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SAFER HARTLEPOOL PARTNERSHIP (SHP) MEMBERSHIP

Dear SHP Member

SHP – 16 JANUARY 2026 - REPLACEMENT AGENDA / ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please find attached the below:

- Replacement agenda (including additional Item 4.4 - Strategic Briefing: Cleveland Police – Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) - Policy, Partnerships and Delivery Manager, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland)
- Updated Action Plan (Item 4.3 – Appendix A)

Yours faithfully



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REPLACEMENT AGENDA



Safer Hartlepool Partnership

Agenda

Friday 16 January 2026

Time: 1:00pm

Location: Council Chamber

Members:

Responsible Authority Members:

Councillor Riddle, Elected Member, Hartlepool Borough Council
Councillor Oliver, Elected Member, Hartlepool Borough Council
Denise McGuckin, Chief Executive, Hartlepool Borough Council
Kieran Bostock, Director Neighbourhoods and Regulatory Services, Hartlepool Borough Council
Sylvia Pinkney, Assistant Director, Regulatory Services, Hartlepool Borough Council
Helen Wilson, District Commander, Cleveland Police (VC)
Jo Heaney, Chair of Youth Offending Board
Gordon Bentley, North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (NENC ICB)
Ann Powell, Head of Stockton and Hartlepool Probation Delivery Unit
Sean Smith, Cleveland Fire Authority

Other Members:

Jonathan Brash, MP for Hartlepool (C)
Chris Woodcock, Acting Director of Public Health, Hartlepool Borough Council
Matt Storey, Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland
Michelle Hill, Hartlepool Voluntary and Community Sector Representative, Safer Communities
Angela Corner, Head of Community Resilience, Thirteen Group
Alison Sutherland, Executive Director of Children's Services, Hartlepool Borough Council
Jill Harrison, Executive Director of Adult Services and Public Health, Hartlepool Borough Council
Non-Voting Observer, Councillor Jorgeson, Representative of Audit and Governance Committee, Hartlepool Borough Council

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1. Apologies for Absence

2. To Receive Any Declarations Of Interest By Members

3. Minutes

3.1 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2025

4. Items For Consideration

4.1 Development of a Domestic Abuse Strategy – *Interim Director of Public Health*

4.2 Retail Crime Investigation – Final Report - *Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee*

4.3 Safer Hartlepool Partnership Action Plan 2025/26 - *Assistant Director (Regulatory Services)*

4.4 Strategic Briefing: Cleveland Police – Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) - *Policy, Partnerships and Delivery Manager, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Cleveland*

5. Any Other Business Which The Chair Considers Urgent

FOR INFORMATION

Date of next meeting – Friday 13 March at 1pm in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool.



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Strategic Briefing: Cleveland Police – Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG)

Executive Summary

This strategic briefing provides an executive-level summary of Cleveland Police and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner's (OPCC) response to Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG). It integrates findings from the VAWG Self-Assessment narrative, PCC scrutiny materials, and evidence from operational and partnership activity. The document is designed for the Hartlepool Community Safety Partnership (CSP) to support joint planning, scrutiny, and a unified response to preventing harm, supporting victims, and pursuing perpetrators.

Key Strategic Headlines

- VAWG is embedded as a strategic requirement across the Force Management Statement, Strategic Plan and the 4P Vulnerability Strategy.
- Strong governance through the Safeguarding Governance Group, Domestic Abuse Improvement Meeting, and Tactical Vulnerability Group.
- PCC commissions a wide range of VAWG specialist services including ISVA/IDVA provision, stalking advocacy and NTE safety initiatives.
- Implementation of Operation Soteria, Operation Unified and participation in the national DAPO pilot strengthens investigative quality and structural resilience.
- Areas for development include improved engagement with seldom-heard groups, stronger data-sharing with partners, and evaluation of protective orders.

1. Strategic Positioning

- VAWG is explicitly prioritised in the Force's Management Statement and Strategic Plan.
- Financial resourcing includes DA Units, CID RASSO investigators, and CAVA, and more recently force restructuring and changes to the force operating model (Operation Unified), supplemented by OPCC commissioned projects (Safer Streets, specialist support services, and Tess-wide Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Strategy).
- Corporate communications provide transparent public reporting on DA, rape and stalking investigations, and VAWG related activities and initiatives.

2. Governance & Accountability

- Comprehensive VAWG self-assessment aligned to the national NPCC framework completed.
- Operation Unified strengthens investigative capacity and supervision across RASSO and DA.
- PCC scrutiny provides independent oversight including thematic reviews of stalking, harassment, DA and police-perpetrated VAWG. Of note, the force has recently received full assurance from the PCC regards its approach to VAWG.

3. Engagement with Women & Girls

- Engagement mechanisms include DHR/SCR processes, Victim's Right to Review, victim voice in DA and rape investigations, along with regular feedback via victim surveys (DA and Stalking as examples).
- Gaps identified: No VAWG-specific Independent Advisory Group; lack of structured listening circles; limited evidence of 'You Said, We Did'.
- Engagement with schools, faith communities and cadet programmes present but not yet coordinated under a VAWG framework.

4. Prevention & Early Intervention

- VR-based educational programmes delivered to young people aged 9–14 addressing consent and online harms.
- CURV-funded Night-Time Economy safety campaigns targeting spiking, VAWG messaging, Ask for Angela training and Women's Street Watch.
- Sex work liaison and community outreach improving engagement with marginalised women.
- VKPP collaboration reviewing domestic abuse-related suicides and near-miss homicides.

5. Operational Response & Investigations

- Operation Soteria implemented with mandatory DI 14-day reviews, suspect-focused investigations and specialist training.
- DA Evidence-Led Prosecution toolkit development to strengthen early evidence capture.
- New stalking reporting page and compliance with stalking super-complaint recommendations.
- Digital investigation capability enhanced via DTAC, Operation Modify, and improved forensic support.
- Use of force wide initiatives including Operation Artimus through planned days of action to tackle VAWG

6. Victim Support & Safeguarding

- Live Link facilities at My Sisters Place and Harbour provide safe remote evidence options for VAWG victims.
- VCOP compliance monitored via Power BI dashboards; supervisors held to account via performance framework.
- MARAC, MATAC and MAPPA processes provide multi-agency oversight of risk.
- Gap identified: Need for robust evaluation of protective order outcomes (DVPN/DVPO/SRO/DAPO).

7. Partnership Work & Whole-System Delivery

- Cleveland Police actively participates in all four local authority DA partnerships, TSAB and Teeswide CSP structures.
- Partnership pathways strong with Harbour, My Sister's Place, Halo, A Way Out, Barnardo's and SARC.
- Data returns from partners into VAWG problem profiles remain inconsistent, limiting analytical insight.

8. Police-Perpetrated VAWG & Professional Standards

- Centurion VAWG flag enables tracking and monitoring of PP-VAWG cases.
- Dedicated DSE investigators all PIP2 trained, with regular liaison with DA Units.
- Gaps: vetting lapses, limited anonymous reporting confidence, and limited reality-testing of culture.

9. Culture, Training & Workforce Development

- 86.5% completion rate of mandatory Sexual Harassment e-learning; T&F group established to embed framework.
- Upstander training planned for reinvigoration; Code of Ethics training ongoing.
- Women's Working Group identifies gender-based barriers and experiences of misogyny requiring action.

10. Data, Analytics & Understanding Threat

- VAWG problem profile published 2023; next refresh scheduled 2026/27.
- Ethnicity recording improved to 80–85% via performance oversight.
- Demographics dashboard and Cambridge Harm Score integration underway.
- Digital hotspot mapping present for NTE, seasonal trends and control strategy priorities.

Future VAWG Initiatives

- Launch of a dedicated VAWG Independent Advisory Group (IAG) to strengthen community voice and scrutiny.
- Establishment of a continuous programme of VAWG Listening Circles with women, girls and underrepresented groups.
- Rollout of Operation Unified Phase 2, consolidating RASSO/DA investigation teams to increase resilience and reduce delays.
- Evaluation framework for protective orders (DVPN/DVPO/DAPO/SRO) to better understand outcomes and compliance.
- Expansion of tech-enabled VAWG prevention through Operation Modify and new digital safeguarding campaigns.
- Strengthening MARAC governance following VKPP peer review, including consistency of risk assessment and partner attendance.
- Pilot of trauma-informed training for all front-line responders aligned to Op Soteria Pillar 4.
- Development of a Cleveland-wide VAWG Community Confidence Strategy addressing mistrust and under-reporting.

VAWG Impact Metrics & Performance Overview

Recent performance data demonstrates both improvements and challenges across Cleveland's VAWG landscape. Overall VAWG crime volumes have remained relatively similar in 2025 compared to in 2024 (-2%, 53 fewer offences). VAWG represented 23% of all recorded crime. Stalking and harassment offences have reduced (-8%). Whilst sexual offences (+12%) have seen and violence without injury offences (+14%) have increased.

Criminal justice outcomes have improved since 2023. The solved rate for VAWG reached 9.7% for the 12-months to August 2025, it has fallen since then to 8.6% for 2025 but this is still in line with 2024¹. In addition, there has been enhanced disruption to criminality shown by the increasing arrest rates for VAWG offences, up to 36% in 2025 (+4.5%pts than in 2024). Performance data indicates continued challenges in emergency and priority attendance for vulnerable victims and domestic abuse victims. In 2025, emergency attendance was 83.2% within target timescales (+0.6%pts on 2024) for incidents involving a vulnerable person and 86.7% (+1.1%pts) for domestic abuse. In 2025, priority attendance was 41.0% within target timescale (+1.7%pts on 2024) for incidents involving a vulnerable person and 32.0% (+2.5%pts) for domestic abuse.

Overall harm associated with VAWG remains high, underlining the need for sustained partnership focus on prevention, early identification of risk, and targeted disruption of high-harm offenders. Victim satisfaction insights continue to emphasise the importance of timely updates, fairness, and clear explanations in improving trust and confidence in policing.

¹ Solved rate calculation has changed since previous report to being of the percentage of crimes closed and no longer includes outcome 22s (diversionary, educational or intervention activity).

