

RECORDED CRIME & ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Introduction

1. This report provides an overview on recorded crime, anti-social behaviour incidents, hate crime and domestic abuse in the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees for the period of April 2020 to the end of March 2021.
2. The bulk of the statistics utilised for this report have been obtained from Cleveland Police crime statistic databases with the figures correct at the time of data extraction (19/04/2021). 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 substantial 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).
6. Any reference to Population rates per 1,000 have been used in conjunction with the ONS UK Mid-year population estimates for 2019, which is the latest version provided by the ONS.¹

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – APRIL 2020 – MARCH 2021

CRIME

- There have been 14,790 publicly reported offences, a decrease of 2,151 crimes against the previous year, a 12.7% decrease.
- There have been a total of 18,347 crimes in all (publicly reported and police generated crimes combined), a decrease of 1,428 crimes against the previous year, a 7.2% decrease.
- Stalking and Harassment offences have increased by 553 crimes against the previous year, a 20.7% increase.
- Violence against the person offences have increased by 474 crimes against the previous year, an 6.8% increase – The majority of this increase being caused by the increase in Stalking and Harassment offences.
- Sexual offences have increased by 53 crimes against the previous year, an 8.9% increase.
- Robbery offences have decreased by 25 crimes against the previous year, a 13.2% decrease.
- Theft offences have decreased by 2,261 crimes against the previous year, a 35.9% decrease.
- Criminal Damage and Arson offences have decreased by 392 crimes against the previous year, a 13.7% decrease.
- There were four Homicides recorded between April 2020 – March 2021, there were four in the previous year.
- The positive outcome rate for total crime was 13.2% between April 2020 – March 2021, a 1.9% point increase against the previous year.
- Stockton-on-Tees has the lowest publicly reported crime rate per 1,000 population at 74.9 crimes per 1,000 population.

ASB

- When factoring in Covid-19 ASB related incidents Stockton-on-Tees has the 2nd lowest ASB rate per 1,000 population at 53.2 incidents per 1,000 population, Redcar and Cleveland have the lowest rate at 51.5.
- With Covid-19 ASB incidents removed Stockton-on-Tees has the lowest ASB rate per 1,000 population at 35.4 incidents per 1,000 population
- With Covid-19 incidents included there have been 10,490 Police recorded ASB incidents, an increase of 2,493 incidents against the previous year, a 31.2% increase.
- With Covid-19 incidents removed there have been 6,978 Police recorded ASB incidents, a decrease of 964 incidents against the previous year, a 12.1% decrease.
- There have been 3,040 ASB Service requests recorded by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council Civic Enforcement team (including noise and alcohol issues) a decrease of 226 incidents, a -6.9% decrease.
- Incidences of Begging have decreased by 31.5% against the same period last year.
- Incidences of Rowdy and Nuisance Behaviour have decreased by 27% against the same period last year.
- Thirteen Group received 681 reports of ASB an increase of 81 against the previous year, a 13.5% increase.

HATE CRIME

- There have been 285 hate incidents/crimes, an increase of 35 against the previous year, a 14.0% increase.
- The majority of the hate incidents/crimes recorded were Racial in nature, 211 of 285.
- There has been an increase in hate incidents/crimes relating to Race, Transgender, or Disability and a decrease in incidents/crimes relating to Religion/Belief or Sexual Orientation.
- Between April 2020 – March 2021 Stockton-on-Tees had recorded the 2nd highest amount of hate crimes across the Cleveland Police Force area and had seen a 19.9% increase against the previous year.
- Between April 2020 – March 2021 hate crime in Stockton-on-Tees accounted for 30% of all hate crime across the Cleveland Police Force.
- The positive outcome rate for all hate crime was 16.6% between April 2020 – March 2021, a 4.6% point increase against the previous year.

DOMESTIC ABUSE

- There have been 5,563 domestic abuse related incidents, an increase of 201 incidents against the previous year, a 3.7% increase

- There have been 3,727 domestic abuse related crimes an increase of 307 crimes against the previous year, a 9.0% increase.
- Of the 3,727 domestic abuse related crimes, there have been 2,768 crimes of domestic related violence, an increase of 284 against the previous year, an 11.4% increase.
- 37% of all violent crimes in Stockton-on-Tees were domestic related, which is a 1.6% increase on the previous year.
- The repeat victim rate was 40.5%, a 1.4% increase against the previous year.
- The positive outcome rate for all domestic abuse crime was 11.7%, a 1.3% point increase against the previous year
- The crime arrest rate was at 49.4%, a 16.2% point increase against the previous year.
- The victim withdrawal rate was 51.4% the previous year it was at 71.5%, a decrease of 20.1% points against the previous year.
- Stockton-on-Tees had recorded the 2nd highest amount of domestic abuse crimes across the Cleveland Police Force area and had seen a 9.0% increase against the previous year.
- Between April 2020 – March 2021 domestic abuse crimes in Stockton-on-Tees accounted for 29.5% of all domestic abuse crimes across the Cleveland Police Force area.
- Between April 2020 – March 2021 there was a 6.5% increase in domestic abuse crimes recorded across the whole Cleveland Police Force area.

