

# Policing in Cleveland – precept discussion



Briefing to Police and Crime Panel  
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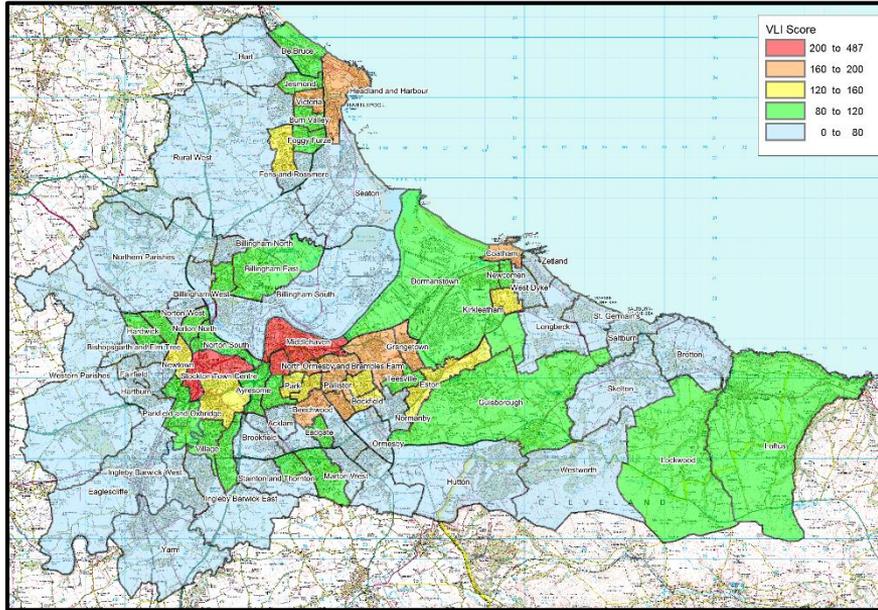
# Introduction

- Cleveland Police is committed to keeping people safe and protecting our communities
- However policing in Cleveland is challenging:
  - Demand on our services continues to rise
  - Our communities continue to present increasing complexity and vulnerability
  - Demand continues to outstrip the resources we have available - even in those areas where we have placed additional investment
  - Our resources are stretched

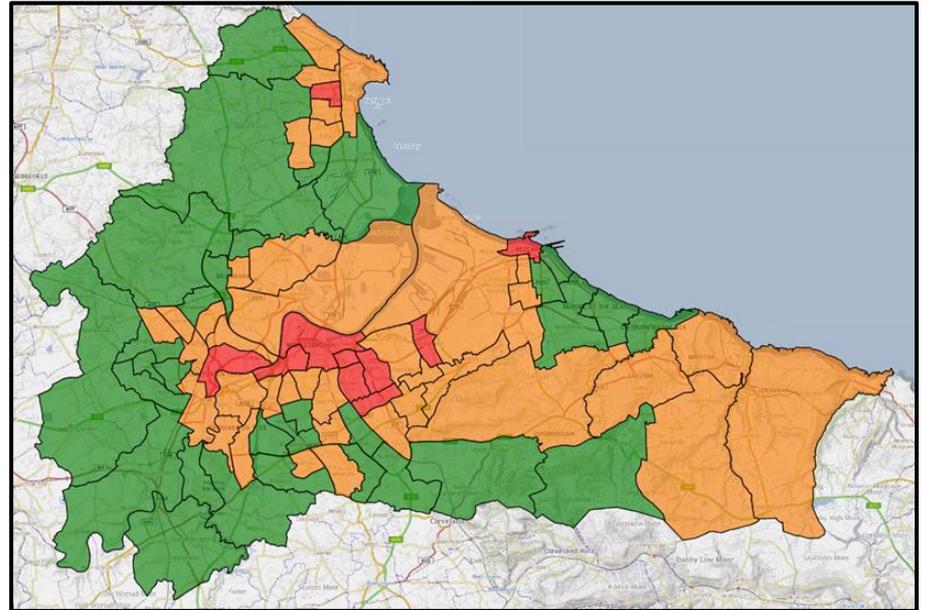


# The communities we serve

2015



2019



# Why are our communities so vulnerable?



High number of looked after children



High levels of mental health problems and high suicide rate



Low cost housing stock



High levels of refugee and asylum seekers



High unemployment and workless households



Low educational attainment and high rates of absenteeism



High levels of drug and alcohol abuse



High levels of income deprivation



High population density and an ageing population



All of these factors impact on the vulnerability of our communities and our ability to support them



