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 October 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 (06.11.18). 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 noted within a separate report (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 OCTOBER 2018

Figure 1 –Crime statistics for Stockton (as of 06/11/18)[1]

Crime Type	Year to Date			
	2018/19	**2017/18**	**Change**	**% Change**
Violence against the person	**3951**	**2521**	**1430**	**56.7%**
Homicide	3	0	*3*	**-**
Death or injury due to driving	1	1	*0*	**0.0%**
Violence with injury	1093	1025	*68*	**6.6%**
Violence without injury	1411	1043	*368*	**35.3%**
Stalking and Harassment	1443	452	*991*	**219.2%**
Sexual offences	**330**	**298**	**32**	**10.7%**
Rape	112	103	*9*	**8.7%**
Other Sexual offences	218	195	*23*	**11.8%**
Robbery	**82**	**79**	**3**	**3.8%**
Business Robbery	6	12	*-6*	**-50.0%**
Personal Robbery	76	67	*9*	**13.4%**
Theft	**4435**	**4159**	**276**	**6.6%**
Burglary - Residential	584	641	*-57*	**-8.9%**
Burglary - Business & Com.	170	218	*-48*	**-22.0%**
Bicycle Theft	215	176	*39*	**22.2%**
Theft from the person	92	89	*3*	**3.4%**
Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)	744	593	*151*	**25.5%**
Shoplifting	1648	1343	*305*	**22.7%**
Other Theft	982	1099	*-117*	**-10.6%**
Criminal damage and Arson	**1,469**	**1579**	**-110**	**-7.0%**
Publicly Reported Crime	**10,267**	**8,636**	**1,631**	**18.9%**
Police Generated Crime	**1,234**	**887**	**347**	**39.1%**
Total Crime	**11,501**	**9,523**	**1,978**	**20.8%**

- The details in figure 1 relate to the number of crimes that have been recorded in Stockton between April 2018 and October 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 10,267 publicly reported offences, a rise of 1,631 crimes on the same time period last year, 18.9% increase.

- Police generated crime, which includes crimes such as drug offences, public disorder and possession of weapons has also increased by a further 347 crimes, given a total of 11,501 offences, up 20.8% on last year (+1,978 crimes).

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[1] Cleveland Police monthly crime statistics database

Increases are also evident across our neighbouring authorities (Publicly reported)
- Stockton +1,631 crimes/+18.9%
- Hartlepool, +345 crimes/+6%
- Redcar & Cleveland, +872 crimes/+14.7%
- Middlesbrough, +1,791 crimes/+17.9%

The rolling 12 month picture shows a slightly lower rise in publicly reported crime (+14.4%) compared to the same period last year (Nov 17 to Oct 18).

The positive outcome rate for total crime is 14.4% and 16.3% for the rolling 12 month period, and similar across Cleveland Force area.

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 991 crimes have also been recorded compared to April 2017 and October 2017, accounting for 69% of the percentage increase in violence (991 of the 1,430 extra violent crimes).

Performance Highlights (Publicly reported crime)
Recorded crime: Reductions in burglaries, criminal damage & arson, Other Theft and Business Robbery.

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 (+1,430 crimes/+56.7%)
Offences of violence account for 38% of all publicly reported crime and have increased by nearly 60% when compared to last year.

It is the continued increase in Stalking & Harassment offences that are attributing to the rise. The offences are mainly linked to harassment with only a low number of stalking offences. The rise is evident across the three other local authorities within the Cleveland Force area. National comparisons to the increasing trend for this type of offence are currently not available.

The continued compliance with the recording of violence, in particular domestic related crime will continue to push violent crime levels up.

More serious offences of violence (with injury) have rose at a lower rate (+68 crimes/+6.6%) and following a stable pattern.

The rolling 12 month period shows a rise of 38.3% (+1,608 crimes).

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

- **Shoplifting (+305 crimes/+22.7%)**

Offence of shoplifting continue to rise. September has been the only month where there has been a reduction in offences when compared to September last year (173 crimes compared to 219).

A further 659 crimes have been recorded over the rolling 12 month period.

Local policing priority hotspot – Crime
Mandale & Victoria – Burglaries and vehicle crime

Police operations remain in place to tackle the above issue.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

The volume of ASB incidents is still showing a downward trend (-15.4%/-1,196 incidents) and 13% (-1,627incidents) over the rolling 12 month period.

Reductions have also been evident across the Cleveland Force area:
- Stockton: -1,196 incidents/-15.4%
- Hartlepool: -679 incidents/-15.5%
- Redcar & Cleveland: -1,735 incidents/-28%
- Middlesbrough: -1,447 incidents/-17.3%

Assuming the current 'daily average' level of anti-social behaviour is maintained, an annual decrease of 7.5% 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 – nationally, 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 370 incidents (-20%). Littering/Graffiti and vehicle issues (mainly inappropriate parking) have remained fairly static.

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

There are currently seven Anti-Social Behaviour Contract (ABC) and two Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBO) in place in Stockton.

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