CRIME – APRIL 2020 – MARCH 2021

Table 1 – Cleveland Police Crime statistics for Stockton-on-Tees April 2020 –March 2021 (as of 19/04/2021)²

Offence Type	2020/21	2019/20	Change	% Change	Status
Violence against the person	7482	7008	474	6.8%	
<i>Homicide</i>	4	4	0	0.0%	
<i>Death or injury due to driving</i>	6	2	4	200.0%	
<i>Violence with injury</i>	1489	1689	-200	-11.8%	
<i>Violence without injury</i>	2756	2639	117	4.4%	
<i>Stalking and Harassment</i>	3227	2674	553	20.7%	
Sexual offences	647	594	53	8.9%	
<i>Rape</i>	209	229	-20	-8.7%	
<i>Other Sexual offences</i>	438	365	73	20.0%	
Robbery	165	190	-25	-13.2%	
<i>Business Robbery</i>	13	43	-30	-69.8%	
<i>Personal Robbery</i>	152	147	5	3.4%	
Theft	4029	6290	-2261	-35.9%	
<i>Burglary - Residential</i>	731	1036	-305	-29.4%	
<i>Burglary - Business & Com.</i>	203	294	-91	-31.0%	
<i>Bicycle Theft</i>	147	175	-28	-16.0%	
<i>Theft from the person</i>	104	142	-38	-26.8%	
<i>Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)</i>	652	1045	-393	-37.6%	
<i>Shoplifting</i>	940	1901	-961	-50.6%	
<i>Other Theft</i>	1252	1697	-445	-26.2%	
Criminal damage and Arson	2467	2859	-392	-13.7%	
Publicly Reported Crime	14790	16941	-2151	-12.7%	
Police Generated Crime	3557	2834	723	25.5%	
Total Crime	18347	19775	-1428	-7.2%	

² Cleveland Police monthly crime statistics database

Status: Negative Exception

Status: Negative Warning

Status: Normal

Status: Positive Warning

Status: Positive Exception

Binary Comparisons and Exception Reporting

The figures shown below provide a binary comparison of crime volume i.e. a comparison of two specific points in time. When considered in isolation this 'snapshot' approach can be misleading. The 'status' indicator shown in the right hand column is based on an assessment of variation over a longer period of time. This approach known as 'statistical process control' (SPC) allows for statistically valid warning flags and performance exceptions to be raised. To view the monthly SPC and rolling 12 month trend chart for a specific crime type, click on the respective 'status' indicator box, shown in the right hand column

Table 2 – Cleveland Police Crime statistics for Stockton-on-Tees March 2021 vs March 2020 (as of 19/04/2021)³

Crime Type	1 Month Ending			
	March 2021	March 2020	Change	% Change
Violence against the person	631	525	106	20.2%
<i>Homicide</i>	1	0	1	-
<i>Death or injury due to driving</i>	3	0	3	-
<i>Violence with injury</i>	130	126	4	3.2%
<i>Violence without injury</i>	213	201	12	6.0%
<i>Stalking and Harassment</i>	284	198	86	43.4%
Sexual offences	68	35	33	94.3%
<i>Rape</i>	22	11	11	100.0%
<i>Other Sexual offences</i>	46	24	22	91.7%
Robbery	14	15	-1	-6.7%
<i>Business Robbery</i>	0	3	-3	-100.0%
<i>Personal Robbery</i>	14	12	2	16.7%
Theft	263	372	-109	-29.3%
<i>Burglary - Residential</i>	41	61	-20	-32.8%
<i>Burglary - Business & Com.</i>	15	34	-19	-55.9%
<i>Bicycle Theft</i>	7	7	0	0.0%
<i>Theft from the person</i>	6	7	-1	-14.3%
<i>Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)</i>	30	53	-23	-43.4%
<i>Shoplifting</i>	71	99	-28	-28.3%
<i>Other Theft</i>	93	111	-18	-16.2%
Criminal damage and Arson	182	216	-34	-15.7%
Publicly Reported Crime	1158	1163	-5	-0.4%
Police Generated Crime	319	241	78	32.4%
Total Crime	1477	1404	73	5.2%

- The details in Table 1 relate to the number of crimes that have been recorded in Stockton-on-Tees between April 2020 and March 2021. Table 2 provides a one month snapshot of the last available month (March 2021).
- This does not necessarily mean that the crime occurred during that month, but it is the date that the crime was reported to Cleveland Police.
- It is also worth noting that during some of this period Stockton-on-Tees was under lockdown measures to combat Covid-19 and therefore it is likely that some increases and decreases in crime patterns will be present due to these measures and actions being in place.
- There have been 14,790 publicly reported offences, a decrease of 2,151 crimes on the same period last year, a -12.7% decrease.

³ 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 723 crimes, giving a total police generated crime figure of 3,557 offences, up 25.5% on last year.
- There has been a total of 18,347 crimes in all, a decrease of 1,428 crimes which represents a decrease of 7.2% against the same period last year.

Despite seeing a decrease in Stockton-on-Tees, further decreases are evident across our neighbouring authorities, however when considering the rate per 1,000 population Stockton-on-Tees has the lowest rate of publicly reported crimes.

Table 3 – Cleveland Police Publicly Reported Crimes by Borough – April 2020 – March 2021

Borough	No. of Publicly Reported Crimes	Difference Against Previous Year	% Difference	Rate per 1,000 Population
Stockton-on-Tees	14,790	-2,151	-12.7%	74.9
Hartlepool	8,864	-1,698	-16.1%	94.6
Redcar & Cleveland	10,695	-1,071	-9.1%	78.0
Middlesbrough	16,675	-3,249	-16.3%	118.3
Force Wide	51,024	-8,169	-13.8%	89.7

The positive outcome rate for total crime is 13.2% Year to Date (up 1.9% against last year), and similar across the Cleveland Force area, with Stockton-on-Tees being the 2nd lowest in the group.

Performance Highlights (Publicly reported crime) – April 2020 – March 2021 vs April 2019 – March 2020

The table below highlights all areas where crime has reduced and has been ranked by the percentage reduction against the previous year, numeric reductions have also been provided for additional context, offence types in bold are combined offence types, whilst all others are just individual offences.