# Demand for our services continues to grow

 **Calls for Service** →

**Dec 17**

Relatively stable

**Dec 18**

Up 3% or 5,624 additional calls for service

 **Recorded Crime** →

Up 9% or 4,600 additional crimes

Up 19% - 3<sup>rd</sup> highest crime rate in the country

 **Violent Crime** →

Up 11% or 1,320 additional crimes

Up 46% - 12<sup>th</sup> highest crime rate in the country

 **Sexual Offences** →

Up 16% or 220 additional crimes

Up 9% or 150 additional crimes

 **Children Missing from Home** →

Up 8.3% or 306 additional missing persons

Up 17% or 513 additional missing persons



# Demand for our services continues to grow



**Dec 18**

Up 400% with 15 homicides compared to 3 the previous year – one of the highest homicide rates in the country

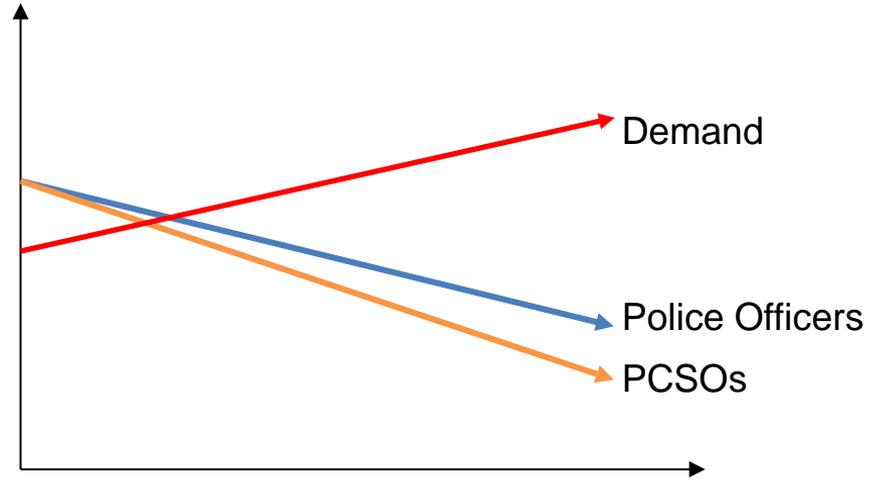
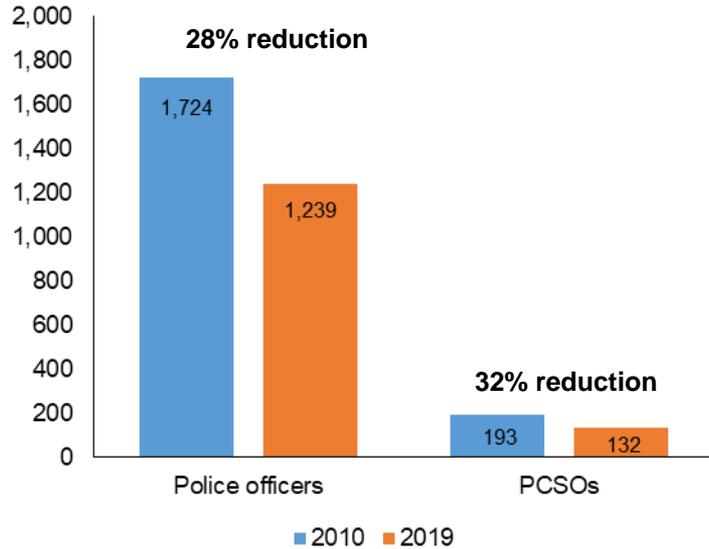
Up 54% or 3,838 additional crimes

Up 35% or 151 additional crimes

Up 6% or 1,528 additional crimes



# Yet our resources have reduced



This precept increase of £1.8 million must be set against government grant reductions of c£40m over recent years - and will not enable us to provide the full range of services we want to deliver to our communities, but it can begin to repair the damage of austerity and help us to improve the delivery of local policing



# The benefits we will deliver



## Calls for service

- Increased focus on vulnerability and risk
- More timely and appropriate response
- Enhanced online crime reporting



## Respond to protect

- Protected resource with clear focus on responding, protecting and problem solving
- Putting victims at the heart of everything we do
- Delivery of high quality and timely investigations



## Safeguarding

- Additional capacity for domestic abuse investigation
- Specialist investigation and safeguarding skills



## Problem solving

- Protected problem solving capability
- Evidence based proactive task force
- Delivery which meets new national local policing guidelines



# The benefits we will deliver



## Use of resources

- Right people, right place, right skills
- Best use of the resources available today to meet areas of greatest risk and highest need



## Investigation

- Enhanced investigation linked with local policing and delivered in communities
- Prioritised investigations based on vulnerability and risk



# Investing in local policing to make a difference

We will:



Increase resources in the Force Control Room and provide a more timely response to calls for service



Increase our investment in crime investigation and safeguarding vulnerable victims, particularly in relation to domestic violence



Maintain our commitment to neighbourhood problem solving with protected resources for our most challenging communities and a named PCSO contact for every council ward



Deliver our core priority to respond and protect



Maintain our investment in wellbeing to increase officer and staff availability

