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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 (LPs) between January and April 2022.

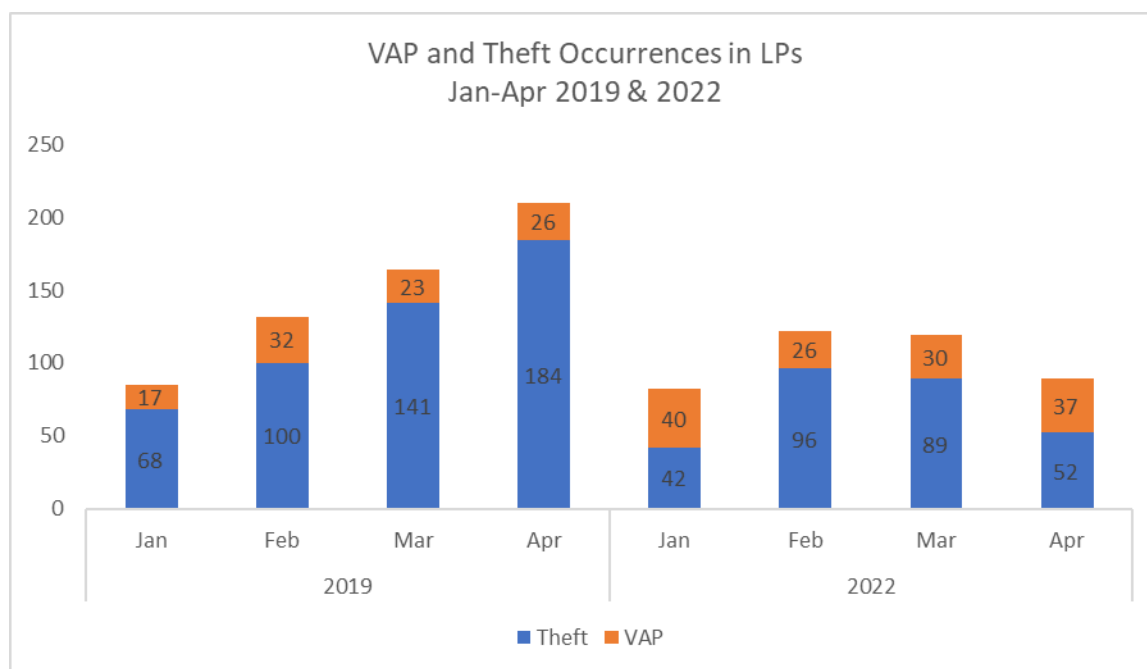
Theft in LPs rose in February and March (96 and 87 offences respectively) and dropped in April (52). This is thought to be due to the Licensing Team's interventions in high risk premises.

Theft in Licensed Premises is significantly lower than it was before the pandemic, however, VAP in LPs has increased. This is primarily due to an increase in Drink Spiking offences, however, both Common Assault and ABH offences in LPs were also higher in 2022 than in 2019.

Recommendation(s)

- Note the report.

Main Report



Crime Type	Subcategory	Jan		% change	Feb		% change	Mar		% change	Apr		% change	Jan-Apr Total		% change
		2019	2022		2019	2022		2019	2022		2019	2022		2019	2022	
Theft	Theft - Other	57	32	-44%	87	80	-8%	123	74	-40%	181	42	-77%	448	228	-49%
	Theft from Person	7	7	0%	10	11	10%	11	13	18%	2	9	350%	30	40	33%
	Bilking	3	1	-67%	2	1	-50%	5	2	-60%		1	n/a	10	5	-50%
	Theft by employee	1		-100%		1	n/a	1		-100%			n/a	2	1	-50%
Theft Total		68	40	-41%	99	93	-6%	140	89	-36%	183	52	-72%	490	274	-44%
VAP	Common Assault	9	14	56%	13	14	8%	16	13	-19%	18	26	44%	56	67	20%
	ABH	6	15	150%	13	7	-46%	6	9	50%	4	7	75%	29	38	31%
	Drink Spiking		9	n/a	1	5	400%	1	5	400%	3	4	33%	5	23	360%
	GBH	2	2	0%	5		-100%		3	n/a	1		-100%	8	5	-38%
VAP Total		17	40	135%	32	26	-19%	23	30	30%	26	37	42%	98	133	36%
Total		85	80	-6%	131	119	-9%	163	119	-27%	209	89	-57%	588	407	-31%

Acquisitive offending in LPs is significantly lower than it was before the pandemic. Between January and April 2022 there were 274 Theft in LP offences compared to 490 in 2019. This represents a 44% decrease. This drop is due to a reduction in Theft-Other offences, primarily bag/laptop thefts from LPs.