Table 4 – All Cleveland Police recorded offences which reduced against the previous year in Stockton-on-Tees– April 2020 – March 2021

Offence Type	Numeric Reduction	Percentage Reduction
Business Robbery	-30	-69.8%
Shoplifting	-961	-50.6%
Vehicle Crime	-393	-37.6%
All Theft	-2,261	-35.9%
Burglary – Business	-91	-31.0%
Burglary – Residential	-305	-29.4%
Theft from the Person	-38	-26.8%
Other Theft	-445	-26.2%
Bicycle Theft	-28	-16.0%
Criminal Damage and Arson	-392	-13.7%
Robbery	-25	-13.2%
Violence with Injury	-200	-11.8
All Publicly Reported Crime	-2,151	-12.7
Rape	-20	-8.7%
Total Crime	-1,428	-7.2%

Areas for Improvement

Violence against the person (+474 crimes/+6.8%)

Violence against the person offences account for 50.5% of all publicly reported crime and have increased by 6.8% when compared to April 2019 – March 2020

This rise is mostly due to the increase in **Stalking and Harassment** offences. (+553/+20.7% against April 2019 – March 2020). There was also an increase in crimes of **Violence without Injury** (+117/+4.4% against April 2019 – March 2020). Furthermore, there were six recorded **Death or Injury due to Driving** offences in the period of April 2020 – March 2021 against two in the same period the previous year (+200%). **Homicides** have remained the same at four for each period.

Sexual Offences (+53 crimes/+8.9%)

Sexual offences have increased by +8.9%, however crimes of **Rape** have decreased by 8.7%. It is the rise in crimes of **Other Sexual Offences** (+73/+20.7%) which has caused the overall category of **Sexual Offences** to increase.

Robbery (-25 crimes/-13.2%)

Robbery offences are down against April 2019 – March 2020, however, there has been a small increase in **Personal Robbery** offences (+5/+3.4%).

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR – APRIL 2020 –MARCH 2021

There were 10,490 reported incidents of ASB recorded by Cleveland Police between April 2020 and March 2021. The volume of ASB incidents has been on the rise against April 2019 – March 2020, increasing by nearly a third (+31.2%/+2,493 incidents). However, this has in large been due to the increased restrictions and measures in place to combat Covid-19.

The tables below show the number of ASB incidents across the whole force for both ASB totals with and without a Covid-19 flag. With the Covid-19 flags removed the whole force has seen a decrease in ASB incidents with Stockton-on-Tees demonstrating the lowest ASB rate per 1,000 population.⁴ Stockton-on-Tees also has the 2nd lowest rate per 1,000 population for all ASB Incidents including Covid-19 flags, after Redcar and Cleveland.

Stockton-on-Tees accounts for 31.6% of all Cleveland Police Forcewide ASB Incidents with Covid flags included and 30.2% with Covid flags excluded, however it is worth noting that differing population sizes should be considered when looking at these proportions.

Table 5 – All Cleveland Police Recorded ASB Incidents by Borough– April 2020 – March 2021

Borough	No. of Incidents	Difference Against April 2019 – March 2020	% Difference	Rate per 1,000 Population
Stockton-on-Tees	10,490	+2,493	+31.2%	53.2
Hartlepool	5,413	+1,118	+26.0%	57.8
Redcar & Cleveland	7,058	+1,208	+20.6%	51.5
Middlesbrough	10,198	+1,493	+17.2%	72.3
Force Wide	33,159	+6,337	+23.5%	48.3

⁴ Please note that if an incident containing a Covid-19 flag did not have a valid address then it was not possible to be added as a Covid-19 flag so the number of Covid-19 flags may possibly be higher and this information should be used as an indication only.

Table 6 – All Cleveland Police Recorded ASB Incidents by Borough (excluding those with a Covid-19 flag) – April 2020 – March 2021

Borough	No. of Incidents	Difference Against April 2019 – March 2020	% Difference	Rate per 1,000 Population
Stockton-on-Tees	6,978	-964	-12.1%	35.4
Hartlepool	3,807	-471	-11.0%	40.6
Redcar & Cleveland	5,099	-705	-12.1%	37.2
Middlesbrough	7,190	-1,470	-17.0%	51.0
Force Wide	23,074	-4,626	-17.3%	40.5

