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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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2020	**Initial evidence on the relationship between the coronavirus pandemic and crime in the United States**	
	MPJ Ashby	
	Crime Science, 9, 1-16	
2020	**Changes in police calls for service during the early months of the 2020 coronavirus pandemic**	M Ashby
	SocArXiv	
2020	**The Open-Access Availability of Criminological Research to Practitioners and Policy Makers**	MPJ Ashby
	Journal of Criminal Justice Education, 1-21	
2020	**Problem-Oriented Policing in England and Wales 2019** A Sidebottom, K Bullock, R Armitage, M Ashby, C Clemmow, S Kirby, ...	
	South Yorkshire Police	
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	**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	
2019	**Studying Crime and Place with the Crime Open Database: Social and Behavioural Scienes**	MPJ Ashby
	Research Data Journal for the Humanities and Social Sciences, 4 (1), 65-80	

2019	**Is there more violence around schools? Four tests across nine cities** SocArXiv. March, 26	MPJ Ashby
2018	**Comparing methods for measuring crime harm/severity** Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice, 12 (4), 439-454	MPJ Ashby
2018	**Does a good cop really never get wet? The impact of weather on stop and frisk** SocArXiv	M Ashby, L Tompson
2017	**The value of CCTV surveillance cameras as an investigative tool: an empirical analysis** European Journal on Criminal Policy and Research, 23 (3), 441-459	MPJ Ashby
2017	**Immaterial boys? A large-scale exploration of gender-based differences in child sexual exploitation service users** Sexual Abuse, 29 (7), 658-684	E Cockbain, M Ashby, H Brayley
2017	**The when and where of an emerging crime type: The example of metal theft from the railway network of Great Britain** Fujiyama Security Journal, 30 (1), 1-23	MPJ Ashby, KJ Bowers, H Borrion, T
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	MPJ Ashby, L Tompson
2017	**Self-guardianship at automated teller machines** Crime Prevention and Community Safety, 19 (1), 1-16	MPJ Ashby, A Thorpe
2017	**Children, gender and sexual exploitation: A quantitative analysis of adminstrative data** Ashby, H Brayley-Morris SAGE Research Methods Cases	EP Cockbain, M
2017	**Alternative denominators in transport crime rates** SocArXiv	R Solymosi, M Ashby, T Cohen, A Sidebottom
2016	**Is metal theft committed by organized crime groups, and why does it matter?** Criminology & Criminal Justice, 16 (2), 141-157	MPJ Ashby
2016	**Using crime science for understanding and preventing theft of metal from the British railway network** MPJ Ashby UCL (University College London)	
2015	**UK open source crime data: accuracy and possibilities for research** Edwards Cartography and Geographic Information Science, 42 (2), 97-111	L Tompson, S Johnson, M Ashby, C Perkins, P
2015	**Concentrations of railway metal theft and the locations of scrap-metal dealers** Applied Geography, 63, 283-291	MPJ Ashby, KJ Bowers
2014	**Copper Cable Theft Revisiting the Price–Theft Hypothesis** Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency, 51 (5), 684-700	A Sidebottom, M Ashby, SD Johnson
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	E Cockbain, H Brayley, M Ashby
2014	**Research on the Sexual Exploitation of Boys and Young Men: A UK Scoping Study, a Summary of the Findings** Barnardo's: Barkingside	C McNaughton Nicholls, E Cockbain, H Brayley, S Harvey, C Fox, …
2013	**A comparison of methods for temporal analysis of aoristic crime** Crime Science, 2 (1), 1	MPJ Ashby, KJ Bowers
2012	**Problem Solving for Neighbourhood Policing** UCL Jill Dando Institute of Security and Crime Science	M Ashby, S Chainey

Funding

Funding awarded, typically jointly with colleagues.

2019–2020	**Research project: Problem-Oriented Policing in England and Wales** £246,000 funding from Police Transformation Fund	
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

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–ongoing   **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.