

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 2019 to the end of August 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 (03/09/2019). 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 2019 TO AUGUST 2019**Figure 1 –Crime statistics for Stockton (as of 03/09/19)¹**

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

Crime Type	Year to Date				Status
	2019/20	2018/19	Change	% Change	
Violence against the person	2951	2635	316	12.0%	
<i>Homicide</i>	0	2	-2	-100.0%	
<i>Death or injury due to driving</i>	2	0	2	-	
<i>Violence with injury</i>	732	784	-52	-6.6%	
<i>Violence without injury</i>	1136	972	164	16.9%	
<i>Stalking and Harassment</i>	1081	877	204	23.3%	
Sexual offences	263	245	18	7.3%	
<i>Rape</i>	103	78	25	32.1%	
<i>Other Sexual offences</i>	160	167	-7	-4.2%	
Robbery	81	50	31	62.0%	
<i>Business Robbery</i>	17	4	13	325.0%	
<i>Personal Robbery</i>	64	46	18	39.1%	
Theft	2797	3188	-391	-12.3%	
<i>Burglary - Residential</i>	408	381	27	7.1%	
<i>Burglary - Business & Com.</i>	128	109	19	17.4%	
<i>Bicycle Theft</i>	89	158	-69	-43.7%	
<i>Theft from the person</i>	81	58	23	39.7%	
<i>Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)</i>	513	542	-29	-5.4%	
<i>Shoplifting</i>	811	1220	-409	-33.5%	
<i>Other Theft</i>	767	720	47	6.5%	
Criminal damage and Arson	1133	1050	83	7.9%	
Publicly Reported Crime	7225	7168	57	0.8%	
Police Generated Crime	1166	818	348	42.5%	
Total Crime	8391	7986	405	5.1%	

- The details in figure 1 relate to the number of crimes that have been recorded in Stockton between April 2019 and August 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 7,225 publicly reported offences, an increase of 57 crimes on the same time period last year, 0.8% 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 increased by a further 348 crimes, giving a total crime figure of 8,391 offences, up 5.1% on last year (+405 crimes).

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

- Stockton +57 crimes/+0.8%
- Hartlepool, +182 crimes/+4.2%
- Redcar & Cleveland, +51 crimes/+1.1%
- Middlesbrough, +417 crimes/+5.1%

The rolling 12 month picture shows a rise in publicly reported crime (+13.1%) compared to the same period last year.

The positive outcome rate for total crime is 10.5% Year to Date and 12.9% for the rolling 12 month period, and similar across Cleveland Force area, with Stockton being above average in the group. 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.

In the previous report it was mentioned that there was an increase in violence crimes being reported due to the Force's compliance in recording, in particular the offences of stalking and harassment, accounted for a third of all offences of violence. There had 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). This is worth mentioning as although the previous 12 months ending August 2019 has seen an increase of 2,080 violence related crimes, there has only been an increase of 316 crimes year to date (an average of 63 crimes per month) which would suggest this is due to increased compliance and recording is now levelling out.

Performance Highlights (Publicly reported crime)

Recorded crime: Reductions in homicide, violence with injury, other sexual offences (i.e. non-rape), bicycle theft, vehicle crime and shoplifting

Areas for Improvement

Violence against the person (+316 crimes/+12.0%)

Offences of violence account for 41% of all publicly reported crime and have increased by 12% when compared to last year.

It is the continued increase in Stalking & Harassment offences that are attributing to the rise. (Stalking and Harassment crimes increased by 204 against 2018/19 year to date). 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.

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

We have also seen an increase in offences of Violence without injury which has increased by 164 crimes within the same period.

However more serious offences of violence (with injury) have reduced -52 crimes/-6.6%) and are following a stable pattern. Also, there have been no Homicides in this period, whereas there were 2 last year within the time period. There has been 2 Death or injury due to driving between April 2019 – August 2019

The rolling 12 month period shows a rise of 40.2% (+2,080 crimes).

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

Sexual Offences (+18 crimes/+7.3%)

- **Rape (+25 crimes/+32.1%)**

During this period Sexual Offences have increased by 7.3%, Rape has increased this period by over 30%. Against a running 12 months offences of Rape were up by 7.1% and totalling 195 crimes for the rolling 12 months ending August 2019. There were 103 crimes between April 2019 – August 2019.

Theft (-391 crimes/-12.3%)

Despite a general reduction in theft offences, in particular Bicycle Theft and Shoplifting, there are still some areas which have increased

- **Burglary – Residential. (+27 crimes/+7.1%)**

Burglary – Residential offences have risen by 7.1% this year to date against the previous year, totalling an increase of 27 offences. In the rolling 12 month period ending August 2019 there has also been an increase of 7.0%.

- **Burglary – Business and Comm. (+19 crimes/+17.4%)**

Burglary – Business and Comm offences have risen against this period last year, however they have decreased against a rolling 12 month period ending August 2019 (-3.7%), which could indicate that this offence has seen a recent increase. Redcar had also seen a similar rise in these offences

- **Theft from the person (+23 crimes/+39.7%)**

Theft from the person has risen against this period last year and also has shown an increase over a rolling 12 month period of 20.4%, amounting to 29 additional crimes. Middlesbrough has seen similar increases over the last 3 months.

Local policing priority hotspot – Crime

Stockton Town Centre – 18:00 – 06:00 – Residential Burglaries, 06:00 – 18:00 – Shoplifting around the High Street

Parkfield and Oxbridge – 18:00 – 06:00 – Residential Burglaries,

Roseworth – 12:00 – 00:00 – ASB and Quad Bike Nuisance

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

The volume of ASB incidents is still showing a downward trend year to date (-12.8%/-599 incidents) and -15.5% (-1,750 incidents) over the rolling 12 month period.

Reductions have also been evident across the Cleveland Force area:

- Stockton: -599 incidents/-12.8%
- Hartlepool: -791 incidents/-28.1%
- Redcar & Cleveland: -658 incidents/-19.2%
- Middlesbrough: -599 incidents/-12.1%

Assuming the current 'daily average' level of anti-social behaviour is maintained, an annual decrease of 88.9% 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).

1367 Service requests have been recorded by Stockton Borough Council Civic Enforcement team as ASB (including noise and alcohol issues) and these have decreased by 112 incidents (-7.5%). Incidences of Begging have reduced by 48% against the same period last year. Rowdy and nuisance behaviour has increased by 21%. Reports of Games/Football have increased against the last period, however these numbers were low and would correlate with the change in weather and school holidays. Misuse of Communal areas and loitering has also increased against last quarter, again likely linking to Youth ASB and school holidays. When compared against the same period the previous year Games/Football has reduced by 31% whilst Misuse of Communal areas and loitering has increased by 114%.

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 11 Anti-Social Behaviour Contracts (ABC) and 1 Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBO) with 0 ASB Injunctions in place in Stockton.