SBC ASB Incidents – April 2020 – March 2021

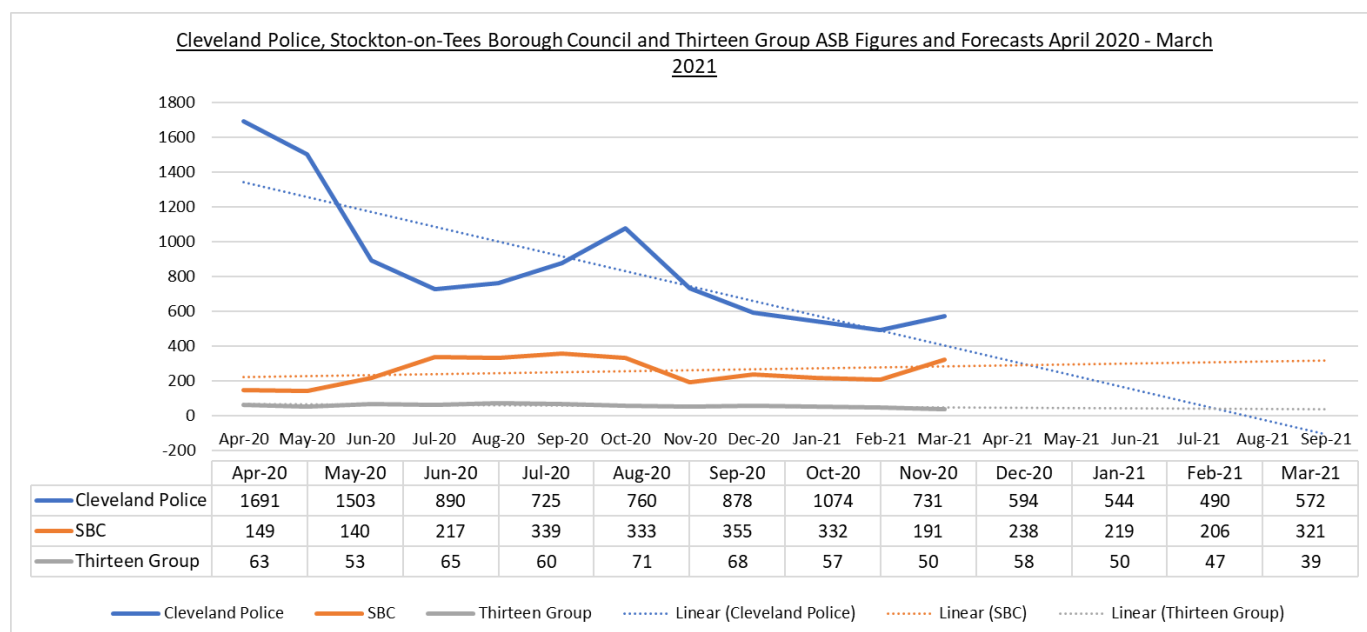
3,040 Service requests have been recorded by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council Civic Enforcement team as ASB (including noise and alcohol issues) and these have reduced by 226 incidents (-6.9%). Incidences of Begging have decreased by 31.5% against the same period the previous year. However, it is worth noting that with shops closed and reduced footfall there would have been fewer people around to report begging and fewer locations for those begging to frequent. Rowdy and nuisance behaviour has decreased by 27.0%.

When we compare the data between Cleveland Police and Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, we can see that Cleveland Police had seen an increase in reported ASB during this period when including Covid flags whilst Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council had seen a decrease. Both saw a decrease in ASB when Covid-19 flags are excluded from Cleveland Police ASB data.

There were 11 active Anti-Social Behaviour Contracts (ABC) and two active Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBO) with zero ASB Injunctions in place in Stockton-on-Tees, in the same period the year previous where were 14 active ABC's, zero active CBO's and zero ASB Injunctions.

Thirteen ASB Incidents – April 2020 –March 2021

Chart 1 – ASB Incidents by Enforcement Sector and Month – April 2020 – March 2021



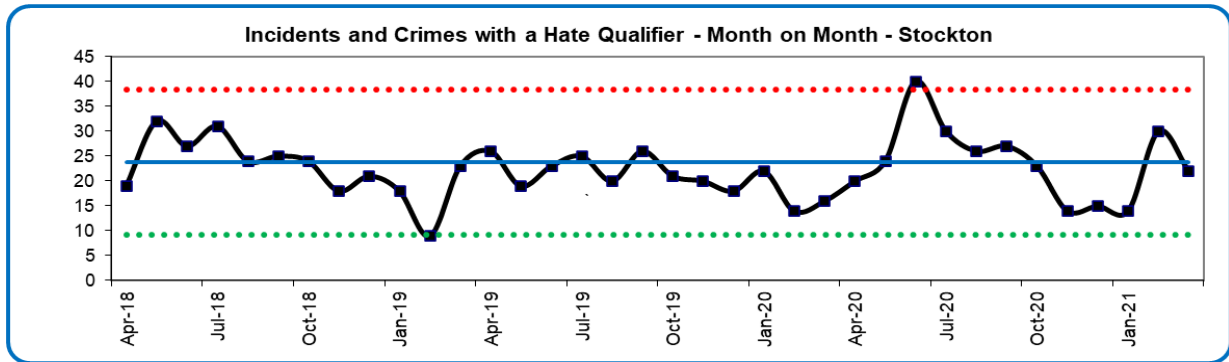
Thirteen Group recorded 681 incidents of ASB between April 2020 – March 2021, which was a difference of 81 incidents, a 13.5% increase against the same period the previous year. Above is a chart of Cleveland Police, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council and Thirteen Group reported incidents of ASB over the last rolling 12-month period along with a trend forecast for each enforcement sector.

HATE CRIME – APRIL 2020 – MARCH 2021

Hate incidents/crime in Stockton-on-Tees has seen a 14.0% increase (an increase of 35 incidents/crimes, totalling 285 incidents/crimes) between April 2020 –March 2021 against the same period the previous year. The majority of the hate incidents/crimes recorded were racial in nature (211 of 285), however there has been an increase in hate incidents/crimes relating to Transgender (14 in April 2020 – March 2021 vs 10 in April 2019 – March 2020).

