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1. Introduction

This annual summary bulletin brings together crime statistics from the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) and British Transport Police (BTP) and Transport for London (TfL) to provide a summary of recorded crime upon TfL services during Financial Year (FY) 2012/13 (1 April 2012 – 31 March 2013). This annual bulletin focuses on the London Bus network, London Underground (LU) / Docklands Light Railway (DLR)¹, London Tramlink and London Overground (LO) service.

The figures reported in this bulletin for the bus network are based on official MPS figures for bus-related crime unless otherwise stated. There is no distinct category of 'bus crime' in the MPS crime recording system. Recorded crime data is extracted from the MPS system using a complex query that searches all MPS crime for transport venue codes and those that have the word bus, bus stop, bus station and transport related words somewhere in the electronic case file. For this reason, some crimes that did not occur on the bus network will be included in the figures. This is different from the BTP as all crimes dealt with by the BTP and included on their crime recording system relate directly to the rail network.

Recorded crime figures relate to crime recorded by the MPS and BTP during FY 2012/13 and are consistent with Home Office counting rules. The figures do not include crimes that have not been reported to the police or those that the police decide not to record.

Public transport in London continues to be a relatively safe and low crime environment. Currently, over ten million passengers travel on the TfL's public transport services each day with very few of them ever experiencing or witnessing crime.

Despite low levels of crime of the network, increases were seen in some crime types on some modes compared with the previous year. These increases are largely attributable to an increase in theft driven by organised thieves targeting the London transport network, predominantly stealing mobile phones. TfL and its police partners are redoubling their efforts and have put measures in place to deal with those issues.

The headline figures include:

- The levels of pan-modal transport crime² in 2012/13 were 2.3% lower (802 fewer offences) than in 2011/12 and the rate of crime has decreased to 8.9 crimes per million passenger journeys (from 9.4 in 2011/12), as can be seen in chart 1 and table 1.
- Levels of bus-related crime in 2012/13 were 7.4% lower (1,604 fewer offences) than in 2011/12 and the rate of crime for the bus network has fallen to 8.6 crimes per million passenger journeys (from 9.3 in 2011/12).
- Crime on LU/DLR increased during 2012/13 by 5.7% higher (689 additional offences) than in 2011/12 with the rate of crime remaining stable at 9.6 crimes per million passenger journeys.
- Crime on London Overground (LO) has increased during 2012/13 by 18.3% (130 additional offences) compared with the previous year. This is largely due to a significant increase in passenger journeys of around 22% and further expansion of the LO network (including the opening of the last section of the orbital service between Surrey Quays and Clapham Junction in December 2012 which included Wandsworth Road and Clapham High Street

¹ Crime figures for LU and DLR are reported together as these networks are policed by the same division of the BTP.

² The pan-modal transport crime figure and rate is based on the aggregate crime and passenger journey figures for the bus, LU/DLR, Tramlink and LO networks.

stations transferring from Southern Trains to LO). Crime on LO remains at a very low level and is one of safest modes of travel in London. The rate of crime fell to 6.7 from 6.9 in 2011/12.

- Crime on London Tramlink has fallen by 4.5% during 2012/13 (17 fewer offences) compared with 2011/12 with the rate of crime falling to 12.0 crimes per million passenger journeys (from 13.2 in 2011/12).

