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# Employment

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| 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  Education | Police Constable  London Underground Area, British Transport Police |
| 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)

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# 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  
MPJ Ashby. SocArXiv. March, 26

2018 Comparing methods for measuring crime harm/severity  
MPJ Ashby. Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice, 12 (4), 439-454

2018 Does a good cop really never get wet? The impact of weather on stop and frisk  
M Ashby, L Tompson. SocArXiv

2017 The value of CCTV surveillance cameras as an investigative tool: an empirical analysis  
MPJ Ashby. European Journal on Criminal Policy and Research, 23 (3), 441-459

2017 Immaterial boys? A large-scale exploration of gender-based differences in child sexual exploitation

service users  
E Cockbain, M Ashby, H Brayley. Sexual Abuse, 29 (7), 658-684

2017 The when and where of an emerging crime type: The example of metal theft from the railway net-

work of Great Britain  
MPJ Ashby, KJ Bowers, H Borrion, T Fujiyama. Security Journal, 30 (1), 1-23

2017 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, 34 (1), 109-135

2017 Self-guardianship at automated teller machines  
MPJ Ashby, A Thorpe. Crime Prevention and Community Safety, 19 (1), 1-16

2017 Children, gender and sexual exploitation: A quantitative analysis of adminstrative data  
EP Cockbain, M, Ashby, H Brayley-Morris. SAGE Research Methods Cases

2017 Alternative denominators in transport crime rates  
R Solymosi, M Ashby, T Cohen, A Sidebottom. SocArXiv

2016 Is metal theft committed by organized crime groups, and why does it matter?  
MPJ Ashby. Criminology & Criminal Justice, 16 (2), 141-157

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  
L Tompson, S Johnson, M Ashby, C Perkins, P Edwards. Cartography and Geographic Information Science, 42 (2), 97-111

2015 Concentrations of railway metal theft and the locations of scrap-metal dealers  
MPJ Ashby, KJ Bowers Applied Geography, 63, 283-291

2014 Copper Cable Theft Revisiting the Price–Theft Hypothesis  
A Sidebottom, M Ashby, SD Johnson. Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency, 51 (5), 684-700

2014 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

2013 A comparison of methods for temporal analysis of aoristic crime  
MPJ Ashby, KJ Bowers. Crime Science, 2 (1), 1

2012 Problem Solving for Neighbourhood Policing  
M Ashby, S Chainey. UCL Jill Dando Institute of Security and Crime Science

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.