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Alcohol Harm Reduction Unit

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Historical position

- 2 Licensing Units (North and South)
- 2 Sgts
- 1 Alcohol Harm Reduction Officer (PC)
- 5 PCSO's (Licensing)
- 2 Admin



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Drivers for change

- New Force Operating Model
- New procedures/processes
- Wider harm caused by alcohol misuse
- Improve Partnership working
- Increase public confidence



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Incident Data for Darlington

- **35, 779 incidents (last 12 months)**
- **5109 incidents of ASB (14.2%)**
- **3553 incidents alcohol related (10%)**
- **779 incident ASB alcohol related (15.2%)**
- **492 drug related incidents (1.3%)**



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Darlington Crime Data

- 7,049 recorded crimes
- 2,561 detected (outcomes) 36.3%
- 884 violence crimes (12.5%)
- 509 violence outcomes (57.5%)
- 3914 prisoners processed in Custody (+ 640 VA + other stations)
- 41% affected by alcohol or Drugs



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Local research

- Local figure for violent crime could be higher due to recording issues
- Alcohol related violence around 50% (BCS)
- **Over 35%** of those arrested are under the influence of alcohol



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- Weekends after 10pm **all** prisoners affected by alcohol
- **62%** of prisoners arrested on Saturday affected by alcohol (recent snapshot)
- Officer survey – 60% say at least 50% of their time spent on Alcohol related issues



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Costs

- £22.1 billion for alcohol misuse nationally per year
- £7.6 billion nationally for crime and licensing
- **£15.4 million** for crime and licensing in Darlington



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AHRU 3 Strand Model

1. Alcohol Harm
2. Licensing
3. Crime



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The Alcohol Harm Reduction Unit

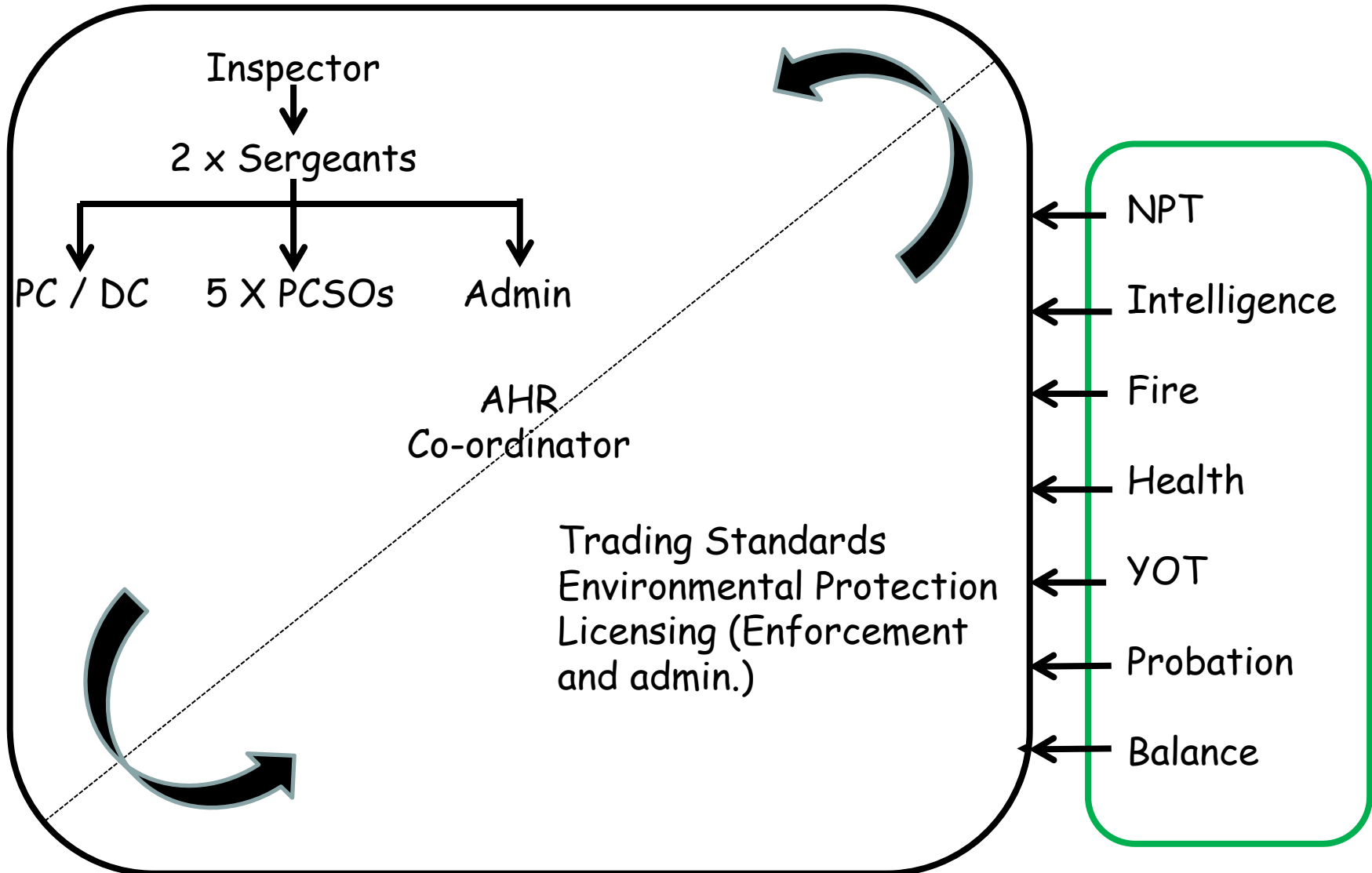
- Police now co-located with Darlington Borough Council Licensing Team
- Opportunities for greater partnership working
- Improved administration processes
- Efficiency savings
- Increase public confidence
- 'Third to First' (satisfaction)



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Unit aims/priorities

- Reduce the number of alcohol related incidents impacting on communities
- Robust management, planning and control of all aspects of licensing
- Improve intelligence gathering and information sharing
- Tasking and co-ordination with partners



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- Trained investigator /FIO
- Target offenders committing alcohol related crime
- Develop problem solving approach
- Map Organised Crime Groups (OCG) and Door staff (SIA) to licensed premises
- OCG disruption
- Partnership working and Multi-agency operations
- Education



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- Support Neighbourhood Police Teams
- Strategy development
- MUP
- Increase public confidence (Current 89%)
- Become national leaders in tackling alcohol related harm



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Any questions?



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