Chart I

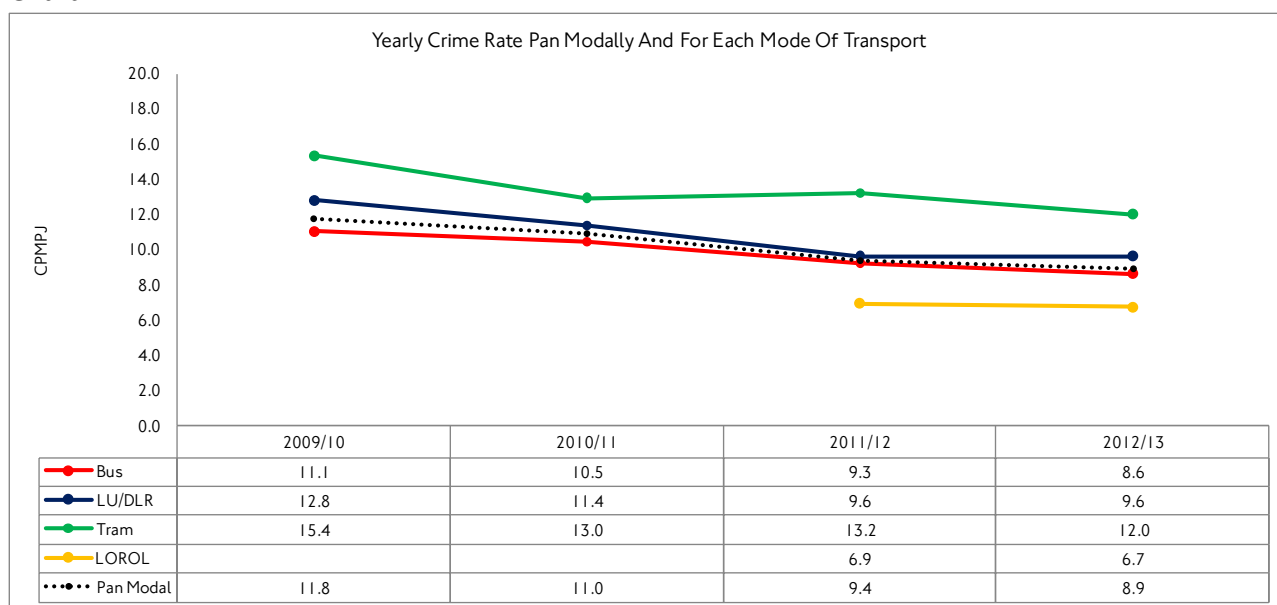


Table I

Network	2009/10		2010/11		2011/12		2012/13	
	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate
Bus	24,976	11.1	23,974	10.5	21,724	9.3	20,120	8.6
London Underground /Docklands Light Railway	14,536	12.8	13,472	11.4	12,115	9.6	12,804	9.6
London Overground	359	N/A	612	N/A	711	6.9	841	6.7
London Tramlink	397	15.4	361	13.0	378	13.2	361	12.0
Pan-Modal	40,268	11.8	38,419	11.0	34,928	9.4	34,126	8.9

2. Bus-related Crime 2009/10–2012/13

Table 2 shows the break-down of MPS bus-related³ crime by the major crime categories used by the MPS for 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12 and 2012/13 and includes the rate of crime⁴ for each of these categories with the exception of burglary⁵. In 2012/13, there were 8.6 crimes for every million passenger journeys made on the bus network. Borough bus-related crime figures are shown in table 3.

Information on offences included in the MPS major crime categories can be found at <http://maps.met.police.uk/tables.htm>

Table 2

Crime Type	2009/10		2010/11		2011/12		2012/13	
	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate
Burglary	63	N/A	82	N/A	66	N/A	60	N/A
Criminal Damage	2,350	1.0	2,060	Less than 1	1,775	Less than 1	1,501	Less than 1
Drugs	693	Less than 1	887	Less than 1	724	Less than 1	806	Less than 1
Fraud / Forgery	325	Less than 1	316	Less than 1	294	Less than 1	213	Less than 1
Other Notifiable Offences	276	Less than 1	253	Less than 1	228	Less than 1	195	Less than 1
Robbery	2,564	1.1	2,665	1.2	2,783	1.2	2,285	1.0
Sexual Offences	550	Less than 1	514	Less than 1	495	Less than 1	483	0.2
Theft and Handling	11,265	5.0	10,621	4.6	9,708	4.1	9,583	4.1
Violence against the Person	6,890	3.1	6,576	2.9	5,651	2.4	4,994	2.1
Total	24,976	11.1*	23,974	10.5*	21,724	9.3*	20,120	8.6*

³ The crime figures published in this bulletin are based on figures produced by the Metropolitan Police Performance Information Bureau at the end of each financial year. These figures are not updated retrospectively.

