



Road Safety Update

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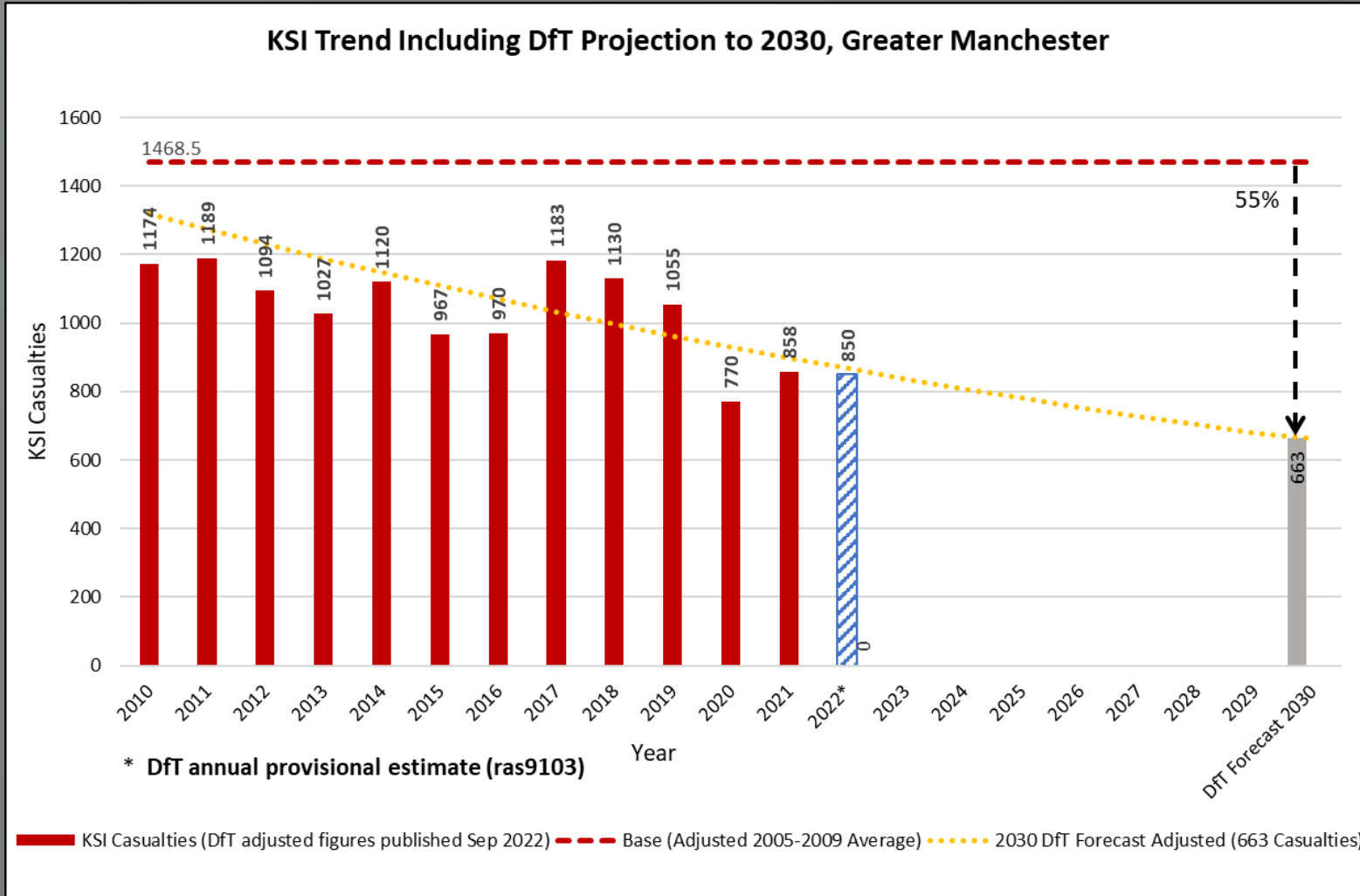
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Greater Manchester context

- Public concern across Greater Manchester (GM).
- Police and Crime Plan commitment to reduce road danger and increase investment in roads policing.
- Alignment of partnership working across GM
 - Safer Roads
 - Road Danger Reduction
 - Adoption of Vision Zero
- Lots of positive work taking place.

