



Police and Crime Plan Delivery and Performance Update

Quarter 3

October – December 2025

**SAFE
STRONG &
CONFIDENT
COMMUNITIES**

Measures and performance



Priority	Outcome	Measures
 <p>Reduce crime, antisocial behaviour and harm</p>	Cleveland will be a safer place to live, work and visit, with less crime, violence and antisocial behaviour.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall recorded crime • Recorded antisocial behaviour • Recorded violent crime • Public satisfaction and confidence surveys
 <p>Deliver more visible and effective policing</p>	Police understand local concerns and provide a visible and proactive response.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public satisfaction and confidence surveys • Number of police officers, staff and volunteers • Public contact performance • Arrest rates and solved crime rates
 <p>Improve safety for women and girls</p>	Women and girls in Cleveland will feel safe and supported. Perpetrators will be held accountable.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of preventative and protective orders • Recorded VAWG offences • Use of disclosure schemes • Arrest rates and positive outcome rates
 <p>Ensure the right support for victims and vulnerable people</p>	Victims and vulnerable people feel supported and listened to, with access to high-quality services at the right time.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victim satisfaction surveys • Victims referred and supported • Compliance with the Victims Code of Practice (VCOP) • Feelings of safety
 <p>Build trust and confidence in policing and the criminal justice system</p>	People have more confidence in the police and wider justice system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public satisfaction and confidence surveys • Use of police powers • Timeliness of the local justice system • Police complaints
 <p>Tackle offending and reoffending</p>	There is a reduction in offending in Cleveland. Projects will seek to address the root causes of crime.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleveland reoffending rate • First-time entrants to the criminal justice system • Use of Out of Court disposals • Use of Restorative Justice



Reduce crime, antisocial behaviour and harm

Performance Summary

- Local data, (12 months to December 2025) is showing a year-on-year reduction in total recorded crime over the previous 3-year period (-7,703 less crimes) with the last 12 months showing a decrease of -1,640 crimes (-2.2% reduction).
- In the 12 months up to December 2025, the level of neighbourhood crime has reduced by -12.7% (-910 crimes), with vehicle crime and residential burglary reducing by -27.5% (-847 crimes) and -17% (-434 crimes) respectively.
- Serious Violence offences, year ending December 2025 shows an increase of 6.4% (+146 offences), despite this knife/sharps enabled serious violence offences remained static at 859 offences (0.1% increase) compared to the previous year.
- NHS Sharps admission year ending July 2025, continues to see a concerning increase year on year with a 9.5% increase over 12 months ending July 2025 (increase of 10 admissions).
- Year ending December 2025, there was an 8.6% increase in reported antisocial behaviour incidents (+1,498 offences). This follows an increase year ending December 2024 (-610 less incidents).



Reduce crime, antisocial behaviour and harm

Safest summer for five years

A summer crackdown on crime across Cleveland's town centres has delivered strong results, making it the safest summer in five years! The Safer Streets Summer initiative ran from 30 June to 30 September, bringing increased police presence and joint action to tackle anti-social behaviour, retail crime and street crime across the area.

Some of the results include:

- 15% reduction in crime compared to the summer of 2024
- 21.6% of town centre crime led to a charge or summons – more than double the national average
- 50% reduction in retail crime in Hartlepool during July
- Increased use of Criminal Behaviour Orders, dispersal powers and support referrals

High visibility patrols, action days and close partnership working helped make town centres safer.

It is fantastic to see such positive results – which is often a time associated with increases in levels of crime. However, this work is a year round effort and it does not stop. I want to put on record my thanks to everyone involved, from officers on the ground to community partners, for helping to deliver a safer and more confident Cleveland.





Reduce crime, antisocial behaviour and harm

Getting illegal off-road bikes off our streets

Everywhere I go whether it's rural, urban – it doesn't matter where you are in Cleveland - off-road bikes are a blight on our communities.

I was therefore pleased during the reporting period to join Cleveland Police as part of **Operation Endurance** to see the tremendous work being done with partners to take action on this issue. This included the crushing of seized bikes to completely get them off our streets.