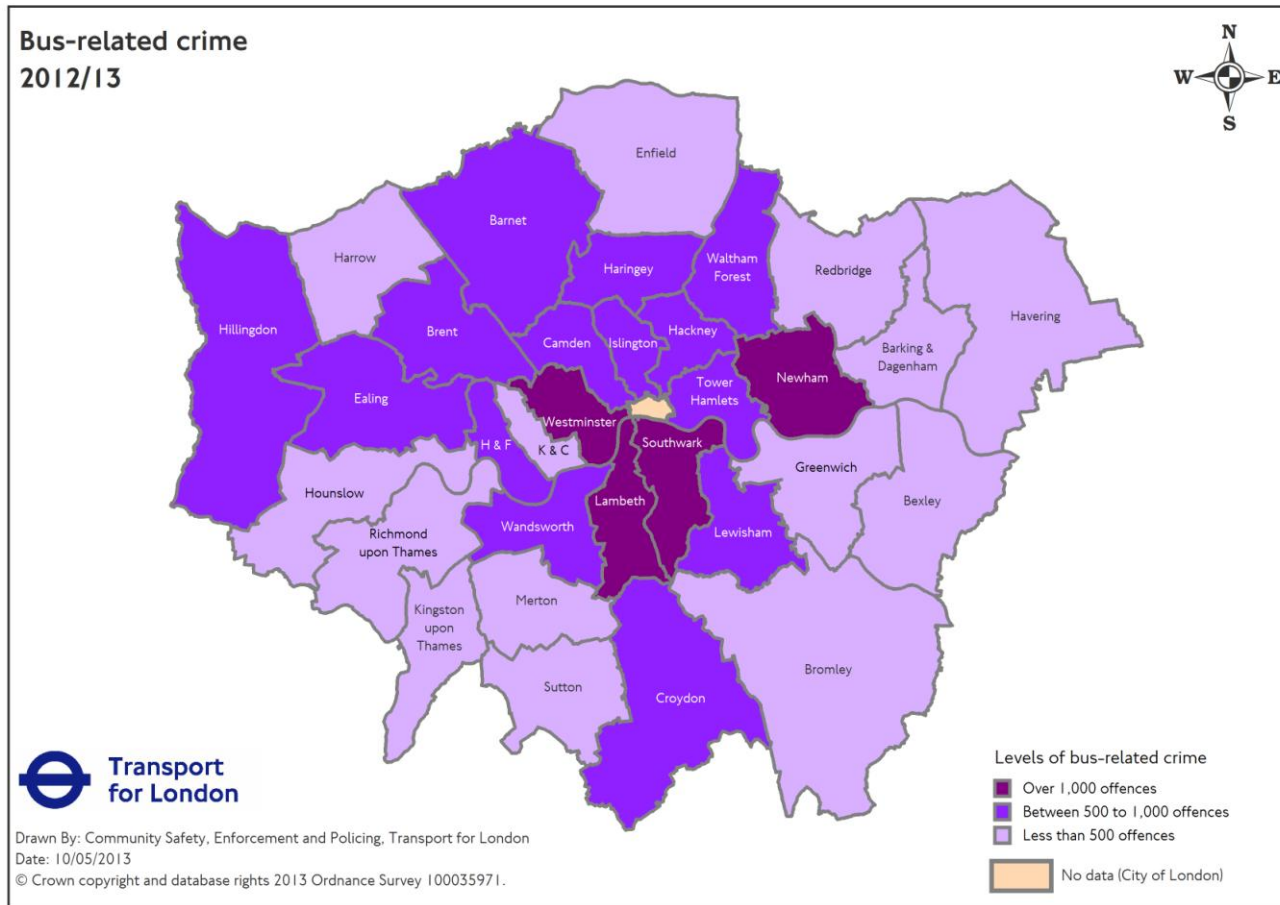
⁴ Rate of crime per million passenger journeys is calculated by dividing the number of crimes by the number of passenger journeys multiplied by one million.