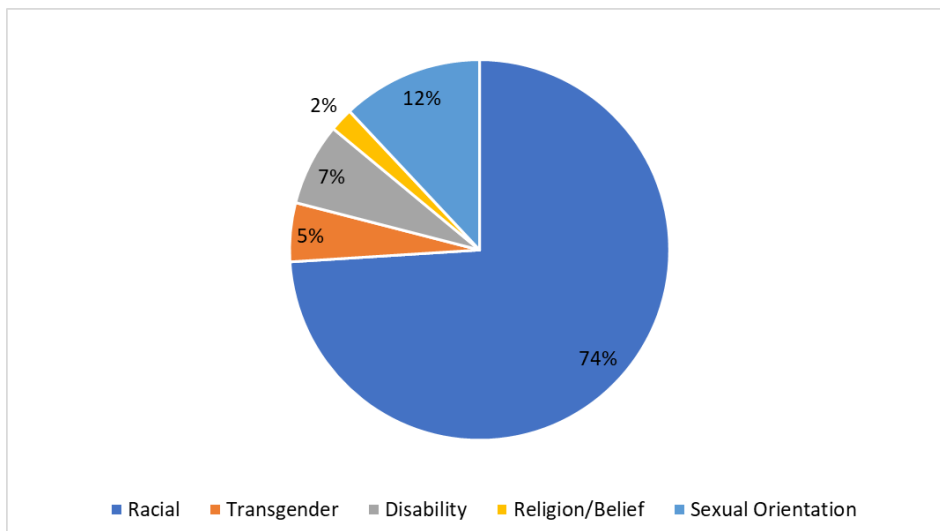
Below is a chart showing the number of hate crimes and incidents recorded on a month on month basis. We have seen a sharp increase in June 2020 which has gone above the last recorded upper point, which was back in May 2018, making it the largest number of hate incidents/crimes recorded to date. Between April 2020 – March 2021 hate incidents/crime rose sharply early on and then dropped from October 2020 and then has seen another rise from January 2021, reducing again in March 2021.

Chart 2 – Cleveland Police Recorded Hate Crime Incidents and Crimes in Stockton-on-Tees



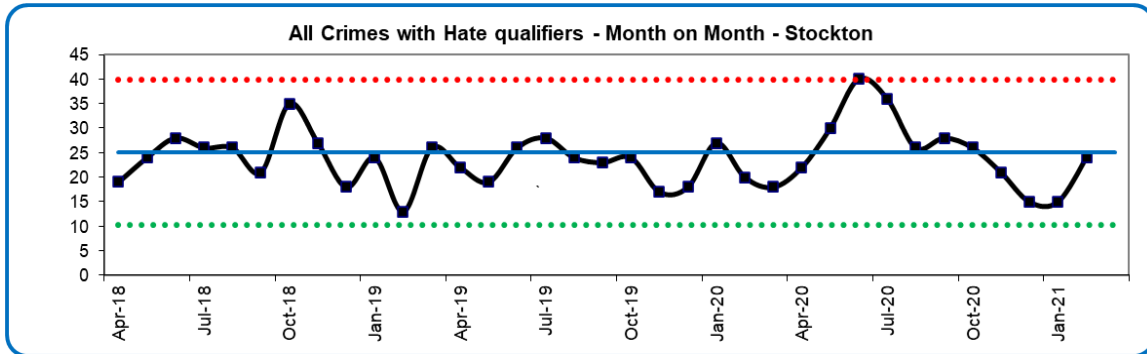
The below chart shows the types of hate incidents/crimes recorded over the rolling 12-month period ending March 2021. The majority of crimes have been categorised as relating to Race (74%), followed by Sexual Orientation (12%).

Chart 3 – Cleveland Police Recorded Hate Incidents and Crimes by Hate Type in Stockton-on-Tees – April 2020 – March 2021



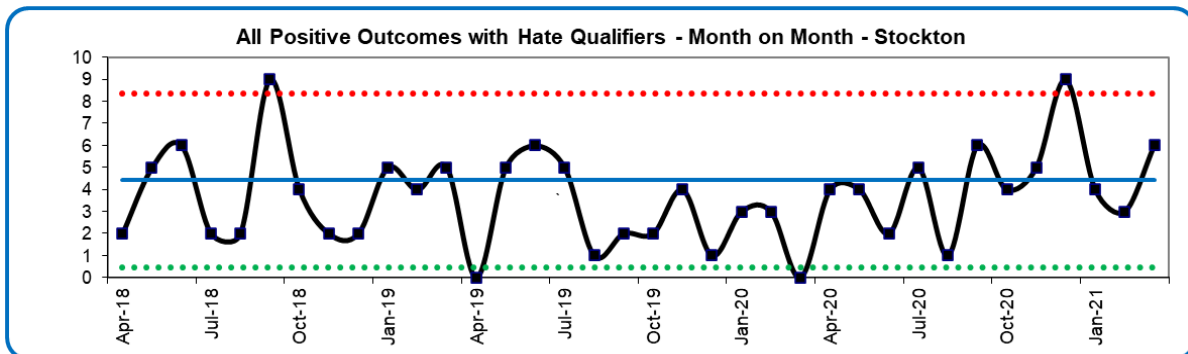
The chart below shows month on month all crimes which have included a hate qualifier, this excludes those which have been categorised as incidents but not formally categorised as a crime. The results are similar to those including incidents as we can see a rise in crimes from April 2020 onwards, and similar to hate incidents they have gone above the previous maximum number which was recorded in October 2018.

Chart 4 – Cleveland Police Recorded Hate Crimes in Stockton-on-Tees



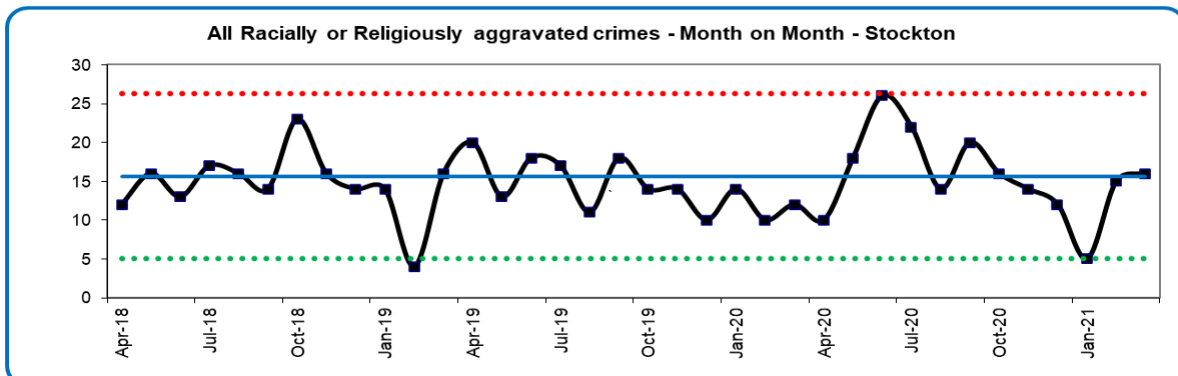
These recorded crimes then link to the number of positive outcomes that then come from them and the chart below shows the number of positive outcomes month on month in relation to hate crimes. In total 16.6% of all hate crimes ended with a positive outcome between April 2020 – March 2021. This is an increase of 4.6% against the same period the previous year.