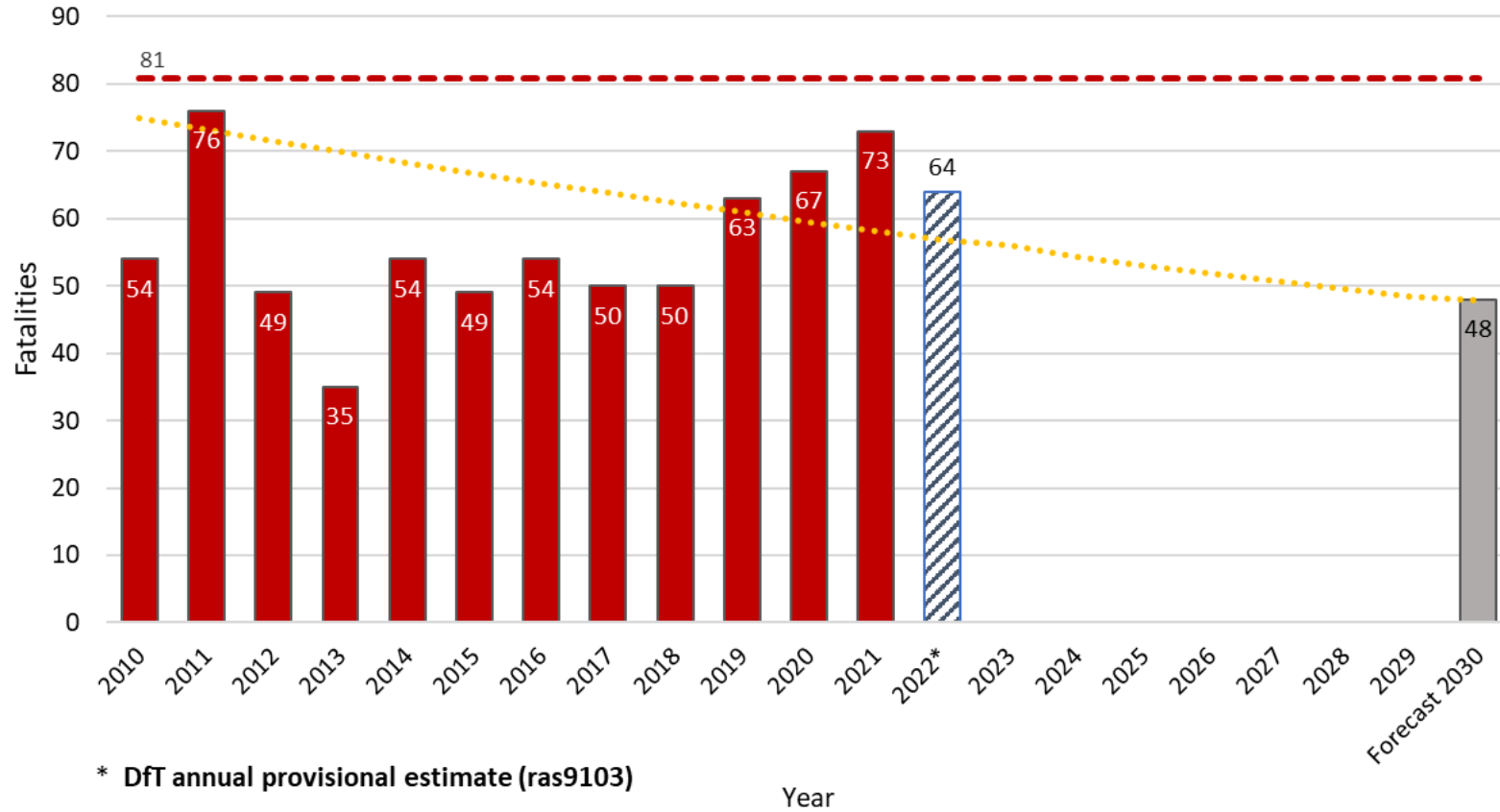
GM Killed and Seriously Injured (KSI)



- When comparing the 2021 figures to the annual average for 2017 to 2019, GM saw a 23.6% reduction in 2021 (858 compared to 1123).
- The DfT has published provisional KSI casualty figures for 2022 which shows the estimated KSI casualty figure for GM is 850 (subject to change later in 2023).