⁵ Most burglaries take place in buildings and therefore it is not appropriate to calculate crime rates for burglary based on the number of passenger journeys made on the bus network.

* Bus-related crime rates for 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12 and 2012/13 are based on annual passenger journey figures of 2.257b, 2.289b, 2.344b and 2.335b respectively.

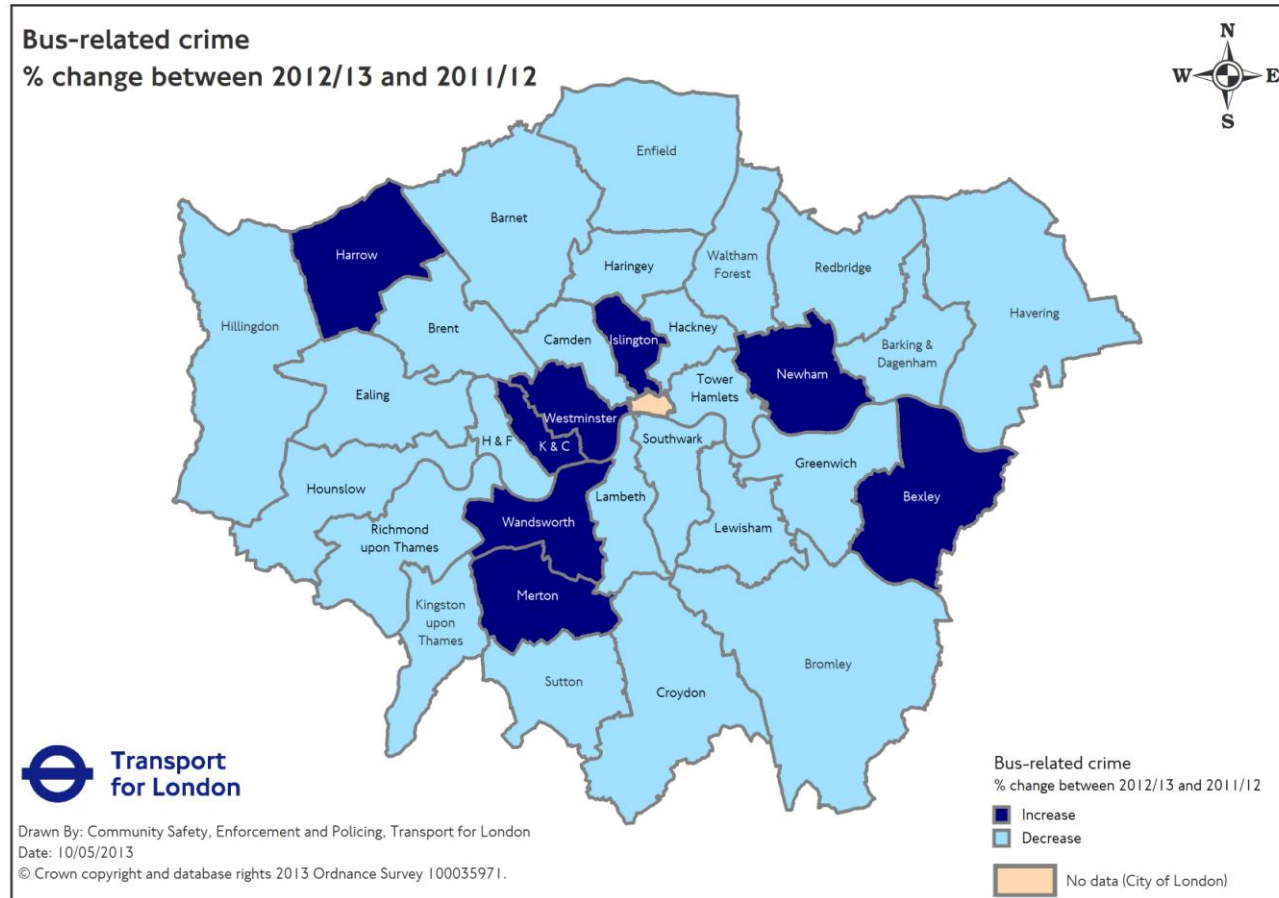
Map 1 – Bus-related crime volume by borough

