



# POLICE PERFORMANCE



## REDUCE MURDER & HOMICIDE

We have recorded 9 homicides in the 12 months to December 2025, this compares to 7 in the 12 months to December 2019.

## REDUCE SERIOUS VIOLENCE

There were 30 admissions for the 12 months ending December 2025. This compares to 25 in the year ending December 2019 [restricted to time periods available].



We have recorded 98 offences in the 12 months to December 2025, this compares to 43 in the 12 months to December 2019.

## DISRUPT DRUGS SUPPLY AND COUNTY LINES



**Referrals into drug treatment:** This information will be published by Public Health England  
**Drug related homicides:** Awaiting Home Office guidance on appropriate data.

## REDUCE NEIGHBOURHOOD CRIME

We have recorded 6966 neighbourhood crimes\* in the 12 months to December 2025. This compares to 8988 in the 12 months to December 2019.



## TACKLE CYBER CRIME



### Confidence in the law enforcement respond to cyber-crime:

National data is currently unavailable for the confidence in the law enforcement response to cyber-crime measure. This data will be provided using the Cyber Aware Tracker.

**Percentage of business experiencing a cyber breach or attack:** This information is only accessible through the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport survey.

## IMPROVE VICTIM SATISFACTION

Satisfaction levels amongst victims of domestic abuse were 79% in the 12 months to December 2025, this compares to 82% in the 12 months to December 2019.

Satisfaction amongst victims of domestic abuse



Satisfaction levels amongst all victims are 72% in the 12 months to December 2025. Due to changes in the way this information is collected, historical comparison to 2019 cannot be made.

Overall satisfaction with police\*



# NATIONAL CRIME AND POLICING MEASURES



## **Reduce murder and homicide**

Whilst the number of homicides occurring over the past 12 months is relatively stable, the rate remains comparatively high when compared to other forces. Activity taken to address serious violence, drugs supply and domestic abuse is having a positive impact on protecting the community and reducing the number of homicides. This includes high visibility patrols in our night time economy areas, working with for example the Street Angels to reduce the risk of alcohol related crime and reduce the likelihood of vulnerable groups being subject to crime. Early intervention and close working arrangements with our partners enhances our approach to protecting victims of domestic abuse focusing on a reduction in domestic related homicides.

Cleveland Police also work with partners who provide intervention and diversionary opportunities to those individuals who are most vulnerable to drugs or alcohol and conduct proactive operations to tackle drugs supply across the force area.

## **Reduce serious violence**



Cleveland Police continue to work with partners to improve our multi-agency approach to tackling serious violence. This includes work to enhance our understanding of the problem, undertake early intervention and prevention activity, target offenders and safeguard vulnerable people. Focused initiatives continue to tackle both knife and gun crime including the targeting of high risk offenders and organised crime groups (OCGs). Work is also taking place to protect and deter young people's involvement in knife crime through Operation Eastwood which is a Police led partnership initiative to challenge and discourage the carrying of knives by young people in Cleveland. Operation Eastwood is a prevention and safeguarding intervention, offering positive support to young people referred into the process, along with their families. The programme is managed by the Early Intervention Coordinators and will involve Schools and Children Services where appropriate. Gun crime relates to offences where both real and imitation firearms are used. Processes are in place to identify and target those causing the most harm in our community by using information and intelligence to target specific individuals to recover firearms in circulation through the deployment of operational and specialised assets and to prosecute the offenders. There are clear links between gun crime and organised criminality. Firearms discharges remain sporadic in nature and are generally linked to feuds between OCGs. Cleveland Police has been allocated additional funding by the Home Office to tackle serious violence which is being used to enhance hot spot policing. Increased visibility and effective use of stop and search powers will aim to reduce the prevalence and harm caused by serious violence in key localities.

## **Disrupt drugs supply and county lines**



Cleveland Police demonstrates its commitment to tackling County Lines through regular participation in National County Lines Intensification week. A dedicated team is focused on tackling exploitation of vulnerable adults and children who are exploited by organised gangs. Regular training is provided to staff to raise awareness of County Lines and increase their skills and awareness in investigating offences of this nature. Specific funding has been provided by the government to tackle drugs activity in Middlesbrough and has been identified as a Project ADDER area. Project ADDER sees the Police working closely with Public Health to improve information sharing and ensure the approach to the drugs problem is not solely enforcement based. A Drug Market Profile has been published, allowing Cleveland Police and partners to understand the impact of drugs on our communities. This allows agencies to focus on key areas which cause the most harm to society. Initiatives are on-going to improve our understanding of the drugs being consumed within Cleveland, allowing us to alert users of any harmful products in circulation. The work of Neighbourhood Policing Teams is supported by specialist staff within the Community Drug Enforcement Team, to ensure those responsible for supplying controlled drugs are pursued and brought to justice. The Organised Crime Unit are also a specialist resource who focus on dismantling established criminal groups, the majority of whom are involved in the supply of controlled drugs.

## **Reduce neighbourhood crime**



Following a reinvestment of resources back into Neighbourhood Policing, Cleveland Police has developed and implemented a new Neighbourhood Policing Strategy. With a specific focus on problem solving and prevention there is now a greater level of scrutiny on repeat victims, offenders and locations which has helped address neighbourhood crime. For example, we have introduced regular Chief Inspector led partnership meetings (both internal and external) in all local policing areas which provide clear leadership and direction in relation to how we collaboratively address and resource neighbourhood crime and any emerging patterns. Partnership meetings have also been essential to collaborate available resources and evidence of this is through local TCG's and MARSOC meetings. Neighbourhood teams continue to be supported by our central intelligence function through the production of intelligence products which inform our daily tasking, resource and deployment decisions. In addition to our regular problem solving and prevention activity, we continue to undertake targeted operations in relation to specific issues and threats. This the focus on locations where repeat incidents of antisocial behaviour and criminal damage have occurred and also tackling organised crime and drug related offending.

## **Tackle cyber crime**



The volume and severity of serious and organised and cybercrime is growing, as criminal networks seek to take advantage of globalisation and more services and transactions take place online. As people do more and more online, the threat from cybercrime grows - whether its fraud, data theft, grooming and exploitation of children or stalking and harassment. The Cleveland Police Cyber Crime Unit (CCCU) was set up as part of a National Programme to ensure all forces had a dedicated Cyber Crime Unit. Part funded by the Government the CCCU forms part of 'Team Cyber UK'. This is an extended network of capabilities that encompass resources at national, regional and force levels. Cleveland is supported by the Regional Cyber Crime Unit (RCCU), part of the North East Regional Special Operations Unit (NERSOU). Using the principles of 'Pursue', 'Protect', 'Prevent' and 'Prepare', the team are actively involved in all referrals made to Action Fraud, providing investigative support and advice to victims in order to prevent repeat victimisation. Furthermore, our 'Prevent Officers' continue to offer preventative advice and support to local business and the wider community, particularly those identified as vulnerable. Using powers granted by the Proceeds of Crime Act, we have recently made our first seizure of crypto currency worth £10,000.

## **Improve victim satisfaction**



We have undertaken work to better understand the service we provide to victims. This includes a review of the victim's journey through the criminal justice system, the reintroduction of victim satisfaction surveys and an external audit of how we adhere to the victim's code. This work has given us a clear understanding of where we need to improve, resulting in specific training for officers and staff, improved access to victim support through the Force Control Room and provision of crime prevention advice. In addition, we continue to work with partners throughout the criminal justice system to improve the service provided to victims from their initial contact to the conclusion at court.