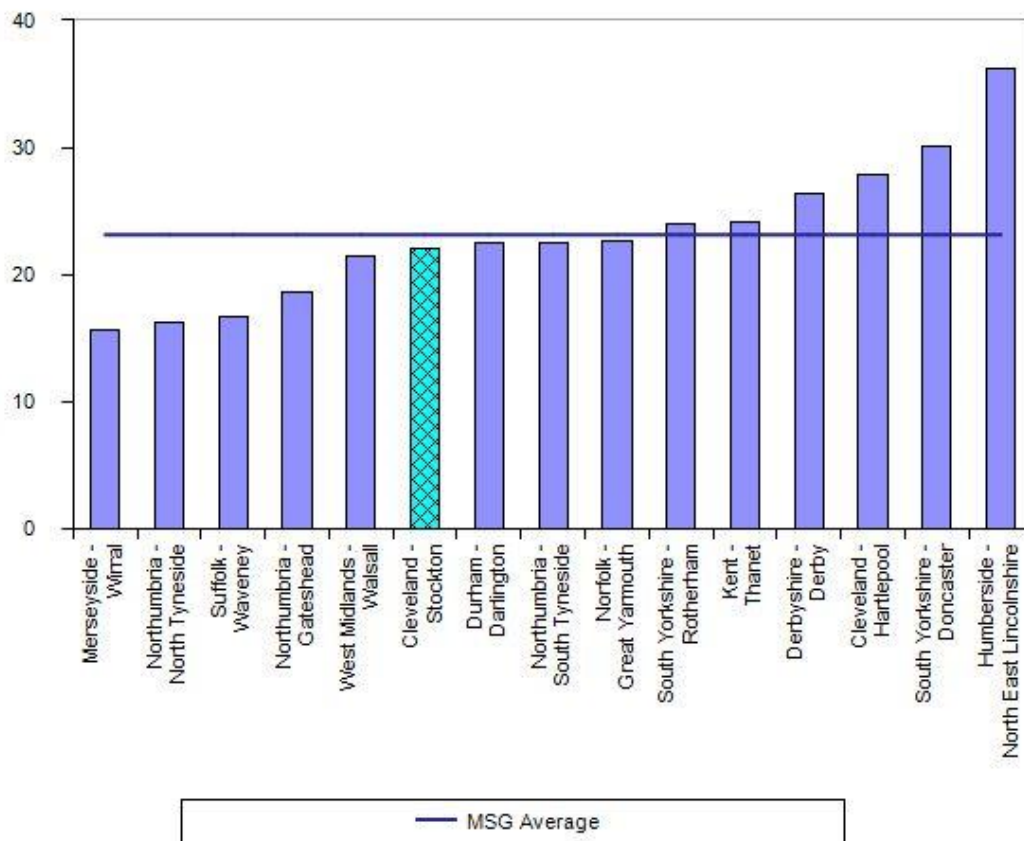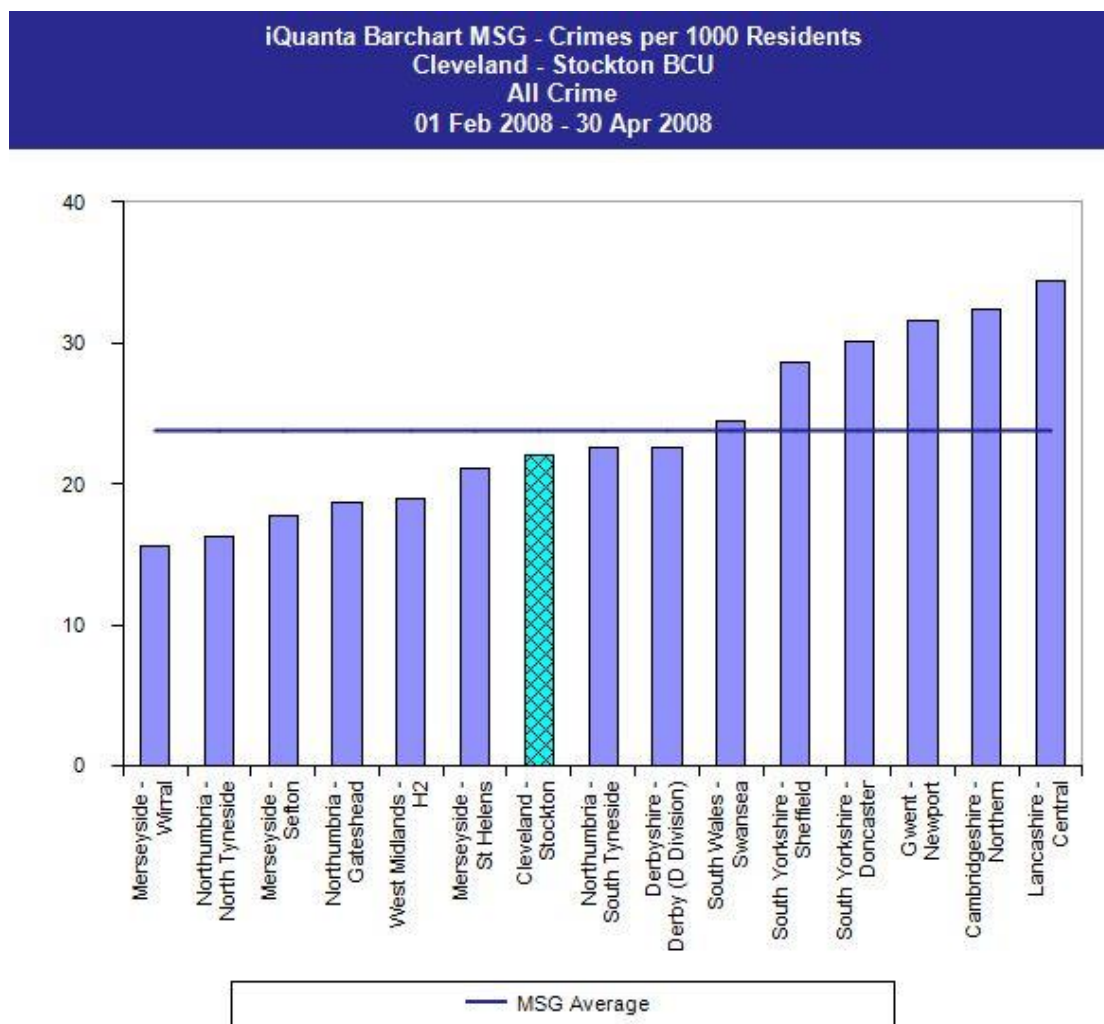**NEW 'MOST SIMILAR GROUPS'**