Map 1 shows the breakdown of MPS bus-related crime by borough for 2012/13. The darker shades of purple show the boroughs with the highest number of recorded bus-related crimes. The map has not been adjusted for passenger or population numbers. Borough bus-related crime figures are shown in Table 3. Please note that the map below does not include data for the City of London; this is policed by the City of London Police (CoLP) which is a separate police force from the MPS.



Map 2 – Bus-related crime change between 2011/12 and 2012/13 by borough

Map 2 shows the percentage change in the levels of bus-related crime by borough⁶ between 2011/12 and 2012/13. The lighter blue boroughs have seen reductions in crime. The boroughs shaded in the darkest blue have seen an increase in levels of crime. Borough bus-related crime figures are shown in Table 3.



⁶ It is not possible to create similar maps of BTP recorded crime. The exact location of crimes upon the rail network is unknown due to some victims identifying the offence at the end of their journey which was undertaken across more than one borough.

Table 3 – Borough breakdown of bus related crime for 2011/12 – 2012/13

	Financial Year 2012/13									2012/13 Total	2011/12 Total	% Change
	Burglary	Criminal Damage	Drugs	Fraud or Forgery	Other Notifiable Offences	Robbery	Sexual Offences	Theft and Handling	Violence Against the Person			
Barking & Dagenham	1	49	28	5	4	68	10	140	106	411	478	-14.0%
Barnet	5	57	8	11	5	79	14	256	169	604	763	-20.8%
Bexley	2	49	2	4	1	21	9	62	88	238	215	10.7%
Brent	8	55	82	18	6	96	19	279	239	802	825	-2.8%
Bromley	1	70	5	1	4	47	8	122	131	389	440	-11.6%
Camden	0	47	25	10	10	57	13	484	161	807	1,030	-21.7%
Croydon	1	83	16	6	7	116	22	249	185	685	791	-13.4%
Ealing	2	63	18	6	12	100	25	320	214	760	1,014	-25.0%
Enfield	2	43	5	6	5	52	5	214	148	480	572	-16.1%
Greenwich	3	46	8	4	7	47	17	168	174	474	503	-5.8%
Hackney	3	56	7	3	3	66	16	605	158	917	962	-4.7%
Hammersmith & Fulham	1	23	7	8	9	46	10	298	175	577	646	-10.7%
Haringey	0	42	9	3	3	81	21	373	154	686	844	-18.7%
Harrow	2	31	6	2	3	38	16	97	105	300	293	2.4%
Havering	0	49	7	2	3	42	15	89	114	321	337	-4.7%
Hillingdon	0	75	11	6	10	73	16	220	153	564	651	-13.4%
Hounslow	1	61	9	6	11	55	31	151	148	473	516	-8.3%
Islington	3	46	11	10	4	67	16	654	151	962	848	+13.4%
Kensington & Chelsea	2	21	3	5	0	25	4	223	73	356	340	+4.7%
Kingston upon Thames	0	31	1	2	3	23	5	87	88	240	293	-18.1%
Lambeth	2	47	30	10	10	175	24	612	294	1,204	1,265	-4.8%
Lewisham	3	63	16	5	15	108	22	280	236	748	868	-13.8%
Merton	0	27	8	4	3	51	9	112	81	295	283	+4.2%
Newham	4	44	30	10	12	142	20	624	206	1,092	986	+10.8%