Chart 5 – Cleveland Police Positive Outcome Rate for Hate Crimes in Stockton-on-Tees



A further chart has been provided below to show the pattern of Racially or Religiously Aggravated Offences. These offences include Assault without Injury, Assault with Injury, Harassment, Public Fear, Alarm or Distress and Criminal Damage. There were 188 crimes of this nature between April 2020 – March 2021, against 171 in the same period the previous year.

Chart 6 – Cleveland Police Recorded Racially or Religiously Aggravated Hate Crimes in Stockton-on-Tees



Looking at all hate incidents/crimes recorded across the Cleveland Police Force for the year ending March 2021 in the table below we can see that Stockton-on-Tees had recorded the 2nd highest amount of hate incidents/crimes and had seen an increase of 14.0% against the same period the previous year. Hate incidents/crimes in Stockton-on-Tees accounted for 30.8% of all hate incidents/crimes across the Cleveland Police Force, yet Stockton-on-Tees is the joint 2nd lowest (with Hartlepool) area before Redcar and Cleveland with regards to hate crimes per 1,000 population at a rate of 1.4, which is 0.2 lower than the Cleveland Police Force Wide rate.

Table 7 – Cleveland Police Recorded Hate Incidents/Crimes by Borough – April 2020 – March 2021

Borough	No. of Hate Incidents/Crimes	Difference Against April 2019 – March 2020	% Difference	Rate per 1,000 Population
Stockton-on-Tees	285	+35	+14.0	1.4
Hartlepool	132	+12	+10.0%	1.4
Redcar & Cleveland	130	+7	+5.7%	0.9
Middlesbrough	376	+21	+5.9%	2.7
Force Wide	923	+75	+8.7%	1.6

Below shows the number of recorded hate crimes from April 2020 – March 2021 across the Cleveland Police Force:

Table 8 – Cleveland Police Recorded Hate Crimes by Borough – April 2020 – March 2021

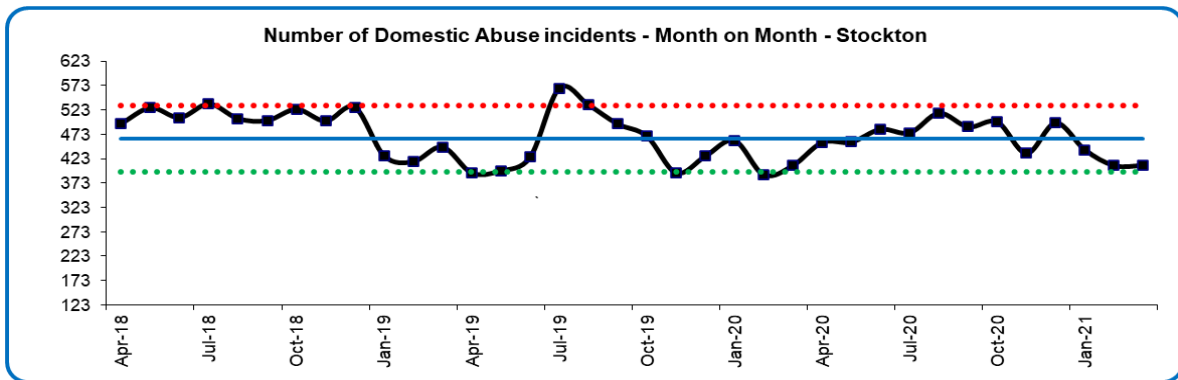
Borough	No. of Hate Crimes	Difference Against April 2019 – March 2020	% Difference	Rate per 1,000 Population
Stockton-on-Tees	319	+53	+19.9%	1.6
Hartlepool	145	+14	+10.7%	1.5
Redcar & Cleveland	152	+18	+13.4%	1.1
Middlesbrough	454	+42	+10.2%	3.2
Force Wide	1,070	+126	+13.2%	1.8

Again, Stockton-on-Tees had recorded the 2nd highest amount of hate crimes, however there had been a larger increase of 19.9% against the same period the previous year. Hate crimes in Stockton-on-Tees accounted for 29.8% of all hate crimes across the Cleveland Police Force area and Stockton-on-Tees had the 2nd highest rate of hate crimes per 1,000 population at 1.6 which is below the Cleveland Police Force area rate of 1.8.

