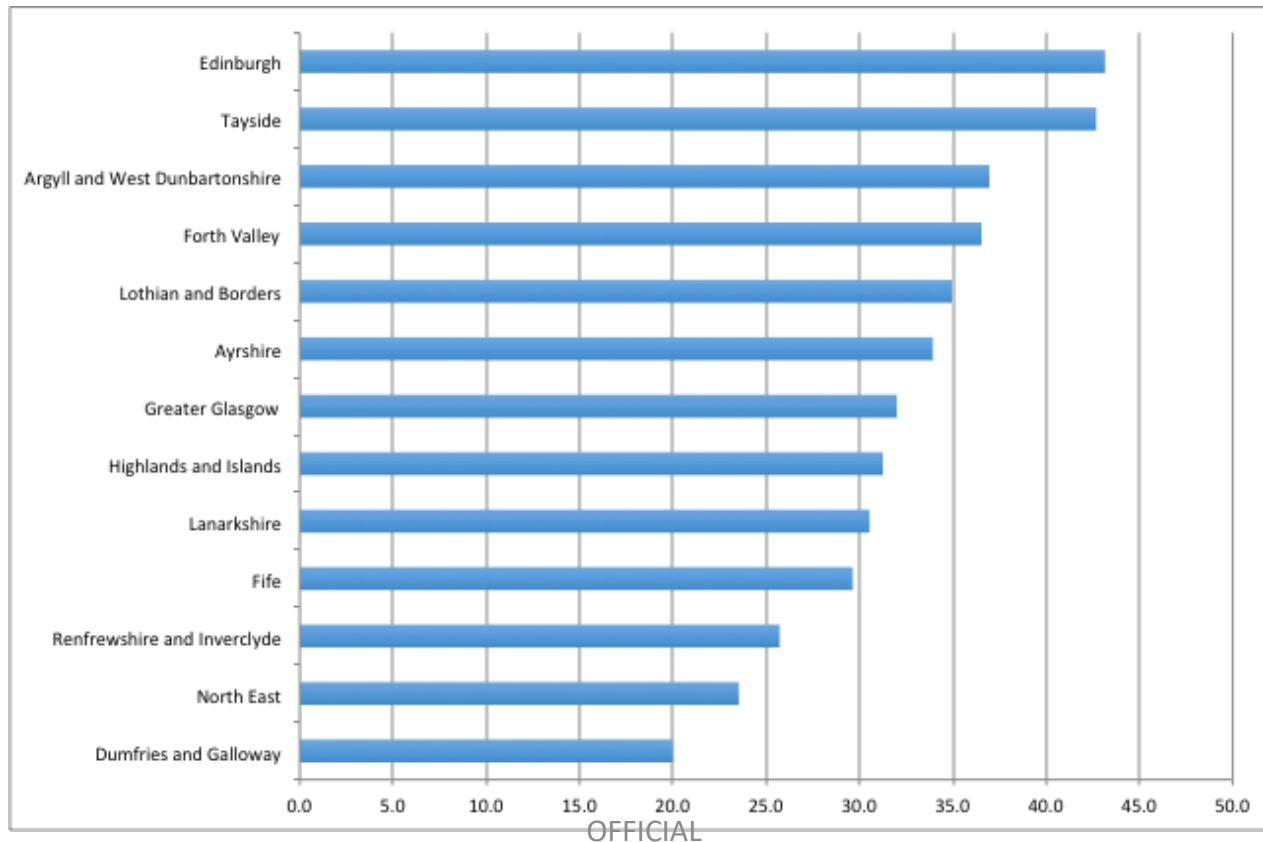
- Most people had not changed their opinion of the police during lockdown
- Positive comments included:
 - appreciation for the frontline role of police officers (*'Police Officers have put themselves at risk to protect the health of our nation'*)
 - High opinion of local community policing
 - Little use of enforcement
- Negative comments included:
 - Excessive and unnecessary use of the powers
 - Too little and infrequent use of the powers
 - Little use of enforcement is not a deterrent

- There was recognition of the challenges faced by the police in exercising the powers
- There was praise for Police Scotland's communications around the 4 E's
- There was annoyance that more direct action/enforcement had not been taken towards those seen breaching the rules
- There was frustration amongst some who felt the restrictions no longer served any purpose

- There was no significant change in the total number of official complaints received by Police Scotland during lockdown.
- Only Lanarkshire had a significantly higher number of complaints in the two months following lockdown.
- The rate of complaints following lockdown varied across Divisions

