

NATIONAL INDICATOR 15 – MOST SERIOUS VIOLENT CRIME

1. Attached to this report is an analysis of offences falling within the definition of NI 15 over the last four years. NI 15 will be the basis of a target within the Community Safety Plan and the Local Area Agreement.
2. The headline good news is that, although total violence against the person has been relatively stable over the period, the number of 'most serious' offences has fallen.
3. It is interesting to note that only 63 of the 487 offences in scope of the analysis, i.e. 13% of the total, were domestic violence incidents. This contrasts with the fact that our first Partnership Strategic Assessment showed domestic violence incidents at 22% of all violence against the person, and the high proportion of incidents nationally which are serious violence cases.
4. The clear conclusion is that most serious violence is strongly associated with the night-time economy and alcohol. This is supported by the locational peaks in Stockton Town Centre Ward, the fact that Yarm Ward comes in at number five in the Ward ratings, and the clusters for Tall Trees, Zanzibar, Brads Bar, the New Cross Keys, Billingham Arms and Speak Easy, the weekend concentration and the fact that males aged 18-24 were the top group for both victims and offenders, and males aged 25-34 are the second highest group, with these two groups accounting for more than half of both victims and offenders.
5. In this connection, it is worth noting that Stockton Police have recently introduced a last drink monitoring process in the custody suite, which will produce statistics on the premises at which people arrested for offences involving drunkenness had their last drink prior to arrest.
6. It is **RECOMMENDED** that members of the Partnership discuss this analysis, and refer it to both the Domestic Violence Strategy group and the Violence Reduction group for further discussion.