

Community Safety Presentation to Communities and Local Services Scrutiny Committee

Thursday 13th February 2020



Presentation

- Community Safety.
- DBC Service Plan 2019.
- Performance & achievements.
- DBC Council Plan 2020 - 2023.
- Service Priorities 2020 - 2021.
- Questions.



Community Safety

- Spending reductions impacted on public safety.
- National increase of crime and anti-social behaviour with risk of impact on public perceptions of safety.
- Public Consultation & Community Survey.
- Town Centre.
- Response - Provide a co-ordinated, targeted and intelligence led problem solving approach with partners.
- Core Resources - Community Safety.



DBC Service Plan 2019

Vision

*“Darlington Borough Council
Community Safety in
partnership with others will
deliver the best service and
support within available
resources to the public and
create an environment where
people feel safe, secure and
healthy”.*



DBC Service Plan Objectives

- Increase public trust, confidence and satisfaction.
- Intelligence-led targeted approach to Community Safety.
- Engage effectively with communities.
- Provide a service that is proportionate, taking appropriate action to protect the public.
- Support colleagues and partners in providing a safe, clean and vibrant town centre.
- Embed Think Safety.
- Promote partnership working.
- Empower the organisation and develop talent.



Priority Actions 2019

- Implement problem-solving & demand reduction model.
- Secure Purple Flag.
- Deliver operations, initiatives and positive action to protect residents from fraudsters, rogue traders and organised crime.
- Deliver Contest, effective engagement and Hate Crime Plan.
- Implement initiatives to reduce incidents and fear of crime and ASB.
- Review Licensing to secure the needs of a modern, responsive service.



Priority Actions 2019

- Complete review of CCTV to ensure system remains “fit for purpose” / future proof.
- Introduce Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy in Darlington (drinking behaviours, reduce harm, improve support and prevention).
- Introduce Private Sector Housing Programme to improve living conditions for tenants.
- Address problems in back lanes.
- Deal with persistent fly tipping.



Key Achievements

- Launch and accreditation of Civic Enforcement.
- Paw Prints Gold Award for the Civic Enforcement Dog Service.
- Public Space Protection Order to tackle alcohol misuse, begging and ASB in Darlington town centre.
- The launch of the “Back Lanes” project
- Park Mark Award for safe car parks in Darlington town centre.



Key Achievements

- Mobile CCTV securing reduced levels of crime, disorder and ASB.
- Multi-agency group to tackle begging and homelessness resulting in significant reduction in the level of reported incidents.
- Award of Purple Flag in recognition of a safe vibrant evening and night-time economy in Darlington town centre.
- Improved audit & inspection protocols of DBC Traveller Sites.
- Tackling Organised Crime activities in Darlington.



Key Achievements

- Improved health and safety policies and operating procedures.
- Introduction of a new Gambling Policy
- Launch of “Responsible Authorities” group focusing on alcohol related harm in Darlington.
- Introduction and accreditation of Trading Standards financial investigations.
- Completion of Communications Plan.



Key Achievements

- Numerous operations and initiatives to tackle crime and disorder and protect Darlington's residents.
- Implementation of problem-solving and de reduction model to reduce demand and promote effective use of resources.
- Completion of internal reviews to meet the needs of modern responsive services.
- Successful internal audits involving Parking, Licensing and CCTV where each has secured a rating of substantial assurance.



Key Achievements

- “Celebrate our Services Day”.
- Delivery of Contest / Prevent Plan (counter-terrorism in Darlington)
- Development and introduction of Tension M
- Introduction of Purple Flag disabled and LGBT groups in Darlington.
- Membership of Crown Prosecution Service Scrutiny Group.
- Delivery of ORCUMA mapping to support tasking and coordination process.



Durham Constabulary Crime and ASB Performance Data: Darlington Year to Date Jan 2020

Crime Figures

	YTD Jan 2019	YTD Jan 2020	% increase/decrease
All Crime	10050	10654	6%
Violence against person	3812	4406	16%
Violence with injury	911	1027	13%
Violence without injury	2898	3378	17%
Harrassment	1161	1150	-1%
Sexual Offences	280	344	23%
Rape	90	100	11%
Robbery	54	57	6%
Theft	3070	2944	-4%
Burglary	648	602	-7%
Vehicle Crime	631	590	-6%
Theft Pedal Cycle	118	102	-14%
Shoplifting	752	807	7%
Damage & Arson	1447	1293	-11%
Arson	47	39	-17%
Racially Aggravated Crime	90	85	-6%
Possession of Weapons	57	68	19%
Public Order	846	930	10%
Metal Theft	58	56	-3%

