

TOTAL CRIME RATE

1. At our last meeting, on 30 October, we discussed a report on the issue of setting targets for increasing the gap between the Stockton total crime rate and the England and Wales average (for 2006/07 we were 7.4% below the national average).
2. It was suggested during that discussion that we undertake some further research to show how we stand against others (including our Most Similar CDRP group), and looking at which other localities stand at 10% and 20% below the national average (using 2006/07 figures as the latest available).
3. It has proved very difficult to look at total crime rate figures. Figures on 'BCS (British Crime Survey) comparator crime' are available from the Home Office iQuanta system, and those for our CRDP for 2006/07 are attached.