



Cumbria County Council

Domestic  
Abuse  
Update

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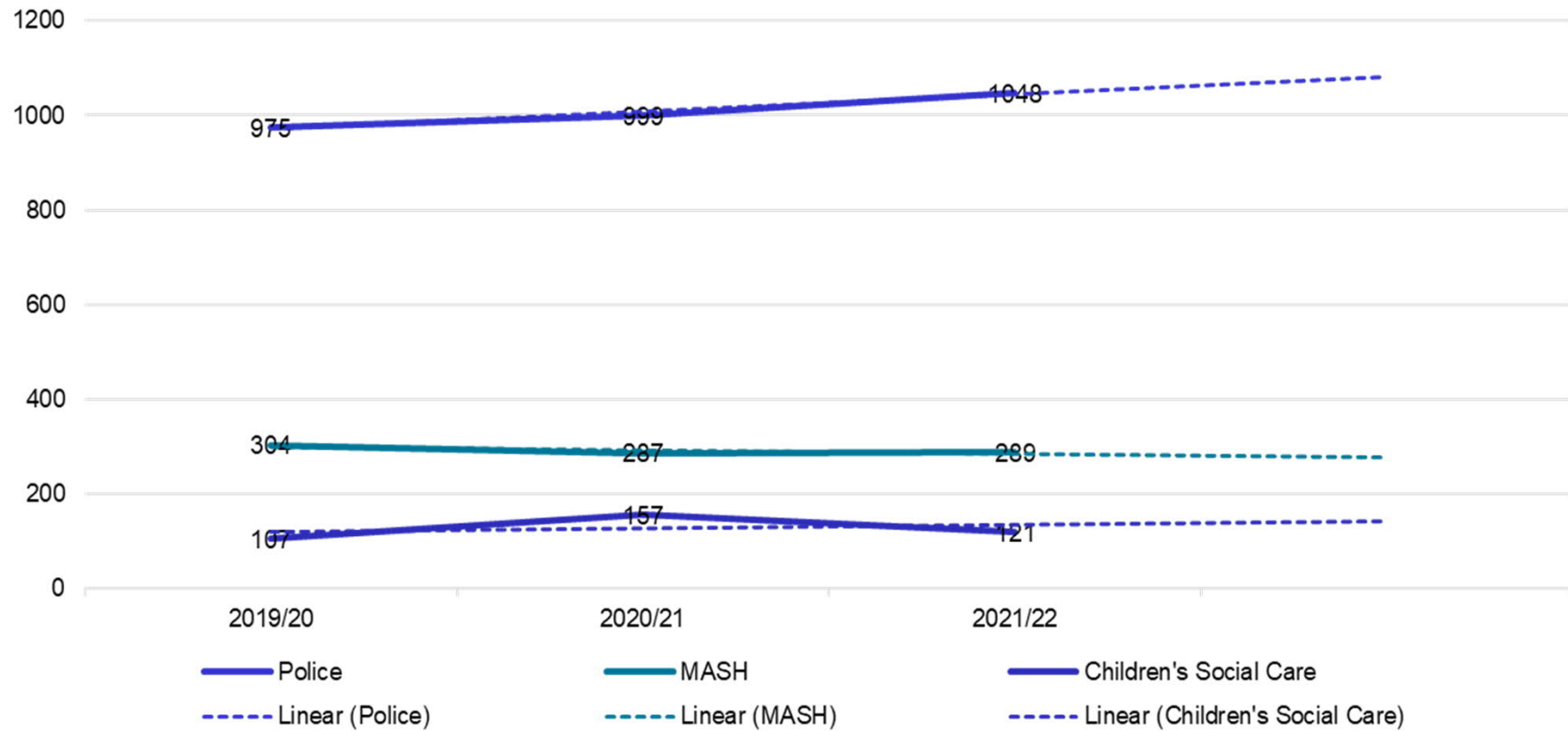
# Background

## **Domestic Abuse Act 2021 - Children as victims of domestic abuse - 30 January**

- Recognises that domestic abuse can impact on a child who sees or hears, or experiences the effects of the abuse and it treats such children as victims of domestic abuse in their own right.
- Where the Act imposes a duty in relation to victims of domestic abuse, this will include children.
- For those responding to children experiencing domestic abuse, existing safeguarding, risk assessment and referrals processes and procedures should be followed.

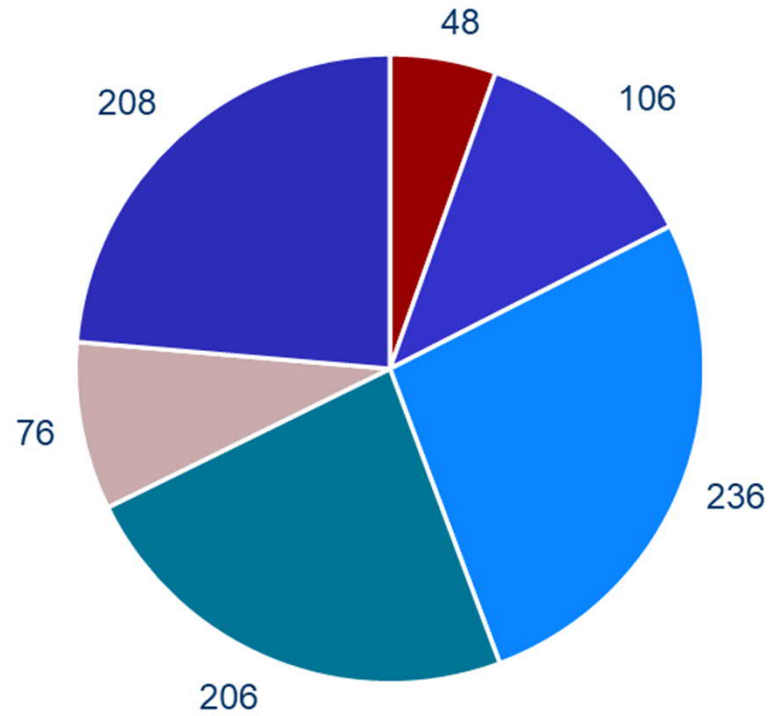
# Data

## Incidence of Domestic Abuse - Carlisle



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## Domestic Abuse by Area



■ Carlisle North ■ Carlisle Rural ■ Botcherby ■ Petheril Bank ■ Morton ■ Newtown

# Children's Social Care

- About 45% of Children's Social Care open cases feature Domestic Abuse
- Independent scrutineer was commissioned to evaluate and recommend improvements for Children's Services responses to Domestic Abuse.
- Developing & strengthen practice around domestic abuse.
- Support Social Workers to gain a better understanding around domestic abuse
- Reviewing risk assessment, safety planning which links in with the SOS approach and exploring patterns of abuse as part of the training that we do.

# Other Workstreams

- Healthy Relationships
  - It's Not OK
  - Review of PHSE Support
  - CEASE programme
- Review of MARACs
- Children and Young People IDVAs
- Step Up
- Operation Encompass
- Therapeutic Support

# Questions