ASB incidents by area

Area	YTD Jan 2019	YTD Jan 2020	% increase/Janrease
Town	456	440	-4%
Cockerton	495	615	24%
North Road	1011	1022	1%
East	963	822	-15%

Areas with an increase of ASB incidents (over 10%)

Area	YTD Jan 2019	YTD Jan 2020	% increase/decrease
Faverdale	44	82	86%
Mowden	32	46	44%
Heighington	33	46	59%
Hummersknott	29	55	90%
Haughton East	121	141	17%
Haughton West	82	158	93%
Sadberge	68	85	25%
Hurworth	42	52	24%
Park West	34	48	41%
Colleges	39	47	21%
Middleton St George	29	43	48%
Haughton North	64	73	14%

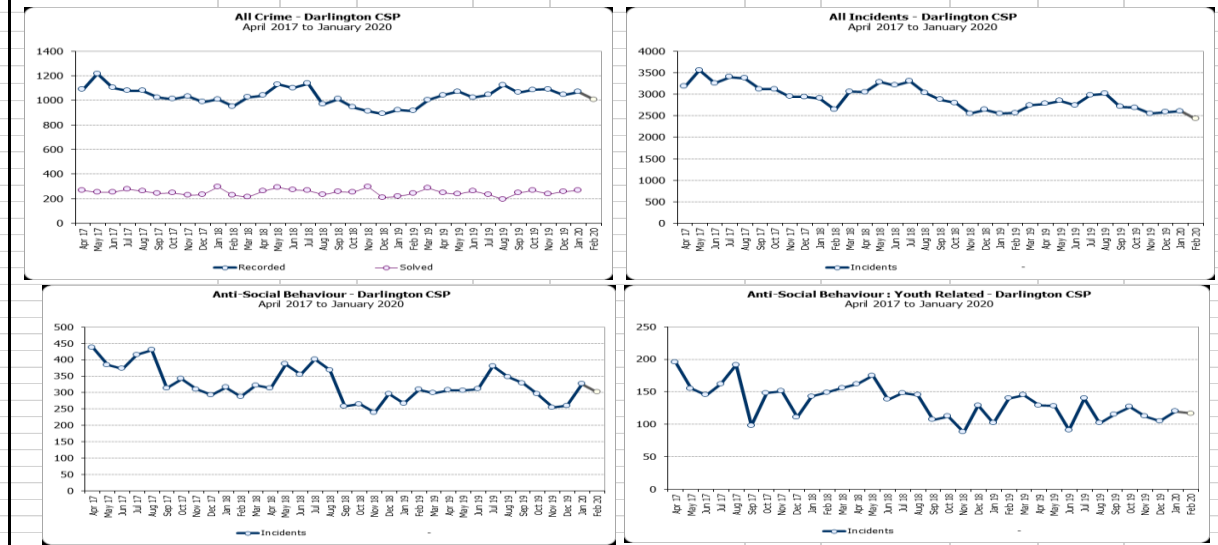
Incident Figures

	YTD Jan 2019	YTD Jan 2020	% increase/decrease
All Incidents	29269	27470	-6%
Alcohol related	5080	5133	1%
Domestic Abuse	2764	2666	-4%
Hate incidents	131	115	-12%
Youth related incidents	2351	2154	-8%
Vulnerable child	1228	1266	3%
Vulnerable adult	2587	2688	4%
Youth/alcohol related	242	208	-14%
ASB	3150	3118	-1%
Alcohol related ASB	549	500	-9%
Drugs related ASB	59	46	-22%
Youth related ASB	1306	1169	-10%
Youth/alcohol related	133	94	-29%

Force Analysis

Area	YTD Jan 2019	YTD Jan 2020	% Change
South Durham	14268	14942	5%
Darlington	10050	10654	6%
East Durham	18004	17498	-3%
West Durham	10615	10634	0%

Crime and Incidents Over Time



Durham Constabulary Crime and ASB Performance data: Darlington Town Centre Year to date January 2020

