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CPTED: Investigating its application & delivery in England & Wales

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Content of presentation

- 1) The delivery of CPTED across England & Wales
- 2) Greater Manchester Police's model of delivery
- 3) Assessing the application of CPTED
- 4) Current research – observing Crime Scene Investigators



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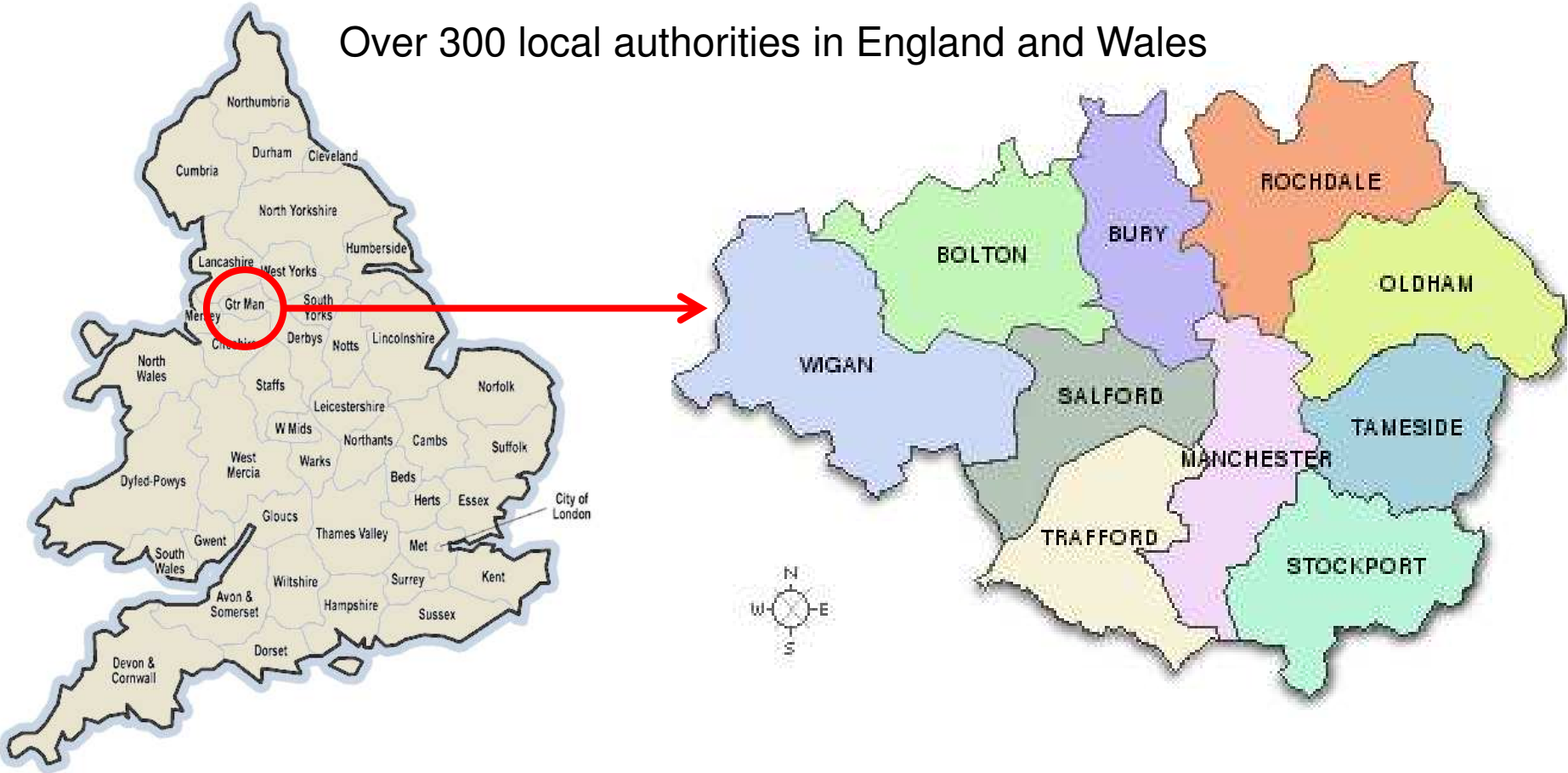
Delivery of CPTED