DOMESTIC ABUSE – APRIL 2020 – MARCH 2021

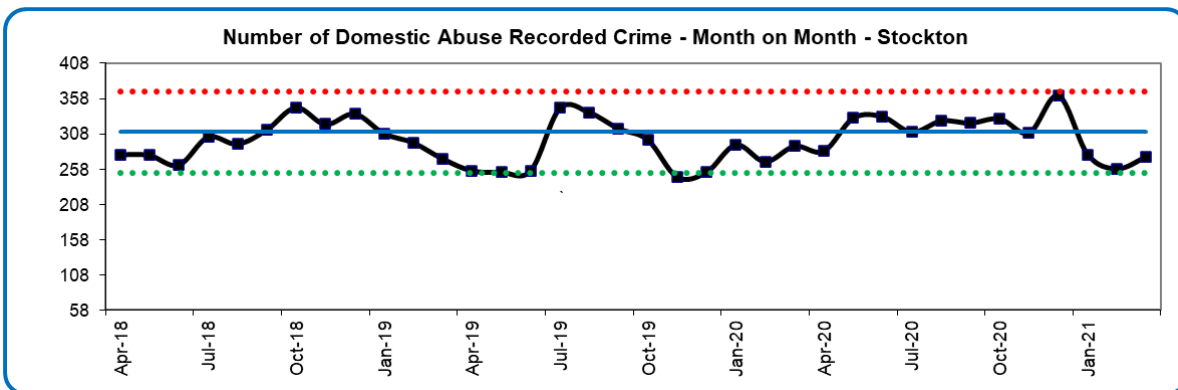
Between April 2020 – March 2021 domestic abuse incidents in Stockton-on-Tees had increased by 3.7% against the same time the previous year (5,562 incidents, +201 incidents). The chart below shows the month on month changes for domestic abuse incidents. Domestic abuse incidents reached their peak in August 2019. From April 2020 monthly figures were increasing but remained around the average baseline, they decreased again after October 2020 and then have started to see a month on month reduction following an increase in December 2020.

Chart 7 – Cleveland Police Recorded Domestic Abuse Incidents in Stockton-on-Tees



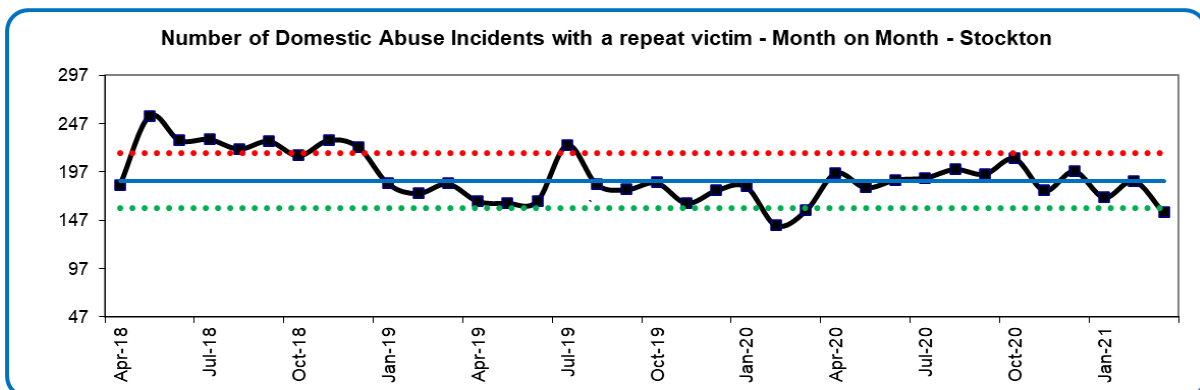
From April 2020 – March 2021 domestic abuse crimes in Stockton-on-Tees had increased by 9.0% against the same period the previous year (3,727 crimes, +307 crimes). One of the more common domestic abuse crimes is domestic related violence. This has seen an 11.4% increase in April 2020 – March 2021 against the same period the previous year (2,768 crimes, +284 crimes) and 37.0% of all violent crimes in Stockton-on-Tees were domestic related, which is a 1.6% increase. The chart below shows the month on month changes for domestic abuse crimes. Similar to the incidents chart above (Chart 7) there was an increase in December 2020 and a reduction since January 2021, only with a slight increase in March 2021.

Chart 8 – Cleveland Police Recorded Domestic Abuse Crimes in Stockton-on-Tees



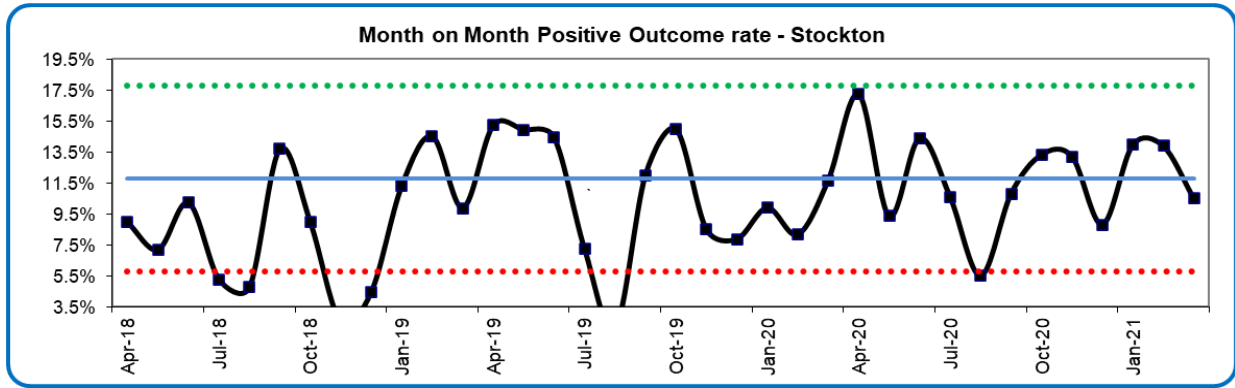
In Stockton-on-Tees the domestic abuse incident repeat rate was 40.5%, this has increased by 1.4% points which equates to 2,253 incidents involving repeat victims (an increase of +156 incidents/7.4%). A repeat victim is someone who has been a victim more than once within 12 months. The chart below shows the number of incidents with repeat victims month on month.

