

SAFER & STRONGER COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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SAFE DURHAM PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY 2024-29

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INTRODUCTION

Joint Strategic Needs and Assets Assessment

As our Strategic Assessment - Rooted in intelligence and wider evidence about what drives community safety across the county

Ways of working

- Empowering communities
- Being asset focused
- Building resilience
- Working better together
- Sharing decision making
- Doing with not to



CHANGING LANDSCAPE FOR CSPS

Community Safety Partnerships were introduced by Section 6 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

PCCs created by Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 to oversee police forces

County Durham has a range of well-established and new statutory partnerships across the range of Community Safety responsibilities functioning effectively

The key consideration for SDP focus is where the SDP can add value

Partnerships provide hyper-localised strategies tailored to the needs of their communities



DEVELOPING OUR PRIORITIES

Based on evidence from JSNAA (our strategic assessment)

SDP Development session and Multi agency strategy development group to ensure that the SDP Strategy is fit for purpose and reflects the work being undertaken in partnership by organisations across the county.

Fewer priority areas which are easily understandable to the SDP, partners and communities

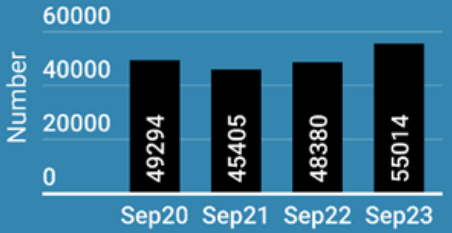
Focus where SDP can make a difference/
add value

Accountability function for existing
partnerships



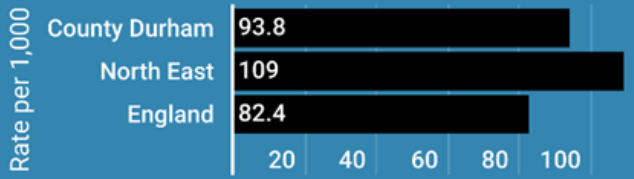
AN OVERVIEW OF CRIME AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IN COUNTY DURHAM

Around **55,000**₁ crimes were recorded in County Durham in the 12 months to September 2023



21% rise between 2021 and 2023

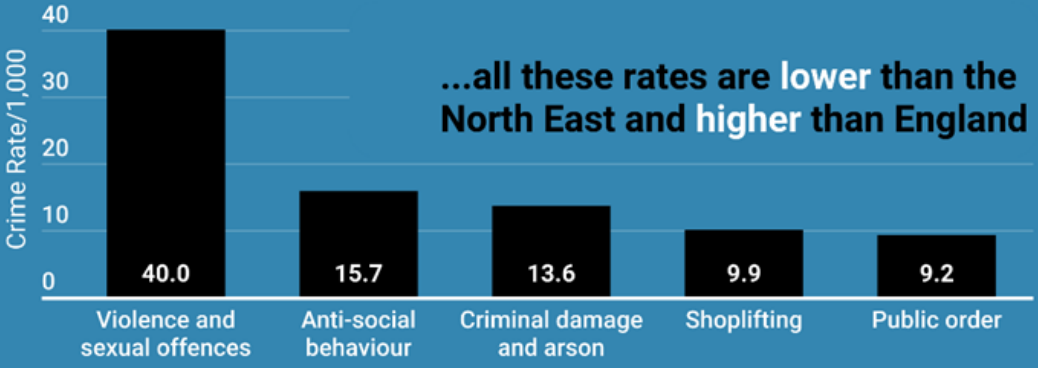
Crime rates (2023)₂ are lower in County Durham than the North East ...



...but are higher than England

This has been the case over time

The rate of violence and sexual offences locally is more than **double** the rate of anti-social behaviour (2023)



...all these rates are lower than the North East and higher than England

Around **2 in 5** of those crimes were violence against the person₁

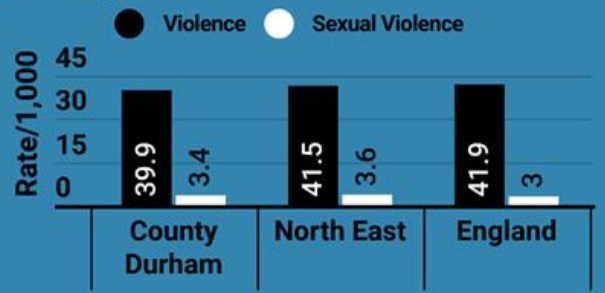


Change in offences (2020-23)₁

- Shoplifting 70%
- Public order 37%
- Sexual offences 34%
- Robbery 30%
- Violence w/o injury 24%
- Non-residential burglary -18%
- Theft from person -17%
- Stalking/harassment -14%
- Burglary -10%

AN OVERVIEW OF CRIME AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IN COUNTY DURHAM CONT....