- 43 police forces
- 1 dedicated officer in each force
- Architectural Liaison Officers (ALOs) or Crime Prevention Design Advisors (CPDAs)
- In the majority of cases these officers work within an active police station
- Serving police officers or retired officers who have returned to post in a support staff role

Delivery of CPTED

Over 300 local authorities in England and Wales



Delivery of CPTED

- National planning policy - crime prevention should be considered in the design and build of new dwellings
- **No** obligation that the police must be involved in the planning process
- **No** systematic process to ensure that the police are involved in the design of new developments
- This applies *across* police forces and *within* the forces:

There is no force policy. There is no direction... Whatever level of operation we have is down to individual development and partnerships...



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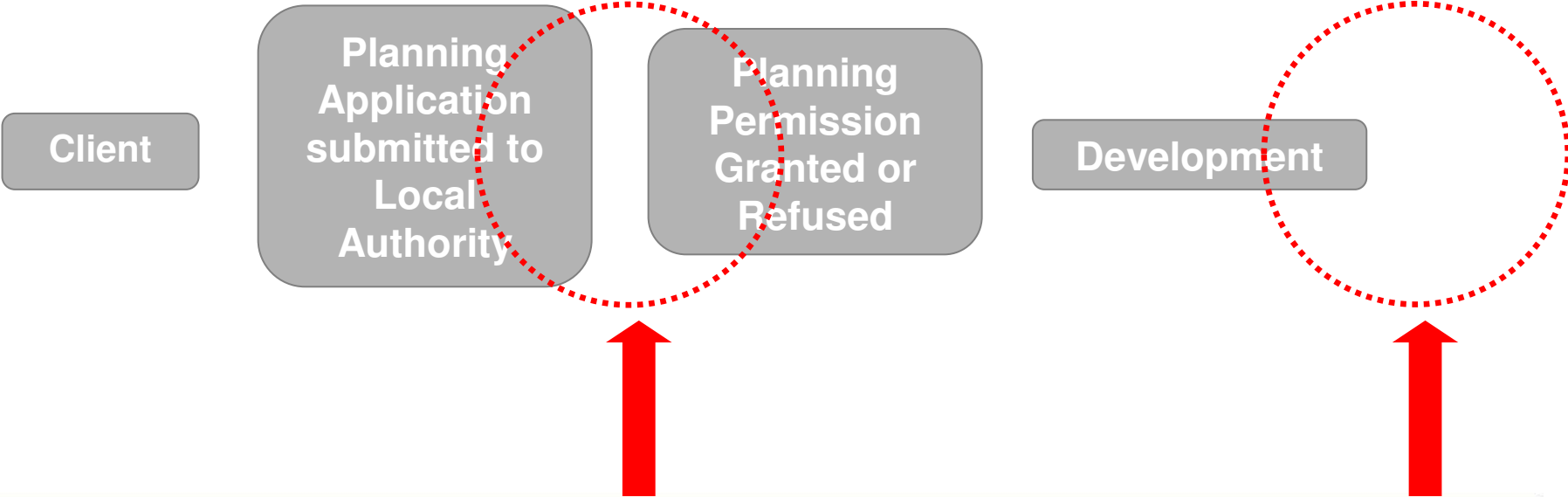


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CPTED & the planning process

