

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 December 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 (10/1/2019). 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 included within this report.
4. This report will 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 DECEMBER 2018

Figure 1 –Crime statistics for Stockton (as of 11/01/19)¹

Status: Negative Exception
Status: Negative Warning
Status: Normal
Status: Positive Warning
Status: Positive Exception

Crime Type	Year to Date				Status
	2018/19	2017/18	Change	% Change	
Violence against the person	5,163	3,181	1,982	62.3%	
<i>Homicide</i>	4	0	4	-	
<i>Death or injury due to driving</i>	2	1	1	100.0%	
<i>Violence with injury</i>	1,384	1,269	115	9.1%	
<i>Violence without injury</i>	1,807	1,345	462	34.3%	
<i>Stalking and Harassment</i>	1,966	566	1400	247.3%	
Sexual offences	401	383	18	4.7%	
<i>Rape</i>	136	127	9	7.1%	
<i>Other Sexual offences</i>	265	256	9	3.5%	
Robbery	126	92	34	37.0%	
<i>Business Robbery</i>	13	15	-2	-13.3%	
<i>Personal Robbery</i>	113	77	36	46.8%	
Theft	5,854	5,300	554	10.5%	
<i>Burglary - Residential</i>	742	791	-49	-6.2%	
<i>Burglary - Business & Com.</i>	227	296	-69	-23.3%	
<i>Bicycle Theft</i>	263	211	52	24.6%	
<i>Theft from the person</i>	122	108	14	13.0%	
<i>Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)</i>	1,013	738	275	37.3%	
<i>Shoplifting</i>	2,157	1,811	346	19.1%	
<i>Other Theft</i>	1,330	1,345	-15	-1.1%	
Criminal damage and Arson	1,953	2,027	-74	-3.7%	
Publicly Reported Crime	13,497	10,983	2,514	22.9%	
Police Generated Crime	1,603	1,090	513	47.1%	
Total Crime	15,100	12,073	3,027	25.1%	

- The details in figure 1 relate to the number of crimes that have been recorded in Stockton between April 2018 and December 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 13,497 publicly reported offences, a rise of 2,514 crimes on the same time period last year, 22.9% increase.

¹ Cleveland Police monthly crime statistics database

- Police generated crime, which includes crimes such as drug offences, public disorder and possession of weapons has also increased by a further 513 crimes, given a total crime figure of 15,100 offences, up 25.1% on last year (+3,027 crimes).

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

- Stockton +2,514 crimes/+22.9%
- Hartlepool, +549 crimes/+7.4%
- Redcar & Cleveland, +1,044 crimes/+13.7%
- Middlesbrough, +2,210 crimes/+17%

The rolling 12 month picture shows a slightly lower rise in publicly reported crime (+20.7%) compared to the same period last year.

The positive outcome rate for total crime is 12.3% and 13.7% for the rolling 12 month period, and similar across Cleveland Force area. However Members should note that there is a current backlog in processing finalised crimes, this means that the values provided will under represent the actual rates and therefore are subject to change over the next reporting period.

The increase in violence is partially driven by the Force's compliance in recording, in particular the offences of stalking and harassment, account for a third of all offences of violence. There have been a further 1,400 crimes recorded compared to April 2017 and December 2017, accounting for 70.6% of the percentage increase in violence overall (1,400 of the 1,982 extra violent crimes).

Performance Highlights (Publicly reported crime)

Recorded crime: Reductions in Burglary (Residential and Business) Criminal Damage & Arson, Other Theft and Business Robbery.

Areas for Improvement

Violence against the person (+1,982 crimes/+62.3%)

Offences of violence account for 38% of all publicly reported crime and have increased slightly over 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 (+115 crimes/+9.1%) and are following a stable pattern. However, there has been a further Homicide taking the annual total to 4 compared to 0 homicides in the previous year.

The rolling 12 month period shows a rise of 50.5% (+2,132 crimes).

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

Robbery (+34/ 37%)

The largest increase in this category is Personal Robbery +36 more crimes compared to last year (46.8%).

- **Shoplifting (+346 crimes/+19.1%)**

Shoplifting offences continue to rise although it is now categorised at a normal rate of increase.

A further 572 crimes have been recorded over the rolling 12 month period.

Local policing priority hotspot – Crime

Stockton Town Centre / Parkfield and Oxbridge – residential burglaries, drug dealing, crime and anti-social behaviour. Stockton Town Centre remains the hotspot for shoplifting.

Parkfield & Oxbridge– area subject to drug dealing, crime and anti-social behaviour

Hartburn / Grangefield – Theft from Motor Vehicle

Police operations remain in place to tackle the above issues.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

The volume of ASB incidents is still showing a downward trend (-17.0%/-1,626 incidents) and 15% (-1,877 incidents) over the rolling 12 month period.

Reductions have also been evident across the Cleveland Force area:

- Stockton: -1,626 incidents/-17.0%
- Hartlepool: -954 incidents/-17.7%
- Redcar & Cleveland: -2,166 incidents/-29%
- Middlesbrough: -2,018 incidents/-19.4%

Assuming the current ‘daily average’ level of anti-social behaviour is maintained, an annual decrease of 13.1% 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 have been recorded as ASB now being recorded as public order offences – nationally there was a 9% reduction in ASB, year ending March 2018 (latest national figures).

635 Service requests have been recorded by Stockton Borough Council Civic Enforcement team as ASB (including noise) and these have decreased by 80 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 19 Anti-Social Behaviour Contracts (ABC) and two Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBO) with 0 ASB Injunctions in place in Stockton.