E.U. Crimewave: Fact or fiction?

EU migrants commit 500 crimes a week in UK. Tom Whitehead, The Telegraph Tuesday 6 May 2014

'Immigrant crimewave' warning: East Europeans were responsible for a QUARTER of all offenses in London

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Source: Daily Mail, 18 February 2012
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- E.U. funded research exploring inter-EU migrant crime to provide context to the wider project of establishing sharing of bio-informatics between EU states.
- 7 EU partners, core nation states of Belgium, Netherlands & France
- Our role – ‘What do we really think inter-EU migrants are responsible for? What does that tell us in relation to sharing of DNA/Fingerprints in the context of the legislation?’
- Other partners – mainly technical re design and set up of their own national databases and sharing protocols

Geography Department Stage One:

1. How much crime are inter-EU migrants responsible for in the U.K.?
2. What are the spatial patterns/diversity of that activity
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What do you measure??

Crime – Police recorded crime big public debate issue!

• Recorded crime?

• Arrests?

• Prosecuted crime?

And what rates do you calculate?

• Population by nationality?
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39 English Police forces

F.O.I.A. requests

“Please tell us how many people were charged with criminal offences in your area during 2011 by nationality.”

Data received (mixed) from all but 6 forces.

Note:- ‘Charged with a criminal offence.’
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‘Charged with a criminal offence.’

All other research tends to use arrest data but......

Crime Committed → Police reasonably suspect → Arrest made → Data available (via FOIA)

Police oriented evidence gathering
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Data available (via FOIA) - Inherent flaw – arrest means a person was suspected

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<th>Years covered (15 Jan, end 31st Dec)</th>
<th>Total No of arrests for criminal offences</th>
<th>No of detainees charged with criminal offence</th>
<th>No of detainees with outcome of ‘No further Action’</th>
<th>No of detainees dealt with by diversion at Police Station*</th>
<th>Percentage of detainees with outcome of ‘No further Action’</th>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>35638</td>
<td>13917</td>
<td>11286</td>
<td>7653</td>
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<td>2011</td>
<td>33935</td>
<td>13240</td>
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<td>7071</td>
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<td>2012 (begin 1st Jan)</td>
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Arrest made

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Police oriented

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evidence gathering

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Evidence gathered

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Presented to prosecution lawyer & decision made to prosecute

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Suspect is *charged* with an offence and prosecution process begins

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= Greater integrity to inference of guilt
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<th>Nationality</th>
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<th>MAD factor</th>
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<td>Luxembourg, Slovenia, Finland, Malta, Austria, Denmark, Belgium, Sweden, Greece, Cyprus &amp; Estonia</td>
<td>1 - 200</td>
<td>&lt; 0.5</td>
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<td>Spain, Bulgaria, Hungary, Germany, Netherlands, Slovakia</td>
<td>200 - 800</td>
<td>0.5 - 0.89</td>
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<td>Czech Republic, France &amp; Ireland</td>
<td>900 - 1600</td>
<td>0.9 - 1.99</td>
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<td><strong>Portugal</strong></td>
<td>1,715</td>
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<td>1,828</td>
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<td><strong>Romania</strong></td>
<td>6,026</td>
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<td>8,090</td>
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Prosecution charge counts per Nationality & associated MAD factor.
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‘ ......total crime recorded for the responding Police Forces being 3,106,315, indicating that non-UK EU nationals charged with offences accounted for approximately 1% of all recorded crime.’
Spatial Diversity

Lithuanian

Polish
Spatial Diversity

Local Moran’s i adjusted z scores >1.96 & high value intensity e.g. ‘Hot Clustering’ (ND=No Data)
Crime types

Starting the FOIA procedure again but so far ......

Indicators –

• Low value/low impact crime
• Differing national profiles
• Profile may be an indicator of integration?
And finally

Should we be sharing crime scene and suspects DNA profiles & Fingerprints with all EU nation states?