

RECORDED CRIME & ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Introduction

1. This report provides an overview on recorded crime and anti-social behaviour incidents in the borough of Stockton for the time period of April 2018 to the end of September 2018.
2. The bulk of the statistics utilised for this report have been obtained from Cleveland Police crime statistic database with the figures correct at the time of writing (15.10.18). The data is extracted from 'live' systems and therefore remains the subject of on-going operational activity, audit and scrutiny, and therefore may result in slight amendments to some of the statistical information in future publications.
3. Crime details for Darlington, who form part of the Tees Valley area, are not available at the time of writing.
4. This report will be not provide any detailed analysis unless there are any significant changes to patterns or trends.
5. A comparison against other similar Community Safety Partnerships utilising iQuanta is attached within separate report (agenda item 10 - iQuanta RESTRICTED). This report is a RESTRICTED document due to the statistical information only made available as an intelligence tool until released by the Home Office.

CRIME STATISTICS – APRIL 2018 TO SEPTEMBER 2018

Figure 1 –Crime statistics for Stockton (as of 15/10/18)¹

Crime Type	2018/19	2017/18	Change	% Change
Violence against the person	3255	2178	1077	49.4%
<i>Homicide</i>	1	0	1	-
<i>Death or injury due to driving</i>	0	1	-1	-100.0%
<i>Violence with injury</i>	959	886	73	8.2%
<i>Violence without injury</i>	1171	903	268	29.7%
<i>Stalking and Harassment</i>	1124	388	736	189.7%
Sexual offences	284	250	34	13.6%
<i>Rape</i>	97	86	11	12.8%
<i>Other Sexual offences</i>	187	164	23	14.0%
Robbery	63	61	2	3.3%
<i>Business Robbery</i>	5	7	-2	-28.6%
<i>Personal Robbery</i>	58	54	4	7.4%
Theft	3722	3525	197	5.6%
<i>Burglary - Residential</i>	477	535	-58	-10.8%
<i>Burglary - Business & Com.</i>	137	189	-52	-27.5%
<i>Bicycle Theft</i>	188	152	36	23.7%
<i>Theft from the person</i>	76	73	3	4.1%
<i>Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)</i>	621	517	104	20.1%
<i>Shoplifting</i>	1393	1120	273	24.4%
<i>Other Theft</i>	830	939	-109	-11.6%
Criminal damage and Arson	1216	1298	-82	-6.3%
Publicly Reported Crime	8540	7312	1228	16.8%
Public Disorder	601	362	239	66.0%
Drug offences	164	195	-31	-15.9%
<i>Trafficking of drugs</i>	36	38	-2	-5.3%
<i>Possession/Use of drugs</i>	185	163	22	13.5%
Possession of Weapons	60	42	18	42.9%
Misc. crimes against society	185	163	22	13.5%
Police Generated Crime	1010	762	248	32.5%
Total Crime	9550	8074	1476	18.3%

- The details in figure 1 relate to the number of crimes that have been recorded in Stockton between April 2018 and September 2018.
- This does not necessarily mean that the crime occurred during that month but it is the date that the crime was reported to the police.
- So far there have been 8,540 publicly reported offences, a rise of 1,228 crimes on the same time period last year, a 16.8% increase.
- Police generated crime, which includes crimes such as drug offences, public disorder and possession of weapons has also increased by a further 248 crimes, given a total of 9,550 offences, up 18.3% on last year (+1,476 crimes).

¹ Cleveland Police monthly crime statistics database

Increases are also evident across our neighbouring authorities (Publicly reported)

- Stockton +1,228 crimes/+16.8%
- Hartlepool, +253 crimes/+5.2%
- Redcar & Cleveland, +727 crimes/+14.4%
- Middlesbrough, +1,503 crimes/+17.8%

The daily average publicly reported crime level equates to 43.9 crimes over the past 12 months.

