

**NI 15 Serious Violent Crime*****Introduction***

The table below shows the number of offences per year that are included in the definition of NI15 to reduce the most serious violent crime.

<b>Offence</b>	<b>2004/05</b>	<b>2005/06</b>	<b>2006/07</b>	<b>2007/08</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>% of Total</b>	<b>% change 04/05 – 07/08</b>
001/00 – Murder	2	1	1	1	5	1.0	-50
002/00 - Attempted murder	4	1	2	1	8	1.6	-75
004/01 – Manslaughter	2	0	1	0	3	0.6	-100
004/04 - Causing death by dangerous driving	2	0	1	0	3	0.6	-100
005/01 - Wounding with intent to do GBH	84	75	69	47	275	56.5	-44
005/04 - Attempt to choke in order to commit indictable offence	1	0	0	0	1	0.2	-100
005/08 - Impeding the saving of life from shipwreck	0	1	0	0	1	0.2	n/a
005/11 - Causing danger to road users	1	0	0	2	3	0.6	100
005/14 - Possession of firearm with intent to injure (Group I)	1	0	0	0	1	0.2	-100
005/19 - Use of a firearm to resist arrest (Group III)	1	0	0	0	1	0.2	-100
008/01 - Wound or inflict GBH with or without weapon	56	49	50	30	185	38.0	-46.4
037/01 - Causing death by aggravated vehicle taking	1	0	0	0	1	0.2	-100
<b>Total Serious Violent Crime</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>-47.7</b>
<b>All Violence against Person</b>	<b>3,345</b>	<b>3,876</b>	<b>3,417</b>	<b>3,452</b>	<b>14,090</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>3.2</b>
<b>Serious Violent Crime as proportion of all violence</b>	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>n/a</b>	<b>n/a</b>

From the table we can see that although overall violence has slightly increased, serious violent crime has been reducing for the last 4 years, and that the majority of serious violence has been in relation to wounding or other acts endangering life and GBH without intent (94.5%). From 2004/05 to 2007/08 the proportion of all violent crime that is most serious has reduced by 1.1%.

### **Location**

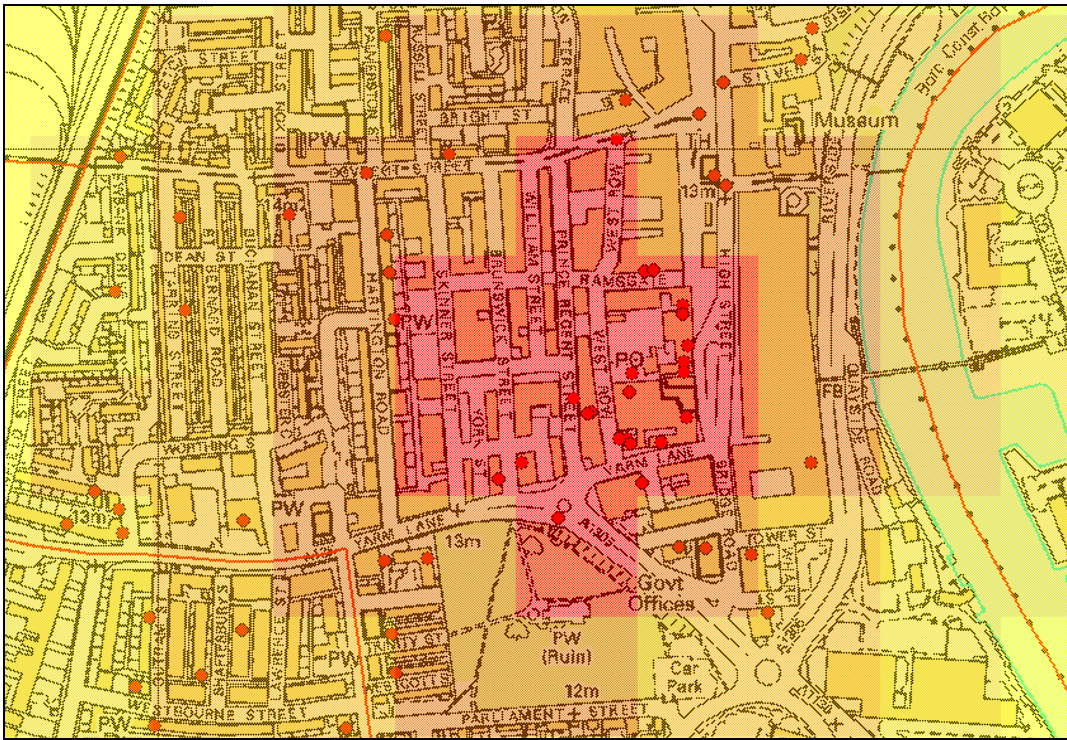
Serious violent crimes have occurred in all 26 wards, with Stockton Town Centre ward accounting for a quarter of all offences. The table below provides a full breakdown by ward. NB: two of the crimes could not be mapped and therefore are not assigned to any ward.

