

# Public Spaces Protection Order - Sex Working Intelligence Report

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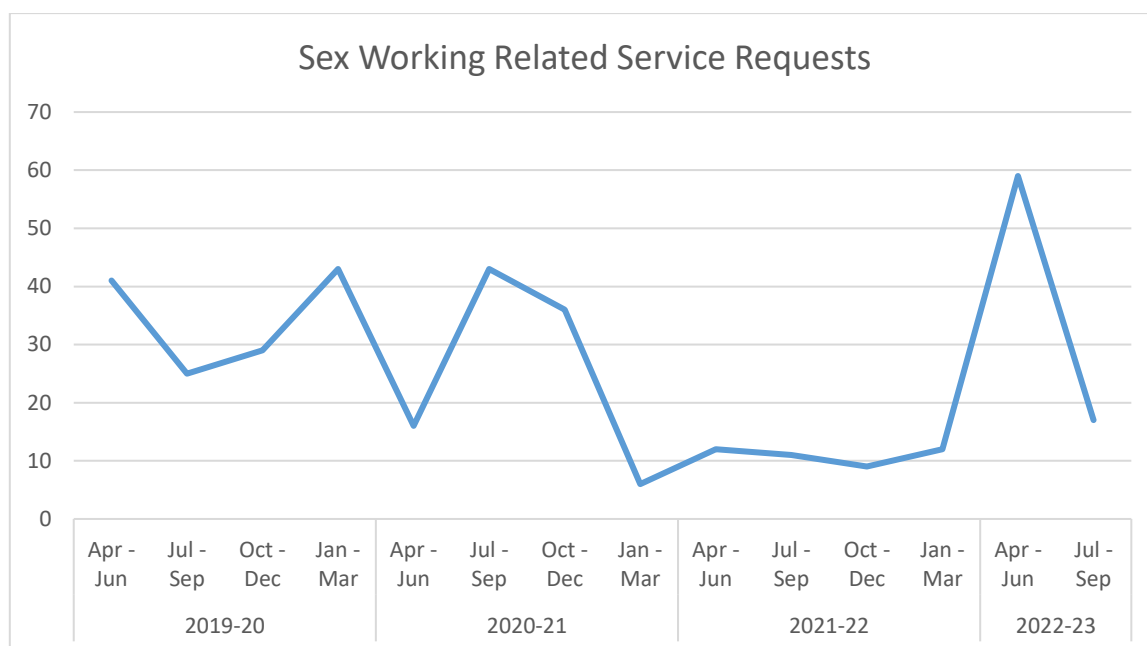
## Data

The data in this report related to UNI-form records where the request type is related to sex working, prostitution, kerb crawling or sex related litter between 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022.

Incident dates are based on the date the report was received by the council. This is due to some reports not having an occurrence date, this is often due to the person reporting a series of past incidents in a single report.

## Service Requests relating to Sex Working

In the 4 years since April 2019, a total of 359 service requests relating to sex working have been reported to Newham. Requests are currently at their highest level for 4 years at 76 offences (when comparing Apr – Aug, the only available data for 2022-23 currently). This is 280% higher than 2021/22 (20 incidents), a 69% increase from 2021/22 (45 incidents) and a 21% increase from 2019/20 (63 incidents). It is worth noting the figures for 2019/20 would be pre pandemic. Covid-19 measures will have had an effect on 2020/21 figures with lockdowns in April and January, this has caused dips in incident numbers.



