

**To: Safer Stockton Partnership**  
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**Re: Crime and Disorder**

**Introduction**


- 1 The attached report provides an overview on crime and anti-social behaviour levels in the borough of Stockton between April 14 to August 14.

**Key findings**

- 2 Between April 2014 and August 2014, both publicly reported (-10.5%) and total crime (-9.6%) have reduced in the borough of Stockton.
- 3 Comparisons with neighbouring local authority areas also show that Stockton has seen the biggest reduction to date.
- 4 Stockton also remains the safest place to live in relation to rates per 1000 population for both crime and ASB.
- 5 Despite overall crime reducing, there still continues to be slight increases in offences of violence, rape and burglary domestic.
- 6 The forecast for the end of financial year is also projecting a reduction of 6.1%, the biggest anticipated decrease in crime levels when compared to neighbouring local authorities.
- 7 ASB has also reduced this period and we are the only local authority area to see a reduction (-1.1%). However despite this reduction, if levels continue at the current rate, then an 8.3% increase is anticipated however we would still have the lowest increase when compared to Hartlepool (18.1%), Middlesbrough (15.7%) and Redcar & Cleveland (18.1%).
- 8 There have been no significant changes to offending locations when compared to last year.

**CRIME AND DISORDER  
KEY FINDINGS -BOROUGH OF STOCKTON**

**April 2014 - August 2014 - Cleveland Police Performance Statistics (as of 23.09.14)**

<b>Crime Levels</b>	Publicly reported: 3936 crimes Total crime: 4349 crimes
<b>Annual change to date</b>	Publicly reported: Reduction of 463 crimes (-10.5%) Total Crime: Reduction of 464 crimes (-9.6%) 
<b>End of year projection</b>	Down 6.1% (publicly reported) - <b>Biggest reduction compared to neighbouring authorities</b>
<b>Comparisons with neighbouring Local authorities (end year)</b>	End financial year projections: Stockton: DOWN 6.1% Middlesbrough: DOWN 3.5% Hartlepool: DOWN 0.8% Redcar & Cleveland: DOWN 1.5%
<b>Year to date detection rate:</b>	33.7% reduction of 0.1%
<b>Rate per 1000 comparisons with neighbouring Local authorities (Public reported)</b>	Stockton: 20.4 - <b>Maintaining the safest place to live</b> Redcar & Cleveland: 23.2 Hartlepool: 24.5 Middlesbrough: 34.9

**Crime table**

Crime Type	Year to Date			
	2014/15	2013/14	Change	% Change
<b>Violence against the person</b>	<b>774</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>4.2%</b>
<i>Homicide</i>	0	0	0	-
<i>Violence with injury</i>	452	436	16	3.7%
<i>Violence without injury</i>	322	307	15	4.9%
<b>Sexual offences</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9.6%</b>
<i>Rape</i>	45	32	13	40.6%
<i>Other Sexual offences</i>	58	62	-4	-6.5%
<b>Robbery</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>-10</b>	<b>-27.8%</b>
<i>Business Robbery</i>	4	3	1	33.3%
<i>Personal Robbery</i>	22	33	-11	-33.3%
<b>Theft</b>	<b>2173</b>	<b>2619</b>	<b>-446</b>	<b>-17.0%</b>
<i>Burglary - Domestic</i>	194	182	12	6.6%
<i>Burglary - Non domestic</i>	275	347	-72	-20.7%
<i>Bicycle Theft</i>	167	181	-14	-7.7%
<i>Theft from the person</i>	28	40	-12	-30.0%
<i>Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)</i>	239	337	-98	-29.1%
<i>Shoplifting</i>	585	646	-61	-9.4%
<i>Other Theft</i>	685	886	-201	-22.7%
<b>Criminal damage and Arson</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>-47</b>	<b>-5.2%</b>
<b>Publicly Reported Crime</b>	<b>3936</b>	<b>4399</b>	<b>-463</b>	<b>-10.5%</b>
<b>Total Crime</b>	<b>4349</b>	<b>4813</b>	<b>-464</b>	<b>-9.6%</b>

The details in above table relate to changes in levels for each crime category since April 14 to the end of August 14.

