

## **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 March 2021 to the end of February 2022.
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 (09/03/2022). 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 85.7 for March 2021 – February 2022.

Between March 2021 and February 2022, there were 16,910 publicly reported offences, which is an increase of 2,123 crimes (or + 14.4%) 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 377 crimes in comparison with the previous period, giving a total police generated crime figure of 3,857 offences, up 10.8% on the same period the previous year. Overall, there was a total of 20,767 crimes, equal to 2,500 (13.7%) more crimes compared with the same period last year.

Comparing the number of crimes recorded in the period March 2021 and February 2022 versus March 2020 and February 2021, there was more of the following crime types recorded in the Borough: violence against the person (particularly in relation to violence with injury); public disorder; sexual offences; possession of weapons; and Theft (particularly in relation to shoplifting, bicycle theft and burglary – business & community).

Comparing the number of crimes recorded in the period March 2021 and February 2022 versus March 2020 and February 2021, there were fewer of the following crime types recorded in the Borough: drug offences; and theft from the person.

Compared with March 2020 - February 2021, between March 2021 - February 2022, the largest reduction (-31.2%) in Police recorded offences in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to trafficking of drugs.

Regarding domestic crime, compared with March 2020 - February 2021, between March 2021 - February 2022, overall total domestic crime increased by 4.3% or 160 incidents. Across the same period, the largest percentage improvement (-70.0%) in domestic crime in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to drug offences.

Regarding hate crime, compared with March 2020 - February 2021, between March 2021 - February 2022, overall total hate crime increased by 29.3% or 89 incidents. Across the same period, the largest percentage improvement (-66.7%) in hate crime in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to miscellaneous crimes against society.

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

As at 09/03/22, reports of ASB to Cleveland Police show that across the Borough in the last 12 months, there was 6,187 ASB incidents, which is -40.9% on the previous 12 months

Between March 2021 - February 2022, 4,448 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 1,493 incidents (+50.5%) in the last year. In the same comparative period, the number of begging incidents was 811, equal to +388; and the number of rowdy/nuisance behaviour incidents was 1026, equal to +426.

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<sup>1</sup> SOURCE: [Mid-Year Population Estimates, UK, June 2020](#)

### **Crime: March 2021 and February 2022 versus March 2020 and February 2021**

Table 1 below shows the number of crimes that have been recorded in Stockton-on-Tees between March 2021 and February 2022 and Table 2 provides a one-month snapshot of the same for the last available month (February 2022). Please note, 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 below, between March 2021 and February 2022:

- There were 16,910 publicly reported offences, which is an increase of 2,123 crimes (or an increase of 14.4%) on the same period in the previous year. The largest reduction is in relation to theft from the person and the largest increases were in relation to death or injury due to driving and shoplifting.
- Police generated crime, which includes crimes such as drug offences, public disorder and possession of weapons has increased by a further 377 crimes, giving a total police generated crime figure of 3,857 offences, up 10.8% 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 20,767 crimes in the current period, equal to 2,500 (+13.7%) more 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 85.7 for March 2021 - February 2022. This has increased from a rate of 74.9 in the same period last year.

Key to note in Table 2 below:

- In February 2022, 1,388 publicly reported offences were recorded in the Borough, which is an increase of 367 (or +35.9%) on February 2021. The largest increase was in relation to 'bicycle theft'.
- Police generated crime, which includes crimes such as drug offences, public disorder and possession of weapons was 278 in February 2022, up by 21 (+8.2%) versus February 2021. The largest reduction was in relation to 'drug offences' and the largest increase was in relation to 'possession of weapons'.
- Overall, there was a total of 1,666 crimes in the current period, equal to 388 (+30.4%) more crimes in February 2022 versus February 2021.

