

CSEW: An Update

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Overview

- Update on the latest available complete dataset – 2016/17
- Update on the survey currently in the field – 2017/18
- Update on development work
- Update on outcome of consultation and other survey changes for next year - 2018/19

Latest publications – 2016/17 data

- Final 2016/17 dataset has been produced and used for:
 - Annual edition of ‘Crime in England and Wales’ for year ending March 2017 – published July 2017
 - Property Crime Related Data Tables
 - Domestic abuse in England and Wales: year ending March 2017 – published November 2017
- Remaining upcoming publications:
 - Articles and Data tables relating to Violent and Sexual Offences

Progress with 2016/17 dataset supply

- The 2016/17 CSEW dataset was deposited with the VML earlier this week
- The End User Licence datasets will be deposited with the UK Data Archive soon
- Will be available to users from January 2018

Changes to datasets supplied

- No longer submitting 'Special Licence' datasets, only End User Licence dataset available on UK Data Archive from 2016/17 onwards
- However, more Geography detail now available on the End User Licence dataset

What's new in the 2016/17 data?

- The self-completion module 'Nature of Serious Sexual Assault since age 16' rotated back in
- 'Experience of Abuse during Childhood' self-completion module rotated out
- Online security module removed (October 2015)
- A number of perceptions of crime questions removed
- Neighbourhood watch questions rotated in
- Minor amendments to various modules

Update on current survey – 2017/18

- ‘Nature of Partner Domestic Abuse’ self-completion module rotated in
- Development work carried out on this module, with new questions added
- Some perceptions questions have been reinstated
- Questions on fraud and cybercrime extended to full sample from October 2017

Updates on development work

- Expanding coverage of self-completion. From April 2017 the upper age limit has been increased to 74, following last year's testing
- Programme of work to include questions on elements of cybercrime into the child survey, aim to introduce new questions from April 2018

Updates: Domestic abuse

- Published an update to the Domestic in England and Wales bulletin, using 2016/17 data
- Included data on Domestic Abuse from a greater number of sources; Home Office, Ministry of Justice, Crown Prosecution Service, various charities
- Further analysis to be produced on the new questions added to the 2017/18 questionnaire

Updates: Abuse during childhood

- New publication released in October 2017, focussing on whether those abused as children went on to experience abuse as an adult
- Hosted on the Visual.ONS website

Updates: Fraud and cybercrime

- Update to the article Overview of Fraud Statistics, using 2016/17 data, due to be released in the new year
- Now have two years worth of data on Fraud and Cybercrime, so further analysis to be carried out on the data

Updates: High frequency repeat victimisation

- Following our consultation on high frequency repeat victimisation it was agreed that:
 - the 98th percentile of victim incident counts for each crime type will be used as the highest value on the number of repeat incidents
 - the time series will be revised back as far as possible
 - uncapped data will be made available as part of our methodology information; however, strong caveats will be given around their use

Updates: Online survey research work

- Long term drive to move the CSEW towards online data collection
- Scoping and testing project to look at how core sections of CSEW could work online carried out between February-October 2017
- Concentrated on screener and victimisation module questions needed to count incidents of crime
- Report due to be completed by end of 2017

Consultation on changes to the CSEW: Background

- Ran from June to July 2017
- Set out a range of options for reducing cost of CSEW following funding cuts:
 - Reducing response rates
 - Reducing sample size
 - Reducing question content
- Received a total of 123 responses from a wide range of users
- Majority of users indicated a preference for implementing a combination of these options

Consultation on changes to the CSEW: Outcome

Changes implemented in October 2017:

- Sample size reduced by 600 households
- Target response rate reduced to 71% (from 75%)
- Three modules of questions removed from survey:
 - Performance of the CJS (excl. police questions)
 - Experience of the CJS
 - Attitudes to the CJS

Consultation on changes to the CSEW: Update – post October 2017

- Additional funding has since been secured for the 2017/18 survey year
- Currently in the process of looking at which of the cuts can be reinstated for the Jan-Mar quarter
- Likely to include:
 - Reinstating sample size to 35,000 for 2017/18
 - Increasing response rate target from 71% for Q4
 - Reinstating deleted modules – but to smaller sample
- Confirmation of changes made will be published in the New Year

