

PSPO DATA March 2022

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Information provided in this document covers the period 1 March 2018 to 25 April 2022 and is for the Town Centre only.

Table 1 shows the number of Police reports of ASB and Begging in Darlington Town Centre:

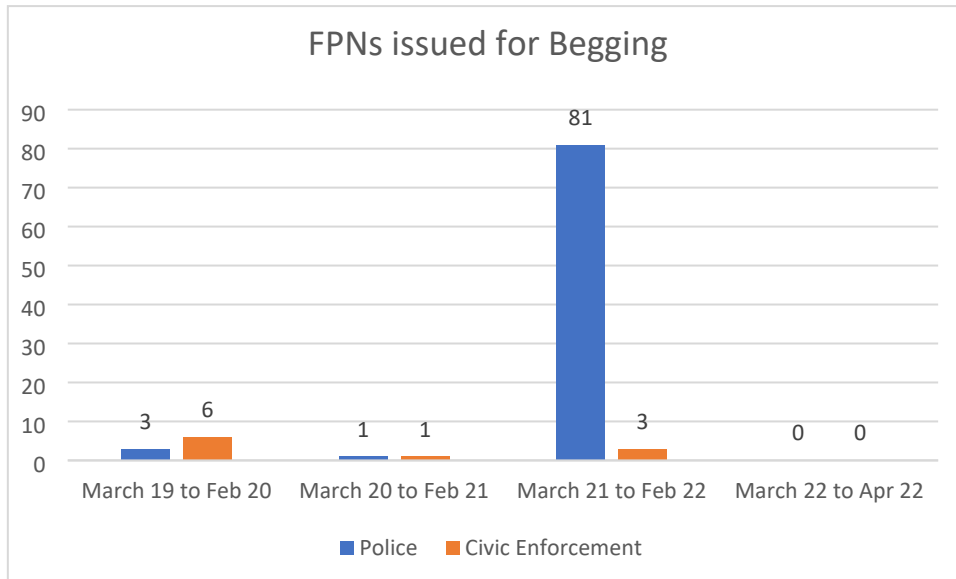
Date	01.03.18- 28.02.19	01.03.19- 28.02.20	01.03.20- 28.02.21	01.03.21- 28.02.22	01.03.22- 25.04.22
Youth Related ASB	116	226	63	72	13
Alcohol Related ASB	71	132	61	83	14
Total ASB	252	489	237	273	44
Begging	35	14	14	11	0

Table 2 shows the number of reports to Civic Enforcement (Uniform) of ASB and Begging in Darlington Town Centre:

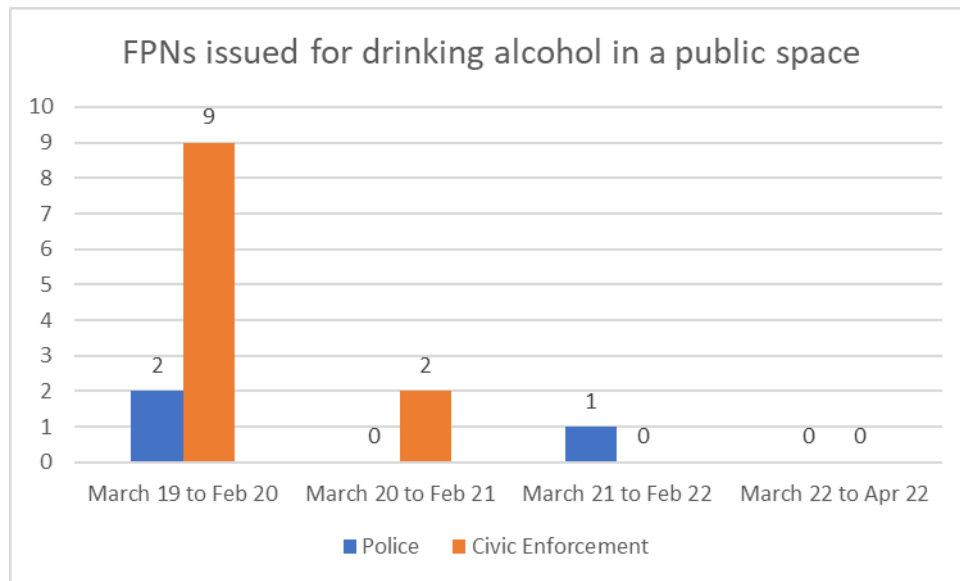
Date	01.03.18- 28.02.19	01.03.19- 28.02.20	01.03.20- 28.02.21	01.03.21- 28.02.22	01.03.22- 25.04.22
Youth Related ASB	37	74	80	145	25
Alcohol Related ASB	1	5	16	15	2
Total ASB	191	207	223	550	58
Begging	No data	94	23	161	36

Use of the PSPO

Graph 1-FPNs for begging



Graph 2-FPNs for drinking alcohol in a public space



Area of concern

The period March 2021-Nov 2021 has seen an increase in FPNs being issued for begging. Two nominals are responsible with 69 FPNs issued between them.

Threatening and intimidating behaviour

Table 3 shows the number of reports to the police for the crimes of Violence Against the Person and Public Order offences. (Figures are skewed for the period 01.03.20-28.02.21 due to lockdowns):

Date	01.03.18-28.02.19	01.03.19-28.02.20	01.03.20-28.02.21	01.03.21-28.02.22	01.03.22-30.04.22
Violence Against the Person	491	641	219	489	85
Public Order	179	242	108	202	26

Further analysis was completed for Public Order offences and these were largely due to suspects shouting and swearing in public areas causing the victim to feel alarmed, harassed or distressed.

Tubwell Row was a hotspot for both offences. This is a location that has a high volume of licensed premises, further data relating to incidents connected to licensed premises is below in Table 4.

Alcohol related incidents

Table 4 shows the number of reported alcohol related incidents in the Town Centre. (Again figures are skewed for the period 01.03.20-28.02.2021 due to lockdowns):

Date	01.03.18-28.02.19	01.03.19-28.02.20	01.03.20-28.02.21	01.03.21-28.02.22	01.03.22-30.04.22
Alcohol related incidents	870	906	371	743	131
Alcohol related incidents linked to licensed premises	351	832	219	382	49

The table above shows that it is highly likely that licensed premises can be linked to alcohol related incidents in the Town Centre, with Tubwell Row a hotspot area.