**Crime categories showing increases**

**Violence against the person (4.2%)**

Increases in both with and without injury. With exception of April and August there has been an increase each month, in particular during May (up 22 offences). However there does not appear to be any obvious areas to identify reasoning behind this and despite the increase, levels are now reducing when compared to last reporting period (end July) which was showing a 6.1% increase.

Increases in violence offences have also been seen in the three other local authority areas.

**Sexual offences (9.6%)**

As noted in previous report, increases are linked to rape offences which are mainly historical with offenders known to their victims. No present concerns with stranger rapes.

**Burglary domestic (6.6%)**

Despite slight increase of 12 offences there are no present areas of concern. Comparisons with neighbours shows reductions in Middlesbrough (-13/-3.6%) and Hartlepool (-50/-36.5%) however significant increase in Redcar & Cleveland (69 offences/60.5%).

<b>Top 5 wards per 1000 population (based on ward population)</b>	<b>April 14 – Aug 14</b>	<b>Rate per 1000 pop</b>	<b>April 13 to Aug 13</b>	<b>Rate per 1000 pop</b>
	Stockton Town Centre	140	Stockton Town Centre	154
	Mandale & Victoria	40	Mandale & Victoria	38.5
	Parkfield & Oxbridge	39.2	Parkfield & Oxbridge	34.5
	Hardwick	32.3	Hardwick	33.7
	Newtown	29.5	Newtown	32.9
	No changes to ward locations when compared to same time period last year with the same top five wards remaining the same along with the rate per 1000 population reducing in each area.			
<b>Forthcoming period</b>	<p>Currently projecting a reduction of 6.1% for end of Financial year.</p> <p>Reductions also seen in the most recent month (August) from 890 crimes to 738 (-152/-17.1%).</p> <p>No areas of note for the month of September that could have an impact on crime levels with current projection for September (as of 23.09) showing reduction of 164 crimes compared to month of September last year.</p> <p>October however often sees increases towards the end of the month due to Halloween and Bonfire night. Police and SBC ASB/Enforcement Teams have extra operational activity planned in order to cover this time period.</p>			

<b>Anti-Social Behaviour</b>	
<b>ASB levels</b>	6023 incidents of ASB in Stockton
<b>Annual change to date</b>	Reduction of 64 incidents (-1.1%). This is good news when compared to the end of July when incidents were showing an increase. Stockton is the only borough to see a reduction in ASB however the end of year projection is still showing an increase of 8.3%. Despite this, Stockton would still have the lowest increase compared to other three boroughs.
<b>Comparisons with neighbouring Local authorities</b>	Stockton – DOWN 1.1% Hartlepool - UP 1.6% Redcar & Cleveland - UP 6.1% Middlesbrough - UP 6%
<b>Rate per 1000 comparisons with neighbouring Local authorities</b>	Stockton continues to have the lowest rate per 1000 population for both ASB and crime. <b>ASB rates:</b> Stockton – 31.3 Redcar & Cleveland: 34.9 Hartlepool – 38.4 Middlesbrough – 43.6

<b>Top 5 wards per 1000 population</b>	<b>April 14-Aug 14</b>	<b>Rate per 1000 pop</b>	<b>April 13-Aug 13</b>	<b>Rate per 1000 pop</b>
	Stockton Town Centre	171	Stockton Town Centre	149
	Mandale & Victoria	53.8	Parkfield & Oxbridge	57.3
	Parkfield & Oxbridge	57.1	Newtown	56.6
	Hardwick	46.3	Mandale & Victoria	47.4
	Norton North	42.2	Hardwick	42.9
	<p>There are no major changes to ASB locations however the rates per 1000 population have increased in all but one of the top five wards.</p> <p>The top three wards are also the same for crime activity.</p> <p>Stockton town centre ward remains the priority hotspot area for the local policing area.</p>			
<b>Local confidence survey (Cleveland Police)</b> <b>The 'Local Public Confidence Survey' provides a structured means of obtaining feedback from local residents about the problems they face in their neighbourhood</b>				
<b>% of residents who think <u>police and local authority</u> are dealing well with crime and ASB issues</b>	<p>Stockton has the best rate comparable to other three policing areas (end June survey, completed every quarter).</p> <p>Stockton - 71.8%</p> <p>Hartlepool - 71.5%</p> <p>Middlesbrough - 68.3%</p> <p>Redcar &amp; Cleveland - 67.8%</p>			

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