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Priority	Objective / Outcome	Who	Actions/Progress/Comments
Anti-Social Behaviour	Ensure victims understand how to report ASB.	SHP members and partner organisations	<p>28/02/2025 - Cleveland Police update</p> <p>Cleveland Online Policing App (COPA) provides residents of Cleveland a digital platform to Cleveland Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner. The app allows them to feed in information about policing and community safety issues easily and quickly. It also lets them ask questions and give feedback.</p> <p>A new 'Neighbourhoods Alert' App is due to go live imminently, which will provide a digital platform for communicating between police and residents – more details to follow upon launch.</p> <p>Traditional methods of the 999, 101 and police front desk remain available.</p> <p>04/03/25 – Nicholas Stone, Community Safety Team Leader and Philip Hepburn, Community Safety Manager</p> <p>Publicity has occurred during 2024-25 regarding the work of Hartlepool Community Safety Team including work in the town centre and enforcement activity that has been undertaken.</p> <p>02/12/25 – Cleveland Police update</p> <p>Officers have continued to drive reporting of ASB through a variety of methods including Cleveland Connected. There</p>

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			<p>have been messages sent out to the community to ensure awareness of the COPA in support of this</p> <p>06/01/26 – David Riley – Enforcement/Parking During the 2024/25 and 2025/26 periods daily patrols have been undertaken in key crime hotspot areas by uniformed Kingdom officers to allow residents and businesses to have a visual point of contact within their areas to report ASB issues to directly, which included outside of HBC normal opening times. Officers also pass information onto the public on how they can report specific issues within their area.</p> <p>12.01.26 - Nicholas Stone, Community Safety Team Leader and Philip Hepburn, Community Safety Manager</p> <p>Hartlepool Community Safety Team has updated its various Community Safety, Prevent, ASB, and CCTV webpages on the new Council website.</p> <p>The Community Safety Team’s Project Officer has organised Pride in Hartlepool Days of Action in each ward which have included publicity, walkabouts, leaflet drops, and drop ins regarding reporting Crime and ASB.</p>
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	Ensure victims are aware of the ASB case review process – “Community Trigger” and how to initiate it	SHP members and partner organisations	<p>28/06/24 – Nicholas Stone, Community Safety Team Leader</p> <p>Publicity to occurring regarding the work of Hartlepool Community Safety Team. Information regarding the team is available on HBC website.</p> <p>Information regarding the Community Trigger is available on HBC website.</p> <p>04/03/25 – Nicholas Stone, Community Safety Team Leader and Philip Hepburn, Community Safety Manager</p> <p>The Community Safety Team webpages on the Council website have been updated in anticipation of a new Council website in 2025.</p> <p>Information regarding the Community Trigger remains available on HBC website. (Nicholas Stone)</p> <p>12.01.26 - Nicholas Stone, Community Safety Team Leader and Philip Hepburn, Community Safety Manager</p> <p>New guidance has been recently issued by the Home Office regarding the ASB Case Review process. This is being reviewed by the Community Safety Team with new publicity and website information being planned for 2026.</p>
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	Provide a more visible police and council officer 'on street' presence	Police and Local Authority	<p>ASB hot spot funding uniformed patrols carried out in Headland & Harbour and Victoria wards.</p> <p>28/02/2025 - Cleveland Police update</p> <p>A new shift pattern was introduced in January 2025 for Hartlepool Neighbourhood Policing Teams, this has reduced the original three teams to two, meaning more police officers and Community Support Officers are on duty at any one time. All officers have dedicated wards to increase public confidence, engagement and officer accountability.</p> <p>Operation Artemis: In July 2025, Cleveland Police will be leading a large-scale day of action, involving several partner agencies, charities, local organisations – this will be aimed at two key areas, Anti-Social behaviour and Open Water Misadventure.</p> <p>04/03/25 – Nicholas Stone, Community Safety Team Leader and Philip Hepburn, Community Safety Manager</p> <p>Safer Streets 5 project funding provided Community Cohesion Officer and Environmental Project Officer roles in Victoria Ward from April 2024 to March 2025. Town Centre patrols in place by Kingdom.</p>
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			<p>28/11/25 – Cleveland Police update</p> <p>All wards continue to have dedicated officers with individual ward meetings established and dates published online.</p> <p>Neighbourhoods currently have several vacancies meaning that some wards do not have dedicated officers across both shifts. However ,this is in hand and there remains cover from teams whilst an uplift in numbers is ongoing as part of the Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee.</p> <p>Op Aster launched in July 2025 which involves 2 dedicated officers carrying out high visibility patrols through the town centre to reduce crime and ASB. This has had a significant impact and continues to see results.</p> <p>December 2025 - SP</p> <p>ASB hotspot funding is providing uniformed patrols in parts of Victoria, Foggy Furze & Burn Valley Ward</p> <p>UKSPF funding is providing regular uniformed patrols in the Town Centre area.</p>
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			<p>06/01/26 – David Riley – Enforcement/Parking During 2024/25 and 2025/26 uniformed Kingdom officers have been on daily patrols across the borough but mainly focused in a number of crime trigger areas, including Victoria Ward, Burn Valley Ward and Foggy Furze Ward. This has allowed a council lead daily presence on the streets. Although primarily focused on ASB and Enviro crime, they have also been involved in other front-line queries and have given out advice on any council related topics. Council enforcement officers also do uniformed patrols across the borough and use marked council vans to show a visual presence. Signage has been put up in key areas on how to report certain issues and offer a visual deterrent. Any fly tipping investigated is also stickered to show the public that council officers have investigated it and passed it over to be removed as soon as possible, to provide a further reassurance of presence.</p> <p>12.01.26 - Nicholas Stone, Community Safety Team Leader and Philip Hepburn, Community Safety Manager</p> <p>UKSPF hotspot patrols around the town centre are set to continue until 31.03.26.</p> <p>From 01.04.26 onwards there will be an additional Civil Enforcement Officer funded by Pride in Place for initially 1 year.</p>
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	Make full use of the ASB tools and powers related to the partnership activity to tackle ASB	Local Authority, Police and partner organisations; Thirteen Group	<p>Community Safety Accreditation scheme in ASB hot spot areas giving Civil Enforcement Officers additional powers</p> <p>28/11/25- Cleveland Police Update Since April 2025 Hartlepool Police have submitted 139 AS13 forms in relation to Anti Social Behaviour. These are shared with our partners across the Community Safety Partnership to tackle the offending behaviour utilising other tools such as Anti Social Behaviour Contracts, Restorative Justice and Social Care intervention.</p> <p>December 2025 – SP HBC Civil Enforcement Officers and ASB officers use the full range of enforcement powers when carrying out their duties.</p> <p>06/01/26 – David Riley – Enforcement/Parking A new back alley PSPO is being looked at to allow enforcement officers to have greater powers to deal with ASB and enviro crime related issues. This will allow for powers to deal with nuisance vehicles, poorly maintained properties and waste presentation/collection issues. New powers have also been introduced during 2025 to help tackle abandoned vehicle issues and commercial waste collection issues. Enforcement officers also have PSPO dog control powers to allow them to tackle a number of key issues like dog fouling or exclusion areas across the borough.</p>

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			<p>All actions are recorded on APP to collate any actions taken by other teams within the council for intel gathering on a property and/or person.</p> <p>12.01.26 - Nicholas Stone, Community Safety Team Leader and Philip Hepburn, Community Safety Manager</p> <p>New powers will potentially be available to Civil Enforcement Officer under a proposed town centre and back lanes Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) which is currently being proposed after some recent public consultation.</p>
	Reduce deliberate fires	Local Authority, Police, Fire Brigade and partner organisations	<p>03/03/25 - Sean Smith (Hartlepool District Manager)</p> <p>Fire Brigade District manager, Sean Smith has now agreed to chair this group. (Sean Smith). Would recommend that all individuals who are known to be involved in deliberate fire setting are referred to Fire Brigade 'Fire Education Intervention' team for 1 to 1 education. Would recommend this group is attended by Fire Brigade Road and Water safety co-ordinator.</p> <p>04/03/25 – Nicholas Stone, Community Safety Team Leader and Philip Hepburn, Community Safety Manager</p> <p>Multi agency deliberate fires group – Chaired and hosted by FB with representation from partner agencies</p>

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			<p>28/11/25 Cleveland Police Update The group chaired by Sean Smith (Fire Brigade) has Police attendance and an October meeting was held where the agenda, key areas of focus and stakeholders were identified. Work will continue with partners to form a plan to tackle this specific issue.</p> <p>06/01/26 – David Riley – Enforcement/Parking Enforcement and Kingdom officers work closely with the deliberate fires group and will actively patrol key problem areas and report any incidents they come across. A number of late patrols have been done in conjunction with Summerhill and the parks teams to help reduce fires during the dry summer months. Any fly tipped waste, which could become a source of a deliberate fire is dealt with at the earliest opportunity and passed onto the councils cleansing team to be removed. Extra patrols are done on this during the build up to bonfire night.</p> <p>12.01.26 - Nicholas Stone, Community Safety Team Leader and Philip Hepburn, Community Safety Manager</p> <p>A Hartlepool Community Safety Team (HCST) representative continues to attend the Deliberate Fires Sub Group.</p>
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	Reduce the nuisance caused by illegal / off road bikes/vehicles	Local Authority, Police, Fire Brigade and partner organisations	<p>28/02/2025 - Cleveland Police update</p> <p>A reinvigorated Operation Endurance is in train, which will be aimed at a Multi-Agency approach to enforcement, problem solving and preventative activity regarding off-road bikes and ASB.</p> <p>04/03/25 – Nicholas Stone, Community Safety Team Leader and Philip Hepburn, Community Safety Manager</p> <p>Multi agency off road vehicle group – Chaired and hosted by HBC with representation from partner agencies</p> <p>06/01/26 – David Riley – Enforcement/Parking Council Enforcement officers and Kingdom officers are tasked to report any offroad/ illegal bikes they see while on patrol and will actively report any issues with them to the Police or council CCTV to monitor. Intel is also passed to the council's highways team to try and put in measures to prevent access by these vehicles in problem areas. Enforcement officers have also assisted in erecting signage across the borough to allow these types of vehicles to be seized by the Police.</p> <p>12.01.26 - Nicholas Stone, Community Safety Team Leader and Philip Hepburn, Community Safety Manager</p>
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			Hartlepool Community Safety Team (HCST) representatives continue to chair and also attend the Off Road Bikes Sub Group which has developed an Action Plan for 2025-26.
	Tackle environmental crime in all its forms	Local Authority, Police, Fire Brigade and partner organisations	<p>04/03/25 – Nicholas Stone, Community Safety Team Leader and Philip Hepburn, Community Safety Manager</p> <p>Multi agency fly tipping group. – Chaired and hosted by HBC with representation from partner agencies</p> <p>24.11.2025 – Paul Hurwood, Environmental Services Manager</p> <p>Fly-tipping group meets quarterly and continues to bring together those who can influence, and deal with the aftermath of, fly-tipping in Hartlepool. Action plan has been produced and forms basis of the work of the group. Currently working through fly-tipping data to identify trends, hotspots, etc, and formulating further actions to address this.</p> <p>28/11/25 – Cleveland Police update</p> <p>Op Endurance is still in operation and there are currently efforts ongoing to secure funding through partners to trial new tactics to reduce ASB.</p> <p>Cleveland Police are also working with Local Authorities to support in designing an environment within areas of Hartlepool that prevents this form of ASB.</p> <p>As part of ASB meeting specifically for Bishop Cuthbert there is a MA approach to designing this out in the playpark area.</p>

