



# Safer Stockton Partnership

Community Safety Strategy

# Agenda

Introductions and explanation of process

Statutory obligations

What do we know about crime and disorder in Stockton?

Choosing priorities

Agreeing a way ahead

# Process

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# Statutory Obligations

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The Crime and Disorder Act 1998:

- (1) The responsible authorities for a local government area shall, in accordance with section 5 and with regulations made under subsection (2), formulate and implement—
- (a) a strategy for the reduction of crime and disorder in the area (including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment); and
  - (b) a strategy for combatting the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in the area ; and
  - (c) a strategy for the reduction of re-offending in the area

## The Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) Regulations 2007

- Regulation 3 provides that CDRPs shall have a strategy group\*. The role of the strategy group is to prepare a strategic assessment in accordance with Regulations 5 to 7 and a partnership plan in accordance with Regulations 10 and 11.
- The strategic assessment is an analysis of the levels and patterns of crime and disorder and substance misuse in the area and the priorities the CDRP should adopt to address those matters.
- The partnership plan sets out a strategy for meeting those priorities and how that strategy should be implemented by the CDRPs.

# Statutory Obligations

These are the minimum standards which a CSP must deliver

There are certain activities the CSP must deliver:

- A Strategic Assessment and Partnership plan
- The plan must include actions to reduce crime, disorder, substance misuse and reoffending
- From 2022/23 Serious Violence will be added to that list
  - These requirements include:
    - Understanding the types of violent crime
    - The causes of this violence
    - Undertake an evidence-based needs assessment
    - Develop a Serious Violence strategy
- The CSP must commission Domestic Homicide Reviews
- There needs to be a partnership multi-agency board in place to oversee local delivery of the Prevent Duty. It is not stipulated that this should be the CSP, but it is a logical oversight board.

# Strategic Assessment of Crime and Disorder

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# All Crime

## All Crime in Cleveland per capita:

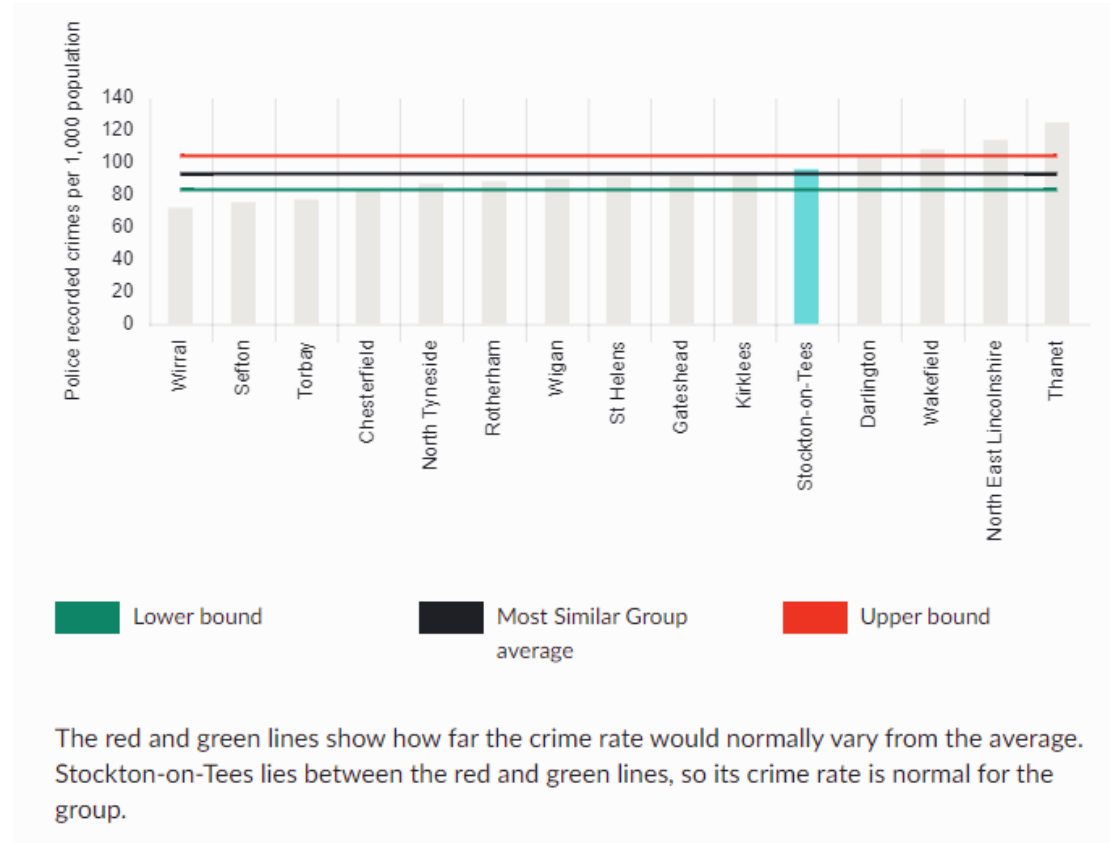
1 Middlesbrough	16.92
2 Hartlepool	13.10
3 Stockton	10.11
4 Redcar	9.99

