Safer Stockton Partnership
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### **RECORDED CRIME & ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

# Introduction

- 1. This report provides an overview on recorded crime, anti-social behaviour incidents and domestic abuse in the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees for the 12-month period of October 2020 to the end of September 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 (19/10/2021). 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. This report will not provide any detailed analysis unless there are any substantial changes to patterns or trends.
- 4. 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).
- 5. Any references to rates per 1,000 population are based on the ONS UK Mid-year population estimates for 2020.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### Crime

The rate per 1,000 population (all ages)<sup>1</sup> for publicly reported crime in Stockton-on-Tees was 97.8 for October 2020 – September 2021.

Between October 2020 and September 2021, there was 15,593 publicly reported offences, which is a decrease of 426 crimes (or a reduction of 8.8%) on the same period in the previous year. Police generated crime, which includes crimes such as drug offences, public disorder and possession of weapons has increased by 394 crimes in comparison with the previous period, giving a total police generated crime figure of 3,705 offences, up 11.9% on the same period the previous year. Overall, there was a total of 19,298 crimes, equal to 32 (0.2%) fewer crimes in the same period last year.

Comparing the number of crimes recorded in the period October 2020 and September 2021 versus October 2019 – September 2020, there was more of the following crime types recorded in the Borough: violence against the person (particularly in relation to stalking and harassment); public disorder; sexual offences (particularly other sexual offences); and miscellaneous crimes against society.

Comparing the number of crimes recorded in the period October 2020 and September 2021 versus October 2019 – September 2020, there was fewer of the following crime types recorded in the Borough: theft (primarily burglary – residential), criminal damage and arson; drug offences (particularly possession/use of drugs); possession of weapons; and robbery.

Compared with October 2019 – September 2020, between October 2020 and September 2021, the largest percentage reduction (-40%) in Police recorded offences in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to Homicide and the largest numeric reduction was in relation to publicly reported crime (-426).

Regarding domestic crime, compared with October 2019 – September 2020, between October 2020 and September 21 overall total domestic crime increased by 7.8% or 276 incidents. Across the same period, the largest percentage improvement (-30.8%) in domestic crime in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to miscellaneous crimes against society.

Regarding hate crime, compared with October 2019 – September 2020, between October 2020 and September 21 overall total hate crime increased by 14.6% or 44 incidents. Across the same period, the largest percentage improvement (-50%) in hate crime in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to miscellaneous crimes against society.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)**

As at 19/10/21, reports of ASB to Cleveland Police shows that across the Borough in the last 12 months, there was 7,437 ASB incidents which is a -23.3% reduction on the previous 12 months

Between October 2020 - September 2021, 3,944 Service Requests were recorded by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council Civic Enforcement team as ASB (including noise and alcohol issues). This is equal to an overall increase of 802 incidents (+25.53%) in the last year. In the same comparative period, the number of begging incidents was 617, equal to +1; and the number of rowdy/nuisance behaviour incidents was 802, equal to +99.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> SOURCE: Mid-Year Population Estimates, UK, June 2020

#### Crime: October 2020 – September 2021 versus October 2019 – September 2020

Table 1 below shows the number of crimes that have been recorded in Stockton-on-Tees between October 2020 and September 2021 and Table 2 provides a one-month snapshot of the same for the last available month (September 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.

Key to note in Table 1, between October 2020 and September 2021:

- There were 15,593 publicly reported offences, which is a decrease of 426 crimes (or a reduction of 8.8%) on the same period in the previous year. The largest reduction is in relation to theft and the largest increase was in relation to violence against the person.
- Police generated crime, which includes crimes such as drug offences, public disorder and
  possession of weapons has increased by a further 394 crimes, giving a total police generated
  crime figure of 3,705 offences, up 11.9% on the same period the previous year. The largest
  reduction is in relation to drug offences and the largest increase was in relation to public
  disorder.
- Overall, there was a total of 19,298 crimes in the current period, equal to 32 (0.2%) fewer crimes in the same period last year.
- The rate per 1,000 population (all ages)<sup>2</sup> for publicly reported crime in Stockton-on-Tees was 97.8 for October 2020 September 2021.