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			<p>The number of incidents reported to police has declined over the last 3 months from 66 in August to 34 for October.</p> <p>06/01/26 – David Riley – Enforcement/Parking Council enforcement and Kingdom officers have authorised legislative powers to enforce environmental crime across the borough. Enforcement action from warnings, direct FPNs to court prosecutions are used to tackle enviro crime. Patrols are also undertaken in hotspot areas to give a visual enforcement presence. Camera operations and signage are also used to give a further visual deterrent and give out information on how it can be reported. HBC will actively promote actions taken, regarding enviro crime results. Currently enforcement officers are able to issue for a number of environmental crimes including: Littering, domestic and commercial waste, fly tipping, duty of care, commercial waste issues, untaxed and abandoned vehicles, dog control issues, CPW/CPN, vehicles being repaired or sold on the highway and smoking in a restricted area.</p> <p>12.01.26 - Nicholas Stone, Community Safety Team Leader and Philip Hepburn, Community Safety Manager</p> <p>A Hartlepool Community Safety Team (HCST) representative continues to attend the Fly Tipping Sub Group.</p>
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			Civil Enforcement Officers continue to investigate and prosecute environmental cases as appropriate.
	TOWN CENTRE RAMP / ASB - ACTION PLAN Explore greater use of Public Space protection Orders (PSPO)	HBC & Police Explore how far / to who the orders can be devolved. HBC & Police Explore the introduction of a PSPO across the wider Town Centre and Marine.	<p>04/03/25 – Nicholas Stone, Community Safety Team Leader and Philip Hepburn, Community Safety Manager</p> <p>A review of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 legislation and associated Home Office guidance for the Act shows that it would be possible to implement a PSPO for the town centre area.</p> <p>28/11/25 Cleveland Police Update Police have resourced two officers from each NHP team to be specifically dedicated to town centre patrols (Op Aster). Results provide a good indication as to what any increased presence in the town would entail. Reporting is not currently specific to Aster however from November the officers arrested 14 persons within the bounded area. Positive feedback from the public has also been received through a variety of channels including SOH where individuals have noticed a reduction in ASB in key areas such as ‘The Ramp’</p> <p>December 2025 - SP</p>

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			<p>September 2025 a report was taken to Neighbourhood Services Committee To inform Members about the use of Public Space Protection Orders and to seek the views of the committee in relation to conducting a public consultation to include new order in the Town Centre.</p> <p>A town centre PSPO would likely include prohibitions on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) groups of people acting in a manner likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress. (b) being verbally abusive (c) drinking alcohol (unless from licensed premises) and refusing to hand over alcohol on request. (d) injecting, inhaling, ingesting, smoking or otherwise using intoxicating substances (e) urinating, defecating spitting in a public place (f) littering and rummaging bins (g) riding skateboards, scooters, e-bikes etc. in a manner likely to cause damage to property, nuisance or annoyance. (h) begging and busking (I) Approaching members of public for subscriptions or charity donations without holding a licence to do so <p>The Committee agreed to the public consultation which commenced on November. A further report will be taken to Committee following the consultation.</p>
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			<p>06/01/26 – David Riley – Enforcement/Parking</p> <p>Enforcement and Kingdom officers currently patrol the area daily and report any issues seen to either the Police or the council CCTV to monitor the area. Accredited officers will have further powers under the PSPOs to take further action within these areas, should they be approved. PSPOs may allow FPNs to be issued or in some cases a criminal prosecution.</p> <p>12.01.26 - Nicholas Stone, Community Safety Team Leader and Philip Hepburn, Community Safety Manager</p> <p>Proposals have been drawn up for a Town Centre and Back Lanes PSPO, with public consultation occurring 01.11.25 – 05.01.26.</p> <p>A Community Safety public meeting occurred with Partners and Licensees to discuss their concerns over Crime and Disorder around the Church Street and Church Square area.</p>
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	Create a 'Support Hub / Safe Space'	<p>HBC Explore potential locations for the creation of the support Hub / Safe Space</p> <p>HBC Identify who could be co-located in the Hub / Safe Space (options including Wharton Trust, START / Drugs Services and Homeless Team)</p>	<p>28/02/25 – Abigail Reay (Public Health)</p> <p>A meeting was held with Start, Sylvia Pinkney, Neil Harrison and Phil Hepburn. It was agreed that a 'support hub/safe space' may not be the best option to tackle ASB at the ramp after discussions were held with wider partners. It was discussed that a place based approach using assertive outreach should be explored. This will include a team of staff working together to provide support to these individuals. A further meeting has been arranged to put plans into action.</p>
	<p>Maximise the use of available interventions</p> <p>Create a 'Retail Crime Forum' to ensure that the voices of retailers are heard and promote greater reporting of crime</p>	<p>HBC & CFB Explore types of support that could be provided, including Fire Brigade offer.</p> <p>HBC & Police</p> <p>i) General promotion of use of available interventions:</p>	<p>28/02/2025 - Cleveland Police update</p> <p>A bespoke problem-solving plan has been commissioned, aimed at reducing retail crime in key locations/business within Hartlepool. This will include focus on both Theft of goods and violence towards employees and involve many stakeholders within the Community Safety Partnership.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Protection Warnings - Community protection Notices - Fixed Penalty Notices - Dispersal Orders - AS13s <p>Police Support Middleton Grange Shopping centre to bettered use the AS13s</p> <p>HBC PCC & MP Letter to Businesses to include York Road businesses to: Explore benefits and business support of the creation of a retail Crime Forum.</p>	<p>04/03/25 – Nicholas Stone, Community Safety Team Leader and Philip Hepburn, Community Safety Manager</p> <p>Several meetings have occurred between Community Safety, Cleveland Police and MGSC during 2024 to discuss joint working and tackling problems in the town centre. A further meeting has been arranged on 13th March 2025.</p> <p>Cleveland Police have offered to attend any Retail Crime Forum established by MGSC.</p> <p>The Community Safety Team has issued 21 Community Protection Warnings, and 4 Community Protection Notices under Operation Grantham which has targeted aggressive persons in the town centre.</p> <p>Anti-social Behaviour Officers and ward PCSOs have on a number of occasions undertook walkabouts around the town centre during 2024 to speak to local businesses about any problems, and to provide advice on how to report any problems. Officers have also updated businesses on the actions being taken by Community Safety and provided them with posters with names/photos of perpetrators who have been issued with CPWs/CPNs so that any breaches of these can be reported.</p> <p>Cleveland Police undertook 3 dispersal orders around the town centre in 2024.</p>
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			<p>Should MGSC security pursue Community Safety Accreditation with Cleveland Police then this issue could be discussed.</p> <p>28/11/25 – Cleveland Police update</p> <p>Op Aster which launched in July 2025 has 2 officers dedicated to high visibility patrols in the town centre which includes Middleton Grange. Officers have built strong relationships with stores and security to identify problem individuals and deal robustly through arrests and AS13s etc</p> <p>PSP in place for Retail Crime since February 2025 where police engage with key locations/businesses to provide reassurance and drive better practices to reduce thefts. This is updated regularly to adapt to any new trends or change in locations etc.</p> <p>As stores are identified as being ‘top’ victims there is increased focus and visibility from officers which reduces crime in these areas. As a result though offenders generally move to target other stores and so this approach needs to be reviewed as a whole.</p>
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			<p>Prolific offenders are targeted through 'Top 5' activity where individual officer responsible for securing convictions</p> <p>06/01/26 – David Riley – Enforcement/Parking Kingdom officers have been tasked with patrols of the MGSC and High Street areas to engage with retailers and promote the shop watch programme to give a physical point of contact and visual deterrence.</p> <p>12.01.26 - Nicholas Stone, Community Safety Team Leader and Philip Hepburn, Community Safety Manager</p> <p>Operation Aster is occurring with ring fenced town centre Police Officers on patrols centred around the Middleton Grange Shopping Centre and wider area. The Community Safety Team's Anti-social Behaviour Officer also on occasion participated with these patrols.</p> <p>The Community Safety Team has issued 3 Community Protection Warnings under Operation Grantham which have targeted aggressive persons in the town centre.</p> <p>The Community Safety Team has interviewed 16 young people with their parents regarding their involvement in anti-social behaviour around the town centre. These young people have then signed Acceptable Behaviour Contracts</p>
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			with the Team to manage their behaviour which was targeting residents and local businesses.
	Actively pursue additional funding opportunities	PCC, HBC Explore options for increased / continued access to: - UK Shared prosperity Funding (UKSPF) (including the ongoing provision of additional Warden Patrols). CURV funding	<p>28/11/25 Cleveland Police update GRIP funding of over £30000 has been obtained by police, HBC to allow for upgrade/repair of CCTV cameras in key streets in Foggy Furze over coming months.</p> <p>December 2025 - SP Additional UKSPF funding obtained from April 2025 to March 2026.</p> <p>Police obtained additional GRIP funding for CCTV improvements in Foggy Furze Ward.</p> <p>Improvements and upgrades have been carried out to Public Space CCTV system with further works planned in the New Year. Funding for this work has been obtained from a number of sources.</p> <p>12.01.26 - Nicholas Stone, Community Safety Team Leader and Philip Hepburn, Community Safety Manager</p> <p>From 01.04.26 onwards there will be an additional Civil Enforcement Officer funded by Pride in Place for initially 1 year.</p>