Over **208** motorbikes have been seized this year from criminal use. In continuation of my campaign as referred to in the previous reporting period, I would urge communities with information about the criminal use of motorbikes – including where they may be stored – to contact Cleveland Police on 101, through the COPA app or anonymously through Crimestoppers.





Reduce crime, antisocial behaviour and harm

Project Salus Update

Thousands of high visibility patrols have taken place following the launch of Project Salus in the previous reporting period.

Project Salus is a partnership involving antisocial behaviour patrols conducted by local council Enforcement Officers and serious violence patrols conducted by Cleveland Police.

Between July and September 2025 the below patrols were undertaken:

4,529 hours of hotspot patrols

2,646 patrols by local council enforcement officers

1,883 patrols by Cleveland Police

In addition to the above, **engagement** took place with **249 residents** and **160 businesses**. Enforcement action was also undertaken such as **fixed penalty notices** and **section 46 warnings** relating to improper waste disposal. Other activities related to anti-social behaviour, fly tipping, noise nuisance and begging.





Reduce crime, antisocial behaviour and harm

Business Crime Summit

During this reporting period I hosted a Cleveland-wide **Retail and Business Crime Summit**, bringing together businesses and criminal justice representatives to address the growing challenges of retail and business crime. I was pleased to see around **60** attendees present which highlights the need for these discussions to be taking place.

From shoplifting and assaults on staff, to anti-social behaviour, retail and business crime affects employees, customers and the wider community.

The summit included workshops to hear and understand concerns as well as providing an opportunity to discuss how we can work better together.

Next steps include the creation of a business and retail crime forum/network who will review the feedback from the event to agree on future partnership working opportunities.





Deliver more visible and effective policing

Performance Summary

- Call handling performance of both emergency and non-emergency calls for police services remains strong, with improvements during the reporting period of 3.1pts (91.1% of calls) for emergency calls answered in time and 3.3 pts (87.8% of calls) for 101 calls answered in time.
- Year ending December 2025 shows a 9.41% decrease in the number of arrests (-1,369) – this could partly be due to the increase in Out of Court Disposals from October 2025.
- Crime outcome data is expected to be released end of January 2026.



Deliver more visible and effective policing

Emergency summit to call time on the 'hidden' epidemic

In November 2025, I partnered with Cleveland Womens Network (CWN) to host a conference entitled '**One in Three**' in recognition of the fact that one in three women and girls in Cleveland are likely to experience domestic abuse or sexual violence in their lifetime.

The severity and scale of VAWG in our area is intolerable - Domestic abuse and sexual violence is everyone's business.

The conference brought together survivors, policy makers and advocates to discuss what we can collectively do to tackle VAWG. The conference also aimed to put the issue at the heart of funding strategies.

At the close of the event attendees were asked to make three pledges that their organisation could be held to account on – these pledges will form next steps to keep the conversation going.

This conference formed part of my ongoing funding campaign to ensure fairer funding is given to areas with the most need – like Cleveland – rather than based on population.



Cleveland Women's Network
Tackling Inequalities & Violence Against Women





Deliver more visible and effective policing

Residents to have their say on the cost of policing

In October 2025, I launched my public consultation to seek residents views on the policing precept – the figure paid with Council Tax bills towards the cost of policing.

The options for 2026/27 to pay include:

- Up to £12 a year more (£1 per month), an increase of 3.78%
- Up to £14 a year more (£1.17 per month) an increase of 4.41%
- Up to £18 a year more (£1.50 per month) an increase of 5.67%
- Up to £24 a year more (£2.00 per month) an increase of 7.55%

I know so many households are struggling at the moment and I don't take lightly the decision to ask the people of Cleveland to consider a rise in next years policing precept.

If the government revised it's grant funding formula base and the richer areas paid more towards the cost of policing – we would not be in this position.