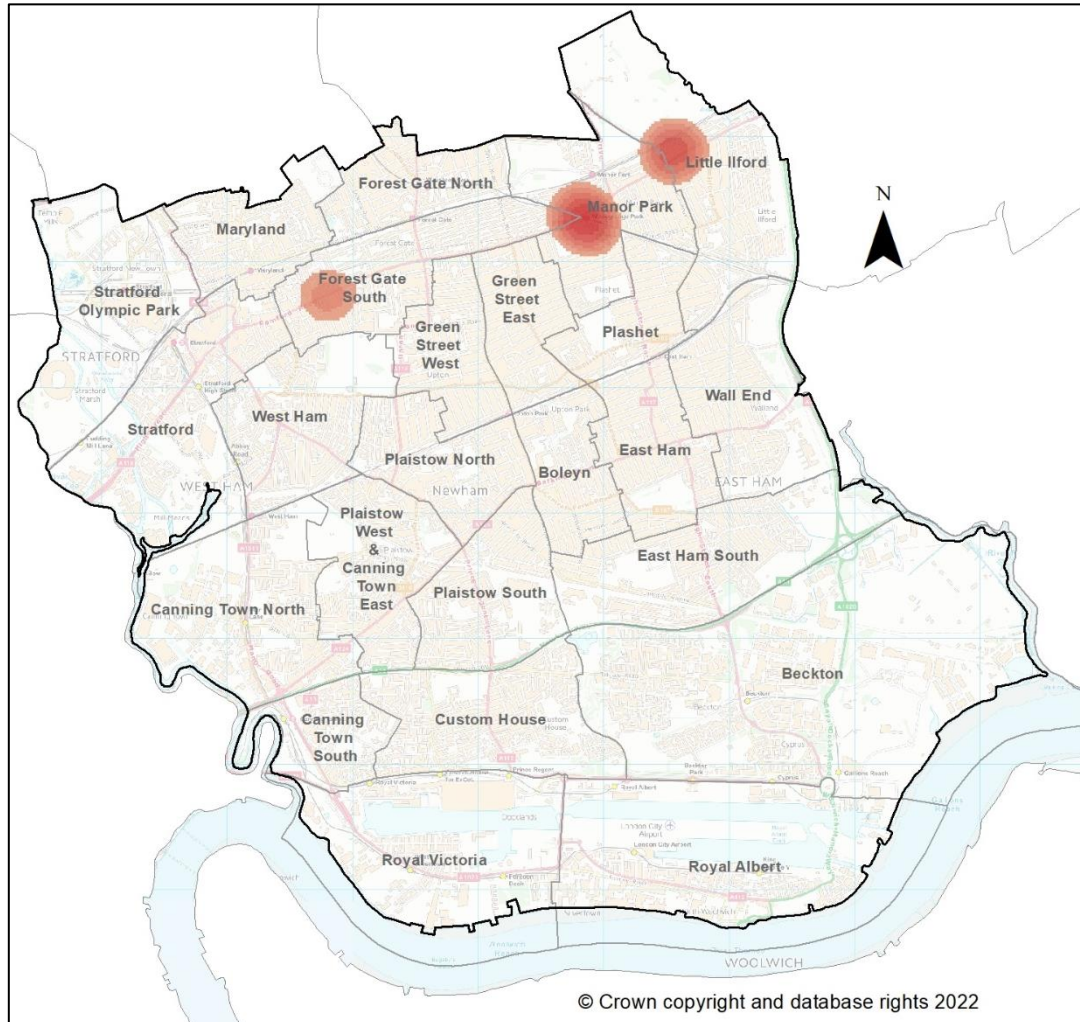
78.8% of complaints from the public related to prostitution/soliciting/loitering, this is largely around people suggesting their local area is being used for sex work. This was followed by 15% sexual acts nuisance, often people committing sexual acts on the street or in cars. 4.2% sex related litter, condoms in the street and 1.9% kerb crawling nuisance.

Service Requests Reported ASB Type V Year					
ASB Type	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23 (YTD)	Total
Prostitution/solicit/loit nuisance	103	89	33	58	283
Sexual acts nuisance	20	9	11	14	54
Sex related litter	13	1	0	1	15
Kerbcrawling nuisance	2	2	0	3	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>359</b>

There were service requests across 23 of the 24 wards in the borough. Manor Park was the location for nearly a quarter of all Sex Work complaints over the last 4 years (23%), 14% of all complaints reported during the last 4 years has come from incidents in Manor Park since April 2022. Little Ilford and Forest Gate South were also hotspots for sex work especially during 2019/20, all 3 of these wards were responsible for 58% of all sex work complaints reported to Newham.

Service Requests Relating to Sex Work by Ward					
Ward	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23 (YTD)	Total
Manor Park	6%	1%	1%	14%	23%
Little Ilford	6%	9%	3%	1%	18%
Forest Gate South	10%	3%	3%	1%	17%
Stratford	2%	4%	0%	1%	8%
East Ham	0%	4%	1%	0%	5%
Maryland	1%	2%	1%	1%	5%
Wall End	2%	2%	0%	0%	4%
Plaistow West & Canning Town East	2%	1%	1%	0%	4%
Plaistow North	3%	0%	0%	1%	3%
Plashet	1%	0%	1%	1%	3%
Plaistow South	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%
Forest Gate North	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%
Boleyn	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Canning Town North	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%
East Ham South	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%
West Ham	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%
Beckton	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Green Street West	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Royal Albert	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Unknown/Not Stated	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Canning Town South	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Custom House	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Green Street East	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Royal Victoria	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Stratford Olympic Park	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>100%</b>

