



Safer Streets

“Labour has a straightforward vision for policing and criminal justice. When you call the police, they should come. When you report a crime, it should be properly investigated no matter who you are, or where you live. Police should have the trust of communities. Victims must have faith that justice will be delivered and criminals will be punished. Prisons should not be academies of crime”

Labour Party Manifesto 2024



(Image: Leicester Mercury/BPM Media)

Research from the University of Leicester can help to inform this vision on policing and criminal justice, providing the key information to support evidence-based policymaking.

The table opposite highlights some of the key areas of policy impact for the University of Leicester’s work.

The examples overleaf provide a snapshot of how the University’s work continues to support this Government mission.

To find out more about the University of Leicester’s work in these areas, get in touch at

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Areas of Policy Impact

- Accessible Justice**
- Antisocial Behaviour**
- Extremism**
- Hate Crime**
- Policing**
- Reoffending**
- Sexual Violence**
- Violence Against Women & Girls**
- Violent Crime**
- Youth Justice**

Hate Crime

- The internationally renowned Centre for Hate Studies produces research evidence which generates improved responses to perpetrators, improved support for victims and improved public recognition of hate, harassment and extremism.
- Its insights have informed the interventions of senior policymakers, including the Law Commission, HMICFRS, the Crown Prosecution Service, the Office for Students and the United Nations.



Sexual Violence

- University of Leicester research has provided critical information for NPCC guidance and training sessions to hundreds of frontline police officers all across the UK.
- Innovative research into behavioural crime linkage has helped inform the Home Office and police on the matter of serial sexual offences.



(Image: gov.uk/Home Office)

Violence against Women & Girls

- The University of Leicester EMPOWER project has informed local and national policymakers on violence against women and girls using an innovative holistic approach.
- Key evidence from our researchers has informed the UK Council on Internet Safety on the subjects of online hate, harassment and abuse experienced by women and girls.

Violent Crime

- University of Leicester research into the impact of crime for UK businesses and their staff has been used by the Home Office to shape their Commercial Victimisation policy.
- Approaches to recording police crime have been shaped by the University's research that has demonstrated the inaccurate recording of corrosive substance crimes and their underestimation in the statistics.