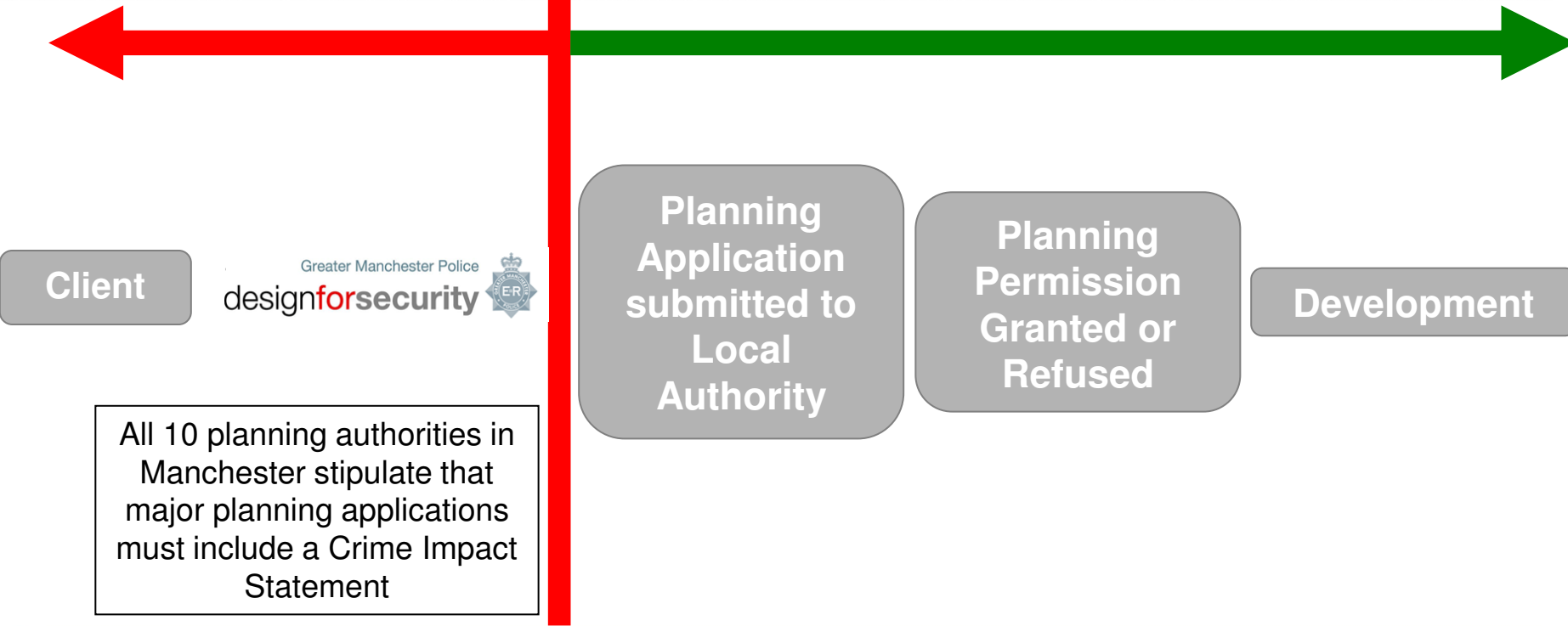


Greater Manchester Police (GMP)



- Design-led consultancy
- Work with built environment professionals at the **design stage/pre-planning application stage** of a proposed development
- Crime Impact Statement (CIS) process – charge a fee

CPTED & the CIS process



Key questions!

- Before thinking about **how** ALOs deliver crime prevention advice, need to ask two key questions:

1) Is there a skill?

2) How is the skill applied?

- Evaluations of SBD up to now overlook this basic question



Consistency of application?



