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Dear Kit,

### **Tackling Serious Violence in Cleveland**

In advance of our meeting scheduled for tomorrow, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020 at 10am, I thought it would be helpful to provide you with a summary of the significant challenges and risk factors we face here in Cleveland in preventing and tackling serious violence, including an outline of our proposed community and partnership response to this critical issue, attached at Appendix A.

Last week it was reported that during COVID-19 the national average reduction in recorded serious violence is currently 28%. However, Cleveland has experienced an 11% reduction significantly lower than the national average.

As a shared vision to make our communities safer and stronger, all of our local MPs, and council leaders, whose authorities are valued partners and to whom I am copying this, are committed to dealing with this issue.

I thank you again for the opportunity to meet and look forward to discussing how we can work together to address serious violence in Cleveland.

Yours sincerely

**Barry Coppinger**  
**Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland**

c.c. Chief Constable Richard Lewis, Cleveland MPs and Cleveland Council Leader



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