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	Burglary	Criminal Damage	Drugs	Fraud or Forgery	Other Notifiable Offences	Robbery	Sexual Offences	Theft and Handling	Violence Against the Person	2012/13 Total	2011/12 Total	% Change
Redbridge	1	27	11	10	1	63	8	190	109	420	441	-4.8%
Richmond upon Thames	1	26	5	3	5	21	12	68	82	223	258	-13.6%
Southwark	3	59	11	6	9	214	19	587	266	1,174	1,367	-14.1%
Sutton	1	19	4	0	2	16	9	60	74	185	221	-16.3%
Tower Hamlets	1	54	5	3	4	40	14	278	122	521	547	-4.8%
Waltham Forest	1	46	35	5	1	67	12	307	146	620	641	-3.3%
Wandsworth	3	35	19	19	5	76	10	344	156	667	598	+11.5%
Westminster	3	57	364	20	18	113	32	1,030	288	1,925	1,888	+2.0%
2012/13 Total	60	1,501	806	213	195	2,285	483	9,583	4,994			
2011/12 Total	66	1,775	724	294	228	2,783	495	9,708	5,651			
% Change	-9.1%	-15.4%	+11.3%	-27.6%	-14.5%	-17.9%	-2.4%	-1.3%	-11.6%			

3. London Underground and Docklands Light Railway Crime 2009/10–2012/13

Table 4 provides a breakdown of the major crime categories⁷ used by the BTP for the LU and DLR networks in 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12 and 2012/13⁸. There were 9.6 crimes for every million passenger journeys made on the LU and DLR networks in 2012/13.

Information on offences included in the BTP major crime categories can be found within <http://www.btp.police.uk/pdf/BTP-2012-Statistical%20Bulletin-AW.pdf>

Table 4

Crime Type	2009/10		2010/11		2011/12		2012/13	
	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate
Violence Against the Person	1,997	1.8	1,971	1.7	1,792	1.4	1,897	1.4
Sexual Offences	328	Less than 1	300	Less than 1	354	Less than 1	327	Less than 1
Criminal Damage	1,337	1.2	1,066	Less than 1	738	Less than 1	635	Less than 1
Line of Route	112	Less than 1	112	Less than 1	74	Less than 1	90	Less than 1
Theft of Passenger Property	6,794	6.0	6,520	5.5	6,021	4.8	7,282	5.5
Motor Vehicle/Cycle Offences	346	Less than 1	368	Less than 1	415	Less than 1	401	Less than 1
Robbery	137	Less than 1	161	Less than 1	112	Less than 1	101	Less than 1
Theft of Railway Property / Burglary	407	Less than 1	602	Less than 1	353	Less than 1	276	Less than 1
Serious Public Order	1,462	1.3	1,307	1.1	979	Less than 1	890	Less than 1
Serious Fraud	206	Less than 1	227	Less than 1	231	Less than 1	208	Less than 1
Drugs	1,266	1.1	727	Less than 1	960	Less than 1	591	Less than 1
Other Serious Offences	144	Less than 1	111	Less than 1	86	Less than 1	106	Less than 1
Total Notifiable Offences	14,536	12.8**	13,472	11.4**	12,115	9.6**	12,804	9.6**

⁷ The BTP categorise crime differently to the MPS. The BTP categories reflect the type of crime experienced on the rail network.

⁸ The crime figures published in this bulletin are based on figures produced by the British Transport Police at the end of each financial year. These figures are not updated retrospectively.

** BTP LU/DLR crime rates for 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12 and 2012/13 are based on annual passenger journey figures of 1.134b, 1.186b, 1.257b and 1.332b respectively.

4. London Overground Crime 2009/10 – 2012/13

Table 5 provides a breakdown of the major crime categories used by the BTP for the LO network in 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12 and 2012/13⁹. There were 6.7 crimes for every million passenger journeys made on the LO network in 2012/13¹⁰.