A Review of Local Standards for the Delivery of New Homes

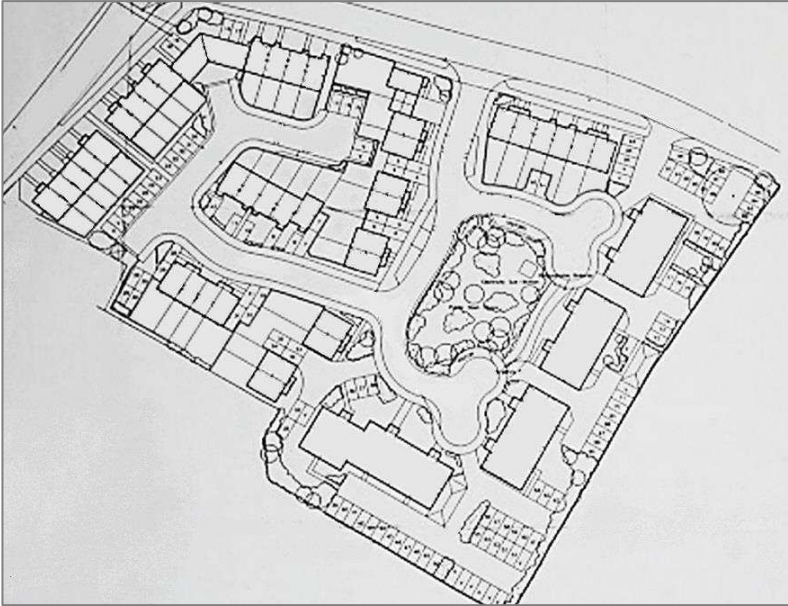
Local Housing Delivery Group
(Standards Working Group)

June 2012

- Concerns about the **application** of CPTED advice by ALOs
- “**Inconsistency** with which it is **applied**, depending upon the ALO involved (p.17)”
 - 1) Do ALOs have a predictive skill?
 - 2) Process of assessing risk and applying CPTED

Assessing the application of CPTED

- 28 of the most experienced ALOs in England & Wales



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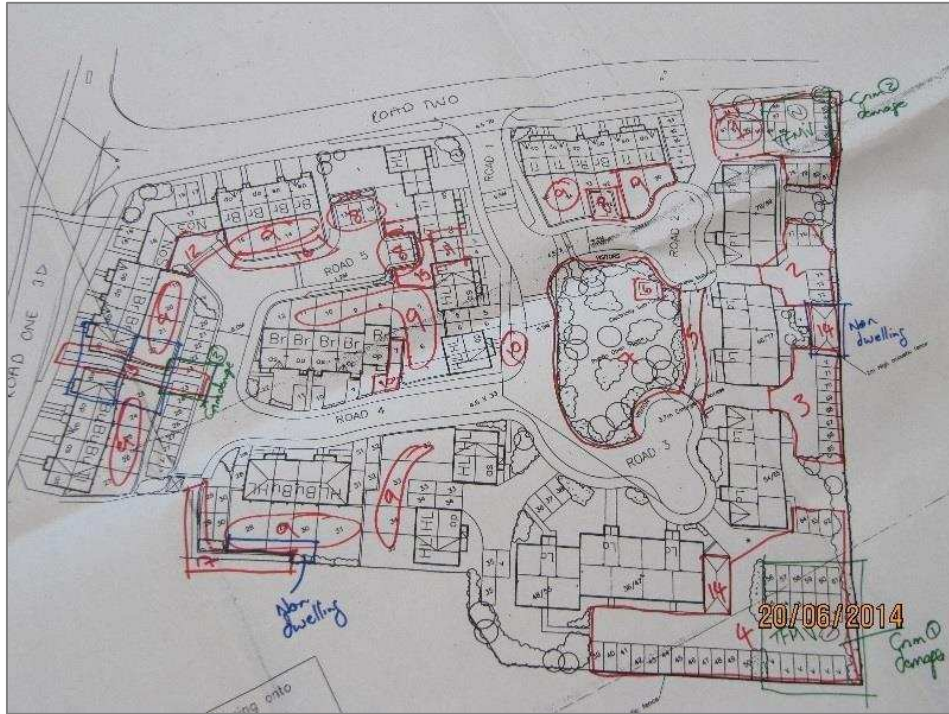


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Assessing the application of CPTED



Property crime:

- Burglary dwelling
- Burglary other

Vehicle crime:

- Theft of motor vehicle
- Theft from motor vehicle

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3 key questions

- 1) Do ALOs identify different numbers (and hence proportions) of houses in the development as problematic?
- 2) Was there consensus in the locations chosen?
- 3) Were the locations chosen actually victimised?



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WARNING!

- Place structure is **not** the only determinant of crime
- Would not expect perfect place identification
- However, if place structure is a key factor, performance should be better than chance...