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<sup>2</sup> SOURCE: [Mid-Year Population Estimates, UK, June 2020](#)

**Table 1. Cleveland Police Crime Statistics for Stockton-on-Tees: March 2021 and February 2022 versus March 2020 and February 2021<sup>3</sup>**

Crime Type	March 2021 - February 2022	March 2020 - February 2021	Difference (No. and %)	
			No.	%
<b>Violence against the person</b>	<b>8262</b>	<b>7368</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>12.1%</b>
<i>Homicide</i>	3	3	0	0.0%
<i>Death or injury due to driving</i>	6	3	3	100.0%
<i>Violence with injury</i>	1866	1486	380	25.6%
<i>Violence without injury</i>	2995	2749	246	8.9%
<i>Stalking and Harassment</i>	3392	3127	265	8.5%
<b>Sexual offences</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>607</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>30.6%</b>
<i>Rape</i>	290	200	90	45.0%
<i>Other Sexual offences</i>	503	407	96	23.6%
<b>Robbery</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7.3%</b>
<b>Theft</b>	<b>5096</b>	<b>4139</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>23.1%</b>
<i>Burglary - Residential</i>	743	751	-8	-1.1%
<i>Burglary - Business &amp; Com.</i>	296	220	76	34.5%
<i>Bicycle Theft</i>	177	147	30	20.4%
<i>Theft from the person</i>	90	104	-14	-13.5%
<i>Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)</i>	699	676	23	3.4%
<i>Shoplifting</i>	1699	970	729	75.2%
<i>Other Theft</i>	1392	1271	121	9.5%
<b>Criminal damage and Arson</b>	<b>2582</b>	<b>2508</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>3.0%</b>
<b>Publicly Reported Crime</b>	<b>16910</b>	<b>14787</b>	<b>2123</b>	<b>14.4%</b>
<b>Public Disorder</b>	<b>2508</b>	<b>1965</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>27.6%</b>
<b>Drug offences</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>-215</b>	<b>-28.5%</b>
<i>Trafficking of drugs</i>	137	199	-62	-31.2%
<i>Possession/Use of drugs</i>	403	556	-153	-27.5%
<b>Possession of Weapons</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>21.6%</b>
<b>Misc. crimes against society</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1.6%</b>
<b>Police Generated Crime</b>	<b>3857</b>	<b>3480</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>10.8%</b>
<b>Total Crime</b>	<b>20767</b>	<b>18267</b>	<b>2500</b>	<b>13.7%</b>

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

**Table 2. Cleveland Police Crime Statistics for Stockton-on-Tees: February 2022 versus February 2021<sup>4</sup>**

Crime Type	Feb-22	Feb-21	Difference (No. and %)	
<b>Violence against the person</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>10.8%</b>
<i>Homicide</i>	0	1	-1	-100.0%
<i>Death or injury due to driving</i>	0	0	0	-
<i>Violence with injury</i>	146	110	36	32.7%
<i>Violence without injury</i>	191	179	12	6.7%
<i>Stalking and Harassment</i>	267	255	12	4.7%
<b>Sexual offences</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>32.1%</b>
<i>Rape</i>	25	20	5	25.0%
<i>Other Sexual offences</i>	45	33	12	36.4%
<b>Robbery</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>114.3%</b>
<b>Theft</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>102.9%</b>
<i>Burglary - Residential</i>	79	36	43	119.4%
<i>Burglary - Business &amp; Com.</i>	17	10	7	70.0%
<i>Bicycle Theft</i>	28	6	22	366.7%
<i>Theft from the person</i>	12	6	6	100.0%
<i>Vehicle Crime (Inc Inter.)</i>	67	27	40	148.1%
<i>Shoplifting</i>	135	65	70	107.7%
<i>Other Theft</i>	147	89	58	65.2%
<b>Criminal damage and Arson</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>20.9%</b>
<b>Publicly Reported Crime</b>	<b>1388</b>	<b>1021</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>35.9%</b>
<b>Public Disorder</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>14.6%</b>
<b>Drug offences</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>-21</b>	<b>-36.8%</b>
<i>Trafficking of drugs</i>	7	16	-9	-56.3%
<i>Possession/Use of drugs</i>	29	41	-12	-29.3%
<b>Possession of Weapons</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Misc. crimes against society</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>29.4%</b>
<b>Police Generated Crime</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>8.2%</b>
<b>Total Crime</b>	<b>1666</b>	<b>1278</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>30.4%</b>

<sup>4</sup> SOURCE: Cleveland Police Monthly Crime Statistics Database

**Performance Highlights: March 2021 - February 2022 versus March 2020 - February 2021**

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.