## Change since 2019/20:

-8%

## Cost of Crime:

£75.21m



## Hotspot wards:

- 1 Stockton Town Centre 2749
- 2 Mandale and Victoria 1958
- 3 Parkfield and Oxbridge 1382
- 4 Newtown 1132

# Burglary

## Burglary in Cleveland

### per capita:

1 Middlesbrough	1.29
2 Hartlepool	1.12
3 Redcar	0.82
4 Stockton	0.68

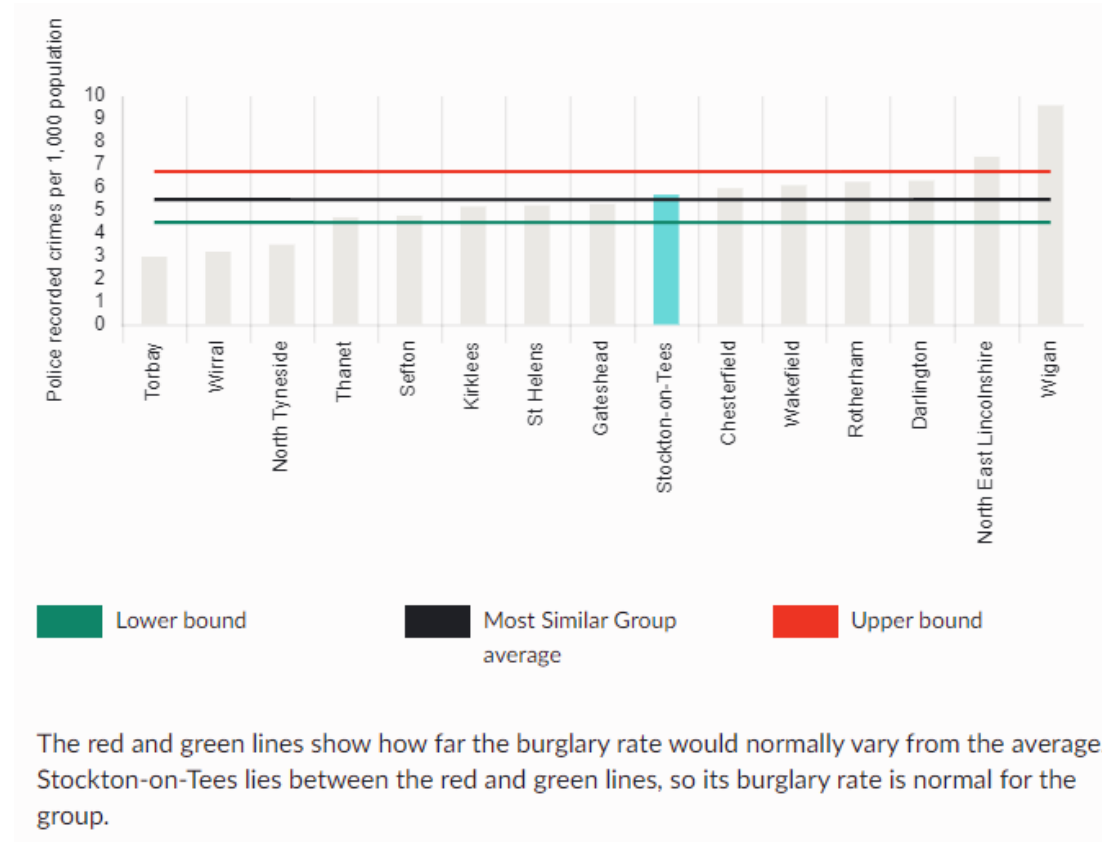
### Change since

2019/20:

-27%

### Cost of Crime:

£6.15m



### Hotspot wards:

- 1 Stockton Town Centre 138
- 2 Mandale and Victoria 110
- 3 Parkfield and Oxbridge 76
- 4 Newtown 54



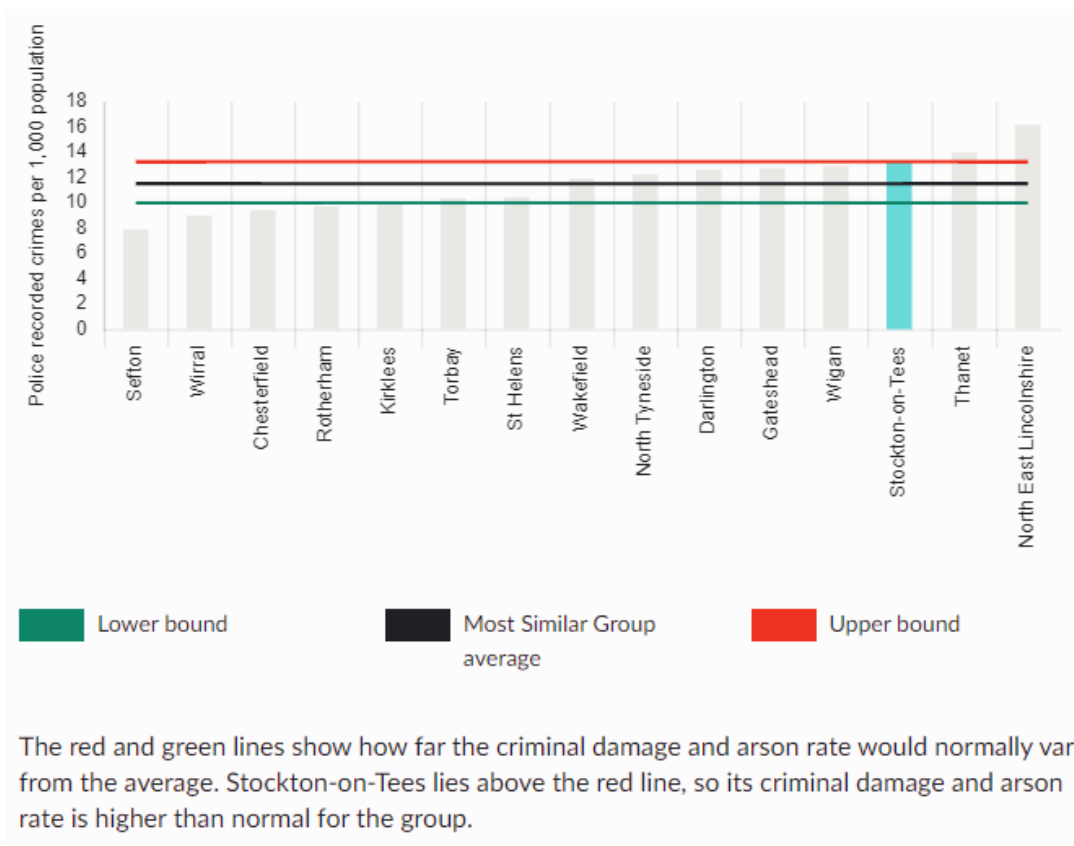
# Criminal Damage and Arson

## Criminal Damage and Arson in Cleveland per capita:

1 Middlesbrough	2.45
2 Hartlepool	1.80
3 Redcar	1.60
4 Stockton	1.47

**Change since 2019/20:**  
-26%

**Cost of Crime:**  
£3.9m



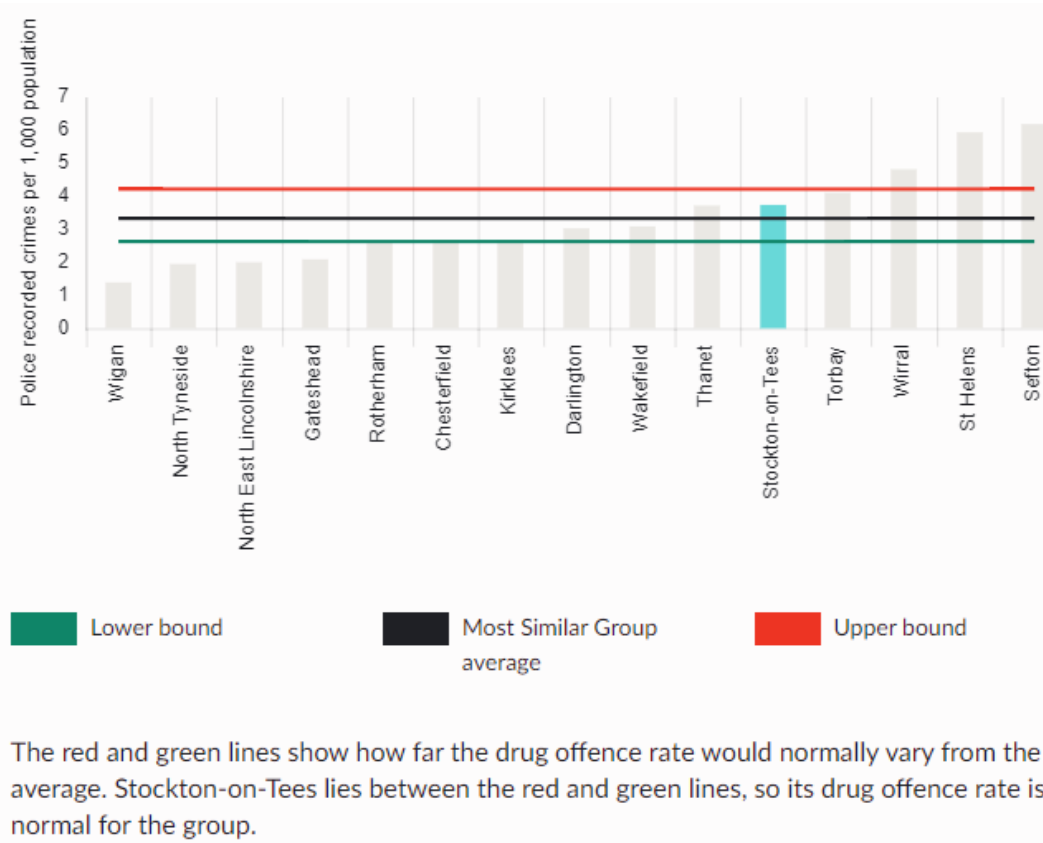
**Hotspot wards:**  
 1 Mandale and Victoria 241  
 2 Stockton Town Centre 239  
 3 Hardwick 151  
 4 Newtown 131

# Drug offences

## Drug offences in Cleveland per capita:

1 Middlesbrough	0.51
2 Hartlepool	0.37
3 Stockton	0.26
4 Redcar	0.17

Change since  
2019/20:  
+50%



## Hotspot wards:

- 1 Stockton Town Centre 160
- 2 Parkfield and Oxbridge 86
- 3 Mandale and Victoria 62
- 4 Newtown 60

