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Curriculum Vitae

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Employment

May 2019–present **Lecturer in Crime Science**
Department of Security and Crime Science, University College London

Sep 2015–Apr 2019 **Lecturer in Criminology**
School of Social Sciences, Nottingham Trent University

Oct 2012–Jun 2015 **Post-graduate teaching assistant**
Department of Security and Crime Science, University College London

Nov 2010–Jun 2012 **Intelligence researcher**
London North Area, British Transport Police

Jan 2009–Nov 2010 **Police Sergeant**
London North Area, British Transport Police

Aug 2005–Jan 2009 **Police Constable**
London Underground Area, British Transport Police

Education

2012–2015 **PhD in Crime Science**
University College London

2011–2012 **MRes in Security Science (distinction)**
University College London

2009–2011 **MSc in Crime Science (distinction)**
University College London

1999–2003 **BA (Hons) in Politics with International Studies (2:1)**
University of Warwick

Professional qualifications

2015 **Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (FHEA)**
Higher Education Academy

Publications

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1. Ashby, M (2019a). *Is there more violence around schools? Four tests across nine cities*. Pre-print on SocArXiv at <https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/sg2qt>.
2. Ashby, M (2019b). Studying crime and place with the Crime Open Database. *Research Data Journal for the Humanities and Social Sciences*. advanced online access at <https://doi.org/10.1163/24523666-00401007>.
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4. Ashby, MP (2017a). Comparing methods for measuring crime harm/severity. *Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice* **12**(4), 439–454.
5. Ashby, MP (2017b). The value of CCTV surveillance cameras as an investigative tool: an empirical analysis. *European Journal on Criminal Policy and Research* **23**(3), 441–459.
6. Ashby, MP, KJ Bowers, H Borrion, and T Fujiyama (2017). The when and where of an emerging crime type: The example of metal theft from the railway network of Great Britain. *Security Journal* **30**(1), 1–23.
7. Ashby, MP and A Thorpe (2017). Self-guardianship at automated teller machines. *Crime Prevention and Community Safety* **19**(1), 1–16.
8. Ashby, MP and L Tompson (2017). Routine Activities and Proactive Police Activity: A Macro-scale Analysis of Police Searches in London and New York City. *Justice Quarterly* **34**(1), 109–135.
9. Cockbain, E, M Ashby, and H Brayley (2017). Immaterial boys? A large-scale exploration of gender-based differences in child sexual exploitation service users. *Sexual Abuse* **29**(7), 658–684.
10. Cockbain, E, M Ashby, and H Brayley-Morris (2017). Children, gender and sexual exploitation: A quantitative analysis of administrative data. *SAGE Research Methods Cases*.

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12. Ashby, MP (2016). Is metal theft committed by organized crime groups, and why does it matter? *Criminology & Criminal Justice* **16**(2), 141–157.
13. Ashby, M (2016). "Using crime science for understanding and preventing theft of metal from the British railway network". PhD thesis. UCL (University College London).
14. Ashby, MP and KJ Bowers (2015). Concentrations of railway metal theft and the locations of scrap-metal dealers. *Applied Geography* **63**, 283–291.
15. Tompson, L, S Johnson, M Ashby, C Perkins, and P Edwards (2015). UK open source crime data: accuracy and possibilities for research. *Cartography and Geographic Information Science* **42**(2), 97–111.
16. Cockbain, E, H Brayley, and M Ashby (2014). Not just a girl thing: A large-scale comparison of male and female users of child sexual exploitation services in the UK. *Barnardo's, London*.
17. McNaughton Nicholls, C, E Cockbain, H Brayley, S Harvey, C Fox, C Paskell, M Ashby, K Gibson, and N Jago (2014). *Research on the Sexual Exploitation of Boys and Young Men: A UK Scoping Study, a Summary of the Findings*. Barking: Barnardo's.
18. Sidebottom, A, M Ashby, and SD Johnson (2014). Copper Cable Theft Revisiting the Price–Theft Hypothesis. *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* **51**(5), 684–700.
19. Ashby, MP and KJ Bowers (2013). A comparison of methods for temporal analysis of aoristic crime. *Crime Science* **2**(1), 1.
20. Ashby, M and S Chainey (2012). *Problem Solving for Neighbourhood Policing*. UCL Jill Dando Institute of Security and Crime Science.

Funding

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2018–2021	Vice Chancellor's PhD Studentship: Building evidence to support police initial response to incidents £60,000 funding from Nottingham Trent University
2017–2020	Vice Chancellor's PhD Studentship: Crime reduction and public reassurance in a diverse society £60,000 funding from Nottingham Trent University
2012–2013	Knowledge Transfer Partnership: Problem Solving for Neighbourhood Policing £16,000 funding from Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council