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			<p>Pride in Place funding has also been received to purchase additional mobile CCTV cameras for use in hotspot locations.</p> <p>Police GRIP funding has been received to refurbish a number of CCTV cameras in a hotspot location for crime and disorder and residential burglary.</p>
	Expand the use of Community Safety Accreditation Scheme powers.	PCC Expand the delegation of Community Safety Accreditation Scheme powers to Middleton Grange Shopping Centre	<p>04/03/25 – Nicholas Stone, Community Safety Team Leader and Philip Hepburn, Community Safety Manager Should MGSC wish to pursue Community Safety Accreditation they should contact Cleveland Polices Licensing Support Unit for advice and guidance on the Accreditation process.</p> <p>06/01/26 – David Riley – Enforcement/Parking Enforcement officers will actively be involved with accredited powers and use them as part of their daily patrols. Further powers are currently being looked into and may allow for more actions to be taken in this area.</p> <p>12.01.26 - Nicholas Stone, Community Safety Team Leader and Philip Hepburn, Community Safety Manager</p> <p>No change.</p>
	Use of Licensing Powers	Police Review Licensing powers available.	<p>28/11/25 Cleveland Police update The Cleveland Police licensing team continue to work with partners in LA and Trading Standards to tackle on and off</p>

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		Police Licensing teams to better control the sale of alcohol to intoxicated individuals.	<p>license sales whilst also supporting pub watch schemes in line with the licensing objectives.</p> <p>06/01/2025 Rachael Readman, Trading Standards and Licensing Manager</p> <p>Hartlepool Licensing Team and Cleveland Police Licensing Team maintain a strong working relationship and take a joint approach to addressing issues within licensed premises across the borough.</p> <p>Where premises are suspected of selling or supplying alcohol to an intoxicated individual, officers from both teams will conduct a visit and carry out a thorough investigation.</p> <p>A range of enforcement options may be considered, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening licence conditions through a premises licence variation • Licensing review, which may result in licence revocation, removal of the Designated Premises Supervisor (DPS), or amendments to the operating schedule • Targeted test purchase operations
	CCTV in Hartlepool	HBC Improve communication and	04/03/25 – Nicholas Stone, Community Safety Team Leader and Philip Hepburn, Community Safety Manager

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		awareness of CCTV in Hartlepool and how it is monitored	<p>The Council is currently undertaking a refurbishment of town centre CCTV cameras. Once this has been completed by end March 2025 publicity will occur regarding the CCTV service.</p> <p>28/11/25 Cleveland Police update As per the funding update above re GRIP.</p> <p>12.01.26 - Nicholas Stone, Community Safety Team Leader and Philip Hepburn, Community Safety Manager</p> <p>The Community Safety Team is currently undertaking a refurbishment of CCTV cameras and the CCTV Control Room. Once this has been completed by end March 2026 publicity will occur regarding the CCTV service.</p> <p>Additional mobile CCTV cameras are due to be deployed at hotspot locations.</p> <p>Police GRIP funding has been received to refurbish a number of CCTV cameras in a hotspot location for crime and disorder and residential burglary.</p>
	Other Comments		<p>28/02/2025 - Cleveland Police update</p> <p>Operation Artemis – January 2025: Officers in Hartlepool carried out activity with Hartlepool Council Community Wardens to tackle antisocial behaviour, aggressive begging and alcohol related violence.</p>

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			<p>They also engaged with local shop staff around the threat of violence to shopworkers. Two people were found to have drugs and dealt with, three antisocial behaviour orders were issued and a shop was reported to Trading Standards.</p> <p>Further activity continued into the evening, with checks on and around licensed premises. Sixty people were stop searched by officers, with seven of those dealt with for possession of drugs. Two were arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply drugs and one person arrested for an outstanding stalking offence.</p> <p>A drugs dog was taken around licensed premises, which led to a large quantity of drugs discarded which was then recovered by officers.</p> <p>December 2025 - SP Improvements and upgrades have been carried out to Public Space CCTV system with further works planned in the New Year. Funding has been obtained from a number of sources.</p> <p>06/01/26 – David Riley – Enforcement/Parking Enforcement and Kingdom officers will continue to be a source of intel and report/deal with any ASB/Enviro crime issues they come across. Officers have direct radios to the council's CCTV room which allows a much quicker reporting method for monitoring any issues.</p>
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			Enforcement officers also use overt CCTV in the prevention and enforcement of enviro crimes across the borough.
Off Road Biles	Improve terminology to include new technology (e.g. e-bikes - potentially 'nuisance vehicles' rather than off road bikes)	Police Local Authority	
	Improve education / awareness of the risks associated with this nuisance behaviour (work schools from primary level onwards)	Police	
	Encourage reporting stressing it's importance	Police Local Authority	December 2025 - SP HBC encourage complaints to report off road vehicle activity and highlighting the importance to elected members & others.

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	Raising the profile of work being undertaken in response to the issue and successes.	Police Local Authority	December 2025 - SP HBC Social media posts highlight work being carried out.
	Dispel myths about what the police can / will do in terms of interventions.	Police	
	Embrace technology (develop the use of drones and promote the Copper App)	Police Local Authority	December 2025 - SP Police Actively and HBC both promote the use of the COPA App. Police and HBC use drone to assist with ASB enforcement work which includes off road bikes & other vehicles
	Work with Fuel Retailers to bring them on board to better regulate the sale of fuel.	Police Local Authority	
	Further develop data sharing agreements (including Housing Associations to explore what can be done via tenancy agreements)	Police	

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	<p>The MP to progress via parliamentary processes the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The introduction of a policy that allows seized off road bikes / e-bikes to be crushed; and <p>Requirement for all off road bikes and e-bikes to be licensed</p>	MP	
Deliberate Fires	<p>Improve intelligence / data sharing between the Fire Brigade, Police and other partners to enable the effective focusing of prevention and enforcement resources in hotspot areas across the town.</p>	Fire Brigade Police	

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	<p>Develop mechanisms for improve engagement with young people and their parents from the earliest possible opportunity (e.g. primary school onwards). Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Police and Fire Brigade to work with schools and other bodies (e.g. the youth service), to raise awareness of the risks and potential implications of deliberate fire setting from communities and individual perpetrators. ii) Data and intelligence to be utilised to support the focusing of activities with schools and partner 	<p>Fire Brigade</p> <p>Police</p>	
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	<p>iii) organisations in hotspot areas. A campaign to be delivered to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote awareness of the risks and potential implications of deliberate fire setting for communities and individual perpetrators (e.g. community safety and enforcement). - Equip parents, schools and partners (e.g. health) with knowledge of the 'tell take' signs that could help them identify individuals who are, or could be, 		
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	setting fires deliberate fires. Providing an opportunity to signpost to prevention / support services and contribute to intelligence gathering / sharing.		
	Ensure that all available mechanisms for engagement / enforcement are fully utilised.	Fire Brigade Police Local Authority	
	The Chair of the Deliberate Fires Group work with the Chairs of the Fly Tipping, Off Road Bike and Derelict Land and Buildings Groups to share information and co- ordinate activities /	Chair Deliberate Fires Group Chair Fly Tipping Group Chair Off Road Bikes Group	

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	interventions in relation to this issue.	Chair Derelict Land & Buildings Group	
Domestic Violence and Abuse*	Local delivery of the Domestic Abuse Local Strategic Partnership action plan 2022-2025	SHP members and partner organisations Local Domestic Abuse Partnership Board / All	<p>27/06/24 – Olivia Highley, Domestic Abuse Coordinator</p> <p>Needs assessment, strategy and action plan are in place with oversight provided by the statutory Domestic Abuse Local Strategic Partnership. Needs assessment completed 2021 and currently being refreshed. Strategy was published 2022 and will be updated 2025. Action plans completed for years 1 and 2 and year 3 is in progress.</p> <p>28/02/2025 – Cleveland Police update</p> <p>Domestic Abuse policy and appropriate strategies are in place, with a strategic governance framework.</p> <p>Referral mechanisms pertaining to the sharing of information with key services are well implemented.</p> <p>28/11/25- Cleveland Police Update</p> <p>As per the above entry. Cleveland Police are an attendee at the Domestic Abuse Strategic Partnership.</p>
	Workforce are equipped to ask the right questions and to support victims of Domestic Abuse	Strategic MARAC Group / Local Domestic Abuse Partnership Board	<p>Training/ promotion of Domestic Abuse campaigns; Ask for Angela, 16 Days of Action/....</p> <p>27/06/24 – Olivia Highley, Domestic Abuse Coordinator</p>