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>% of total</b>
Billingham Central	19	3.9
Billingham East	22	4.5
Billingham North	7	1.4
Billingham South	15	3.1
Billingham West	7	1.4
Bishopsgarth and Elm Tree	9	1.9
Eaglescliffe	11	2.3
Fairfield	3	0.6
Grangefield	6	1.2
Hardwick	17	3.5
Hartburn	4	0.8
Ingleby Barwick East	4	0.8
Ingleby Barwick West	6	1.2
Mandale and Victoria	31	6.4
Newtown	34	7.0
Northern Parishes	2	0.4
Norton North	22	4.5
Norton South	25	5.2
Norton West	5	1.0
Parkfield and Oxbridge	35	7.2
Roseworth	16	3.3
Stainsby Hill	21	4.3
Stockton Town Centre	120	24.7
Village	15	3.1
Western Parishes	1	0.2
Yarm	28	5.8

There were eight locations where three or more crimes occurred, six of which are licensed premises'. These repeat locations are listed below.

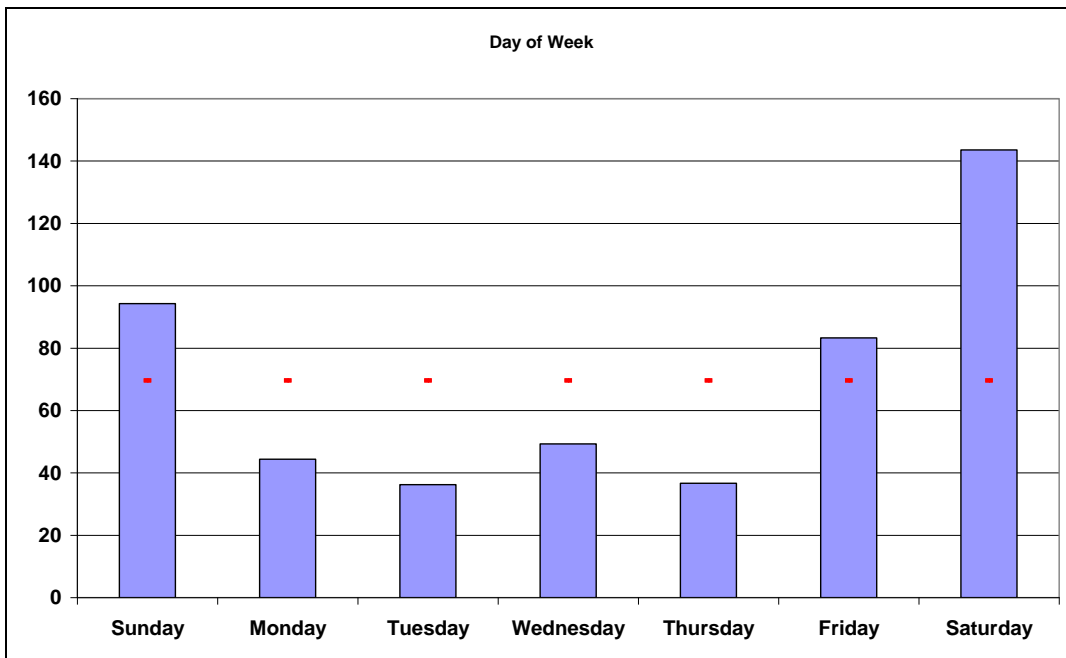
<b>Location</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>No of crimes</b>
Tall Trees Hotel	Yarm	Nightclub	18
Zanzibar Nightclub	Stockton Town Centre	Nightclub	15
H M Prison	Norton South	Prison	10
Brads Bar	Stockton Town Centre	Public House	8
New Cross Keys	Yarm	Nightclub	4
Billingham Arms Hotel	Billingham Central	Public House	3
Preston Park	Eaglescliffe	Park	3
Speak Easy	Stockton Town Centre	Public House	3

