

## Decision Making Framework – 6 months on

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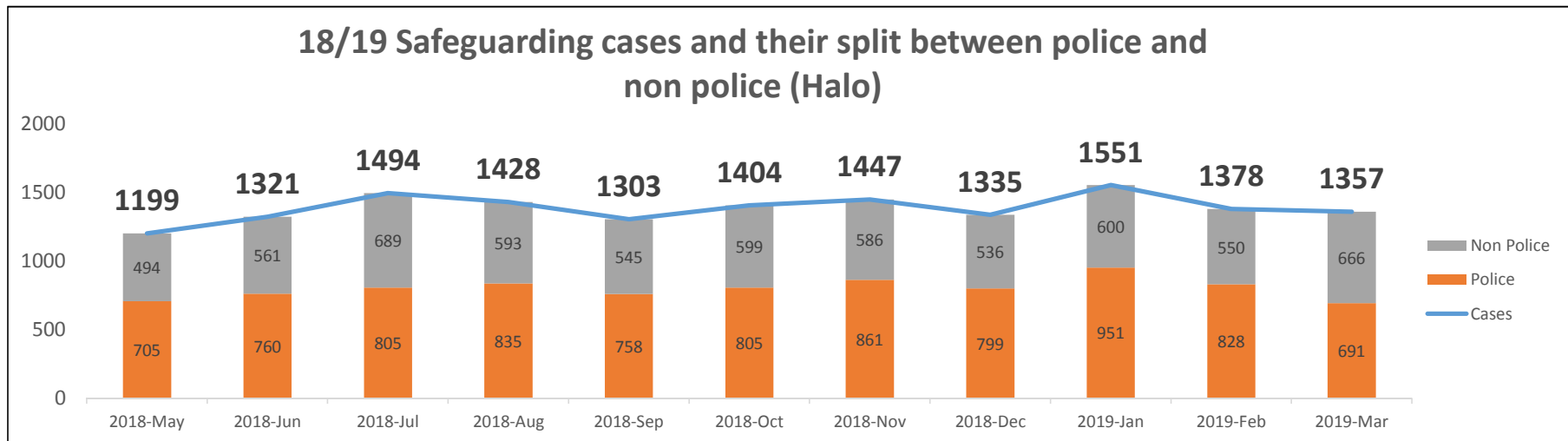
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# April 2018 - March 2019 - Safeguarding Requests

	2018 Apr	2018 May	2018 Jun	2018 Jul	2018 Aug	2018 Sep	2018 Oct	2018 Nov	2018 Dec	2019 Jan	2019 Feb	2019 Mar	Grand Total
<b>Cases</b>	1	1199	1321	1494	1428	1303	1404	1447	1335	1551	1378	1357	<b>15218</b>
<b>Police</b>	0	705	760	805	835	758	805	861	799	951	828	691	<b>8798</b>
<b>Non Police</b>	1	494	561	689	593	545	599	586	536	600	550	666	<b>6420</b>



# Background

- The Decision Making Framework was revised in March 2019 to include:
- A new on line Form (SA1) to report safeguarding concerns
- A workshop for providers and other key referrers to launch the new documentation and more importantly share with referrers the new Threshold document and the expectations of referrers to take actions to safeguard – as well as report to NASS
- The workshop focussed on all potential areas of safeguarding – with examples from practice

# From April 2019

A distinction was made between:

- **Non Reportable** – minor incidents, one off events – addressed via care planning, risk assessment, contact with GP, staff supervision, training, disciplinary processes
- **Reportable - Capacity and Consent must always be considered**  
repeated incidents, failures to adhere to care planning, poor decision making, high risk, institutional abuse, staff culture and attitude leading to poor care and lack of dignity and safety, possible offence has occurred

# Evaluating Risk

Probability/Likelihood	Consequence/Impact				
	Negligible (1)	Minor (2)	Moderate (3)	Major (4)	Catastrophic (5)
Almost certain (5)	5	10	15	20	25
Likely (4)	4	8	12	16	20
Possible (3)	3	6	9	12	15
Unlikely (2)	2	4	6	8	10
Rare (1)	1	2	3	4	5

For grading risk, the scores obtained from the risk matrix are assigned grades as follows:

**1-3 - Low risk**

**4-6 - Moderate risk**

**8-12 - High risk**

**15-25 - Extreme risk**

1 - 3 Low risk – No safeguarding action is taking place and/or safeguarding issues have been addressed.

4 - 6 Moderate risk – Safeguarding Protection Plan is/remains in place.

8 - 12 High risk – Serious impact on a person’s life leading to possible serious injury or serious impact on the person’s life i.e. loss of life savings etc.

15 - 25 Extreme risk – Serious impact on a person’s life which would could lead to serious injury/death.

# What do we know now?

	2019 Apr	2019 May	2019 Jun	2019 Jul	2019 Aug	2019 Sep	2019 Oct	2019 Nov	2019 Dec	2020 Jan	2020 Feb	2020 Mar	Grand Total
<b>Cases</b>	1256	1022	1089	1015	916	948	88	0	0	0	0	0	<b>6334</b>
<b>Police</b>	604	516	519	414	355	371	46	0	0	0	0	0	<b>2825</b>
<b>Non Police</b>	652	506	570	601	561	577	42	0	0	0	0	0	<b>3509</b>