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			<p>The council has adopted and are implementing the Safe & Together model and an implementation plan is being rolled out initially targeting children’s safeguarding teams and Multi-Agency partners. Training is available via HSSCP, TSAB and the council’s workforce development team as well as through our commissioned service provider, Harbour. In addition training is being developed via Strategic MARAC.</p> <p>02/03/24 – Olivia Highley, Domestic Abuse Coordinator</p> <p>The implementation of Safe and Together is going well, with a further two, 4 day Core training sessions delivered to children’s social care, health colleagues and Harbour. MARAC training is available via TSAB website which has been developed by Strategic MARAC. Training is available via HSSCP, TSAB and the council’s workforce development team as well as through our commissioned service provider, Harbour.</p> <p>28/02/2025 – Cleveland Police update</p> <p>Incident reporting mechanisms are in place to ensure appropriate risk grading for domestic abuse and victim needs assessments – connecting with MARAC and additional support services.</p>
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			<p>28/11/25- Cleveland Police Update</p> <p>As per the above entry there is a system in place for risk grading of victims which is audited regularly. Cleveland Police have recently changed their investigative structure to ensure all incidents that are graded as high risk receive investigation from their CID departments. This is in line with national recommendations and has the objective to improve service to victims of domestic abuse.</p>
	Ensure that the needs of victims / survivors with multiple and complex issues are given due consideration	All / HBC Domestic Abuse Coordinator / Corporate Communication Teams	<p>27/06/24 – Olivia Highley, Domestic Abuse Coordinator</p> <p>TSAB refreshed the Team Around the Individual process which is now High Risk Adult Panel. Harbour have a dedicated assertive outreach worker for victims with complex needs. A second refuge has been opened specifically for complex needs victims and survivors.</p> <p>02/03/24 – Olivia Highley, Domestic Abuse Coordinator</p> <p>A perpetrator strategy has been developed and is currently out for consultation via OPCC</p>
	Domestic Abuse in all its forms is recognised by the workforce and in the community	HBC Domestic Abuse Coordinator / Harbour	<p>27/06/24 – Olivia Highley, Domestic Abuse Coordinator</p> <p>A robust communications strategy is in place educating the public as well as professionals on domestic abuse, appropriate response and how to access help and support.</p>

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			<p>The council's website has been updated to reflect our offer of support services.</p> <p>06/01/26 – David Riley – Enforcement/Parking Front line enforcement officers are aware of current initiatives such as 'Ask for Angela' and other signs of domestic abuse and will report any such issue seen to the appropriate teams.</p>
	Victims/survivors (adults and children) are true partners in the review and development of services	SHP members and partner organisations	<p>27/06/24 – Olivia Highley, Domestic Abuse Coordinator</p> <p>The board has survivor representation, the needs assessment was completed and is being refreshed with support from victims and survivors. Harbour's service user panel contributes to any policies, procedures and plans to ensure we are led by lived experience.</p>
	Learning from Domestic Homicide Reviews is disseminated, resulting in improved service delivery across the whole system	SHP members and partner organisations	<p>27/06/24 – Olivia Highley, Domestic Abuse Coordinator</p> <p>DHR – the SHP is responsible for commissioning DHRs where a death is a result of domestic abuse. The SHP will manage any recommendations and action plans with support from the Domestic Abuse Local Strategic Partnership Board</p> <p>28/11/25 Cleveland Police update Cleveland Police have a tracking dashboard for all learning reviews for Adult and Child safeguarding. The Head of Adult Safeguarding has responsibility for ensuring all learning</p>

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			from reviews is disseminated throughout the force. This is currently controlled through Strategic Governance Boards and the Organisational Learning Board.
	Other Comments		<p>28/02/25 – Abigail Reay (Public Health)</p> <p>DAPO pilot to begin with START D&A service this is a one year funded pilot providing dedicated staffing resource to the pilot</p> <p>28/02/2025 - Cleveland Police update</p> <p>DAPO: Cleveland police are one of three forces to pilot the introduction of Domestic Abuse Prevention Orders. This goes live on 05/03/2025. DAPO is a joint policy shared between the Home Office and Ministry of Justice. The aim of the DAPO is to bring together the strongest elements of the existing protective order regime into a single comprehensive, flexible order to afford longer-term protection for victims of all domestic abuse. The DAPO will be the first order available in all court jurisdictions (criminal, family and civil) providing victims with a choice to identify the most appropriate route for them. This emphasises the importance of victims having greater choice of how to apply and allows third parties the option to apply on behalf of victims.</p> <p>28/11/25- Cleveland Police Update</p>

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			<p><u>VKPP Year 4 Domestic Homicide Project – Self-Assessment</u></p> <p>Cleveland Police is actively responding to the recommendations outlined in the fourth annual VKPP Domestic Homicide Project report. The force is coordinating a comprehensive submission, due 27th November, to address five strategic questions. These focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing recognition and response to domestic abuse among young people, particularly in the context of teenage relationship abuse, through both independent and multi-agency initiatives. • Strengthening information sharing with mental health and substance misuse services, and mapping local referral pathways to prevent domestic homicides and suicides. • Deepening collaboration between suicide prevention and domestic abuse teams to safeguard those at risk. • Raising awareness of the risks associated with non-fatal strangulation, and embedding this understanding in both operational and partnership responses. • Improving early engagement with Complex Case Units to support evidence gathering in suspected suicides linked to domestic abuse. <p><u>Draft Domestic Homicide and Suicide Prevention Plan</u></p>
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			<p>A strategic Domestic Homicide and Suicide Prevention Plan is in advanced development, designed to address gaps identified in the self-assessment. This plan will be integrated with the force's DA 4P Plan, ensuring a cohesive approach. Key strategic actions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi-agency early identification, intervention, and support for those at risk. • Enhanced recording and analysis of domestic abuse-related suicides and "near miss" incidents. • Strengthened partnerships with mental health and suicide prevention services. • Targeted training for frontline staff. • Systematic learning from Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs). <p><u>DAPO Progress Update</u></p> <p>Cleveland Police continues to demonstrate sector-leading performance in the implementation of Domestic Abuse Protection Orders (DAPOs):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 311 police-led DAPOs granted in criminal courts, second only to Greater Manchester, reflecting strong operational delivery. • Effective use of Positive Requirements (PRs) in DAPOs, aligning with best practice for rehabilitation and behaviour change. • No deployment of electronic monitoring to date, in line with most pilot areas; this presents a strategic opportunity for future enhancement.
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highest number of DAPO breaches among pilot forces, indicating robust enforcement but also highlighting the need for ongoing review of compliance strategies. Moderate activity in family court DAPOs, with scope for further cross-jurisdictional development. <p>Strategic Implications: Cleveland's leadership in DAPO implementation is clear, but future planning should address the absence of electronic monitoring and the high breach rate to further strengthen compliance and victim safeguarding.</p>
Drug and Alcohol Misuse	Work in partnership with the Combatting Drugs Partnership (CDP) to reduce drug supply	SHP members and partner organisations	<p>27/06/24 – Olivia Highley, Domestic Abuse Coordinator</p> <p>Hartlepool public health are represented at the combatting drugs partnership, as well as chairing CDP subgroup 2 regarding treatment and recovery. Community D+A services (Start) are also in attendance.</p> <p>28/02/25 – Abigail Reay, Public Health</p> <p>The above still stands – no updates</p>

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			<p>28/11/25 Cleveland Police update Close working relationships with CDP and DARD (Drug & Alcohol related deaths) is occurring across all districts to develop intelligence, information share to reduce overdose and drugs death along with enforcement. The teams within prevention are tasked from the force Tactical Coordination Group in line with force threat, harm and risk around this area.</p> <p>04/12/2025 – Abigail Reay Public Health DAPO Manager is currently looking to extend that DAPO pilot, awaiting outcome regarding this.</p>
	Local delivery of the Drug & Alcohol Strategy action plan	START and Criminal Justice Partners	<p>27/06/24 – Olivia Highley, Domestic Abuse Coordinator</p> <p>Drug and alcohol strategy plan continues to be delivered with quarterly update meetings with partners we need to present this joint at Safer Hartlepool Partnership</p> <p>28/02/25 – Abigail Reay, Public Health</p> <p>Update meetings currently on hold whilst reviewed partnership. Meetings to be reinstated in the coming weeks. The D+A strategy plan continues to be worked on.</p>

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			<p>28/02/2025 – Cleveland Police update</p> <p>Cleveland Police restructuring has seen the creation of a 'Prevention Command', with a dedicated team driving the use of Out of Court Disposals, diversionary schemes and early intervention.</p> <p>28/11/25 – Cleveland Police update</p> <p>Out of court referrals are starting to increase across Hartlepool with 164 alternative outcomes used in the past 6 months.</p> <p>Of these 96 are linked to drugs offences and the alternative outcomes will predominantly be referrals to drug support services.</p> <p>04/12/2025 - Abigail Reay, Public Health</p> <p>Meetings reinstated and continue to work well.</p>
	Review the current criminal justice pathways into substance misuse services to ensure efficacy of treatment and support	Police Trading Standards Community Safety	<p>28/06/24 – Abigail Reay, Public Health/START</p> <p>Hartlepool's continuity of care continues to be significantly higher than the national average, suggesting continuation of robust pathways between the prisons and community drug and alcohol services. Work on going to ensure that those who are taken into custody are also given opportunities to speak to substance use professionals, including onward</p>

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			<p>referrals to community services. Those that are on community orders are also referred into our dedicated CJIT Team.</p> <p>28/02/25 – Abigail Reay, Public Health</p> <p>There has been a dip in CoC stats across the region. Start have prioritised this work to increase CoC numbers and ensure timely and effective treatment to our prison leavers. Start are currently working closely with regional prisons. We can see from our local data, that our CoC stats have started to increase, showing progress with regard to the work Start have been doing.</p> <p>Aswell as being a pilot site for ISC Start are also working with Cleveland Police to look at Out of Court Disposal's this will allow an even wider reach to individuals coming through the CJ pathways to support and divert away of crime and D+A use.</p> <p>28/11/25 Cleveland Police Update</p> <p>OOCD are being increasingly considered for a host of offences including drug possession and officers will seek to work with partners and encourage referral and self-referral for addicts into such services.</p> <p>04/12/2025 – Abigail Reay, Public Health</p> <p>Continuing to improve</p>
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	Work in partnership to disrupt the supply of illegal drugs	Police Trading Standards Community Safety	<p>Supply chain disruption work carried out including. Premises visits, raids & premise closures orders</p> <p>28/02/2025 – Cleveland Police update</p> <p>Cleveland Police, along with key partners, continue to disrupt the manufacture and supply of controlled drugs. This includes effective intelligence gathering and making best use of search warrants and planned operations to target suspicious properties, seize drugs and arrest suspects. Hartlepool Neighbourhood Teams have recovered in excess of 12 million pounds worth of drugs over the last 24 months.</p> <p>28/11/25 – Cleveland Police update</p> <p>There has been continued focus and efforts to disrupt the supply of drugs within the area. By maintaining relationships with key stakeholders and through effective intelligence gathering there have been numerous drugs warrants executed throughout the LPA in the last 6 months. This has resulted in the convictions of persons bringing harm to the community. DDU taskings are also in line with the force Tactical Coordination Group (force and district). Presentations and targeted interventions delivered in schools and colleges across Hartlepool on key themes</p>