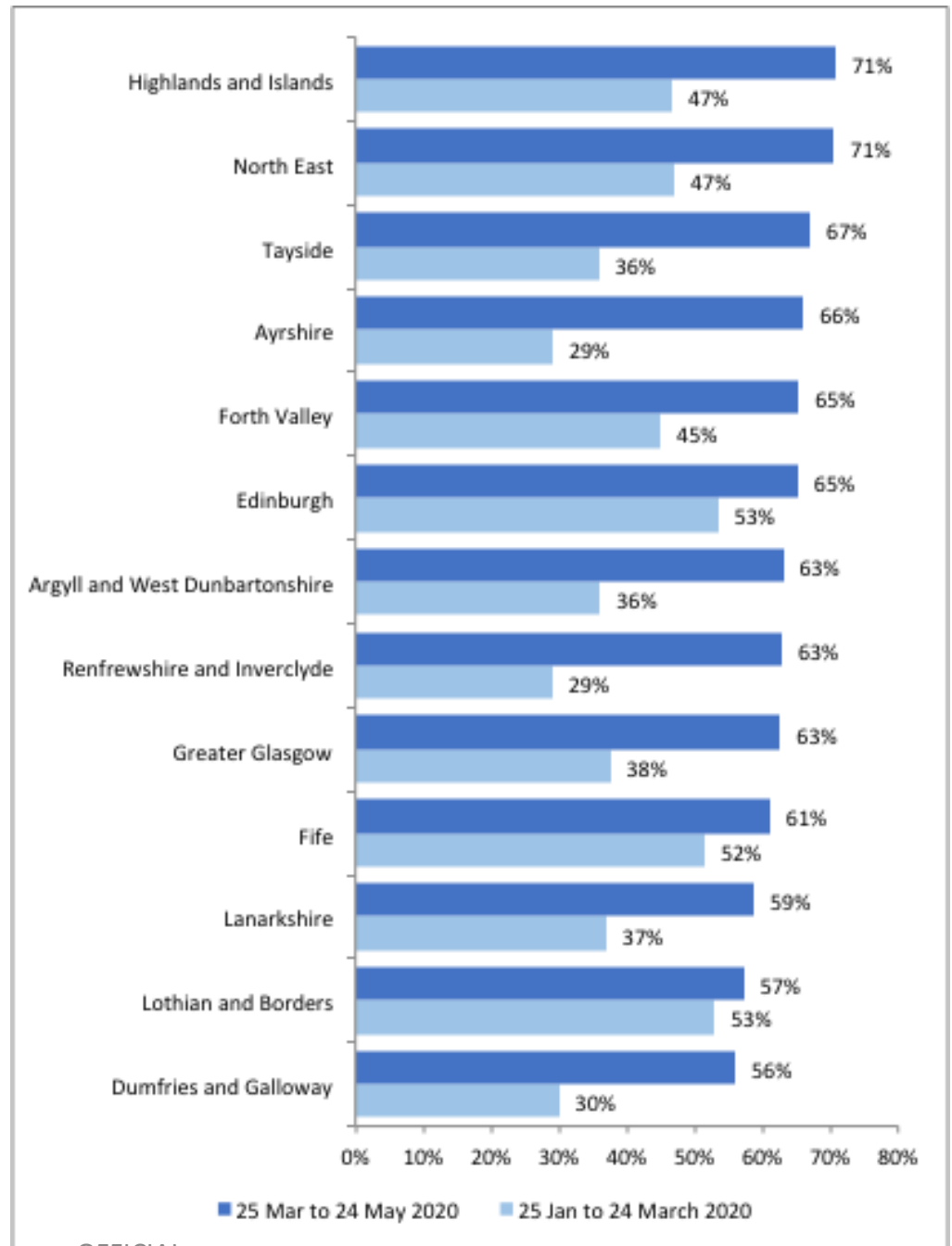


- On average, there were 25 Operation Talla complaints per Division in the two months following lockdown
- The proportion of all complaints relating to Operation Talla varied across Divisions



64% of complaints during lockdown were dealt with through frontline resolution (an increase from 42%)

There was an increase in use of frontline resolution across all Divisions, but this was largest in the West



Conclusions

- The lockdown had a significant impact on operational policing in Scotland, both in terms of Operation Talla and traditional policing demand and response
- There are substantial differences across Divisions in the extent and timing of use of the powers, but considerable consistency in the application of the 4 E's strategy
- There was very little use of enforcement, and this was primarily used at the start of lockdown
- Policing capacity has been redeployed where necessary to cope with the emerging challenges during lockdown
- Public opinion of policing is largely positive and unchanged, but there is a tension between those who want more use of the powers and those who want less
- There has been no increase in complaints against the police as a result of the pandemic, but there has been an increase in use of frontline resolution