

### **To receive the monthly crime figures and consider any actions**

Administration raised a question with the Police seeking further clarification on reported crimes categorised as rape, received at Full Council held on 3 October 2024, due to concerns over an apparent increase in these incidents.

Saltash Neighbourhood Team Leader kindly responded:

‘As discussed, the figures for October 2024 are purely for Saltash Essa, Saltash Pill, Saltash Burraton and Saltash St Stephens.

I’ve also been looking into the figures for September, particularly the figure for rape offences. The first thing to say is that the correct figure for rape offences for September 2024 is 5.

I’ve been unable to find the reason for the reduction, but I suspect that after being recorded the circumstances were reviewed and the force crime registrar recognised that errors had been made in recording, or the circumstances did not meet the criteria for an offence to be recorded. Such reviews of all crime types aren’t unusual and often occur weeks or months after an incident is recorded and so cause these discrepancies.

The other thing to mention is the context, which is that the five offences were domestic related, and in fact three pertained to the same victim. It is not my intention to reduce the seriousness or awful nature of these crimes, only to explain that the offences are not indicative of a risk to the wider community of Saltash.

I hope this provides some clarity but please feel free to send any more questions my way.

I’ve been looking at how we provide our crime figures, and I would appreciate your input on what Saltash council would like to receive.

To date we have been providing figures for Saltash Essa, Saltash Pill, Saltash Burraton and Saltash St Stephens. These are the four town areas, within which most of the crime for Saltash occurs.

However, there is additional information available for the areas further afield including Landulph, St Dominick, Landrake, Quethiock, Botus Fleming, St Mellion, Pillaton and St Germans.

I’d be grateful if you could let me know whether you would be interested in receiving this additional data.’

**End of report.**