# Robbery

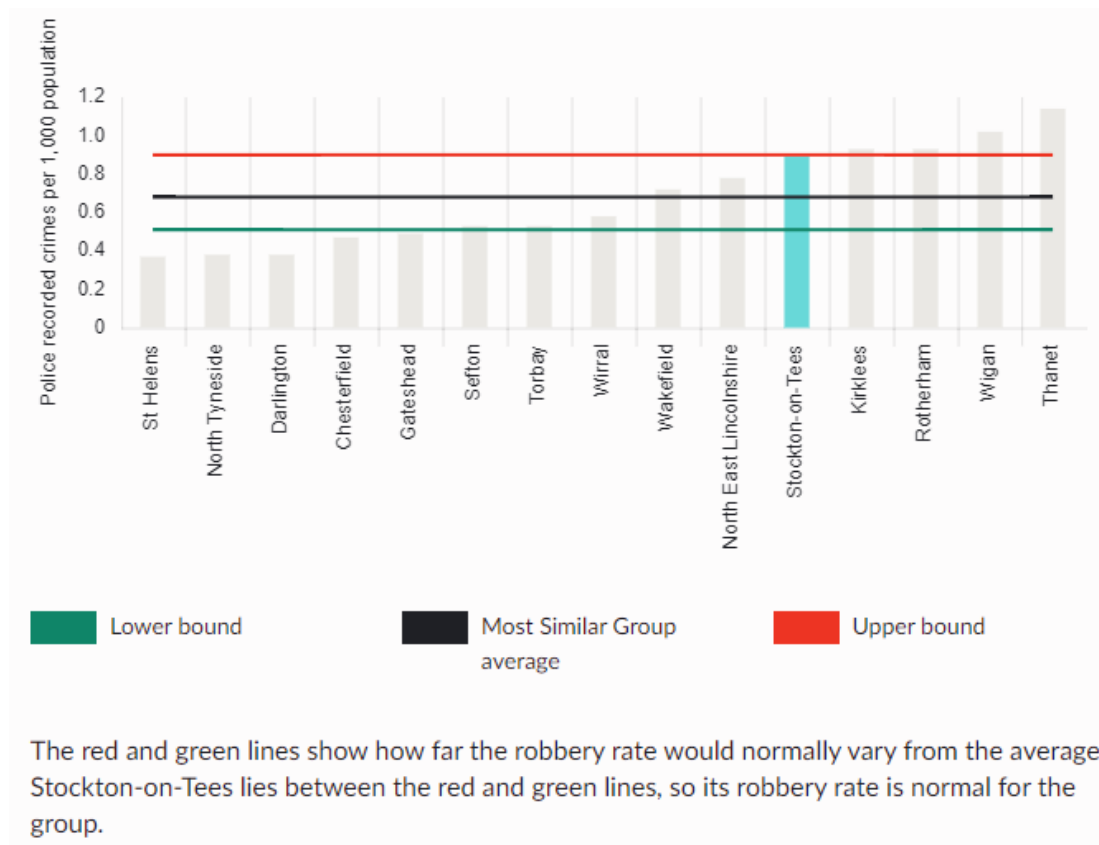
## Robbery offences in Cleveland per capita:

1 Middlesbrough	0.51
2 Hartlepool	0.37
3 Stockton	0.26
4 Redcar	0.17

## Change since 2019/20:

-6%

**Cost of Crime:**  
£2.42m



## Hotspot wards:

- 1 Stockton Town Centre 46
- 2 Parkfield and Oxbridge 23
- 3 Mandale and Victoria 18
- 4 Newtown 14