Table 5

Crime Type	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12		2012/13	
	Crimes	Crimes	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate
Violence Against the Person	71	128	171	1.7	191	1.5
Sexual Offences	8	11	5	Less than 1	11	Less than 1
Criminal Damage	51	70	49	Less than 1	34	Less than 1
Line of Route	0	7	5	Less than 1	5	Less than 1
Theft of Passenger Property	60	121	156	1.5	240	1.9
Motor Vehicle/Cycle Offences	21	31	91	Less than 1	110	Less than 1
Robbery	0	24	13	Less than 1	13	Less than 1
Theft of Railway Property / Burglary	18	43	25	Less than 1	17	Less than 1
Serious Public Order	64	90	108	1.1	116	1.0
Serious Fraud	0	5	9	Less than 1	7	Less than 1
Drugs	58	72	73	Less than 1	88	Less than 1
Other Serious Offences	8	10	6	Less than 1	9	Less than 1
Total Notifiable Offences¹¹	359	612	711	6.9	841	6.7**

⁹ The crime figures published in this bulletin are based on figures produced by the British Transport Police at the end of each financial year. These figures are not updated retrospectively.

** BTP LO crime rate for 2011/12 and 2012/13 are based on the annual passenger journey figures of 102.45m and 124.98m.

¹⁰ Passenger data is only available from November 2010, hence the absence of rate information before 2011/12.

¹¹ The LO crime data has been adjusted to account for a change in reporting practice whereby offences recorded at stations managed by other train operating companies but used by LO (e.g. Barking, Watford Junction) have been removed unless they have taken place on the LO services to avoid duplication as these are included in other BTP policing divisions statistics. All data from previous years has been adjusted accordingly.

5. London Tramlink Crime 2009/10 – 2012/13

Table 6 provides a breakdown of the major crime categories used by the BTP for the London Tramlink network in 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12 and 2012/13¹². There were 12.0 crimes for every million passenger journeys made on the London Tramlink network in 2012/13.

Table 6

Crime Type	2009/10		2010/11		2011/12		2012/13	
	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate	Crimes	Rate
Violence Against the Person	86	3.3	86	3.1	80	2.8	85	2.8
Sexual Offences	3	Less than 1	5	Less than 1	8	Less than 1	10	Less than 1
Criminal Damage	55	2.1	47	1.7	46	1.6	28	Less than 1
Line of Route	56	2.2	33	1.2	35	1.2	27	Less than 1
Theft of Passenger Property	53	2.1	57	2.0	39	1.4	72	2.4
Motor Vehicle/Cycle Offences	12	Less than 1	16	Less than 1	20	Less than 1	11	Less than 1
Robbery	24	Less than 1	15	Less than 1	40	1.4	29	1.0
Theft of Railway Property / Burglary	18	Less than 1	10	Less than 1	3	Less than 1	4	Less than 1
Serious Public Order	48	1.9	52	1.9	50	1.8	36	1.2
Serious Fraud	2	Less than 1	9	Less than 1	7	Less than 1	3	Less than 1
Drugs	38	1.5	29	1.0	46	1.6	54	1.8
Other Serious Offences	2	Less than 1	2	Less than 1	4	Less than 1	2	Less than 1
Total Notifiable Offences	397	15.4**	361	13.0**	378	13.2**	361	12.0**

¹² The crime figures published in this bulletin are based on figures produced by the British Transport Police at the end of each financial year. These figures are not updated retrospectively.

** BTP London Tramlink crime rates for 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12 and 2012/13 are based on annual passenger journey figures of 25.84m, 27.86m, 28.54m and 30.03m respectively.

6. Useful links

Transport for London

- <http://www.tfl.gov.uk>

Metropolitan Police Service - <http://www.met.police.uk>

- Crime figures - <http://www.met.police.uk/crimefigures/index.php>
- Safer Transport Command - <http://content.met.police.uk/Site/safertransport>

British Transport Police <http://www.btp.police.uk/>

- Crime figures - <http://www.btp.police.uk/stats/>
- L Area (London Underground / Docklands Light Railway) Division - <http://www.btp.police.uk/pdf/LUDLR-policing-plans-web-2012-13.pdf>
- London Underground Division Neighbourhood Policing Teams - http://www.btp.police.uk/local_btp_teams/london_underground.aspx

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