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Lecturer in Crime Science
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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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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)

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 (2021) 1-16

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

MPJ Ashby
Crime Science (2020) 9, 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.

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.