### Key to note in Table 2:

- In September 2021, 1,585 publicly reported offences were recorded in the Borough, which is an increase of 231 (or 17.1%) in September 2020. The largest reduction was in relation to criminal damage and arson and the largest increase was in relation to theft.
- Police generated crime, which includes crimes such as drug offences, public disorder and possession of weapons was 356 in September 2021, up by 72 (or25.4%) versus September 2020. The largest reduction was in relation to drug offences and the largest increase was in relation to public disorder.
- Overall, there was a total of 1,941 crimes in the current period, equal to 303 (18.5%) more crimes in September 2021 versus September 2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> SOURCE: Mid-Year Population Estimates, UK, June 2020

Table 1. Cleveland Police Crime Statistics for Stockton-on-Tees: October 2020 – September 2021 versus October 2019 – September 2020³

Crime Type	October 2020 – September 2021	October 2019 – September 2020	Difference (No. and %)	
Violence against the person	7,945	7,325	+620	8.5%
Homicide	3	5	-2	-40.0%
Death or injury due to driving	8	2	6	300.0%
Violence with injury	1,687	1,591	96	6.0%
Violence without injury	2,896	2,827	69	2.4%
Stalking and Harassment	3,351	2,900	451	15.6%
Sexual offences	712	593	+119	20.1%
Rape	247	193	54	28.0%
Other Sexual offences	465	400	65	16.3%
Robbery	164	176	-12	-6.8%
Theft	4,369	5,135	-766	-14.9%
Burglary - Residential	683	963	-280	-29.1%
Burglary - Business & Com.	235	245	-10	-4.1%
Bicycle Theft	147	156	-9	-5.8%
Theft from the person	83	113	-30	-26.5%
Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)	639	780	-141	-18.1%
Shoplifting	1,335	1,361	-26	-1.9%
Other Theft	1,247	1,517	-270	-17.8%
Criminal damage and Arson	2,403	2,790	-387	-13.9%
Publicly Reported Crime	15,593	16,019	-426	-2.7%
Public Disorder	2,276	1,860	416	22.4%
Drug offences	635	678	-43	-6.3%
Trafficking of drugs	182	165	17	10.3%
Possession/Use of drugs	453	513	-60	-11.7%
Possession of Weapons	191	203	-12	-5.9%
Misc. crimes against society	603	570	+33	5.8%
Police Generated Crime	3,705	3,311	+394	11.9%
Total Crime	19,298	19,330	-32	-0.2%

<sup>3</sup> SOURCE: Cleveland Police monthly crime statistics database

Table 2. Cleveland Police Crime Statistics for Stockton-on-Tees: September 2021 versus September 2020<sup>4</sup>

Crime Type	Sept-21	Sept-20	Difference (No. and %)	
Violence against the person	761	662	+99	15.0%
Homicide		0		-
Death or injury due to driving	1	0	1	-
Violence with injury	162	132	30	22.7%
Violence without injury	290	272	18	6.6%
Stalking and Harassment	308	258	50	19.4%
Sexual offences	70	66	+4	6.1%
Rape	27	22	5	22.7%
Other Sexual offences	43	44	-1	-2.3%
Robbery	19	12	+7	58.3%
Theft	538	348	+190	54.6%
Burglary - Residential	63	62	1	1.6%
Burglary - Business & Com.	41	16	25	156.3%
Bicycle Theft	24	10	14	140.0%
Theft from the person	5	9	-4	-44.4%
Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)	99	49	50	102.0%
Shoplifting	179	80	99	123.8%
Other Theft	127	122	5	4.1%
Criminal damage and Arson	197	266	-69	-25.9%
Publicly Reported Crime	1,585	1,354	+231	17.1%
Public Disorder	244	170	+74	43.5%
Drug offences	50	59	-9	-15.3%
Trafficking of drugs	14	13	1	7.7%
Possession/Use of drugs	36	46	-10	-21.7%
Possession of Weapons	20	16	+4	25.0%
Misc. crimes against society	42	39	+3	7.7%
Police Generated Crime	356	284	+72	25.4%
Total Crime	1,941	1,638	+303	18.5%

# <u>Performance Highlights (Publicly Reported Crime): October 2020 – September 2021 versus October 2019 – September 2020</u>

Table 3 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 individual offences.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> SOURCE: Cleveland Police monthly crime statistics database

Table 3. All Cleveland Police recorded offences which <u>REDUCED</u> against the previous year in Stockton-on-Tees: October 2020 – September 2021 versus October 2019 – September 2020<sup>5</sup>

Offence Type	Numeric Reduction	Percentage Reduction
Homicide	-2	-40.00%
Burglary - Residential	-280	-29.08%
Theft from the person	-30	-26.55%
Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)	-141	-18.08%
Other Theft	-270	-17.80%
Theft	-766	-14.92%
Criminal damage and Arson	-387	-13.87%
Possession/Use of drugs	-60	-11.70%
Robbery	-12	-6.82%
Drug offences	-43	-6.34%
Possession of Weapons	-12	-5.91%
Bicycle Theft	-9	-5.77%
Burglary - Business & Com.	-10	-4.08%
Publicly Reported Crime	-426	-2.66%
Shoplifting	-26	-1.91%
TOTAL CRIME	-32	-0.17%

# Key to note in Table 3:

• Compared with October 2019 – September 2020, between October 2020 and September 21 overall total crime reduced by 0.17% or 32 incidents. The largest percentage reduction (-40%) in Police recorded offences in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to Homicide and the largest numeric reduction was in relation to publicly reported crime (-426).