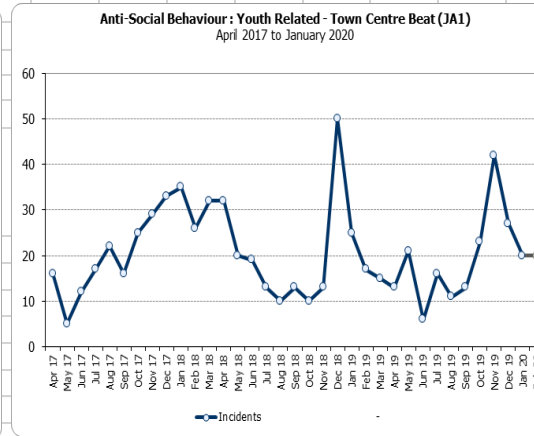
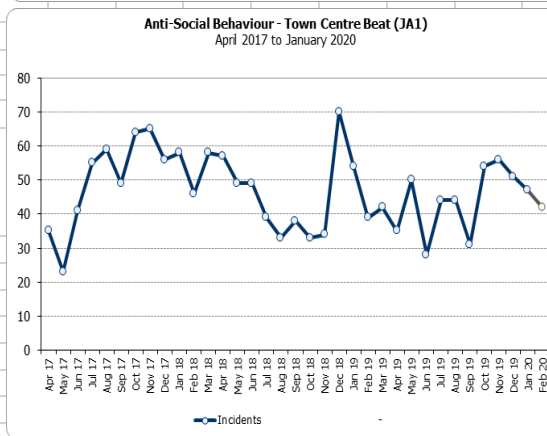
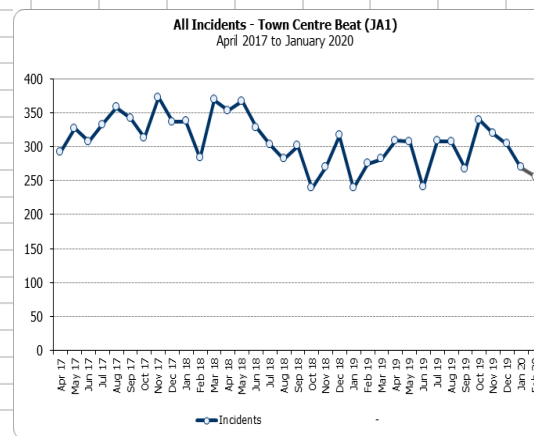
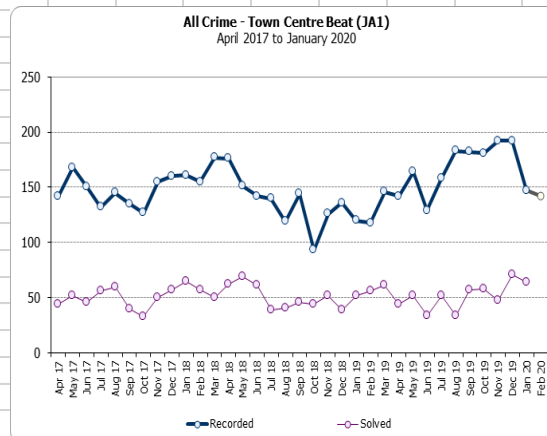
Crime Figures

	YTD Jan 19	YTD Jan 20	% increase/ decrease
All Crime	1347	1670	↑ 24%
Violence against person	454	593	↑ 31%
Violence with injury	171	200	↑ 17%
Violence without injury	283	393	↑ 39%
Harrassment	59	81	↑ 37%
Sexual Offences	15	43	↑ 187%
Rape	4	16	↑ 300%
Robbery	10	9	↓ -10%
Theft	522	559	↑ 7%
Burglary	48	35	↓ -27%
Vehicle Crime	13	19	↑ 46%
Theft Pedal Cycle	16	14	↓ -13%
Shoplifting	285	363	↑ 27%
Damage & Arson	107	108	↑ 1%
Arson	2	4	↑ 100%
Racially Aggravated Crime	10	17	↑ 70%
Possession of Weapons	11	21	↑ 91%
Public Order	161	228	↑ 42%
Metal Theft	8	9	↑ 13%

Incident Figures

	YTD Jan 19	YTD Jan 20	% increase/ decrease
All Incidents	2998	2969	↓ -1%
Alcohol related	803	848	↑ 6%
Domestic Abuse	128	111	↓ -13%
Hate incidents	14	34	↑ 143%
Youth related incidents	313	297	↓ -5%
Vulnerable child	49	27	↓ -45%
Vulnerable adult	157	181	↑ 15%
Youth/alcohol related	26	23	↓ -12%
ASB	456	440	↓ -4%
Alcohol related ASB	129	124	↓ -4%
Drugs related ASB	9	8	↓ -11%
Youth related ASB	205	192	↓ -6%
Youth/alcohol related	19	9	↓ -53%

Crime and Incidents over time



Performance

Darlington

- Violence against the Person.
- Sexual Offences.
- Public Order.
- ASB - Number of areas (youths throwing objects, quad-bikes, youth nuisance).