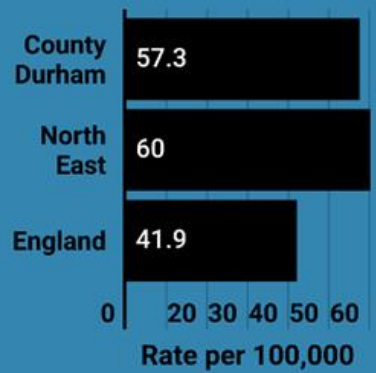
Violence and Sexual Violence offences (2022/23)



Similar to England and the North East

...that's around 20,000 violence offences and 1,600 sexual violence offences per year

Hospital admissions for violence (inc sexual violence) (2018/19-2020/21)



Statistically significantly higher than England, similar to the North East

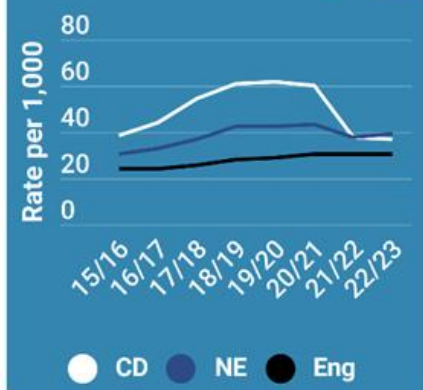
...that's around 300 hospital admissions for violence per year

Statistically significantly higher than England ●
 Not statistically significantly different to England ●
 Arrow indicates direction of travel over time ↑

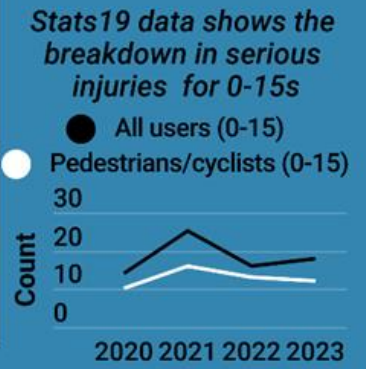
140/100K 1st time entrants to the Youth Justice System ● ↓
 ...that's 65 under 18's in 2022

387 Hate crime incidents reported in 2022/23
 ...that's almost a 10% fall from 2021/22
 Most were race related

Domestic abuse related incidents /crimes reported (2022/23) ● ↓ **37/100K**



Children killed 23.4/100K or seriously injured on roads ● →
 ...that's around 21 per year
 Stats19 data shows the breakdown in serious injuries for 0-15s



AMBITION OF SAFE DURHAM PARTNERSHIP

**‘Durham is a county
where everyone can
feel and be safe’**

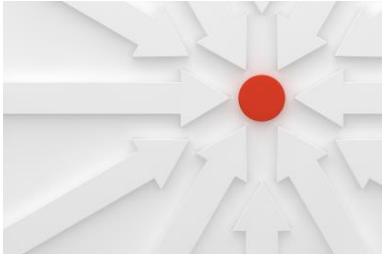


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AREAS OF FOCUS:

Safe Durham Partnership champions areas that need further focus or development (agile, flexible, responsive)



AREAS OF ASSURANCE:

Safe Durham Partnership provides oversight, assurance mechanism and escalation route for existing partnership arrangements



SAFE DURHAM PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY – PRIORITIES

- **Anti-Social Behaviour and Crime which disrupts our Communities**
 - Area of focus: anti-social behaviour
 - Areas of assurance: reducing reoffending, road safety
- **Hate Crime and Building Community Cohesion**
 - Area of focus: hate crime
 - Area of assurance: counter terrorism
- **Sexual Violence and other Violent Crime**
 - Area of focus: sexual violence
 - Areas of assurance: serious violence, domestic abuse, combatting drugs and alcohol, organised crime



WHAT WE WANT TO ACHIEVE

Anti-Social Behaviour

- Increased public confidence to report ASB.
- A coordinated and efficient multi-agency partnership approach to ASB.
- Effective pathways and support that meet the needs of victims and perpetrators.

Hate Crime

- A clear understanding among communities that hate crime should be reported and will not be tolerated.
- Cohesive communities which embrace diversity.
- Pathways and support that meet the needs of victims and perpetrators.

Sexual Violence

- Increased trust and confidence to report sexual offences.
- Improved feelings of safety around the nighttime economy, and reductions in violent crime within the nighttime economy.
- Pathways and support that meet the needs of victims and perpetrators.



DELIVERY

ASB: ASB Strategic Group

Hate Crime: Hate Crime Action Group

Sexual Violence: Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Executive Group



SAFE DURHAM PARTNERSHIP APPROACH



Supporting victims of crime

Working with victims, supporting victims and listening to feedback from victims of crime



Prevention and early intervention

Applying prevention and early intervention approaches that reduce the number of people becoming victims in the first place, and prevent escalation of crime



Increasing public confidence

Increasing public confidence to encourage people to report crime, and so that people feel safer in their community



Partnership working

Improving connectivity and partnership working to include working with others in County Durham and beyond, pooling resources and co-commissioning, and joining up data and intelligence



CONSULTATION

**DCC website from 18 March
until 14 April 2024**

Consultation included following groups:

- **Protected Characteristic groups**
- **Voluntary & Community Sector**
- **Area Action Partnerships**
- **Town & Parish Councils**
- **Youth Council**
- **SSC Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

**The final Safe
Durham Partnership
Strategy will go to
the Safe Durham
Partnership Board
on 20 May**

CONSULTATION QUESTIONS

Do these priorities reflect what Members are experiencing locally?

Are there any gaps to the strategic response to community safety?