Improve safety for women and girls

Performance Measures Overview

- In line with the previous reporting period Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) offences account for 22.2% of total recorded crime in Cleveland (12 months to December 2025). This is a 4.36% reduction in recorded VAWG crime (-725 offences) compared to the previous year.
- During the reporting period the number of VAWG crimes relating to Domestic Abuse reduced by 6.47% (-571 crimes), whilst the number of VAWG crimes relating to Sexual Violence seen a 11.49% (+205 crimes) increase.
- VAWG arrest rates have seen small increases year on year between December 2023 to December 2025 with a 1.4 pts increase during the last 12 months (to December 2025).
- Since the launch of the pilot in March 2025, Cleveland Police have applied for 376 Domestic Abuse Protection Orders (DAPOs) – these are now planned to be rolled out across the country.
- In the 12 months up to December 2025, the force received 2,616 Clare’s Law applications which represented a 7% increase to the previous 12 months. The applications resulted in a disclosure rate of 34.4%.
- At the time of reporting, quarter 3 service provider delivery data was unavailable.



Improve safety for women and girls

Tackling Domestic Abuse Perpetrators

In October 2025, I was please to announce that Cleveland had been selected to deliver Drive, which aims to protect some of the most vulnerable women and children in our communities.

The introduction of Drive in Cleveland will support delivery of the tees-wide tackling domestic abuse perpetration strategy.

For to long we have focussed responsibility for safety on victims and their families – but they aren't the people causing the problem.

We need to switch the spotlight onto abusers and tackle the triggers and behaviour, which lead to them carrying out domestic abuse in the first place, whilst also ensuring victims are protected from harm.

We must do all we can to prevent abuse from happening in the first place. One victim of abuse is to many.

Drive will focus on priority high risk or serial perpetrators through one-to-one intensive intervention work to drive perpetrators to change their behaviour.

It is hoped a delivery partner to support implementation of Drive will be announced in January 2026 with delivery commencing shortly after.



**The Drive
Partnership**



Improve safety for women and girls

Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy

In late December 2025, the government published the long-awaited Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Strategy with the aim of halving VAWG over the next decade.

After reviewing the strategy, I welcomed:

- The focus on prevention and early intervention
- The promise of relentless pursuit of perpetrators
- A commitment to commissioning specialist services

I was also pleased that the strategy promised a whole system and whole society approach as this will be key to enable real, tangible change in how VAWG is identified, responded to and investigated.

But it's important that delivery of the strategy avoids duplication to provide maximum impact for those who need it most.

Action must follow. The strategy must be underpinned by sustainable funding and meaningful delivery if it is to achieve the ambitious plans over the next 10 years.

My team and I are currently digesting the detail of the strategy and plan to discuss with our specialist VAWG services providers in the new year.





Improve safety for women and girls

Coming together to improve the response to stalking

In October my team hosted a session with local organisations to look at ways that stalking can be better identified and tackled in our communities.

The group examined real life stalking cases to:

- Demonstrate learning
- Highlight missed opportunities
- Identify areas for improvement

A further session will take place early 2026 to turn the discussions points into tangible plans for actions.

12 months ending December 2025, **5,081** incidents of stalking and harassment were reported to Cleveland Police.

This is equivalent to almost 14 incidents per day.





Ensure the right support for victims and vulnerable people

Performance Summary

- The Victim Care and Advice Service Date in relation to quarter 3 (ending December 2025) was not available at the time of reporting.
- Ongoing work in Cleveland Police has enabled the monitoring of their adherence to the Victims Code of Practice (VCOP).
- As of 20th January 2026, 89.3% of victims were provided with a timely update in relation to their reported crime. Up to the same time period, 20.2% of victims were referred to victim services which showed a -0.2pts decrease on the previous 12 months.
- Satisfaction with the overall victim experience provided by Cleveland Police has declined slightly from 72.4% to 71.7% year ending December 2025. Marginal improvements can be seen in initial contact (+0.6pts) with a -2.3 pts decrease in police actions taken.