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			<p>including County Lines and anti-social behaviour and drink spiking</p> <p>12.01.26 - Nicholas Stone, Community Safety Team Leader and Philip Hepburn, Community Safety Manager</p> <p>Hartlepool Community Safety Team has obtained 9 Premise Closure Orders regarding properties involved in the supply of illegal drugs.</p>
	Raise awareness of the harms associated with drug and alcohol misuse amongst school and college students	Neighbourhood Police Team (PC Coggin)	<p>Presentations and targeted interventions delivered in schools and colleges across Hartlepool on key themes including County Lines and anti-social behaviour and drink spiking</p> <p>28/06/24 – Abigail Reay, Public Health/START</p> <p>Start CYP Team have been approaching secondary schools to expand their treatment offer, as well as offering awareness sessions. CYP team also involved in an enrichment pilot lead by YouthFocusNE within High Tunstall and English Martyrs which will include substance use drop ins. CYP Team attend colleges frequently on their market place days and events such as Freshers.</p> <p>28/02/25 – Abigail Reay, Public Health</p>

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			<p>The above is complete. Start CYP team are now working into all secondary and youth clubs across the town. A priority for Start CYP team for 2025 is to increase numbers into treatment for under 18s. Start continue to provide prevention and resilience work across the town.</p> <p>28/02/2025 – Cleveland Police update</p> <p>School liaison and engagement continuous with presentations and events raising awareness of many high-risk areas; including drugs, use of weapons, violence against women and girls.</p> <p>28/11/25 – Cleveland Police update</p> <p>PC Coggin has continued to deliver engagement sessions within educational establishments to highlight multiple areas including alcohol/drugs.</p> <p>Over 90% of education establishments force wide are signed up to Pol-Ed which provides hundreds of lessons across a host of themes including drugs and alcohol that can be consistently delivered to students. In addition, Early Intervention staff deploy to schools on a daily basis engaging with children to seek to divert away from criminal behaviour.</p> <p>04/12/2025 – Abigail Reay, Public Health</p> <p>START YP numbers in treatment remain a priority and we are working towards this priority.</p>
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			<p>12.01.26 - Nicholas Stone, Community Safety Team Leader and Philip Hepburn, Community Safety Manager</p> <p>The Community Safety Team's Project Officer has visited a number of primary schools in conjunction with a Police Officer to educate pupils on hate crime, knife crime, drugs and gangs.</p>
	Other Comments		<p>28/02/2025 – Cleveland Police update</p> <p>Refresh of Naloxone training for Hartlepool police intended during 2025.</p>
Serious Violence*	Analysis of existing and emerging hotspots of serious violence is shared and a Multi-Agency response is planned.	Cleveland Unit for the Reduction of Violence (CURV)	<p>Partners providing data for need assessment.</p> <p>Partners providing data for deep dive.</p> <p>27/06/24 – Rachel Readman (Trading Standards and Licensing Manager)</p> <p>Three Bleed Cabinets have been installed in the NTE area. Installation took place on Wednesday 19th June. The fourth</p>

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			<p>cabinet has been purchased and will be installed as soon as the pole mounting kit has arrived.</p> <p>03/03/25 – Rachel Readman (Trading Standards and Licensing Manager)</p> <p>Bleed Control Cabinets Four Bleed Cabinets have been installed in and around the Night Time Economy area.</p> <p><u>Bleed Control Kit Cabinet Locations</u></p> <p>1. <u>Bleed Cabinet 1</u></p> <p>Hartlepool Community Central Hub 124 York Road, Hartlepool, TS26 9DE On front wall of building, left of entrance, next to existing Defibrillator cabinet Three What Words /// loser.report.dock</p> <p>1. <u>Bleed Cabinet 2</u></p> <p>Hartlepool Borough Council Civic Centre building, Victoria Road, Hartlepool, TS24 8AY At front of building, at top of steps on front entrance concourse, next to existing Defibrillator cabinet Three What Words /// handle.boot.twigs</p>
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			<p>2. <u>Bleed Cabinet 3</u></p> <p>Tranquillity House (Orange Box building) Harbour View, Hartlepool, TS24 0UX Front wall of building, left of entrance, next to existing Defibrillator cabinet Three What Words /// hype.occurs.nobody</p> <p>3. <u>Bleed Cabinet 4</u></p> <p>Hartlepool Railway Station Station Approach, Hartlepool, TS24 7ED On Council owned public space CCTV camera column, opposite front entrance of Hartlepool Railway Station, and opposite existing Defibrillator cabinet Three What Words /// beats.vines.filer</p> <p>28/02/2025 – Cleveland Police update</p> <p>We have a dedicated Licencing Officer for Hartlepool within the Police who is working with the HBC officer(s). Plans are in place to fund further high visibility operations throughout the year tackling NTE violence and taxi licencing. We will continue to work in partnership to tackle problem premises and offenders.</p> <p>28/11/25- Cleveland Police Update</p>
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			<p>Cleveland Police have created problem solving plans around the night-time economy in each policing district. Hartlepool also has a problem solving plan around knife crime and robbery that drive proactivity in these areas.</p> <p>01/06/2025 – Rachael Readman (Trading Standards and Licensing Manager)</p> <p>Work with CURV and Cleveland Police around serious violence in the Nighttime Economy is ongoing</p> <p>06/01/26 – David Riley – Enforcement/Parking Enforcement officers, although not directly responsible for this area, can and do act as council front line workers. So, any violence seen on patrols is reported and, if available, information passed to the CCTV room to monitor the issue on camera for evidence. Officers have rung 999 on a number of occasions when coming across violent issues and will continue to do so as part of their patrols</p> <p>12.01.26 - Nicholas Stone, Community Safety Team Leader and Philip Hepburn, Community Safety Manager</p> <p>Town Centre CCTV cameras have been refurbished and upgraded which has lead to increased and improved monitoring of incidents around the town centre leading to numerous arrests of violent persons.</p>
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	<p>Local delivery of the CURV Response Strategy</p>  <p>CURV Response Strategy-Final.pdf</p>	<p>Cleveland Unit for the Reduction of Violence (CURV)</p>	<p>27/06/24 - Rachel Readman (Trading Standards and Licensing Manager)</p> <p>Premises have been chosen from the NTE area. Launch event taking place on 8th July when the radios will be distributed. Launch event will be attended by Cleveland Police, CURV, HBC Licensing, Licensing Committee representative and SHP Representative.</p> <p>03/03/25 - Rachel Readman (Trading Standards and Licensing Manager)</p> <p>With support from the UKSPF funding the 25 pub watch radios are going to be funded for a further year (free to the NTE premises until July 2026). The UKSPF funding has also provided us with the opportunity to hire a further ten radios bringing the NTE Pub watch network up to 35 premises.</p> <p>So far 38 NTE premises have taken advantage of one years free membership to Schemelink, to assist with their Pub watch. SCHEMELINK is more than just a tool - it's the backbone of hundreds of watch schemes across the UK, from Pub watch to Shopwatch and beyond. With features designed to keep members connected, informed, and secure, SCHEMELINK brings cutting-edge technology to the front lines of community safety and crime prevention.</p>
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			<p>Via UKSPF funding free membership has been offered for the LASAI scheme to NTE premises within the eligible area. So far one premises has completed the process and been awarded five stars.</p> <p>Licensing Security & Vulnerability initiative has been launched to keep licensed premises safer for staff and customers. Licensing SAVI brings together all the information a premises need to meet the requirements of police and council licensing teams to promote the four Licensing Objectives.</p> <p>04/03/24 – Brian Hughff, Integrated Offender Management (IOM) Team</p> <p>Cleveland IOM is a partnership approach to tackling the most prolific offenders committing ‘Neighbourhood Crime’ offences (Robbery, Burglary and other serious acquisitive crime). The key stakeholders are The Probation Service and Cleveland Police, who work with partners to collectively address the criminogenic needs of the cohorts. With substance misuse being a key driver behind the offending of this cohort the team work closely with START, who attend monthly meetings to discuss IOM cases who are causing the most concern, re-offending or harm. IOM prioritise selection of violent offenders who have committed Robbery and Aggravated Burglary offences as part of their index offence.</p>
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			<p>There are currently 17 offenders actively managed by the IOM Team. Over the last year the desistence rate for Hartlepool offenders has been positive (above 81.5% for the ‘fixed’ cohort) and there have been real sustainable outcomes for people at the end IOM management.</p> <p>Work is ongoing to expand IOM to include a cohort of other offenders who wouldn’t usually be ‘in scope’, but who would benefit from the IOM approach which will see the number offenders being managed increase.</p> <p>06/01/2026 - Rachael Readman (Trading Standards and Licensing Manager)</p> <p>Pubwatch scheme ongoing with APEX radios being provided to 25 premises.</p> <p>Pubwatch membership via Schemelink has continued and has been a real asset to the NTE allowing their Pubwatch scheme to be officially recognised.</p> <p>Officers from the Licensing Security & Vulnerability initiative attended Hartlepool in the run up to the Christmas period and visited premises across the borough and encouraged them to sign up to the initiative.</p>
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			<p>12.01.26 - Nicholas Stone, Community Safety Team Leader and Philip Hepburn, Community Safety Manager</p> <p>The Community Safety Team's Project Officer has undertaken a survey of businesses in the day time economy area.</p> <p>The Project Officer has also distributed additional Shop Watch Radios to town centre businesses.</p>
	Assist in the delivery of the CURV night time economy action plan.	SHP members and partner organisations	<p>27/06/24 - Rachel Readman (Trading Standards and Licensing Manager)</p> <p>Responsible Authorities group has been established. The group has been well received and has met regularly since its incorporation. The group is chaired by HBC Licensing Manager.</p> <p>03/03/25 - Rachel Readman (Trading Standards and Licensing Manager)</p> <p>Responsible Authorities group continues to meet to discuss new Premises Licence Applications. Multi Agency group made up of all responsible authorities as defined by the Licensing Act 2003.</p>