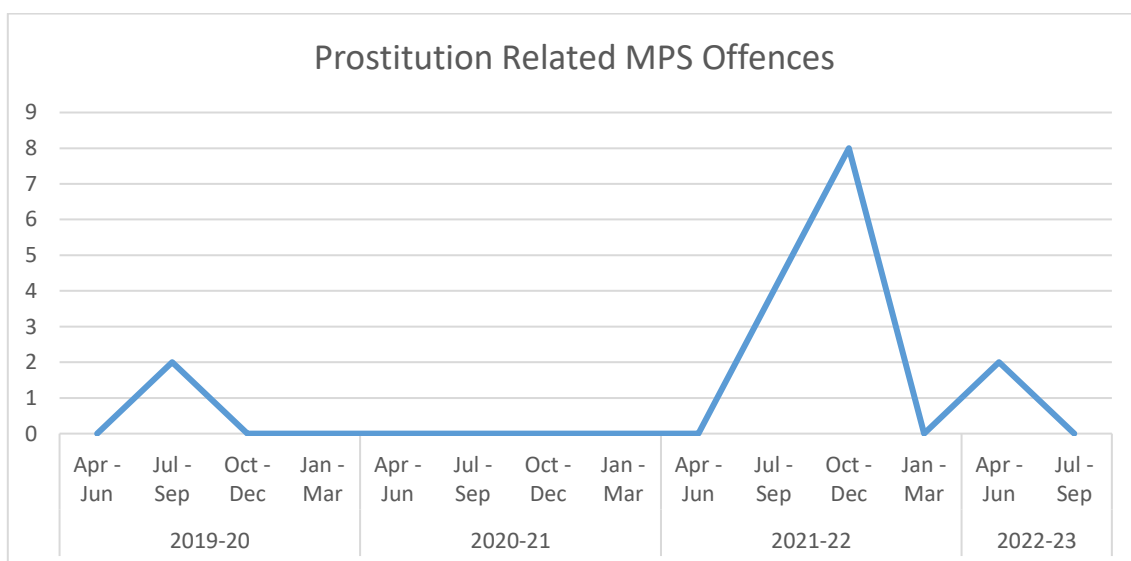
Hotspots are generally found in the north of the borough. The hotspot in Manor Park relates to street offences along Romford Road, the way the ASB system stores data means street complaints get given the coordinates of a single point along the street no matter how far the offences are spread. Little Ilford's hotspot relates in large part to Washington Road as well as some properties on Romford Road to continue from Manor Park. Forest Gate South's hotspot relates to Hamfrith Road, Dyson Road as well as a few properties located on Romford Road.



## MPS Reported Offences Relating to Prostitution

The offences stated below relate to soliciting for prostitution or exploitation of a prostitute offences reported to the Police. Due to data availability the data is from April 2019 – July 2022. Being a prostitute is not in itself a crime however there are areas of this practice that do breach the law. This will be broken down in the relevant section below. While offences such as rape and sexual assault are known to be a serious issue in regard to sex work there is no way of separating sexual assault of a sex worker which would be required for this report, therefore they are not used.

In the 4 years since April 2019, a total of 16 offences relating to prostitution. Offences since July 2021/22 have been on the increase with Jan – March 2022 the only quarter with 0 offences reported to the police (while that is true of the current quarter there is only data available for 1 month currently). Jul – Sep and Oct – Dec 2021 had 12 offences reported during these 6 months, this was 75% of all offences reported during the period observed in this report.



68.8% of prostitution related offences were related to Soliciting for Prostitution, it is an offence to solicit for sexual services in the street or a public place. While 31.3% of offences were related to Exploitation of Prostitution, persuading a person to become a sex worker and/or exhibiting controlling behaviour over them e.g. running a brothel or being a “pimp” is an offence (Home Office Counting Rules).

MPS Reported Offences by Offence V Year					
Offence	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23 (YTD)	Total
Exploitation of Prostitution	2	0	2	1	5
Soliciting for Prostitution	0	0	10	1	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>

There were flagged requests in 5 of the 22 Safer Neighbourhood Teams in Newham over the last 4 years. 44% of these offences were in Little Ilford, this is also the only SNT to have seen offence span over 2 financial years.

<b>MPS Offences Relating to Prostitution by Ward</b>					
<b>Ward</b>	<b>2019/20</b>	<b>2020/21</b>	<b>2021/22</b>	<b>2022/23 (YTD)</b>	<b>Total</b>
Little Ilford	0%	0%	38%	6%	44%
Forest Gate South	0%	0%	25%	0%	25%
Plaistow North	13%	0%	0%	0%	13%
Stratford and New Town	0%	0%	13%	0%	13%
Canning Town South	0%	0%	0%	6%	6%
Beckton	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Boleyn	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Canning Town North	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Custom House	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
East Ham Central	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
East Ham North	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
East Ham South	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
East Village and International Quarter	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Forest Gate North	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Green Street East	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Green Street West	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Manor Park	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Plaistow South	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Royal Docks	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Wall End	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
West Ham	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Westfield Shopping Centre	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
<b>Total</b>	13%	0%	75%	13%	100%