Victim Experience Satisfaction Rates in Cleveland December 2025

Whole victim experience

71.7%
satisfied

● -0.7 pts from previous year

Initial contact

89.1%
satisfied

● +0.6 pts from previous year

Police actions taken

72.8%
satisfied

● -2.3 pts from previous year

Victim Care and Advice Service Outcomes June 2025

Feelings of safety

83.7%

Victims feel safer after support

Health and wellbeing

85.3%

Victims report their health and wellbeing has improved

Cope and recovery

78.1%

Victims feel they can return to their previous lifestyle or adjust to changes



Ensure the right support for victims and vulnerable people

Protection and support fund launched

In the previous reporting period, I provided an update following the launch of my **Protect and Support Fund**.

The aim of the fund was:

- Enhancing support and protection for vulnerable victims
- Seeks to reach and support underrepresented groups

We received a positive response to the funding opportunity with 28 bids submitted within the deadline. I was fortunate enough to be able to support **15 of the application**. A snapshot of those supported can be see below:

- **Age UK** - To support delivery of a short-term befriending service for female victims of domestic abuse aged 50+ living in the Middlesbrough area.
- **Hart Gables** - To deliver targeted support for victims of LGBTQ+ hate, expanding existing work with underrepresented LGBTQ+ communities.
- **Daisy Chain** - To support the Stronger Voices project that will protect and support autistic and neurodivergent young people (aged 14–25) who are disproportionately at risk of becoming vulnerable victims of crime, exploitation, and serious harm.
- **Refugee Futures** - Funding will be used to reach and support under-represented groups through working with people seeking asylum and refugees in Stockton building community knowledge and confidence in local support services.





Ensure the right support for victims and vulnerable people

Teesside fraud victims recover nearly £690,000 thanks to advocate service

I am so pleased to be able to provide funding to Safer Communities for delivery of the **Fraud Financial Advocacy** Service in partnership with Trading Standards departments in Hartlepool, Stockton, Middlesbrough and Redcar.

The fact that the advocates have recovered nearly **£690,000** shows this response is working.

By using money taken from criminals, we are helping Teessiders recover their savings. That is money well spent and I'm delighted to see the impact it is having.

Among those who received support is 85-year-old Joan Holdaway. She lost £1,000 to fraudsters, who repeatedly called her promoting a bogus investment scheme that used celebrity images.

Ms Holdaway said: "It was very upsetting. All I kept thinking about was how I was going to eke out the money that I'd still got. Then I kept thinking 'I'm not going to get this back, I know I'm not.



HERE TO HELP....FFA Vicky
Beaumont





Ensure the right support for victims and vulnerable people

Migrant Myth Buster Leaflet Launched

In October 2025, I launched in partnership with Police and Crime Commissioner colleagues in Durham and Northumbria and the North East Migration Partnership, a 'Migrant Myth Buster' Leaflet to tackle misinformation and promote understanding about migration.

The Migrant Myth Busters leaflet directly addresses common myths about asylum seekers, refugees, and migrants, providing clear, evidence-based facts on issues ranging from welfare, employment, crime, and housing. It also includes up-to-date UK and regional statistics to help communities better understand the realities of migration.

The launch came at a time when reports of hate crime are on the rise across Cleveland with Cleveland seeing a 17% increase in 2024 with 1,795 reported hate crime in the area compared to 1,534 the year before. It was noted that the figures had been influenced by the period of violent disorder during the summer of 2024.

This myth buster is crucial to ensuring that the public have the facts about immigration and asylum in the North East. There is so much disinformation, particularly on social media, which pushes false, negative messages with no basis in fact. We must do all we can to get the reality of the situation regarding immigration into the public domain and challenge those divisive voices. Minority communities in our region need to know they have advocates like us who will speak out and defend them as we try to foster tolerance over division.





Ensure the right support for victims and vulnerable people

Cleveland-wide Hate Crime Awareness Campaign

A major Cleveland-wide campaign to increase awareness and understanding of hate crime launched during the reporting period.

The **Hate Ends Here** campaign on behalf of the Cleveland Strategic Hate Crime Partnership aims to spread a zero tolerance message across the area.

