

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 March 2019.
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 (03/07/2019). 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 MARCH 2019**Figure 1 –Crime statistics for Stockton (as of 03/07/19)¹**

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

Crime Type	Year End				Status
	2018/19	2017/18	Change	% Change	
Violence against the person	6940	4375	2565	58.6%	
<i>Homicide</i>	4	0	4	-	
<i>Death or injury due to driving</i>	4	1	3	300.0%	
<i>Violence with injury</i>	1773	1673	100	6.0%	
<i>Violence without injury</i>	2463	1852	611	33.0%	
<i>Stalking and Harassment</i>	2696	849	1847	217.6%	
Sexual offences	568	525	43	8.2%	
<i>Rape</i>	170	181	-11	-6.1%	
<i>Other Sexual offences</i>	398	344	54	15.7%	
Robbery	166	130	36	27.7%	
<i>Business Robbery</i>	15	21	-6	-28.6%	
<i>Personal Robbery</i>	151	109	42	38.5%	
Theft	7612	7119	493	6.9%	
<i>Burglary - Residential</i>	972	994	-22	-2.2%	
<i>Burglary - Business & Com.</i>	320	393	-73	-18.6%	
<i>Bicycle Theft</i>	344	265	79	29.8%	
<i>Theft from the person</i>	148	146	2	1.4%	
<i>Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)</i>	1314	1035	279	27.0%	
<i>Shoplifting</i>	2748	2540	208	8.2%	
<i>Other Theft</i>	1766	1746	20	1.1%	
Criminal damage and Arson	2575	2633	-58	-2.2%	
Publicly Reported Crime	17861	14782	3079	20.8%	
Police Generated Crime	2174	1455	719	49.4%	
Total Crime	20035	16237	3798	23.4%	

- The details in figure 1 relate to the number of crimes that have been recorded in Stockton between April 2018 and March 2019.
- 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 17,861 publicly reported offences, a rise of 3,079 crimes on the same time period last year, 20.8% 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 719 crimes, given a total crime figure of 20,035 offences, up 23.4% on last year (+3,798 crimes).

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

- Stockton + 3,079 crimes/+20.8%
- Hartlepool, +703 crimes/+7.1%
- Redcar & Cleveland, +1,079 crimes/+10.4%
- Middlesbrough, +2,815 crimes/+16.4%

Due to this report being a Year End Report the rolling 12 month picture shows the same figures in publicly reported crime (+20.8%) compared to the same period last year.

The positive outcome rate for total crime is 13.6% and the same for the rolling 12 month period, and similar across Cleveland Force area on average.

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 just over a third of all offences of violence. There have been a further 1,847 crimes recorded compared to April 2017 and March 2018, accounting for 72% of the percentage increase in violence overall (1,847 of the 2,565 extra violent crimes).

Performance Highlights (Publicly reported crime)

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

Areas for Improvement

Violence against the person (+2,565 crimes/+58.6%)

Offences of violence account for 38.9% of all publicly reported crime and have increased 59% 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 (+100 crimes/+6.0%) and are following a stable pattern. However, Homicides for year are at a total of 4 compared to 0 homicides in the previous year. Death of injury due to driving has increased 300% due to 4 occurring in 2018/19 against 1 in 2017/18.

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

Robbery (+36/+27.7%)

The largest increase in this category is Personal Robbery +42 more crimes compared to last year (38.5%).

Shoplifting (+208 / +8.2%)

Although still an increase Shoplifting has fallen from 19.1% increase between April 2018 – December 2018 to 8.2% between April 2018 – March 2019

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 (-16.0%/-1,931 incidents)

Reductions have also been evident across the Cleveland Force area:

- Stockton: -1,931 incidents/-16.0%
- Hartlepool: -1,248 incidents/-18.4%
- Redcar & Cleveland: -2,645 incidents/-27.9%
- Middlesbrough: -2,499 incidents/-18.8%

Assuming the current ‘daily average’ level of anti-social behaviour is maintained, an annual decrease of 16.0% 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).

696 Service requests have been recorded by Stockton Borough Council Civic Enforcement team as ASB (including noise). 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 15 Anti-Social Behaviour Contracts (ABC) and 1 Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO) with 0 ASB Injunctions in place in Stockton.