Acquisitive offending in LPs was particularly low in January 2022 (due to Plan B Covid restrictions) after which it rose in February (96) and March (89). In April (52) Theft from LPs dropped again. This is thought to be due to the Licensing Team's interventions in high risk premises.

VAP in LPs is higher in 2022 than it was in 2019 (36% increase). This is due to a higher number of Drink Spiking offences in 2022 (23 in 2022 compared to 5 in 2019). However, Common Assault and ABH incidents have also increased (by 20% and 31% respectively). This rise in violent offending levels in LPs compared to pre-pandemic levels is an ongoing trend. VAP offences were 39% higher In Q4 2021 than in Q4 2019

Licensed Premises with 5 or more Theft/VAP Occurrences between January and April 2022

Venue	Street	Sector	Theft			Theft Total	VAP				VAP Total	Total
			Theft - Other	Theft from Person	Bilking		Comm on Assault	ABH	Drink Spiking	GBH		
The Steel Yard	ALLHALLOWS LANE	SOUTH	1	4		5	5	2	2	1	10	15
London Cocktail Club	EASTCHEAP	SOUTH	7	3		10	2	1	1		4	14
Be At One	KING WILLIAM STREET	SOUTH	4	1		5	4				4	9
Dirty Martini	BISHOPSGATE	NORTH	1	2		3	3	1	2		6	9
Be At One	OLD BROAD STREET	SOUTH	1			1		3	3	1	7	8
Popworld	WATLING STREET	SOUTH	2			2	1	3	2		6	8
Revolution	LEADENHALL STREET	EAST	3	1		4	4				4	8
Sushi Samba	BISHOPSGATE	NORTH	1	1		2	4		2		6	8
The Sugar Loaf	CANNON STREET	SOUTH	7			7	1				1	8
Dorsett City	ALDGATE HIGH STREET	EAST	2		1	3	3			1	4	7
Kings Stores	WIDEGATE STREET	NORTH	6			6			1		1	7
The Hydrant	MONUMENT STREET	SOUTH	6	1		7						7
The Pavilion End	WATLING STREET	SOUTH	7			7						7
All Bar One	BISHOPSGATE	NORTH	4			4	2				2	6
Eastcheap Records	EASTCHEAP	SOUTH	6			6						6
Juno Rooms	WATLING STREET	SOUTH	4			4		2			2	6
The Fable	HOLBORN VIADUCT	WEST	5	1		6						6
Woodins Shades	BISHOPSGATE	NORTH	2	2		4	1	1			2	6
Dirty Martini	WOOD STREET	SOUTH		1		1	2	1	1		4	5
London Cocktail Club	BISHOPSGATE	NORTH	1			1		3		1	4	5
New Moon	GRACECHURCH STREET	SOUTH	3	1		4			1		1	5
Polo	BISHOPSGATE	NORTH	1			1	1	3			4	5
Simmons	EASTCHEAP	SOUTH	3			3	1	1			2	5
The Folly	GRACECHURCH STREET	SOUTH	4			4	1				1	5
The Gable	MOORGATE	NORTH	1	1		2	1	2			3	5
The Paternoster	QUEEN'S HEAD PASSAGE	SOUTH	5			5						5

Between January and April 2022 there were 26 LPs that had 5 or more Theft and/or VAP occurrences. The Steel Yard (AllHallows Lane) had the highest number of VAP offences and London Cocktail Club (Eastcheap) had the highest number of theft offences.

Thursday accounted for the largest proportion of offences (27%) in Jan-Apr 2022, 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 more City workers working from home and the long weekend opportunities of Fridays.

In 2019 two thirds of offences occurred between 1800-2300. In 2022 offending in LPs was slightly more spread out with more offences occurring earlier in the evening and later in the morning. The vast majority (82%) of offences occurred between 1700 and 0100.

Day and Hour of Theft and VAP Offending in LPs between Jan and Apr 2022

Hour	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
00	3	0	3	2	10	11	5
01	1	0	0	0	7	11	8
02	0	0	0	0	1	4	7
03	0	0	0	0	0	5	1
04	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
05	0	2	1	1	0	1	1
07	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
08	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
09	0	2	0	0	1	0	1
11	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
12	2	1	1	1	0	2	1
13	0	0	1	2	0	0	1
14	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
15	1	3	1	0	1	3	1
16	0	0	0	0	5	1	1
17	0	5	7	9	12	3	0
18	2	2	11	8	7	7	2
19	2	2	8	12	6	6	0
20	3	0	4	19	11	3	1
21	1	4	5	19	13	8	0
22	0	2	3	12	5	4	0
23	2	3	4	16	12	9	0