GM fatalities

Fatality Trend Including DfT Projection to 2030, Greater Manchester



- In GM there was a worrying 9% increase in the number of fatal casualties in 2021 (73) compared to 2020 (67).
- The DfT has published provisional fatal casualty figures for 2022. The estimated fatal road casualty figure for GM is 64 (data subject to change).

█ Fatalities taken from DfT dataset published Sep 2022
 - - - Base (2005-2009 Average)
 ●●●● 2030 DfT Forecast (48 Casualties)

Road Danger Reduction (RDR)

- Approach seeks to reduce the danger experienced by unprotected road users due to the presence of motorised vehicles on our streets.
- RDR is an extension of the Safe Systems approach. The five components include:
 - Safe Behaviours
 - Safe Streets
 - Safe Speeds
 - Safe Vehicles
 - An efficient Post Incident Response
- The Safe systems approach ensures that if one part of the system fails then the rest of the components work together effectively in such a way to support that pillar so that it doesn't fall.

Adoption of Vision Zero

- Led by Active Travel Commissioner Dame Sarah Storey and supported by the Transport Commissioner and the Deputy Mayor.
- An ambition to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all.
- Vision Zero has been adopted all over the world and is now increasingly becoming adopted across the UK. Amongst them, London, South Yorkshire, Liverpool, Essex, Devon and Cornwall, Bristol and Edinburgh.
- Over the next 12 months a new Vision Zero strategy will be developed setting out the actions required to work towards this long-term goal.

RDR Action Plan and GM Initiatives

Community Speed Watch - This is available for communities to access and apply to have in their neighbourhoods. GMP currently have groups from North Manchester, Bury, Hyde, Stockport & Wigan at the application & vetting stage.

Safer Driving for Longer (SDfL) Seminar 2023 – Older people are becoming increasingly overrepresented in casualty statistics as drivers', passengers and pedestrians. In a bid to reduce this Safer Roads Greater Manchester are hosting their 2nd Safer Driving Seminar on 1st August 2023. The seminar will have guest speakers from the Emergency Services, National Highways, TfGM and more on road safety topics, offering advice and safety tips on how to keep driving safely and alternative modes of transport being promoted.

Virtual Reality - GMFRS has recently started to deliver road safety education using Virtual Reality (VR) Headsets that provides an immersive 360 Film experience. Virtual reality lends itself well to many safety and awareness and education messages, with access to a number of films on road safety awareness.



RDR Action Plan and GM Initiatives

Close/Safe Pass - Greater Manchester Police relaunched Operation Close Pass initiative to clampdown on those motorists not giving enough space when overtaking cyclists. Between 1st March 2022 and 28th February 2023, there were 448 cycling-related road collisions involving injury throughout Greater Manchester. GMP rolled out the initiative initially in 2017 after a number of trials across the City-region, with the aim to reduce collisions between vehicles and cyclists.

Road Safety Champion – The project is aimed at pupils in Years 5 and 6 in Primary Schools and provides learning tools to schools to engage pupils in a peer-to-peer learning environment. The Road Safety Champions will be given a good knowledge of road safety issues which they will then deliver to their peers whilst linking into the curriculum through subjects such as Maths, English, Art etc.

Safe Drive Stay Alive - Safe Drive Stay Alive (SDSA) is an award-winning, performance-based road safety intervention aimed at 16-25 Year Olds.



Greater Manchester Police (GMP) - Roads Policing update

- 60 dedicated officers have been recruited for roads policing.
- Enables GMP to be more proactive and allow further education of the public alongside enforcement when necessary.
- The uplift has increased the number of officers patrolling, stopping, and seizing vehicles, issuing guidance and advice and issuing fixed penalties.
- Operations include:
 - **Operation Avro** is a monthly forcewide day of action which moves around districts each month. The Safer Transport element of this operation is conducted between the hours 08:00hrs and 20:00hrs.
 - **Operation Considerate** is an ongoing traffic operation which has been developed to educate and engage all road users to enhance road safety
 - **BikeSafe** is a national police run motorcycle initiative, aimed at working with motorcycle riders in a relaxed environment to raise awareness of the importance and value of progressing on to accredited post-test training.

Questions