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			<p>04/03/25 – Nicholas Stone, Community Safety Team Leader and Philip Hepburn, Community Safety Manager A fourth Bleed Control Cabinet has been installed in the town centre. Locations are: (1) Central Community Hub, York Road; (2) Civic Centre, Victoria Road; (3) Hartlepool Railway Station; (4) Orangebox, Navigation Point.</p> <p>04/03/25 – Anna Waddington, Police</p> <p>All four bleed cabinets have now been installed and CURV are working to add these to NEAS's CAD system so they can be accessed through a 999 call. Licensed premises and other NTE stakeholders have been trained in the use of the cabinet equipment. Has been agreed bleed cabinets will be installed at a number of police and fire stations.</p> <p>25 APEX radios have been distributed to licensed premises to support communication between venues, CCTV and police. Ask for Angela training for licensed premises is planned for this month.</p> <p>Hartlepool Town Pastors given funding for additional resources.</p> <p>Drug dog operation carried out in licensed premises. This was 'piloted' with CURV funding to be taken forward by the force in future.</p>
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			<p>06/01/26 - Rachel Readman (Trading Standards and Licensing Manager)</p> <p>Responsible Authorities group continues to meet to discuss new Premises Licence Applications. Multi Agency group made up of all responsible authorities as defined by the Licensing Act 2003.</p> <p>12.01.26 - Nicholas Stone, Community Safety Team Leader and Philip Hepburn, Community Safety Manager</p> <p>The CCTV Control Room continues to monitor the NTE area and the Pub Watch Radio network.</p> <p>The refurbishment of CCTV cameras around the town centre has improved the ability of the CCTV Control Room to undertake this work.</p>
	Raise awareness of the risks and potential consequences of serious violence amongst school and college students	Neighbourhood Police Team - Supt. Martin Hopps / PC Geoff Coggin	Presentations and targeted interventions delivered in schools and colleges across Hartlepool on key themes including knife crime, personal safety and “Ask for Angela” initiative.

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			<p>28/11/25 – Cleveland Police update Since October 2025 PC Coggin has delivered 18 engagements in schools and colleges around serious violence and knife crime. This has reached over 2650 individuals.</p> <p>12.01.26 - Nicholas Stone, Community Safety Team Leader and Philip Hepburn, Community Safety Manager</p> <p>The Community Safety Team's Project Officer has visited a number of primary schools with a Police Officer to educate pupils on hate crime, knife crime, drugs and gangs.</p>
	Provide a more visible police presence to prevent and deter serious violence in identified hotspot areas and the night-time economy	Police - Supt. Martin Hopps / Ch. Inspector Pete Littlewood	<p>Dedicated patrols in hotspot (GRIP) areas / positive action / reduction in offences and victims</p> <p>27/06/24 - Rachel Readman (Trading Standards and Licensing Manager)</p> <p>Hartlepool Town Pastors meeting are hosted by HBC. The meetings are attended by Licensing, Cleveland Police and CCTV.</p> <p>03/03/25 - Rachel Readman (Trading Standards and Licensing Manager)</p> <p>Close working alongside the Hartlepool Town Pastors continues.</p>

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			<p>28/06/24 – Nicholas Stone, Community Safety Team Leader</p> <p>Installation of 2 mobile CCTV cameras in the NTE area.</p> <p>28/02/2025 – Cleveland Police update</p> <p>During the year there have been multiple operations running which have tackled the reduction in Serious Violence within the LPA. Op Deterrence patrols have targeted areas highlighted from data for High Visibility Policing at key times which have been identified.</p> <p>Operation Tranquillity is an ongoing force order for Night Time Economy Policing with a commitment to increasing staffing numbers on key identified dates that violence can increase.</p> <p>04/03/25 – Nicholas Stone, Community Safety Team Leader and Philip Hepburn, Community Safety Manager</p> <p>Pub Watch (Apex) radios have been distributed to Licenced Premises through the Hartlepool Licensee Association members. These radios are monitored by Hartlepool's CCTV Control Room.</p> <p>28/11/25 – Cleveland Police update</p>
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			<p>Op Advent is currently being finalised to deliver a plan for NTE across the festive period. This will involve high visibility patrols across the main 2 NTE areas in the LPA with support from Neighbourhoods, Response and Specials.</p> <p>06/01/26 - Rachael Readman (Trading Standards and Licensing Manager)</p> <p>Close working alongside the Hartlepool Town Pastors continues.</p> <p>Licensing Team have conducted Licensing visits with Cleveland Police Licensing Officers over the Christmas Period – ensuring an enhanced visibility to the trade.</p>
	Other Comments		<p>28/02/2025 – Cleveland Police update</p> <p>Officers in Hartlepool carried out activity with Hartlepool Council Community Wardens to tackle antisocial behaviour, aggressive begging and alcohol related violence. They also engaged with local shop staff around the threat of violence to shopworkers. Two people were found to have drugs and dealt with, three antisocial behaviour orders were issued and a shop was reported to Trading Standards.</p> <p>Further activity continued into the evening, with checks on and around licensed premises. Sixty people were stop searched by officers, with seven of those dealt with for possession of drugs. Two were arrested on suspicion of</p>

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			<p>possession with intent to supply drugs and one person arrested for an outstanding stalking offence.</p> <p>Within Op Artemis Pc Coggin attended the College of Further education and delivered sessions on One Punch, Spiking and Violence Against Women and Girls.</p>
Re-offending	The Ministry of Justice (MOJ) 'Proven adult offending rate' for Hartlepool offenders is reduced.	Probation / Integrated Offender Management	<p>02/11/2025 – Cleveland Police Update</p> <p>At the time of writing there are 16 active IOM cases living in Hartlepool. It should be noted that IOM cases are often transient and some Hartlepool residents on IOM have been dispersed to other LA areas due to the way housing is allocated upon release from prison. Of the overall IOM cohort, 36% are dwelling house burglars and 28% are Robbery offenders. 59% have a flag for Domestic Abuse. (Data from Q2 IOM Performance Pack)</p> <p>The desistence rate for Hartlepool offenders in July-Sept 25 is 100% for Fixed Cohort cases and 87% for Flex Cohort cases.</p> <p>28/11/25 Cleveland Police update</p> <p>Cleveland Police has a mature operating model within the IOM arena and co locate with probation staff to ensure accurate and timely information sharing. The staff utilise Intensive Supervision courts to ensure strict management of individuals in the community which has proven to reduce offending rates.</p>

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	Implement the Youth Justice Service Strategic Plan	YJS Management Board Chair (Jo Heaney) / HBC YJS Manager (Roni Checksfield)	<p>28/02/2025 – Cleveland Police update</p> <p>Cleveland Police continue to utilise Juvenile out of court disposal methods with projects such as the Triage scheme. These are referred to and then managed by the Youth Offending Team who work with partners to educate and divert children from re offending.</p> <p>This has been particularly well received in respect of youths involved in the Murray Street disorder.</p> <p>As described above there is a force wide focus led by the Prevention command to increase the use of Out of Court Disposals and Education to prevent re-offending and build safer communities.</p> <p>03/03/25 – Phil Gleaves (Youth Offending Operational Lead)</p> <p>The strategic plan has been to full council and been approved.</p>
Prevent	Susceptible individuals are safeguarded from being radicalised by individuals and/or groups promoting extremist ideologies online or in the community	Community Safety / Police	<p>Training: Key partners briefed on the Counter Terrorism Local Profile</p> <p>Local Prevent Risk Assessment is in place</p> <p>04/03/25 – Nicholas Stone, Community Safety Team Leader and Philip Hepburn, Community Safety Manager</p>

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			<p>Ongoing assessment to ensure compliance with Prevent duty – including developing venue booking policy, Mandatory staff training and providing Prevent awareness for commissioned services. Developing an ongoing local operational group to ensure delivery of the wider Cleveland Action Plan</p> <p>12.01.26 - Nicholas Stone, Community Safety Team Leader and Philip Hepburn, Community Safety Manager</p> <p>Significant work has been undertaken to refresh and update the Prevent and Channel Panel processes during 2025-26. This includes</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Benching visit undertaken to a neighbouring authority to review Hartlepool's Prevent and Channel processes. 2. Updated/refreshed Hartlepool's Bronze Group and Channel Panel membership. 3. Updated/refreshed Hartlepool's Bronze Group and Channel Panel members contact database. 4. Quarterly Hartlepool Bronze Prevent meeting arranged for January 2026.
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			<p>5. Updated / refreshed the Prevent webpage on the Council's new website.</p> <p>6. Recirculated the current National Prevent Referral Form to Partners.</p> <p>7. Joined the online Prevent Knowledge Hub and downloaded all new Channel Panel templates which Hartlepool will be implementing for its Channel Panel process.</p> <p>8. Hartlepool's Prevent Risk Assessment has been reviewed and revised to reflect the current CTLP profile. This risk assessment feeds in and meets the objectives and targets of the Cleveland Prevent Silver Group Action Plan.</p> <p>9. A Prevent Communication Plan for Hartlepool's Bronze Group is being developed with representation from the Council's Communication and Marketing Team. This Team also now attends Hartlepool's Prevent Bronze Group.</p> <p>10. Refresher Prevent training provided to Elected Members.</p> <p>11. A 1 day face to face Channel Panel training event has been held for all Hartlepool core and associate</p>
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			<p>Channel Panel members which was carried out by a Home Office provided trainer.</p> <p>12. An internal online Prevent training course is now mandatory for all council staff with checks taking place to ensure course completed through HR, and through Annual Staff Reviews by Line Managers. Hartlepool will be looking to change this internal Prevent training course package to use the national online Prevent training courses from 2026.</p> <p>13. A newly appointed Project Officer will also be delivering face to face Prevent training for council staff from 2026 and this will be extended into the community and partners. This training package is based on a best practice example from a neighbouring authority.</p> <p>14. Over the last quarter Hartlepool's Channel Panel Chair and has attended a number of Home Office provided specialised courses specific to their Channel role.</p>
	Workforce and Community awareness of Prevent and the risks of radicalisation is increased	Community Safety / Police / Corporate Communication Team	<p>28/02/2025 – Cleveland Police update</p> <p>Cleveland Police have Prevent officers as part of the Counter Terrorism Unit which is managed in the Northern Area by West Yorkshire Police. Referrals are submitted via the intelligence submission process.</p>

