# How will climate change impact crime and justice in the UK?

### Task and Group:

Team 1A: Identify patterns of past seasonal variability in crime and apply this to future climate projections Haroune Aaffoute, Michael Angus, Stephen Packman, Helen Roberts, Hamish Steptoe

#### Data:

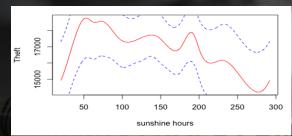
Monthly crime data across 12 categories in London boroughs 2010-2022 UK NCIC historic observations

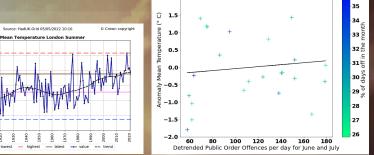
### **Considerations:**

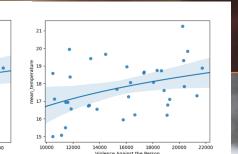
Monthly data is not directly comparable Focused on London

Weather: actual versus anomalies

# Seasonal Cycle of Burglary and Public Order Offences for London 2011-2022 Public Order Offences Burglary 0.085 0.080 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec







### **Output:**

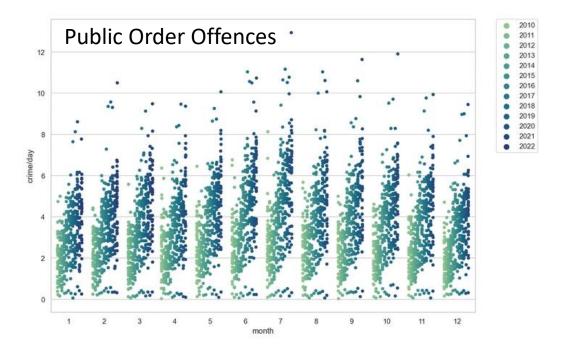
Cross variable analysis for crime/climate dashboard Bivariate and multivariate analysis Generalised additive and Gaussian modelling

## Findings:

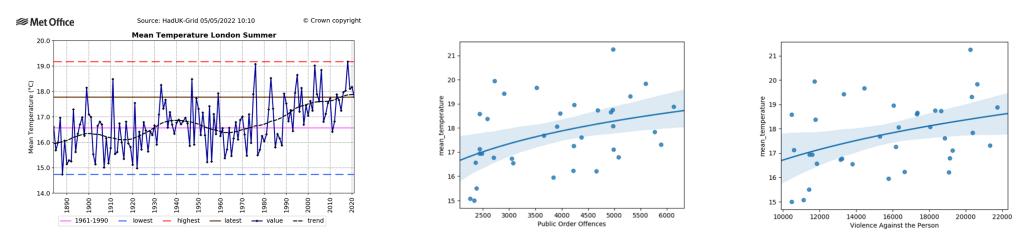
Literature suggests hotter, drier summers = more social and violent crime, warmer, wetter winters = more domestic crime Literature gap: UK-based analyses and projections

Our findings: Correlation between mean temperature and public order offences, sunshine hours and theft While some crimes (e.g. public order offences) well described by seasonal cycle, impact of weather in a given month is limited

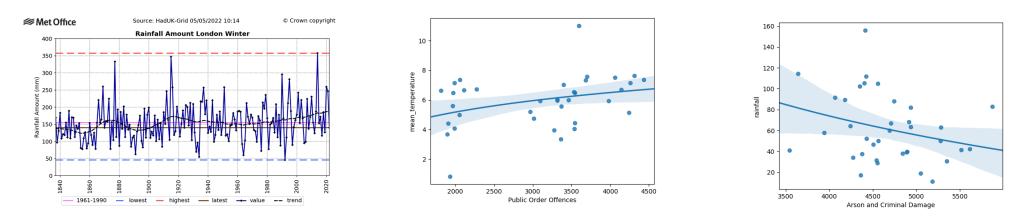
# Optional Figures:



### Some potentially useful conclusions – season trends



Increasing Summer temperatures in London – correlated with an increase in violent crime and public order offences



Increasing Winter temperatures and higher rainfall in London – higher temperatures lead to increasing public order offences. Higher rainfall generally correlates with lower criminal damage