The increase is partially driven by the Force's compliance in recording, in particular offences of stalking and harassment, accounting for third of all offences of violence. A further 736 crimes have also been recorded compared to April 17 and September 17, accounting for 68% of the percentage increase in violence (736 of the 1,077 extra crimes). **This is also mirrored across the Cleveland Force area.**

The rolling 12 month picture shows a slightly lower rise in crime (+12%) compared to the same period last year (Oct 17 to Sept 18).

The main drivers for the increase remain within violence and shoplifting.

The positive outcome rate for total crime is 13.7% and 16.5% for the rolling 12 month period, and similar across Cleveland Force area.

It is anticipated that crime will continue to increase, mainly violence, in line with the Force's continued commitment to improving its crime recording. However offences such as vehicle crime are believed to be a genuine rise in crime and thought to be generally reported well by victims and also well recorded by the police.

Performance Highlights (Publicly reported crime)

Recorded crime: Reductions in burglaries, criminal damage & arson and Other Theft.

Areas for Improvement (Publicly reported crime)

Recorded crime: The current level of publicly reported crime has triggered a formal exception warning to the police due to the volume of violence and shoplifting offences. This means that current performance exceeds the acceptable statistical tolerance levels.

Violence against the person (+1,077 crimes/+49.4%)

Offences of violence account for 38% of all publicly reported crime and have increased by nearly 50% when compared to last year.

Stalking & Harassment offences have seen the largest rise (+388 crimes). This has also been evident across the three other local authorities within the Cleveland Force area. Malicious communication offences (sending of texts/phone calls etc) are recorded within this category. National comparisons to the increasing trend for this type of offence are currently not available.

A continued compliance with the recording of violence, in particular domestic related crime will continue to push violent crime levels up. Alongside this the recording of malicious communication offences are also continuing to rise.

More serious offences of violence (with injury) have rose at a lower rate (+73 crimes/+8.2%) and following a stable pattern.

The rolling 12 month period shows a rise of 29.8% (+1,252 crimes).

At a national level, majority of police forces are showing an increase in violence.

- **Shoplifting (+273 crimes/+24.4%)**

Offence of shoplifting continue to rise, in particular during April when offences nearly doubled to that of last April (270 crimes compared to 142 last April) and June (+79 crimes/+48.2%). September has been the first month where there was a reduction in offences when compared to September last year (173 crimes compared to 219). This is possibly due to the closure of Marks and Spencer in the High Street which was one of the top 5 stores targeted in the High Street.

A further 673 crimes have been recorded over the rolling 12 month period.

Local policing priority hotspot – Crime

Parkfield & Oxbridge – Residential burglaries

Police operations remain in place to tackle the above issue.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Police recorded incidents of anti-social behaviour have reduced by 897 incidents (-13.7%) and 11.2% (-1,408 incidents) over the rolling 12 month period.

Reductions have also been evident across the Cleveland Force area:

- Stockton: -897 incidents/-13.7%
- Hartlepool: -477 incidents/-12.8%
- Redcar & Cleveland: -1,222 incidents/-23.6%
- Middlesbrough: -1,119 incidents/-16%

Assuming the current 'daily average' level of anti-social behaviour is maintained, an annual decrease of 7.1% is anticipated.

Whilst there have been some genuine reductions in ASB it is likely that the bulk of the reduction reflects improvements in recording processes with some incidences that would in past years would have been recorded as ASB now being recorded as public order offences. This has been evident nationally with a 9% reduction in ASB, year ending March 2018 (latest national figures).

Service requests recorded by Stockton Borough Council Civic Enforcement team specifically recorded as ASB have decreased by 315 incidents (-20%). Littering/Graffiti and vehicle issues (mainly inappropriate parking) have remained fairly static.

The main issues identified through the Joint Action Group (JAG) meetings relate to misuse of off-road bikes. This has been particular issue around Billingham and several wards in Stockton.

Multi-agency activity remains in place in each area to tackle these issues along with the use of E-CINs case management system to record and manage multi-agency activity.

There are currently nine Anti-Social Behaviour Agreement (ABA) and two Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBO) in place in Stockton. There are also several applications going through the legal process against males begging in the High Street.

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