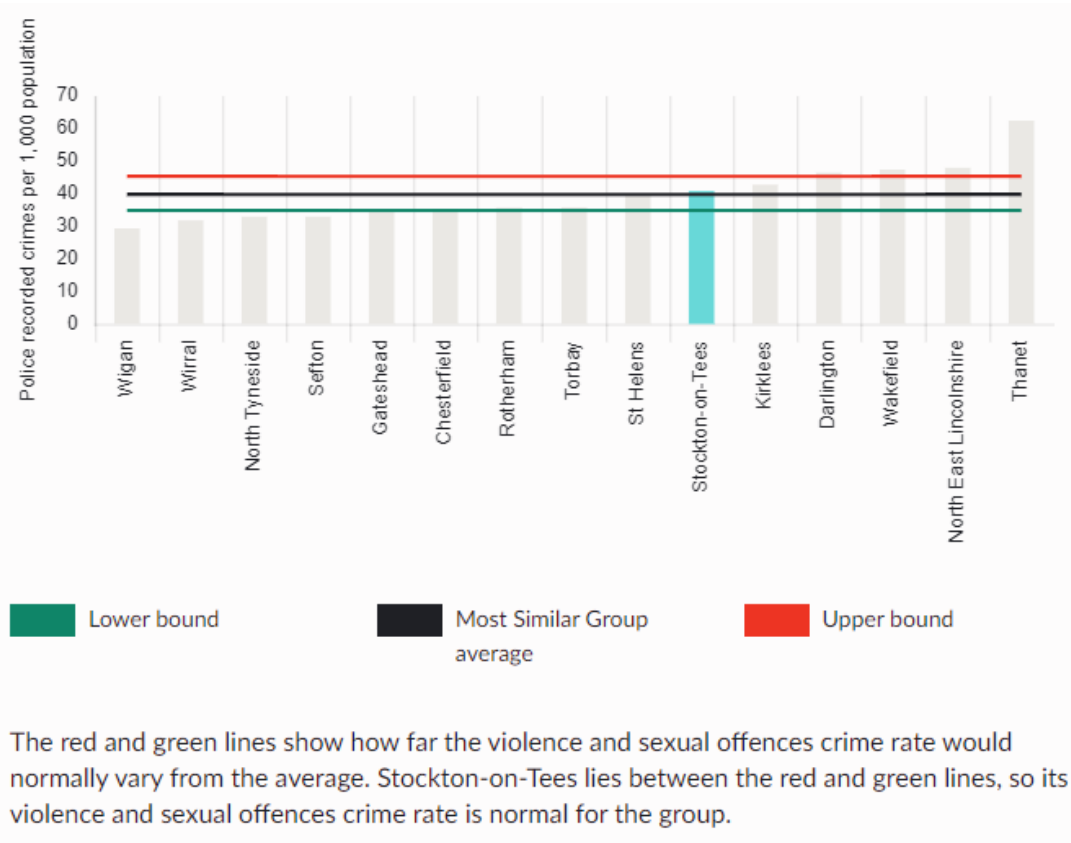
# Violence and Sexual Offences

## Violent and sexual offences in Cleveland per capita:

1 Middlesbrough	5.55
2 Hartlepool	4.36
3 Stockton	3.58
4 Redcar	3.35

Change since 2019/20:  
+6%

Cost of Crime:  
£52.87m



**Hotspot wards:**  
1 Stockton Town Centre 613  
2 Mandale and Victoria 509  
3 Parkfield and Oxbridge 328  
4 Newtown 294

# ASB

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Concern	Mentions in survey
Teenagers/Young people	21
Drugs	16
Neighbours	11
Property	7
Throwing	7
Groups	6
Night	6