# <u>Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB): October 2020 – September 2021 versus October 2019 – September 2020</u>

Cleveland Police no longer provide ASB information to us about other Local Authority areas in the Tees Valley. Instead, they share information that helps identify how the number of ASB incidents in the Borough changes over time. As at 19/10/21, reports of ASB to Cleveland Police shows that across the Borough:

- In September, there was 535 ASB incidents which is equal to -38.86% on the same month last year
- In the last 3 months, there was 1,661 ASB incidents which is equal to -5.2% on the previous 3 months
- In the last 12 months, there was 7,437 ASB incidents which is equal to -23.3% on the previous 12 months

Between October 2020 - September 2021 and October 2019 – September 2020:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> SOURCE: Cleveland Police monthly crime statistics database

- 3,944 Service Requests were recorded by Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council Civic Enforcement team as ASB (including noise and alcohol issues). This is equal to an overall increase of 802 incidents (+25.53%) in the last year. The largest increase in all such Service Requests was in relation to ASB per sé (+410), then noise/animal (+337) and then alcohol (+55).
- The number of begging incidents was 617, equal to +1 on 2019-2020
- The number of rowdy/nuisance behaviour incidents was 802, equal +99 on 2019-2020

Table 4. All Cleveland Police recorded Domestic Crimes in Stockton-on-Tees: October 2020 – September 2021 versus October 2019 – September 2020<sup>6</sup>

	Last 12 Months Ending September 2021			
Domestic Crime Type	Current Period	Previous Period	Difference (No.)	Difference (%)
Violence against the person	2,863	2,600	263	10.1%
Criminal Damage & Arson	295	307	-12	-3.9%
Theft Offences	185	159	26	16.4%
Sexual Offences	116	114	2	1.8%
Robbery	9	12	-3	-25.0%
Public Order Offences	247	216	31	14.4%
Misc. Crimes Against Society	81	117	-36	-30.8%
Drug Offences	15	11	4	36.4%
Possession of Weapons	6	5	1	20.0%
Total Crime	3,817	3,541	276	7.8%

# Key to note in Table 4:

- Compared with October 2019 September 2020, between October 2020 and September 21 overall total domestic crime increased by 7.8% or 276 incidents.
- Across the same period, the largest percentage improvement (-30.8%) in domestic crime in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to miscellaneous crimes against society and the largest numeric improvement was in relation to the same (-36).
- Also, across the same period, the largest percentage increase (+36.4%) in domestic crime in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to drug offences and the largest numeric increase was in relation to violence against the person (+263).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> SOURCE: Cleveland Police monthly crime statistics database

Table 5. All Cleveland Police recorded Hate Crimes in Stockton-on-Tees: October 2020 – September 2021 versus October 2019 – September 2020<sup>7</sup>

Hate Crime Type	Last 12 Months Ending September 2021			
	Current Period	Previous Period	Difference (No.)	Difference (%)
Violence against the person	124	103	21	20.4%
Criminal Damage & Arson	12	22	-10	-45.5%
Theft Offences	4	6	-2	-33.3%
Sexual Offences	2	2	0	0.0%
Robbery	1	1	0	0.0%
Public Order Offences	200	162	38	23.5%
Misc. Crimes Against Society	3	6	-3	-50.0%
Drug Offences		0		-
Possession of Weapons		0		-
Total Crime	346	302	44	14.6%

# Key to note in Table 5:

- Compared with October 2019 September 2020, between October 2020 and September 21 overall total hate crime increased by 14.6% or 44 incidents.
- Across the same period, the largest percentage improvement (-50%) in hate crime in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to miscellaneous crimes against society and the largest numeric improvement was in relation to criminal damage and arson (-10).
- Also, across the same period, the largest percentage increase (+23.5%) in hate crime in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to public order offences and the largest numeric increase was in relation to the same (+38).

### **END OF REPORT**

<sup>7</sup> SOURCE: Cleveland Police monthly crime statistics database

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