Town Centre

- Violence against the Person.
- Sexual offences.
- Public Order.
- Retail Crime.
- Possession of weapons.
- Hate incidents.



Response

- Victims & Perpetrators.
- Reviews.
- Retail.
- Drugs (Operations).
- Patrols.
- Time Limited Plan (06.01.20) (Police, Arriva, Retail, Data Analyst, Civic Enforcement, Crime Reduction & CCTV).



Response

- CCTV.
- Licensing - problematic premises.
- Tubwell Row, Church Row & High Row.
- Phone Alert.
- YOS interventions.
- Multi-Agency Problem Solving Group.



DBC Council Plan 2020 - 2023

- Economic growth (jobs, businesses & homes).
- Clean, safe, healthy, sustainable, well-planned, on the move, heritage & culture.
- Young people, most vulnerable & communities.
- Fairer Richer Darlington.
- Embed community safety.
- Drugs & alcohol.
- Town Centre.
- CCTV.
- Equality.
- Preventing homelessness & rough sleeping.



Community Safety Partnership Priorities

2020 - 2025

- Supporting Vulnerable People.
- Promoting Safer Places.
- Tackling Domestic Abuse.
- Building Strong & Cohesive Communities.



Service Priorities 2020 - 2021

Community Safety

- Support development of town centre economy by putting appropriate measures in place and demonstrating it is a safe place to visit.
- Design and deliver an Evening and Night-Time Economy Strategy for Darlington town centre.



Service Priorities 2020 - 2021

Civic Enforcement

- Embed Civic Enforcement Service & review its effectiveness and priorities.
- Extend use of mobile CCTV to tackle areas of crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour.
- Introduce covert CCTV to tackle environmental crime.
- Implement legal requirements of CCTV Single Point of Contact (SPOC) role.
- Review and introduce new (improved) parking management software.
- Support DBC Highways to review parking in Darlington.



Service Priorities 2020 - 2021

Trading Standards

- Deliver North East Trading Standards Association Control Strategy.
- Explore opportunities and capability to complete financial investigations.
- Support partners to tackle harm associated with Organised Crime in Darlington.
- Promote safe trading area in Darlington town centre.
- Introduce another Trading Standards Rogue Trader Scheme in Darlington.



Service Priorities 2020 - 2021

Private Sector Housing

- Introduce Warmer Homes 4 programme in Darlington.
- Deliver the Private Sector Housing Northgate Action Plan.
- Complete Intelligent Housing Enforcement Programme in Darlington (stock / tenant modelling & enhanced enforcement training for housing officers).
- Develop and implement a Private Housing Strategy for Darlington.



Service Priorities 2020 - 2021

Licensing

- Complete review of Darlington Borough Council Taxi Policy.
- Complete review of Darlington Borough Council Licensing Policy.
- Develop and implement Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy.
- Design and deliver a digital office.
- Review, introduce and embed new licensing laws concerning animal welfare.



Service Priorities 2020 - 2021

Community Engagement

- Deliver County Durham and Darlington Prevent Action Plan 2020 - 2021.
- Deliver County Durham and Darlington Joint Hate Crime Plan.
- Support existing networks and identify new opportunities to engage with hard to reach groups.
- Implement Road Safety Initiative in Darlington.
- Represent Community Safety in new PESAG arrangements.
- Improved methods of communication with the public.



Service Priorities 2020 - 2021

Data Analyst

- Review and embed tasking and coordination process in Darlington.
- Introduce and embed performance management framework for Darlington Community Safety Partnership.
- Refine and embed performance management framework for Darlington Borough Council Community Safety.
- Develop a framework for Purple Flag data collection and analysis.
- Review ORCUMA and introduce improved methods of working via the tasking and coordination process.



A street scene at dusk. In the background, a church with a tall, dark spire is silhouetted against a sky with soft orange and purple hues. To the left, a row of buildings includes a pub with a sign that reads "BOOTS & SHOE". A tall, ornate street lamp with multiple lanterns stands in the foreground. The overall atmosphere is quiet and scenic.

Questions?