**Hotspot wards:**  
1 Stockton Town Centre 711  
2 Mandale and Victoria 549  
3 Parkfield and Oxbridge 388  
4 Newtown 319

# Domestic Abuse

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3,680 domestic abuse crimes reported in Stockton in 2020-21 – up from 1,469 in 2015-16

Domestic abuse is 19% of all crime in Stockton

Domestic abuse cost £18.27m in 2020-21 – 35% of the total violent crime cost.

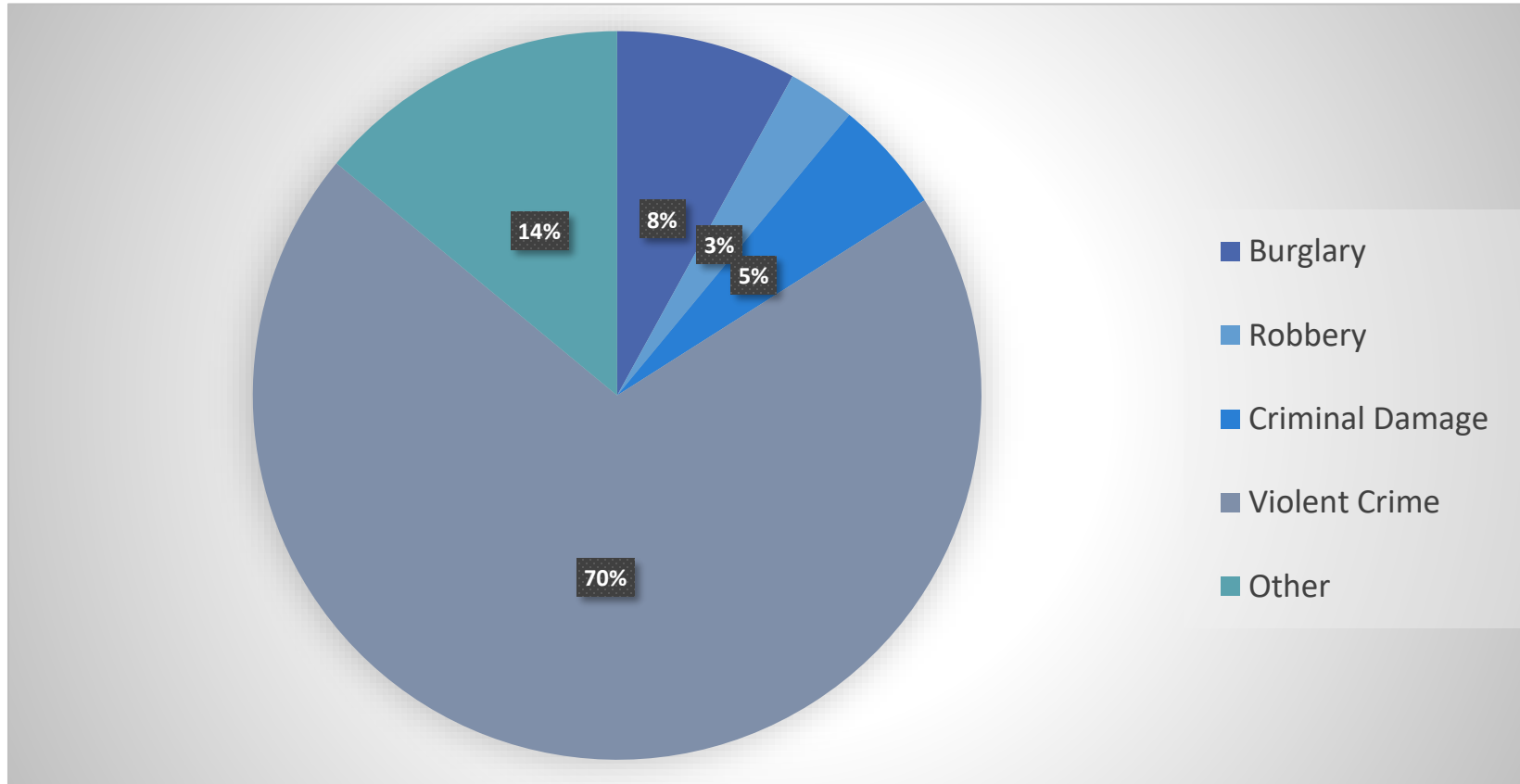
*Stockton's existing Domestic Abuse strategy expires in 2022 – is this within scope for the CSP strategy refresh?*