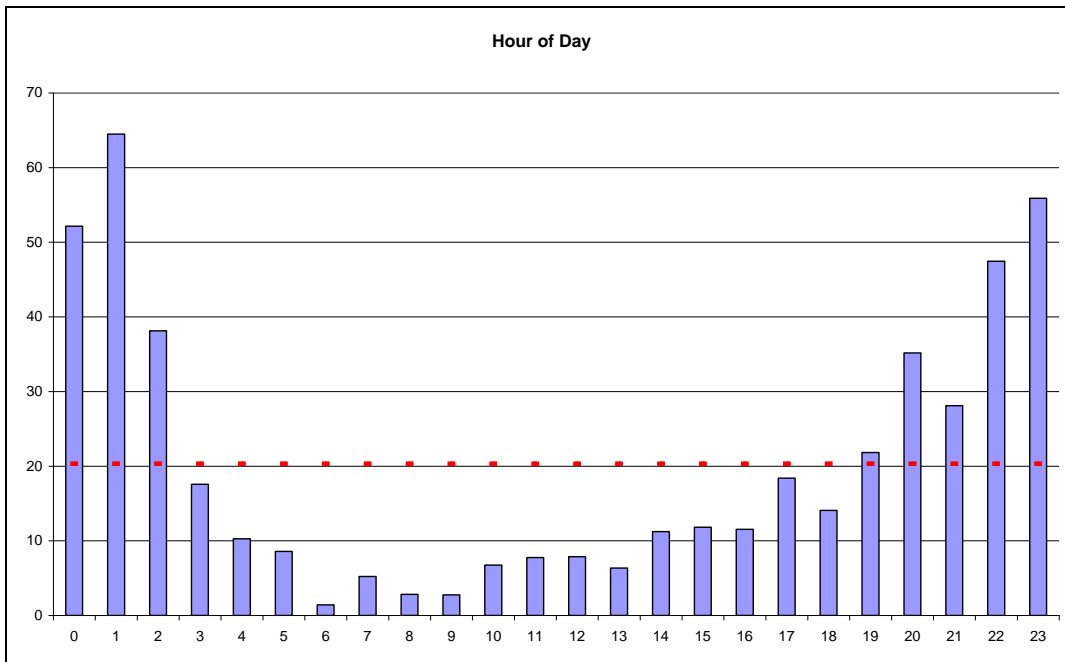
From mapping the data geographically it has been established that there is a clear hotspot within the Stockton Town Centre ward around the High Street and Yarm Lane. The map below shows the hotspot of concentrated activity.



**Time & day distribution**

The core days and times for serious violent crime are Friday and Saturday evenings into early morning, which coupled with the repeat locations suggests these crimes are strongly linked to the night time economy. From 10pm to 2am accounted for 45% of all serious violence and from 9pm to 3am accounted for 59%. Saturday was the busiest day followed by Sunday and Friday. The charts below show the days of the week and the hours of the day when these crimes occurred.





**Method**

Of the 487 offences, 63 were domestic violence (13%) and 424 were non-domestic (87%). The method used to commit violence was predominantly bodily force, followed by stabbing by knife or bladed instruments. These two categories accounted for 65% overall. There were only 4 incidents involving guns, all of which were air rifles. A full breakdown of weapon type is listed in the table below.

<b>Weapon type</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
Bodily Force	208	42.7
Knife / Bladed instrument	109	22.4
Glass / Bottle	45	9.2
Other Instrument	35	7.2
Unknown	33	6.8
Hammer	14	2.9
Unknown Sharp Instrument	12	2.5
Baseball bat	11	2.3
Other	8	1.6
Air gun	4	0.8
Motor Vehicle	6	1.2
Drug	2	0.4
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### **Suspects**

There were 391 suspects linked to the serious violent crimes (excluding those with missing name and date of birth details). 347 of these suspects were arrested (89%) and 174 were charged (45%). The majority of suspects were male (86%) with few female suspects (14%). One third of all suspects were males aged 18 – 24 years. The table below shows a full breakdown of suspects by age and gender.

<b>Offenders</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Female %</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Male %</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
0 - 10 yrs	0	0.0	1	0.3	1
11 - 17 yrs	9	2.3	65	16.6	74
18 - 24 yrs	21	5.4	129	33.0	150
25 - 34 yrs	14	3.6	82	21.0	96
35 - 44 yrs	9	2.3	39	10.0	48
45 - 54 yrs	4	1.0	13	3.3	17
55 - 64 yrs	0	0.0	3	0.8	3
65 + yrs	0	0.0	2	0.5	2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>14.6</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>85.4</b>	<b>391</b>

### **Victims**

There were 459 victims linked to the serious violent crimes (excluding those with missing name and date of birth details). Once again the majority were male (84%) with few female victims (16%). The group with the most victims was male aged between 18 – 24 years, and males between 18 – 34 years accounted for a half of all victims of serious violent crime. The table below provides a full breakdown of victims by age and gender.

<b>Victims</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Female %</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Male %</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
0 - 10 yrs	4	0.9	3	0.7	7
11 - 17 yrs	7	1.5	40	8.7	47
18 - 24 yrs	19	4.1	139	30.3	158
25 - 34 yrs	11	2.4	89	19.4	100
35 - 44 yrs	20	4.4	66	14.4	86
45 - 54 yrs	7	1.5	33	7.2	40
55 - 64 yrs	2	0.4	14	3.1	16
65 + years	4	0.9	1	0.2	5
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>83.9</b>	<b>459</b>

### **Conclusion**

Overall violent crime has risen by 3.2% over the last four years, yet there has been a significant reduction in most serious violent crime by 47.7%. The analysis of time and location strongly links most serious violent crime with the night time economy. Only 13% of most serious violence was domestic related, which is a much smaller proportion than that of all violence which is generally found to be between 20-25%. Males aged between 18 – 24 years were found to be both the most common suspects as well as victims, which also indicates the majority of serious violence is not domestic.