

Changes to Home Office Counting Rules and impact on target 3.1

1. It is no longer possible to monitor target 3.1 Most Serious Violent Crime due to changes in recording practices. The Home Office made a number of amendments to the counting rules for recorded crime as of April 2012 which included some of the codes previously used to formulate Most Serious Violence (MSV).
2. A new target to reduce Violence With Injury (VWI) is being proposed as an alternative to monitor the more serious offences of violence within Stockton. This measure is very similar to the previous MSV measure in that it includes homicide, assaults with injury and causing death by dangerous driving but it is made up of the new HO codes as listed below;

Code Description

- 1 Murder
- 2 Attempted murder
- 37.1 Causing death by aggravated vehicle taking
- 4.1 Manslaughter
- 4.2 Infanticide
- 4.3 Intentional destruction of a viable unborn child
- 4.4 Causing death by dangerous driving
- 4.6 Causing death by careless driving under influence of drink or drugs
- 4.7 Causing or allowing death or serious physical harm to a child or vulnerable person
- 4.8 Causing death by careless or inconsiderate driving
- 4.9 Causing death by driving: unlicensed drivers etc.
- 4.10 Corporate manslaughter
- 5D Assault with intent to cause serious harm
- 8N Assault with injury
- 8P Racially or religiously aggravated assault with injury

3. . The table below sets out the proposed target.

No	Performance Measure	Quarter 1	Status
3.1	<p>Reduce Violence With Injury</p> <p>Reduce year on year</p> <p>Baseline: 1,128 offences recorded in 2011/12</p>	<p>300 offences of VWI recorded in quarter one; an increase of 20 offences on the same period last year = +7.1%</p>	