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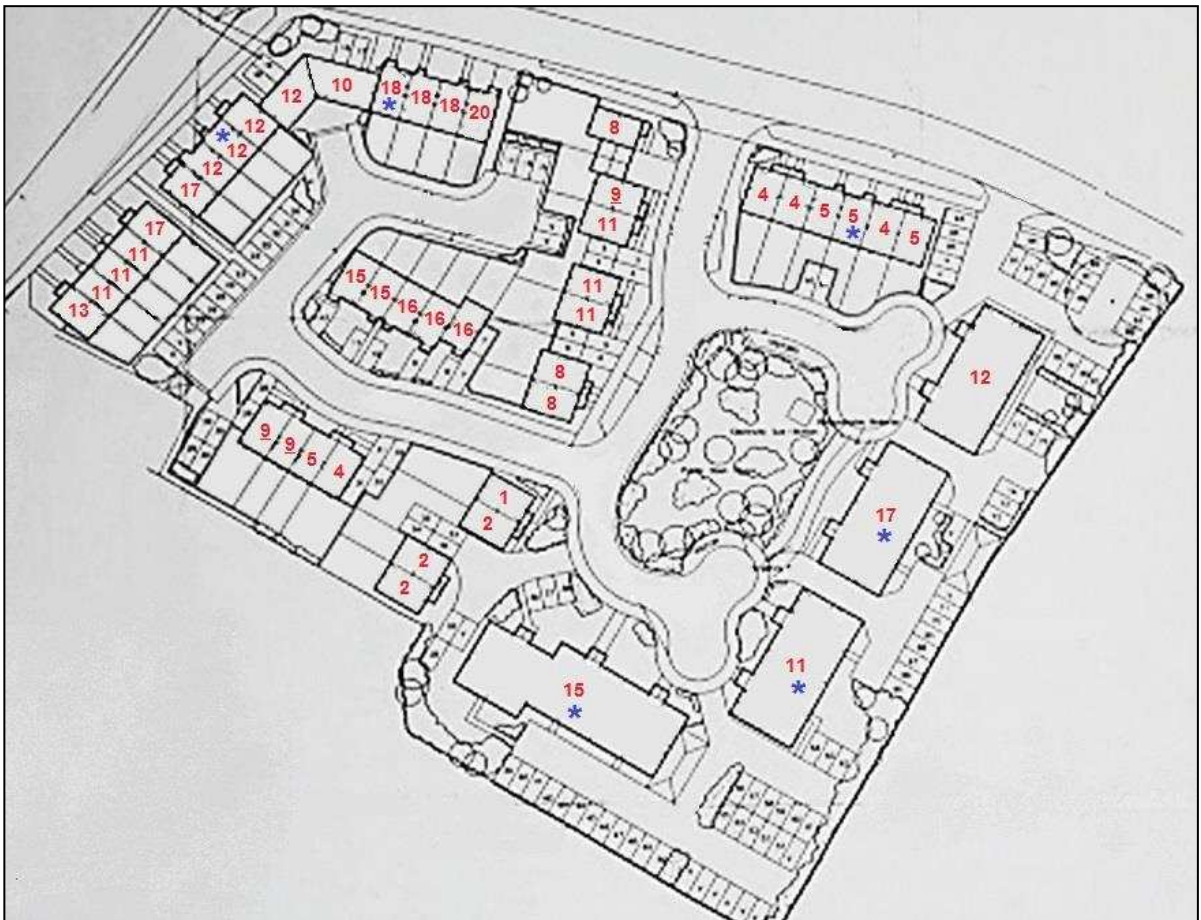


