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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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Problem-oriented policing in England and Wales: barriers and facilitators

K Bullock, A Sidebottom, R Armitage, MPJ Ashby, C Clemmow, S Kirby, ...
Policing and society (2022) 32 (9), 1087-1102

Police practitioner views on the challenges of analysing and responding to knife crime

K Bullock, I Agar, M Ashby, I Brennan, G Hales, A Sidebottom, N Tilley
SocArXiv (2022)

Police perceptions of problem-oriented policing and evidence-based policing: evidence from England and Wales

K Bullock, A Sidebottom, R Armitage, MPJ Ashby, C Clemmow, S Kirby, ...
Police Practice and Research (2022) 1-18

Forty years of problem-oriented policing: A review of progress in England and Wales

K Bullock, A Sidebottom, R Armitage, MPJ Ashby, C Clemmow, S Kirby, ...
Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice (2021) 15 (4), 2001-2014

Initial evidence on the relationship between the coronavirus pandemic and crime in the United States

MPJ Ashby
Crime Science (2020) 9 (1), 1-16

Changes in police calls for service during the early months of the 2020 coronavirus pandemic

MPJ Ashby
Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice (2020) 14 (4), 1054-1072

The open-access availability of criminological research to practitioners and policy makers

MPJ Ashby

Journal of Criminal Justice Education (2020) 32 (1), 1-21

Problem-Oriented Policing in England and Wales 2019

A Sidebottom, K Bullock, R Armitage, M Ashby, C Clemmow, S Kirby, ...

South Yorkshire Police (2020)

Successful police problem-solving: a practice guide

A Sidebottom, K Bullock, M Ashby, S Kirby, R Armitage, G Laycock, ...

UCL Jill Dando Institute of Security and Crime Science (2020)

Implementing and sustaining problem-oriented policing: a guide

A Sidebottom, S Kirby, N Tilley, R Armitage, M Ashby, K Bullock, ...

UCL Jill Dando Institute of Security and Crime Science (2020)

Studying Crime and Place with the Crime Open Database: Social and Behavioural Sciences

MPJ Ashby

Research Data Journal for the Humanities and Social Sciences (2019) 4 (1), 65-80

Is there more violence around schools? Four tests across nine cities

MPJ Ashby

SocArXiv. March (2019) 26

Comparing methods for measuring crime harm/severity

MPJ Ashby

Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice (2018) 12 (4), 439-454

Does a good cop really never get wet? The impact of weather on stop and frisk

M Ashby, L Tompson

SocArXiv (2018)

The value of CCTV surveillance cameras as an investigative tool: an empirical analysis

MPJ Ashby

European Journal on Criminal Policy and Research (2017) 23 (3), 441-459

Immaterial boys? A large-scale exploration of gender-based differences in child sexual exploitation service users

E Cockbain, M Ashby, H Brayley

Sexual Abuse (2017) 29 (7), 658-684

Routine Activities and Proactive Police Activity: A Macro-scale Analysis of Police Searches in London and New York City

MPJ Ashby, L Tompson

Justice Quarterly (2017) 34 (1), 109-135

The when and where of an emerging crime type: The example of metal theft from the railway network of Great Britain

MPJ Ashby, KJ Bowers, H Borrion, T Fujiyama

Security Journal (2017) 30 (1), 1-23

Self-guardianship at automated teller machines

MPJ Ashby, A Thorpe

Crime Prevention and Community Safety (2017) 19 (1), 1-16

Alternative denominators in transport crime rates

R Solymosi, M Ashby, T Cohen, A Sidebottom

SocArXiv (2017)

Children, gender and sexual exploitation: A quantitative analysis of administrative data

EP Cockbain, M Ashby, H Brayley-Morris

SAGE Research Methods Cases (2017)

Is metal theft committed by organized crime groups, and why does it matter?

MPJ Ashby

Criminology & Criminal Justice (2016) 16 (2), 141-157

Using crime science for understanding and preventing theft of metal from the British railway network

MPJ Ashby

UCL (University College London) (2016)

UK open source crime data: accuracy and possibilities for research

L Tompson, S Johnson, M Ashby, C Perkins, P Edwards

Cartography and Geographic Information Science (2015) 42 (2), 97-111

Concentrations of railway metal theft and the locations of scrap-metal dealers

MPJ Ashby, KJ Bowers

Applied Geography (2015) 63, 283-291

Copper Cable Theft Revisiting the Price-Theft Hypothesis

A Sidebottom, M Ashby, SD Johnson

Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency (2014) 51 (5), 684-700

Not just a girl thing: A large-scale comparison of male and female users of child sexual exploitation services in the UK

E Cockbain, H Brayley, M Ashby

Barnardo's, London (2014)

Research on the Sexual Exploitation of Boys and Young Men: A UK Scoping Study, a Summary of the Findings

C McNaughton Nicholls, E Cockbain, H Brayley, S Harvey, C Fox, ...

Barnardo's: Barkingside (2014)

Research on the sexual exploitation of boys and young men: A UK scoping study

C McNaughton Nicholls, E Cockbain, H Brayley, S Harvey, C Fox, ...

Summary of findings (2014)

A comparison of methods for temporal analysis of aoristic crime

MPJ Ashby, KJ Bowers

Crime Science (2013) 2 (1), 1-16

Problem Solving for Neighbourhood Policing

M Ashby, S Chainey

UCL Jill Dando Institute of Security and Crime Science (2012)

Funding

Funding awarded, typically jointly with colleagues.

2022-2022	Research project: Benchmarking crime in London against other global cities Principal investigator, £10,000 funding from Metropolitan Police Service
2021-2022	Knowledge transfer: Implementing problem-oriented and evidence-based responses for reducing violent crime in London Co-investigator, £264,000 funding from Metropolitan Police Service
2020-2021	Research project: Building blocks for knife crime Co-investigator, £122,000 funding from College of Policing
2019-2020	Research project: Problem-Oriented Policing in England and Wales Co-investigator, £246,000 funding from Police Transformation Fund
2018-2023	Research project: Deciphering and disrupting the social, spatial and temporal systems behind transnational human trafficking: a data-science approach Co-investigator, £365,000 funding from ESRC
2018-2021	PhD studentship: Building evidence to support police initial response to incidents Supervisor, £60,000 funding from Nottingham Trent University
2017-2020	PhD studentship: Crime reduction and public reassurance in a diverse society Supervisor, £60,000 funding from Nottingham Trent University
2012-2013	Knowledge transfer: Problem Solving for Neighbourhood Policing Co-investigator, £16,000 funding from Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council

Professional service

2017-ongoing	CrimPapers Maintainer of the CrimPapers alert service for new articles in 100+ criminology journals. https://lesscrime.info/crimpapers/
2018-ongoing	Crime Open Database Maintainer of the Crime Open Database of harmonised open crime data from 16 large cities in the United States, as well as the associated 'crimedata' R package. http://osf.io/zyaqn/
2019-ongoing	Crime Science Associate editor of the Crime Science journal, published by Springer.
2019-2021	London Problem Solving Awards Judge for the London Problem Solving Awards run jointly by the Metropolitan Police Service, British Transport Police and City of London Police.