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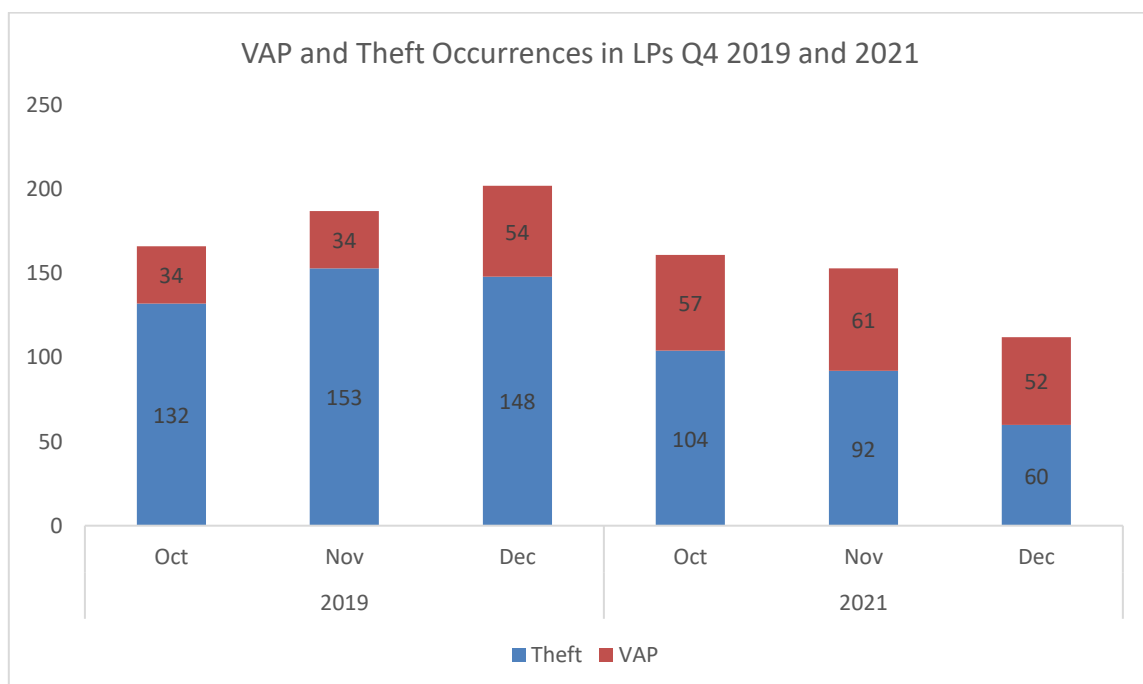
Summary

This is a report from the City of London Police for the Licensing Committee to update on crimes committed linked to Licensed Premises in **Q4 2021** (from 01 October 2021 – 31 December 2021). Offending in Licensed Premises reduced during Q4 2021. This is thought to be mainly due to Covid restrictions and fewer premises being open. VAP in LPs was higher in 2021 than it was in 2019. This is primarily due to an increase in Drink Spiking offences, however, Common Assault offences in LPs were also at higher levels than 2 years ago.

Recommendation(s)

- Note the report.

Main Report



Crime Type	Subcategory	Oct		%	Nov		%	Dec		%	Q4 Total		%
		2019	2021	change	2019	2021	change	2019	2021	change	2019	2021	change
Theft	Theft - Other	118	80	-32%	131	77	-41%	130	49	-62%	379	206	-46%
	Theft from the Person	12	23	92%	18	10	-44%	17	10	-41%	47	43	-9%
	Bilking	2	1	-50%	4	5	25%	1	1	0%	7	7	0%
Theft Total		132	104	-21%	153	92	-40%	148	60	-59%	433	256	-41%
VAP	Common Assault	16	22	38%	13	29	123%	27	21	-22%	56	72	29%
	ABH	14	14	0%	14	11	-21%	15	19	27%	43	44	2%
	Drink Spiking	1	16	1500%		18	n/a	3	12	300%	4	46	1050%
	GBH	3	5	67%	5	3	-40%	8		-100%	16	8	-50%
	Threats to Kill			n/a	1		-100%	1		-100%	2	0	-100%
	Malicious Comms			n/a	1		-100%			n/a	1	0	-100%
VAP Total		34	57	68%	34	61	79%	54	52	-4%	122	170	39%
Total		166	161	-3%	187	153	-18%	202	112	-45%	555	426	-23%

In Q4 2021 the number of VAP and Theft offences in Licensed Premises (LPs) reduced between October and December. Typically, offending increases over the holiday season, as can be seen in Q4 2019. However, due to the outbreak of the Omicron variant in October, the introduction of Plan B in December and the impact of Op Illuminate (Nov-Dec), offending in LPs decreased during the quarter in 2021.

The drop in offending in LPs between 2019 and 2021 was only seen in Theft offences. VAP in LPs was actually higher in 2021 than in 2019. This is due to a higher number of Drink Spiking offences in 2021 (46 in 2021 compared to 4 in 2019), however, Common Assault offences in LPs were also significantly higher (72 offences in 2021 compared to 56 in 2019).

Theft-Other offences remained the most prolific type of offences in LPs in Q4 2021 (206 occurrences), followed by Common Assault (72 occurrences).

Day and Hour of Theft and VAP Offending in LPs - Q4 2021

Hour	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Total
00	1	3	0	6	10	13	4	37
01	0	1	1	2	7	7	7	25
02	0	0	0	2	3	6	6	17
03	0	0	1	0	0	5	4	10
04	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	5
05	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
08	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
09	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	4
10	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
11	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	5
12	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	4
13	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
14	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	4
15	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	6
16	1	1	2	4	1	0	1	10
17	3	9	3	8	1	3	1	28
18	1	7	4	10	5	3	0	30
19	3	9	10	16	7	2	1	48
20	1	9	5	7	7	9	1	39
21	0	7	8	15	7	7	0	44
22	1	0	3	14	16	15	1	50
23	0	0	10	20	16	7	2	55
Total	13	47	51	114	87	82	32	

Thursday accounted for the largest proportion of offences (27%) in Q4 2021, whereas in 2019 Friday was the most common day for offending. It would appear to be the case that Thursday has become the favoured night ahead of Friday potentially because of the working from home and long weekend opportunities of Friday's.

Offending between 2100-2300 hours was the peak time for VAP and Theft offences in LPs in Q4 2021 (35%). This is the same as in 2019 (36%).