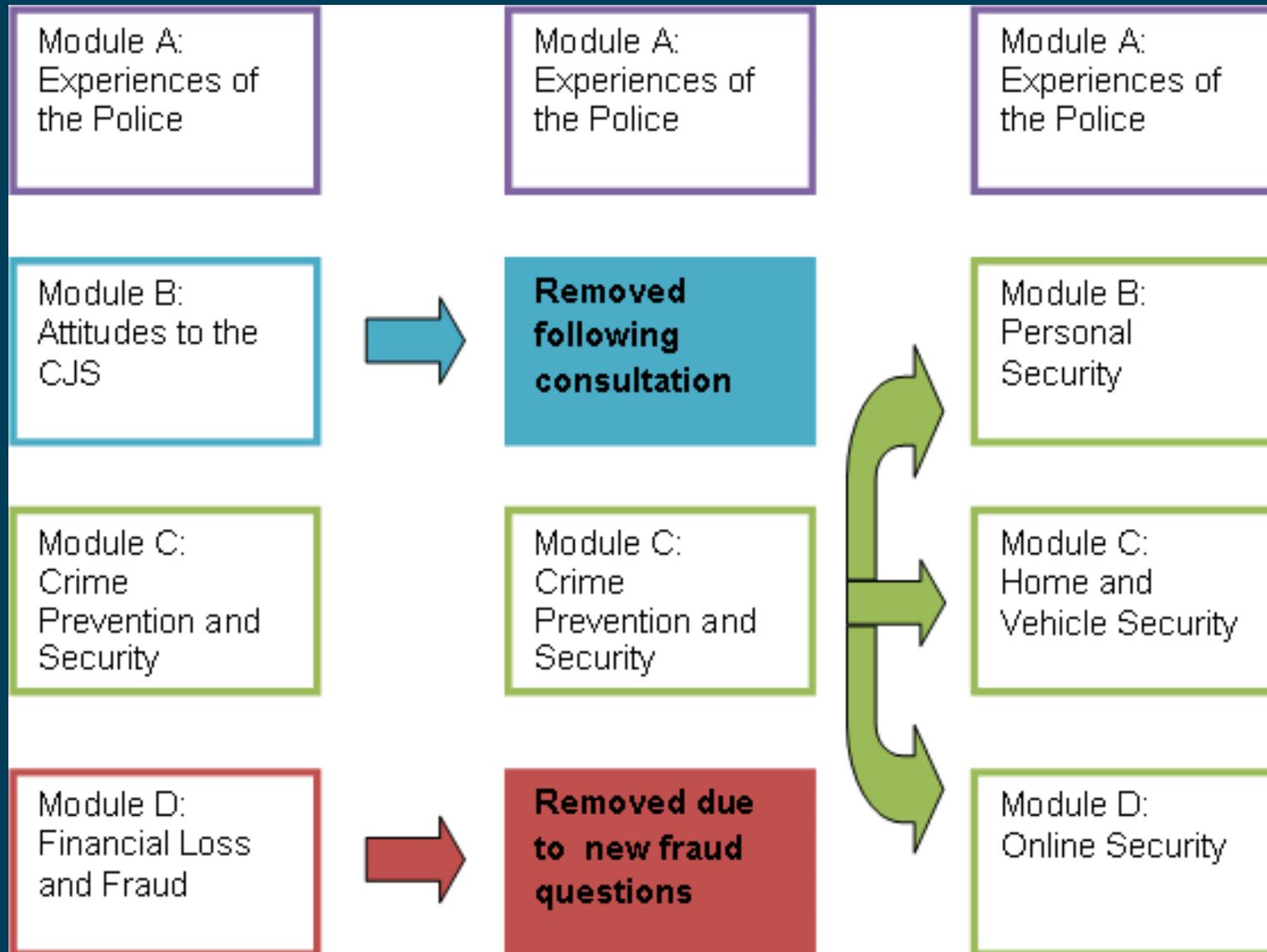
Questionnaire changes – 2018/19

- New child survey module on child cyber crime under development
 - focused particularly on child security online, cyber bullying and exchanging messages/meeting stranger
 - Existing questions on bullying to be removed
 - Additional questions will have to be deleted to make space
- Rotating self-completion module in 2018/19 will be on abuse during childhood
- Both changes are subject to ethical approval

Questionnaire changes – structure

- Modular approach to structure of CSEW (routes A, B, C & D through the survey) has been broken down by recent survey changes
- This has resulted in a wide variation in survey length by route
- Plan to restructure the modules for 2018/19 to alleviate this issue

Proposed new structure



Survey contract re-tender process

- CSEW contract put out to re-tender in July 2017
- A four-year contract to cover the survey years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22
- Process now nearing completion – awaiting final Treasury approval to issue contract

Any Questions?



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