**Hotspot wards:**

- 1 Mandale and Victoria 134
- 2 Stockton Town Centre 104
- 3 Norton South 84
- 4 Hardwick and Salters Lane 80

# Crime Types by Cost in Stockton

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# Discussion:

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Is this an accurate picture of crime and disorder in Stockton?

What other issues have not been considered?

What evidence base exists to support these?

How do we balance public demand vs harm, where these are not consistent?





# Organising Priorities

# Managing vulnerability

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Who are our most vulnerable:

- **Victims**
  - Domestic abuse
  - Those with high fear of crime
- **Offenders**
  - Prolific offenders
  - Youth crime and ASB perpetrators
- **Locations**
  - Town Centre
  - Mandale and Victoria
  - Parkfield and Oxbridge
  - Newtown

**Guarding targets or victims** – or making them more resilient – reduces the chances of them becoming victims of crime

**Handling offenders** – making them less likely to repeat offending – will reduce the numbers of crime

**Managing locations** – making it harder for crimes to be committed – makes Stockton safer

This methodology can be used for any agreed priority

What do we  
want to achieve?

Fewer victims of crime, especially in  
our most vulnerable cohort

A reduction in reoffending, especially  
from priority and young offenders

Reductions of crime reports in our  
hotspot areas

= Residents of Stockton feeling safer

**Setting priorities:** Priorities are generally thematic (“reduce burglary”) and agreed by volume or harm; or strategic (“Protect people from serious harm”)

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### THEMATIC PRIORITIES

- Reduce acquisitive crime
- Reduce serious violence
- Reduce the impact of substance misuse
- Reduce reoffending rates

### STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Protect people from serious harm
- Enable safer communities
- Prevent and disrupt serious and organised crime
- Improve community resilience

# How will we achieve these outcomes?

Focus on those issues which are most undermining public safety in Stockton:

- Anti Social Behaviour and feelings of safety
- Crime and disorder linked to drugs and alcohol
- Serious violence
- Domestic Abuse
- Reducing the offending rates of the most prolific offenders
- Managing the impact of serious and organised crime on Stockton

## Discussion

Are these the priorities we would like to achieve?

What do we think the four or five key achievements of the partnership should be?

Do we want to set priorities by crime type, or more strategic level priorities to enable us to be flexible?

Can we resource extra priorities on top of our statutory obligations?

How will we manage our performance to deliver them?

Is the governance structure suitable to oversee this, or will it need to be refreshed?

What is achievable with the current level of resources across the partnership?

