

NDAS Violent Crime Dashboard: Disclaimers & Protocols

1.1 When accessing and using the dashboard, users are reminded that it is designed to augment the user's decision making in improving understanding of violent crime and adding further context to considerations of resource allocation to tackle a particular problem. This dashboard, in no way, automates any decision making process nor does it remove the need for a professional assessment of the insight provided by a suitable individual.

1.2 The dashboard does not create any new information, instead it enables access to existing information within source systems. Groupings are applied to individuals that summarise existing information however these groupings should be reviewed before being acted upon.

1.3 The dashboard utilises HOCR codes associated to crimes to filter the insight to relevant events and nominals. As a result, information may exist that is relevant to violent crime however is not available within the dashboard.

1.4 Users are reminded of the need to monitor the use of the tool for bias. If a nominal is linked to another nominal or a network purely as a result of a personal / protected characteristic of that nominal, then this should be treated as unreliable. Particular caution should be taken to avoid taking action on links identified solely by personal / protected characteristics of nominals.

1.5 Publicly available data sources such as Census and co-ordinates of schools have been utilised to improve context of insight within the dashboard. Considerations should be given to the relevance of this information in the context of the matter being investigated or explored.

1.6 Whilst location hot spots can be inferred via the dashboard, end users should consider the relevance of the insight provided in the context of the matter being investigated or explored. Any subsequent police or partnership action which is contemplated should ensure that it avoids the actual or perceived 'over policing' of a particular location.

2.1 Products produced by this model may contain 'Sensitive Material' as defined in the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996 for the disclosure of unused material to the defence and is therefore subject to the concept of Public Interest Immunity. No products produced by this model should be disclosed to the defence without prior consultation with Force Intelligence. It will be recorded as 'Sensitive Unused Material' on disclosure form MG6d. The information contained in this report is supplied in confidence and should only be shared in circumstances where there is a legal basis for doing so, e.g. GDPR, s.115 Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

2.2 All users are reminded to consider the reliability and current relevance of any intelligence prior to taking action.

2.3 All users are reminded that information within the dashboard is accurate up until the Semantic Load Date and there will be additional information held on source systems. The Semantic Load Date can be seen at the top of the welcome page.

2.4 Handling Code P (Lawful sharing permitted). Sharing is permitted when all intelligence adheres to Code P Handling conditions. Users are to revert back to source to check Handling Code.

2.5 Handling Code C (Lawful sharing permitted with Conditions). If any handling Code C Intelligence is incorporated, you must abide by the originator's specific handling condition(s) and relevant risk assessment. Public Interest Immunity should be considered if subsequently used in Court. Permission must be sought from the originator before action is taken on any derived intelligence. Users are to revert back to source to check Handling Code.

2.6 Users are reminded of their obligations under the CPIA 1996 (s.23(1)) Codes of Practice to retain any material that is relevant to a criminal investigation.