

Violence Harm Assessment figures – Headlines 11/08/2024

The below is the latest data relating to the Violence Harm Assessment (VHA). The data in this report relates to the VHA as of 11th August 2024.

There are currently 1307 individuals who have been assessed as meeting the inclusion criteria for the VHA. 456 of these are currently held in His Majesty's Prisons.

Since 13th May 2024 there have been 185 new individuals assessed as meeting the criteria of the VHA and 290 that no longer meet the criteria and are thus not subject to assessment.

As part of our Public Sector Equality Duty we ensure that we consider how this impacts people with different characteristics. As such we have committed to publishing data around the ethnicity, age and gender of those that are assessed on the Violence Harm Assessment.

Ethnicity Breakdown

Following Criminal Justice System Data Standards the MPS records the self-defined ethnicity of individuals in terms of the 18+1 categories outlined within government guidance. Using this guidance the below shows the breakdown of the self-defined ethnicities provided by the individuals that are on the Violence Harm Assessment as of 11th August 2024.

Asian or Asian British – 45

Indian - 4

Pakistani - 5

Bangladeshi - 12

Chinese - 1

Any other Asian background - 23

Black, Black British, Caribbean or African – 384

Caribbean - 112

African - 110

Any other Black, Black British, or Caribbean background - 162

Mixed or multiple ethnic groups – 90

White and Black Caribbean - 44

White and Black African - 19

White and Asian - 3

Any other Mixed or multiple ethnic background - 24

White – 150

English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British - 123

Irish - 4

Gypsy or Irish Traveller - 1

Roma - 0

Any other White background - 22

Other ethnic group – 42

Arab – 11

Any other ethnic group – 31

Not Stated – 596

When officers come in to contact with individuals as part of their reporting procedures they are required to provide a description that includes the person's ethnicity as defined by the police identity codes. When using these identity codes the breakdown of those individuals on the VHA is:

White – North European – 251

White – South European – 48

Black – 870

Asian – Indian subcontinent – 75

East Asian / Southeast Asian – 6

Arab / North African – 56

Unknown – 1

Individuals by Age

Under 18 – 346

18-24 – 561

25-29 – 111

30-39 – 180

40-49 – 72

50 and over – 37

Gender Breakdown

Female – 58

Male – 1249