# Example strategic priorities and activities

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# Taking action – ASB and public perception

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Focus visible patrols in priority neighbourhoods, working with Cleveland Police's Neighbourhood Policing teams

Stronger community engagement to identify and resolve neighbourhood issues in partnership

Robust use of ASB enforcement powers

Address cases where vulnerable victims and perpetrators of ASB are involved through a multi-agency risk panel

Communications campaign to help reassure residents, including advertising the use of Community Trigger



# Taking action – Drugs and Alcohol

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Develop a programme of early intervention and prevention including communications and education campaigns in partnership with the Health and Wellbeing Board

Increase access to treatment services for problem drug and alcohol service users and street drinkers

Work with licensing and Cleveland Police to effectively manage issues related to the night time economy in Stockton

Reduce drug and alcohol related crime and anti-social behaviour through enforcement and regulation

Develop a Serious and Organised Crime strategy to reduce the supply of drugs to Stockton

# Taking Action – Serious Violence

Adopt a public health approach to tackling violence, through identifying and addressing underlying drivers of violence

Protection and ongoing support for children for children and young people at the highest risk of harm and those who are survivors

Disrupting and pursuing those who pose a risk to children and young people

Supporting those who are repeat offenders of violence to address underlying needs and access to support, including health and mental health, education, employment and training, housing and family needs

# Taking Action – Domestic Abuse

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Work with Domestic Abuse commissioners to inform the next iteration of the Stockton Domestic Abuse strategy

We will use a combination of evidence-based approaches simultaneously and relentlessly in a variety of settings to change our culture and strengthen our efforts to prevent domestic abuse occurring, including a focus on healthy relationships

We will intervene early, and respond efficiently and effectively, to support, protect and safeguard individuals and families who are affected by domestic abuse

We will seek to understand, and intervene to reduce, the cycle of repeat perpetration of domestic abuse

We will seek to identify, understand, and support repeat victims of domestic abuse

We will reduce the impact of domestic abuse on children, young people and families by working restoratively with families

We will work together to educate, inform and challenge ourselves and our communities in the delivery of our vision.

# Taking Action – reducing reoffending

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Develop a local offender problem profile and a shared understanding of offender activity

Engage offenders through support to rehabilitate and resettle

Catch and convict those prolific offenders who do not engage and access support when offered

Managing the needs of the most prolific offenders to reduce offending

Supporting the Youth Offending Team and the Families First programme to support young offenders and strengthen offenders' family ties

Identifying routes to positive progression – education, employment, housing, relationships

# Taking Action – serious and organised crime

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Develop a Serious and Organised Crime profile as the foundation for disruption and targeted action against organised criminals and networks that operate the drugs 'middle market'

Create a dedicated partnership SOC Action Plan to share information and identify opportunities for partnership disruption.

Work with Cleveland Police and the OPCC to tackle the problem of county lines and the exploitation of young people.

Relentless disruption and targeted action against the highest harm serious and organised criminals and networks to disrupt the drugs middle market.

We will address vulnerability to radicalisation through our delivery of the Prevent Duty

# Resourcing

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There is little point in setting priorities if we cannot resource them. Stockton will require a structure to deliver the priorities in partnership.

This normally takes the form of sub-groups with dedicated action plans to deliver each priority. These should include oversight of any operational groups. An example structure is :

ASB	Domestic Abuse	Drugs and alcohol	Exploitation	Radicalisation	Serious and Organised Crime	Serious Violence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wardens</li><li>• ASBRAC</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DA partnership</li><li>• MARAC</li><li>• DH Reviews</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Licensing</li><li>• Links to HWBB</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• County Lines</li><li>• Child Sexual Exploitation sub group</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Prevent board</li><li>• Channel panel</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Modern Slavery and Trafficking</li><li>• Sex work</li><li>• Disruptions</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SV delivery group</li></ul>

# Measuring success

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Each priority should develop a dashboard to performance manage the strategy at the CSP

The Serious Violence Duty will dictate performance measures:

- Homicides
- Knife-related hospital admissions
- Police recorded knife crime

The CSP should oversee the overarching plan at each meeting, deal with exception reports from sub-groups, and use the performance dashboard to hold leads to account

## Co- dependencies and next steps

We will develop a comprehensive Community Safety Strategy based on the priorities agreed by the partnership.

This will be complementary to the Cleveland Police and Crime Plan, Stockton Domestic Abuse Strategy, and safeguarding strategies developed by HSSCP and the Teeside Safeguarding Adults Board.