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			<p>Within the LPA Tasking and Co-ordinating Group meeting the current trends concerns are discussed as an overview with then further discussion in relation to specific identified individuals.</p> <p>28/11/25 Cleveland Police update SME lead has asked for tweak to prior update. Prevent is managed on behalf of the force by Counter Terrorism Policing North East (CTPNE). A dedicated CTPNE Prevent team is based within Cleveland managing the referrals. These referrals are submitted using a national referral form direct to CTPNE for assessment and action as appropriate.</p> <p>For clarity all Cleveland officers involved in CT are seconded to West Yorkshire as they are the lead force for CT. In simple terms we work for CTPNE and as a result Cleveland don't have any Prevent officers as such.</p> <p>12.01.26 - Nicholas Stone, Community Safety Team Leader and Philip Hepburn, Community Safety Manager</p> <p>See previous Prevent answer.</p>
	Victims of hate crime have increased confidence in reporting and accessing support services	Community Safety / VCAS / Third Party Reporting Centres	<p>Develop a Prevent Communications Plan</p> <p>04/03/25 – Nicholas Stone, Community Safety Team Leader and Philip Hepburn, Community Safety Manager</p>

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			<p>Hartlepool Community Safety Team operate a network of 10 Third Party Hate Crime Reporting Centres around Hartlepool. These centres are located in public and voluntary sector buildings. Centres are advertised through signage on buildings and with contact information published on the Council and OPCC websites. The Council will also be participating in the Hate Crime Awareness Week 11-18th October 2025.</p> <p>12.01.26 - Nicholas Stone, Community Safety Team Leader and Philip Hepburn, Community Safety Manager</p> <p>Hartlepool Community Safety Team continues to operate a network of 10 Third Party Hate Crime Reporting Centres around Hartlepool.</p> <p>The Teams Project Officer is undertaking refresher training for all Reporting Centres regarding their role during 2025-26.</p> <p>Hartlepool Community Safety Team participated in the Hate Crime Awareness Week during 11-18th October 2025 with publicity and drop ins occurring.</p>
Acquisitive Crime	Reduction in residential burglary offences	Police / Crime Prevention/Community Safety	<p>Proactive patrols in key areas/ prioritise activity to locate and arrest outstanding suspects / crime prevention and target hardening measures to prevent repeat victimisation.</p> <p>28/02/2025 – Cleveland Police update</p>

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			<p>This is an area monitored by the Tasking and Co-Ordinating Group with discussion around Crime trends and locations. This will then direct increased ward patrols by Neighbourhood Policing and Response Teams with Local CID tackling offenders.</p> <p>The Local Policing Framework has a force mission of Tackling Criminals and to this end we now have a Pro-active team in the Hartlepool Local Policing Area to support the arrest of people who are wanted.</p> <p>Within the LPA present figures show a 9.7% reduction in Residential Burglaries in the last 12 months.</p> <p>04/03/25 – Nicholas Stone, Community Safety Team Leader and Philip Hepburn, Community Safety Manager</p> <p>The Safer Streets Project has handed out 287 anti-burglary packs to at risk residents in the Victoria Ward.</p> <p>Hartlepool Community Safety Team also operate a target hardening service for victims of crime.</p>
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			<p>12.01.26 - Nicholas Stone, Community Safety Team Leader and Philip Hepburn, Community Safety Manager</p> <p>Police GRIP funding has been received by Hartlepool Community Safety Team to refurbish a number of CCTV cameras in a hotspot location for crime and disorder and residential burglary.</p> <p>Hartlepool Community Safety Team continue to operate a target hardening service for victims of crime.</p>
	Reduction in shoplifting offences	Police / PCSOs / Community Safety	<p>Proactive patrols in key areas / prioritise activity to locate and arrest outstanding suspects / pursue robust enforcement for repeat offenders.</p> <p>28/02/2025 – Cleveland Police update</p> <p>A bespoke problem-solving plan has been commissioned, aimed at reducing retail crime in key locations/business within Hartlepool. This will include focus on both Theft of</p>

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			<p>goods and violence towards employees and involve many stakeholders within the Community Safety Partnership.</p> <p>03/03/2025 - Rachel Readman (Trading Standards and Licensing Manager)</p> <p>Through UKSPF funding over 55 Apex radios have been provided to Hartlepool Town Centre shops. The premises have received a radio with a two year free subscription in place.</p> <p>The radios will be used to help ensure effective communication between shops and the sharing of information/intelligence. The radio will also be connected to several services that operate in the daytime economy that can provide help and support, including the Councils CCTV team and Cleveland Police.</p> <p>06/01/2026 Rachael Readman (Trading Standards and Licensing Manager)</p> <p>The distribution of Shopwatch radios continues, with 107 daytime economy premises having an APEX radio.</p> <p>The radios are supporting effective communication between shops, enabling the quick sharing of information and intelligence. The radios are linked to key daytime</p>
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			<p>economy services that can offer assistance and support, including the Council's CCTV team and Cleveland Police.</p> <p>06/01/26 – David Riley – Enforcement/Parking Enforcement officers have reported several suspected burglaries to the Police, leading to arrests either through witnessing it as part of their patrols or through overt camera enforcement. Officers also report any breached properties as part of their patrols to make the properties secure, to reduce theft, reduce the risk of arson and prevent enviro crimes. Officers will continue to perform this role as part of their duties. A new PSPO is being looked at to make property owners more responsible for their property maintenance to also reduce crime.</p>
Retail Crime	Increase the reporting of retail crime.		
	Support for businesses: - Encourage increased take up of schemes / activities available to businesses for the prevention of retail crime.	Police	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Explore the identification of new, funding for , schemes to support businesses in the prevention and response to retail crime -Provide advice to businesses on how to improve own surveillance and design out crime. 	<p>Local Authority</p> <p>Police</p> <p>Local Authority</p> <p>Police</p>	
	<p>Improve communication / sharing of best practice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Creation of a ‘Retail Crime Forum / Partnership’ to ensure that the voices of retailers are heard, greater promotion of crime reporting, encourage partnership working , sharing good practice and information sharing between businesses and partner organisations. 	<p>Police</p> <p>Local Authority</p>	

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	<p>Police by retailers be examined to ensure that this process is simple and straight forward.</p> <p>2. That ways of encouraging the reporting of all retail theft be explored. Whilst reinforcing and promoting that the Police will respond to reports of retail theft.</p> <p>3. Explore ways to build relationships between retailers and the Police and to share best practice.</p> <p>4. Identify both new, and continued sources of funding, for initiatives to tackle neighbourhood crime and anti-social behaviour. Including those that would extend the availability of help and support to businesses outside the town centre.</p> <p>5. Local businesses be encouraged further to engage with schemes and</p>		
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	<p>initiatives, including the offer of Airwave Radios to aid communication between retailers to prevent thefts occurring.</p> <p>6. Examine ways to identify whether retail crime offenders are engaging with substance misuse treatment services. Including ways of making every contact count in order to signpost offenders to services and identifying issues for those who might offend / reoffend whilst in treatment.</p> <p>7. To explore developing a Retail Forum where retailers can work in conjunction with each other to share ideas and best practice.</p> <p>8. That the effectiveness of Police target hardening and the prioritisation of certain businesses most affected by retail crime be evaluated</p>		
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Protect	Workforce and Community awareness of Protect duty and the risks of terrorist threats.	SHP members and partner organisations	<p>Requirement for staff to undertake ACT Awareness eLearning and Scan for All training package</p> <p>Recommended that all staff with a work Mobile phone to download the free ProtectUK App</p> <p>27/06/24 - Rachel Readman (Trading Standards and Licensing Manager)</p> <p>Protect training is now incorporated into the mandatory training section of the 2024/25 Workforce Development Programme for all HBC members of staff.</p> <p>03/03/2025 - Rachel Readman (Trading Standards and Licensing Manager)</p> <p>Updates regarding Protect are provided at all meetings with stakeholders; for example Hartlepool Licensee Association and HUFC Safety Advisory Group.</p> <p>A HBC Safety Advisory Group Protect letter is now integrated within our SAG process and is provided to all internal and external event organisers to ensure that Protect measures are incorporated into the event planning.</p> <p>28/02/2025 – Cleveland Police update</p> <p>ACT package is part of our e-learning Mandatory packages and compliance has been monitored.</p>
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			<p>04/03/25 – Nicholas Stone, Community Safety Team Leader and Philip Hepburn, Community Safety Manager</p> <p>Prevent training is now incorporated into the mandatory training section of the 2024/25 Workforce Development Programme for all HBC members of staff.</p> <p>06/01/2026 - Rachael Readman (Trading Standards and Licensing Manager)</p> <p>Updates regarding Protect are continuing to be provided at all meetings with stakeholders; for example Hartlepool Licensee Association (Rebranded to be named Pubwatch) and HUFC Safety Advisory Group.</p> <p>HBC are going to implement the ACT for Local Authorities initiative being ran by Counter Terrorism Policing to support local government partners to embed counter terrorism considerations into their day-to-day work.</p> <p>12.01.26 - Nicholas Stone, Community Safety Team Leader and Philip Hepburn, Community Safety Manager</p> <p>See previous Prevent update.</p>
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