Chart 9 – Cleveland Police Recorded Domestic Abuse Incidents with a Repeat Victim in Stockton-on-Tees



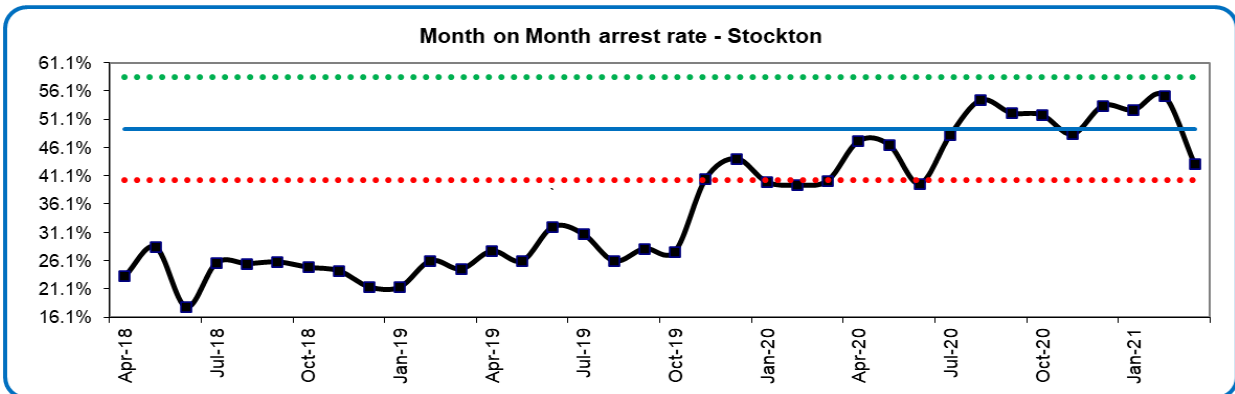
Domestic abuse crimes had a positive outcome in 11.7% of crimes involving domestic abuse, which was 1.3% point increase against the previous year. The chart below shows the fluctuation in positive outcome rates for domestic abuse crimes against each month.

Chart 10 – Cleveland Police Recorded Positive Outcomes Rate for Domestic Abuse Crimes in Stockton-on-Tees



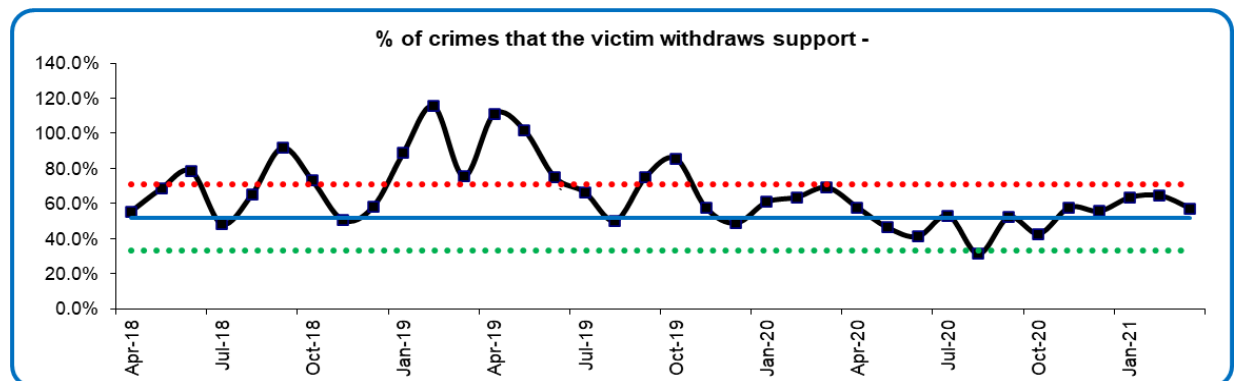
The arrest rate for domestic abuse crimes was just under 50% at 49.4% this was an increase of 16.2% points against the previous year. The chart below shows the arrest rate month on month and although there has been a decrease in March 2021 the overall arrest rate for the period April 2020 – March 2021 was still higher than it was in the same period the previous year.

Chart 11 – Cleveland Police Recorded Domestic Abuse Crimes Arrest Rate in Stockton-on-Tees



Between April 2020 – March 2021 the victim withdrawal rate was 51.4% the same period the previous year it was at 71.5%. This represents a decrease of 20.1% points and shows that just under 50% of victims are continuing onto prosecution. The chart below shows the victim withdrawal rate on a month on month basis.

Chart 12 – Cleveland Police Recorded Victim Withdrawal Rate for Domestic Abuse Crimes in Stockton-on-Tees



Looking at all domestic abuse crimes recorded across the Cleveland Police Force between April 2020 – March 2021 we can see the following picture:

Table 9 – Cleveland Police Recorded Domestic Abuse Crimes by Borough – April 2020 – March 2021

Borough	No. of Domestic Abuse Crimes	Difference Against April 2019 – March 2020	% Difference	Rate per 1,000 Population
Stockton-on-Tees	3,727	+307	+9.0%	18.9
Hartlepool	2,392	+315	+15.2%	25.5
Redcar & Cleveland	2,543	+174	+7.3%	18.5
Middlesbrough	3,969	-25	-0.6%	28.2
Force Wide	12,631	+771	+6.5%	22.2

Stockton-on-Tees had recorded the 2nd highest amount of domestic abuse crimes and had the 2nd largest numerical increase in domestic abuse crimes, however when compared by rate per 1,000 population Stockton-on-Tees saw the 2nd lowest number of crimes per 1,000 population, after Redcar and Cleveland. Stockton-on-Tees accounted for 29.5% of all domestic abuse crimes across the Cleveland Police Force area. The Cleveland Police Force area saw an increase of 6.5% and a rate per 1,000 population of 22.2, Stockton-on-Tees' rate is below this at 18.9.