**Table 3. All Cleveland Police recorded offences which REDUCED against the previous year in Stockton-on-Tees: March 2021 - February 2022 versus March 2020 - February 2021<sup>5</sup>**

Offence Type	Numeric Reduction	Percentage Reduction
Trafficking of drugs	-62	-31.2%
<b>Drug offences</b>	-215	-28.5%
Possession/Use of drugs	-153	-27.5%
Theft from the person	-14	-13.5%
Burglary - Residential	-8	-1.1%

Key to note in Table 3:

- Compared with March 2020 and February 2021, between March 2021 and February 2022 overall the largest percentage reduction (-31.2%) in Police recorded offences in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to trafficking of drugs and the largest numeric reduction was in relation to drug offences (-215).

Key to note in Table 4 below:

- Compared with March 2020 - February 2021, between March 2021 and February 2022 overall total domestic crime increased by 4.3% or 160 incidents.
- Across the same period, the largest percentage improvement (-70.0%) in domestic crime in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to drug offences and the largest numeric improvement was in miscellaneous crimes against society (-46).
- Also, across the same period, the largest percentage increase (+36.6%) in domestic crime in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to sexual offences and the largest numeric increase was in relation to violence against the person (+140).

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

**Table 4. All Cleveland Police recorded Domestic Crimes in Stockton-on-Tees: March 2021 - February 2022 versus March 2020 - February 2021<sup>6</sup>**

Domestic Crime Type	Last 12 Months Ending February 2022			
	Current Period	Previous Period	Difference (No.)	Difference (%)
Violence against the person	2895	2755	140	5.1%
Criminal Damage & Arson	303	308	-5	-1.6%
Theft Offences	192	170	22	12.9%
Sexual Offences	153	112	41	36.6%
Robbery	12	13	-1	-7.7%
Public Order Offences	252	230	22	9.6%
Misc. Crimes Against Society	69	115	-46	-40.0%
Drug Offences	6	20	-14	-70.0%
Possession of Weapons	6	5	1	20.0%
<b>Total Crime</b>	<b>3888</b>	<b>3728</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>4.3%</b>

**Table 5. All Cleveland Police recorded Hate Crimes in Stockton-on-Tees: March 2021 - February 2022 versus March 2020 - February 2021<sup>7</sup>**

Hate Crime Type	Last 12 Months Ending February 2022			
	Current Period	Previous Period	Difference (No.)	Difference (%)
Violence against the person	133	110	23	20.9%
Criminal Damage & Arson	16	16	0	0.0%
Theft Offences	7	7	0	0.0%
Sexual Offences	3	1	2	200.0%
Robbery	3	1	2	200.0%
Public Order Offences	229	163	66	40.5%
Misc. Crimes Against Society	2	6	-4	-66.7%
Drug Offences		0		-
Possession of Weapons		0		-
<b>Total Crime</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>29.3%</b>

<sup>6</sup> SOURCE: Cleveland Police Monthly Crime Statistics Database<sup>7</sup> SOURCE: Cleveland Police Monthly Crime Statistics Database

Key to note in Table 5:

- Compared with March 2020 - February 2021, between March 2021 - February 2022 overall total hate crime increased by 29.3% or 89 incidents.
- Across the same period, the largest percentage improvement (-66.7%) in hate crime in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to 'miscellaneous crimes against society' and the largest numeric improvement was in relation to 'miscellaneous crimes against society' (-4).
- Also, across the same period, the largest percentage increase (+200%) in hate crime in Stockton-on-Tees was in relation to 'sexual offences' and 'robbery' whilst the largest numeric increase was in relation to 'public order offences' (+66).

**Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB): March 2021 - February 2022 versus March 2020 - February 2021**

As at 09/03/22, reports of ASB to Cleveland Police shows that across the Borough:

- In February, there was 349 ASB incidents which is equal to -28.9% on the same month last year
- In the last 3 months, there was 1,079 ASB incidents which is equal to -34.7% on the previous 3 months
- In the last 12 months, there was 6,187 ASB incidents which is equal to -40.9% on the previous 12 months

Between March 2021 - February 2022 versus March 2020 - February 2021:

- 4,448 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 1,493 incidents (+50.5%) in the last year.
- The number of begging incidents was 811, equal to +388 on 2020-2021
- The number of rowdy/nuisance behaviour incidents was 1026, equal to +426 on 2020-2021

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