Hate Ends Here raises awareness among the public and includes three key messages aimed towards victims, perpetrators and witnesses to be able to:

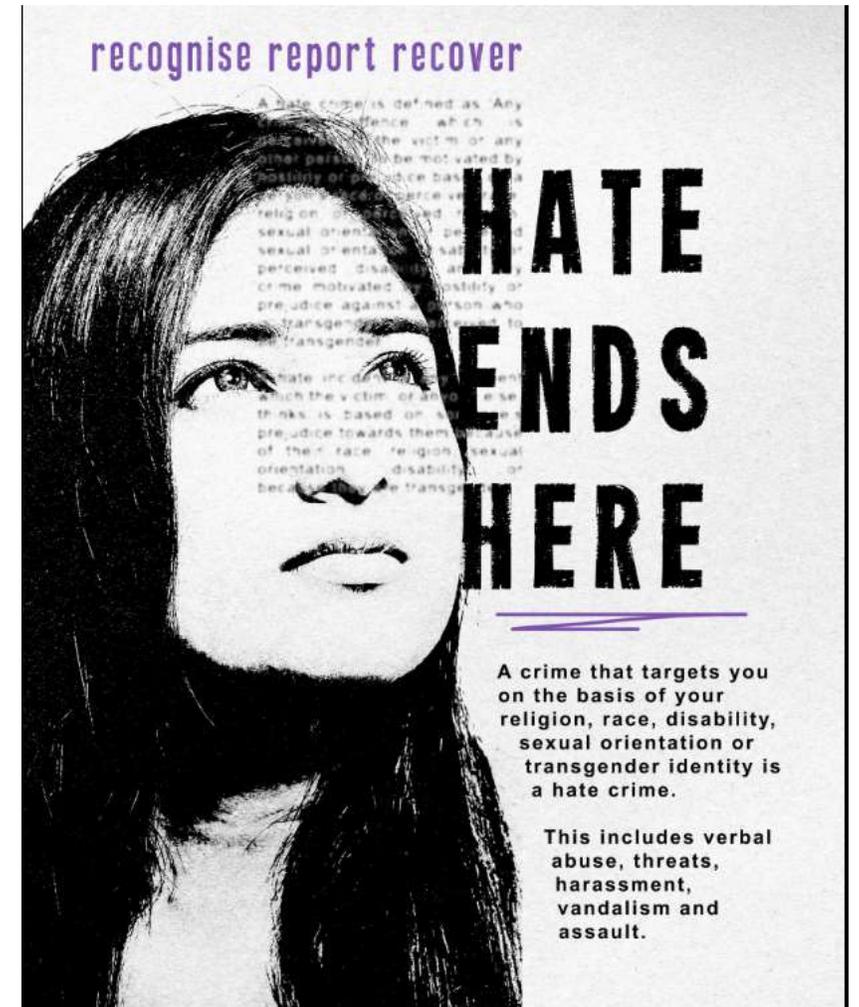
Recognise – help people to understand what hate crime is.

Report – highlight the various ways people can report hate crime.

Recover – signpost victims and witnesses to appropriate support services.

Committing a hate crime in any form is appalling and goes against the shared values held by the Hate Crime Partnership. It can have a traumatic, life changing impact on victims while perpetrators often escalate in the seriousness of their offending.

I am proud of the amazing victim support services and restorative justice teams we have in Cleveland that provide support to people as they recover from their experiences of hate. The work they do is essential to secure justice for those who are exposed to hate in whatever form that may take.





Build trust and confidence in policing and the justice system

Performance summary

- During the 12 months to December 2025, there was a -11.1% (-199 less crimes) decrease in Hate Crimes reported to Cleveland Police.
- Police complaints data April – September 2025 shows that 1,124 complaints were logged this is -2 less than the period April – September 2024. During the same periods 1,599 allegations were logged (2025) and 1,581 (2024).
- National data shows the average number of days it takes to contact complainants is 8 days. At a local level this sits at 1 day – significantly better than the national average.