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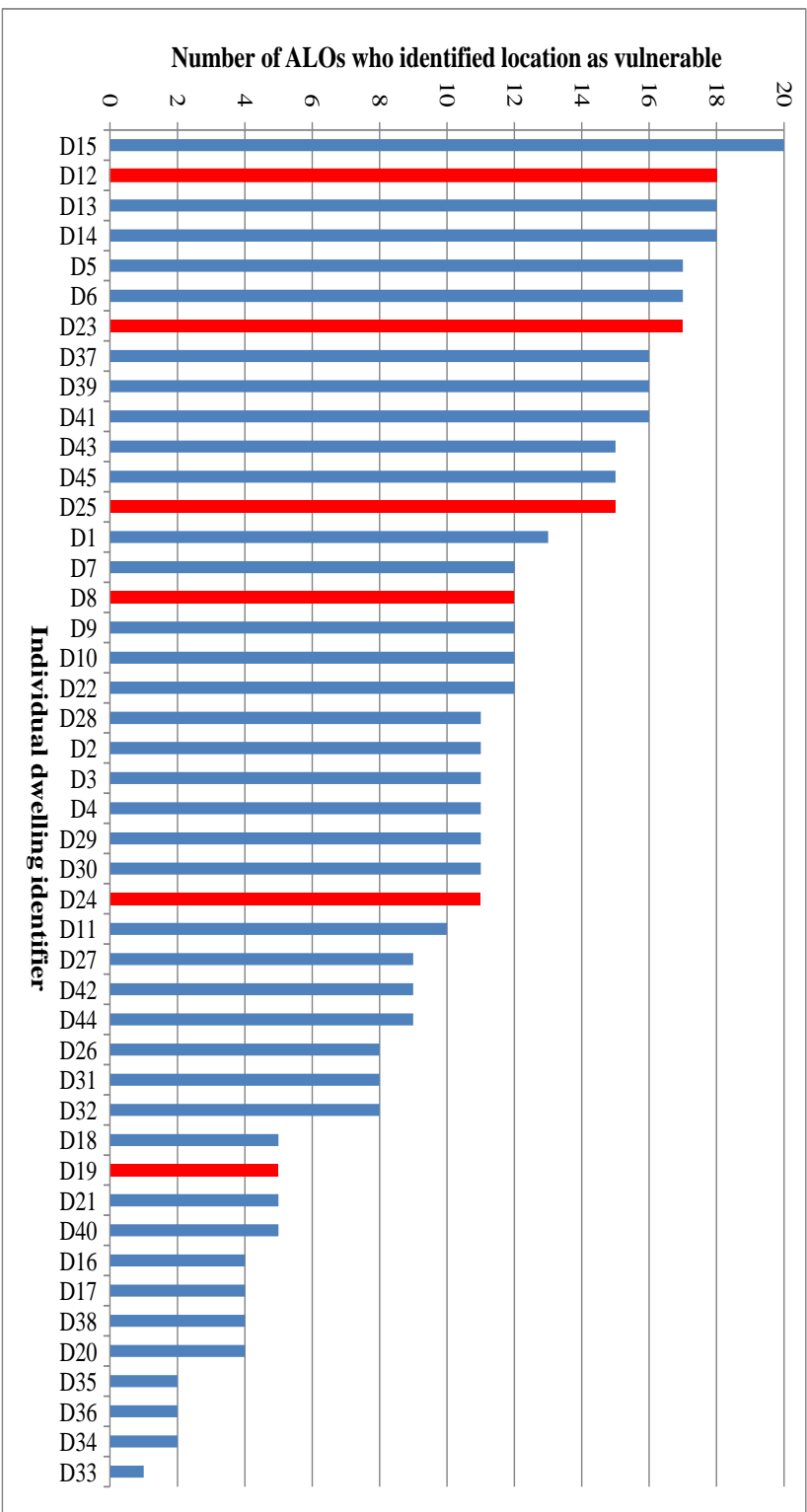


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Property crime



Property crime



Is there a skill and so what?

Many factors may determine victimisation, but if there *is* a skill, prediction has to be better than chance

- There is a **skill** (better than chance) BUT **variation** across sample
- Concerns regarding **inconsistent** assessment of vulnerability are founded
- Radical **overhaul of training** and CPD required to help improve predictive skill
- **Training** based on knowledge and results - VR/CAD/case studies
- Way forward? **GMP** - strong case for being a model of delivery
- However, income generated must remain *incidental* (sustain and improve)



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Current research...



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