1. Members will be aware that during the lifetime of the Community Safety Plan 2005/08 we measured our performance against other Most Similar Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships using the Home Office iQuanta tool. From April 2008 the groups for both CDRPs and Basic Command Units (BCU) have been reconfigured with only two areas from our previous group appearing in the new CDRP grouping; South Yorkshire – Doncaster and Humberside – North East Lincolnshire.

2. The Home Office using a range of demographics to identify similarities between areas ranging from crime rates, population sizes, deprivation etc establishes the groups.

3. Our current CDRP grouping is shown below:

4. Our current grouping for BCU is shown below:

5. There is slight variation in our position with us performing better in the CDRP grouping by one place. Only six areas appear in both CDRP and BCU groupings.

    - Merseyside – Wirral
    - Northumbria – North Tyneside
    - Northumbria – Gateshead
    - Northumbria – South Tyneside
    - Derbyshire – Derby
    - South Yorkshire - Doncaster

6. In the Community Safety Plan 2008/11 we show a chart with our previous grouping. Our position is shown as sixth for the period October to December 2007 however we know that this slipped to seventh, just below the average, in the period to April 2008.

7. We have a target in the Community Safety Plan to maintain our position to be below the newly configured MSCDRP average. We have begun the year well in the sixth position, which is below the average.

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