Build trust and confidence in policing and the justice system

Shape Your Safety - Community engagement programme

During the last quarter, myself or a member of my team took part in **67 engagements** as part of my Shape Your Safety engagement programme.

These engagements met one of my six engagement strands:

- Public
- Partners and stakeholders
- Young people
- Underrepresented groups
- Lived experience – victims and perpetrators
- Policing insight

Consulting on the police precept

As mentioned earlier in this report, my team led a 12-week consultation on the police precept for 2025/26. In total, **1223** people took part, an increase of 133% on last year's response rate.

This can be attributed to a longer consultation period, with concerted efforts to promote the online survey with specific groups.



On a planned police operation in Grangetown, following major incidents in the area.



Making wreaths and engaging with men at HMP Kirklevington.



At Middlesbrough's Diwali celebrations at Centre Square.



With young people from Hartlepool on a visit to the police station and custody suite.



Build trust and confidence in policing and the justice system

Community engagement

The primary issues raised during my engagement during Q3 were:

- Antisocial behaviour
- Violent crime
- Drug-related crime
- Lack of police visibility
- Lack of perceived police action



Giving young people a voice at the heart of Government

Following our successful Shape Your Safety youth events in early 2025, I was delighted to take some of the young people involved to London.

They were given a tour of the House of Commons by Middlesbrough MP Andy McDonald and had the opportunity to present their report directly to Policing Minister Sarah Jones MP. The Minister invited senior civil servants to the meeting to take note of the young people's ideas on knife crime, VAWG, online safety and county lines.





Build trust and confidence in policing and the justice system

A winning commitment to police ethics

I'm delighted that Dave Smith, Chair of Cleveland Police's External Independent Ethics Committee was successful in winning a Lord Ferrers Award on 26 November 2025.

Dave has been a member of the Committee since 2016 and under his leadership, the Committee has grown into a respected body which Cleveland Police consults with on ethical dilemmas.

Some of the subjects the panel have discussed have included:

- The use of Artificial Intelligence
- The use of X as a social media platform
- The use of Body Worn Video
- Dress Code Standards
- Sponsorship and Compensation

The Lord Ferrers Awards recognise outstanding contributions to volunteering in policing.

I am so grateful to Dave and his commitment to standards in policing – well done!





Tackle offending and reoffending

Performance Summary

- During the reporting period Cleveland Divert seen a -31.6% decrease in referrals (-160 referrals). During the same period Youth Triage also seen a decrease in referrals are significantly less of a decrease than Divert at -9.2% (43 referrals).
- The number of Out Of Court Disposals issues by Cleveland Police saw a significant increase year ending December 2025 at 33.3% (+449 more).
- Between April – December 2025, the Cleveland Custody Navigators have screen 679 young people who have been arrested and taken into Police Custody. Of the 679 young people screens 351 provided consent for support whilst in custody.



Tackle offending and reoffending

Management of sexual and violent offenders and potentially dangerous people

During the quarter 3 period I held a scrutiny session in relation to how Cleveland Police manage the risks posed by sexual and violent offenders and potential dangerous people.

I was **assured** that Cleveland Police has robust measures in place and I felt that there were adequate checks and measures in place to protect, safeguard and support victims and potential victims of sexual harm.





Tackle offending and reoffending

Community Payback

During the report period I pulled up my sleeves and took part in the Great British Beach Clean (GBBC) alongside those serving community sentences.

The beach clean was organised by Probation Service North-East in the Headland area of Hartlepool. It followed nomination by the town's MP Jonathan Brash.

Community Payback is a community sentence, issued by the court as an alternative to prison. Those, who have committed criminal offences, take part in unpaid work projects. The projects benefit the local community and make reparation for their offences.

The visit to Hartlepool allowed me to find out why participants previously offended, how they plan to move forward positively and how Community Payback programmes make a difference to their lives and communities.

Community sentences are essential to ensuring that people who have offended get the right sanction that will be most effective in preventing reoffending. This kind of community work gives them a stake in their area and allows them to make a positive contribution to society, serving their community and their sentence at the same time.

