

Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Sub Committee 26 June 2018

Crime and Disorder Update – Period 1st April – 31st May 2018

Report of Chief Inspector Karl Wilson

Summary

This report provides the Gateshead Community Safety OSC Committee with an overview of crime and disorder in Gateshead.

1.0 CRIME AND DISORDER UPDATE

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1st April 2018 to 31st May 2018 vs 2017/18 Daily average	Central				Gateshead				Newcastle			
	2018-19		2017/18		2018-19		2017/18		2018-19		2017/18	
	YTD	DA	YTD	DA	YTD	DA	YTD	DA	YTD	DA	YTD	DA
Total crime	11,548	10,228	+ 1320	(+13%)	3,807	3,448	+ 359	(+10%)	7,741	6,780	+ 961	(+14%)
Violence against the person	3,349	2,820	+ 529	(+19%)	1,154	972	+ 182	(+19%)	2,195	1,847	+ 348	(+19%)
Violence against the person - With injury	907	855	+ 52	(+6%)	270	265	+ 5	(+2%)	637	590	+ 47	(+8%)
Most serious violence against the person	70	55	+ 15	(+26%)	15	17	- 2	(-11%)	55	39	+ 16	(+42%)
Less serious violence against the person	837	800	+ 37	(+5%)	255	248	+ 7	(+3%)	582	551	+ 31	(+6%)
Violence against the person - Without injury	2,442	1,965	+ 477	(+24%)	884	707	+ 177	(+25%)	1,558	1,257	+ 301	(+24%)
Other violence	231	150	+ 81	(+54%)	68	49	+ 19	(+38%)	163	101	+ 62	(+62%)
Harassment & assault	2,211	1,815	+ 396	(+22%)	816	658	+ 158	(+24%)	1,395	1,157	+ 238	(+21%)
Assault without injury	1,366	1,117	+ 249	(+22%)	470	362	+ 108	(+30%)	896	755	+ 141	(+19%)
Harassment (Inc stalking)	845	698	+ 147	(+21%)	346	296	+ 50	(+17%)	499	401	+ 98	(+24%)
Robbery	66	69	- 3	(-4%)	14	20	- 6	(-31%)	52	49	+ 3	(+7%)
Robbery - Business	30	11	+ 19	(+180%)	12	2	+ 10	(+498%)	18	9	+ 9	(+107%)
Robbery - Personal	36	58	- 22	(-38%)	2	18	- 16	(-89%)	34	40	- 6	(-15%)
Sexual offences	383	319	+ 64	(+20%)	105	109	- 4	(-4%)	278	210	+ 68	(+32%)
Serious sexual offences	335	267	+ 68	(+26%)	88	85	+ 3	(+3%)	247	181	+ 66	(+36%)
Rape	159	127	+ 32	(+26%)	43	41	+ 2	(+5%)	116	86	+ 30	(+35%)
Other serious sexual offences	176	140	+ 36	(+26%)	45	44	+ 1	(+1%)	131	95	+ 36	(+37%)
Other sexual offences	48	53	- 5	(-9%)	17	24	- 7	(-29%)	31	29	+ 2	(+8%)
Vehicle crime	550	545	+ 5	(+1%)	217	215	+ 2	(+1%)	333	331	+ 2	(+1%)
Vehicle interference	51	74	- 23	(-31%)	22	28	- 6	(-23%)	29	45	- 16	(-36%)
TFMV	379	372	+ 7	(+2%)	162	154	+ 8	(+5%)	217	218	- 1	(-0%)
TWOC	120	100	+ 20	(+20%)	33	32	+ 1	(+3%)	87	68	+ 19	(+29%)
Criminal damage	1,648	1,539	+ 109	(+7%)	595	584	+ 11	(+2%)	1,053	956	+ 97	(+10%)
Criminal damage - Vehicle	587	508	+ 79	(+15%)	224	186	+ 38	(+21%)	363	323	+ 40	(+12%)
Criminal damage - Dwelling	494	452	+ 42	(+9%)	176	191	- 15	(-8%)	318	262	+ 56	(+21%)
Criminal damage - Other than dwelling	132	144	- 12	(-8%)	48	42	+ 6	(+14%)	84	102	- 18	(-18%)
Criminal damage - Other	435	434	+ 1	(+0%)	147	165	- 18	(-11%)	288	269	+ 19	(+7%)
Burglary	619	628	- 9	(-1%)	235	236	- 1	(-1%)	384	392	- 8	(-2%)
Burglary - residential	353	440	- 87	(-20%)	131	165	- 34	(-21%)	222	275	- 53	(-19%)
Burglary - Business and Community	266	188	+ 78	(+42%)	104	71	+ 33	(+47%)	162	117	+ 45	(+39%)
Theft and handling	2,814	2,586	+ 228	(+9%)	735	745	- 10	(-1%)	2,079	1,842	+ 237	(+13%)
Shoplifting	1,171	1,101	+ 70	(+6%)	261	312	- 51	(-16%)	910	789	+ 121	(+15%)
Theft from the person	203	153	+ 50	(+32%)	43	24	+ 19	(+81%)	160	130	+ 30	(+23%)
Theft of a pedal cycle	174	189	- 15	(-8%)	17	31	- 14	(-45%)	157	158	- 1	(-0%)
Other theft and handling	1,266	1,143	+ 123	(+11%)	414	379	+ 35	(+9%)	852	765	+ 87	(+11%)
Drug crime	302	251	+ 51	(+20%)	79	62	+ 17	(+28%)	223	189	+ 34	(+18%)
Fraud and forgery	57	23	+ 34	(+151%)	15	8	+ 7	(+95%)	42	15	+ 27	(+179%)
Public disorder	1,595	1,334	+ 261	(+20%)	591	453	+ 138	(+31%)	1,004	882	+ 122	(+14%)
Miscellaneous crime	165	113	+ 52	(+46%)	67	44	+ 23	(+52%)	98	69	+ 29	(+42%)

The headline figures show that;

- The previous increases in recorded crime in the last 2 years, 2016/17 +33% and 2017/18 +20% are now reducing as predicted. This years increase of total recorded crime in Gateshead +10% being similar to the increases across the Force of +10% .
- The increase in Violence against the Person offences +25% are attributable to offences without any injury which are a result of improved recording practices and the majority of these offences are linked to anti-social behaviour.
- In 2017/18 Gateshead saw a significant increase in recorded sexual offences. During this period there has been a reduction in offences (-4%) well below the Force increase of +24%.
- There has been a reduction in Residential Burglary Dwelling offences (-21%).
- There has been a slight increase in ASB incidents (3%).

2.0 POLICING OPERATIONS

Over the next 3 months local policing operations will focus on ASB, Burglary Dwelling, and theft from motor vehicles.

- Operation Crimson will be a multi-agency response to the predicted increases in ASB linked to lighter nights and school holidays. This will be a borough wide operation focusing on hotspots, also providing diversionary services and educational inputs.
- Social Media messaging campaign regarding vehicle crime in the Low Fell and Birtley areas.
- Lighter nights campaign focused in Bensham and Shipcote to prevent burglary by means of entering unlocked properties. Officers delivering prevention messages, checking doors and challenging householders.
- Gateshead Town Centre continues to be a focus around a cohort of people who cause public order issues. Options to address causes of behaviour (drink/drugs) being utilised to prevent further offending.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are asked to note the contents of this report.