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TITLE: REDCAR AND CLEVELAND CRUCIAL CREW RESULTS 2011

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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Crucial Crew is an annual multi-agency event for Year 6 pupils (10 and 11 year olds) where the children participate in a variety of scenarios which aim to give them the chance to learn how to cope with a wide range of safety issues.
- 1.2 The event normally takes place over two weeks with pupils from all primary schools in Redcar and Cleveland attending, but due to budgetary constraints and organisational issues this year's event was condensed into two days over 28th and 29th June, with roughly half the schools in the Borough attending.
- 1.3 Each half day session involved eight different scenarios, each lasting eleven minutes, delivered by a range of agencies as follows:
 - **ROYAL LIFESAVING SOCIETY** – Coastal and beach safety
 - **ROAD SAFETY UNIT & CLEVELAND POLICE** – Road traffic accident
 - **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR TEAM** – Anti-social behaviour
 - **SUBSTANCE MISUSE PARTNERSHIP** – Drugs awareness safety
 - **NEDL** – Safety around electricity
 - **CLEVELAND POLICE AUTHORITY** – Interactive consultation
 - **CLEVELAND FIRE SERVICE** – Fire safety in the home
 - **BRITISH TRANSPORT POLICE** – Railway safety
- 1.4 The Cleveland Police Authority session involved using the interactive IML software to ask the children a variety of questions covering crime and anti-social behaviour. Due to the larger group sizes than in previous years a smaller number of questions were asked, as more time was needed for dealing with pupil engagement.
- 1.5 In all 722 children from 23 schools were consulted. The following report outlines the results of this consultation.
- 1.6 For the purpose of the report the results have been split into the following neighbourhood sector areas – Guisborough and East Cleveland, Greater Eston and Coastal (Redcar, Marske, New Marske and Saltburn).

2 KEY FINDINGS

- 2.1 Overall across the whole of Redcar and Cleveland, 55% of the children felt that the police and council do a good job in dealing with crime and anti-social behaviour. This is a slight decrease on last year's results, when 60% felt confident, and falls well below results obtained from adults through the Local Public Confidence Survey, which showed 73% confidence levels Forcewide and 75.7% in Redcar and Cleveland.
- 2.2 It was felt that the police and council could do a better job by responding to incidents more quickly and by having more police patrols on the streets, especially on an evening when more incidents occur.
- 2.3 Overall the top three crime concerns were violence, drug dealing and criminal damage, which were also the top concerns in 2010.
- 2.4 Overall the top anti-social behaviour concerns were teenagers hanging around, noisy neighbours, vandalism/graffiti/criminal damage and litter. The top concern regarding teenagers remained the same as in 2010, but last year's children were more concerned by drunk and rowdy people than by noisy neighbours and litter.
- 2.5 Appendix A contains a ward analysis which compares the results of this consultation with children to the priorities identified by neighbourhood policing teams in their ward priority plans. The priority plans tend to focus on anti-social behaviour issues more than serious crime, so whilst the crime issues identified by the children are not generally listed as priorities in the plans, the anti-social behaviour concerns expressed are extremely similar to those expressed by adults, with the main focus being on youth anti-social behaviour, criminal damage, drinking and drugs.
- 2.6 The children's commonest reason for perceiving crime and anti-social behaviour to be a problem was through having seen it happen. This was also the case in 2010. Children from the Coastal area were the most influenced by what they saw on television, and children from Greater Eston reported the highest levels of personal experience of incidents.

3 FULL RESULTS

Confidence Levels

- 3.1 The national confidence measure was put in place by the previous government and was based on the percentage of people who think that the police and council are dealing with the crime and anti-social behaviour issues that matter in their area. Although this measure has now been removed by the Home Office, public confidence is still seen as a priority by the Force and Authority, and confidence in policing is routinely measured through a variety of consultation methods.

- 3.2 The confidence question was simplified in Crucial Crew to 'Do you think the police and council do a good job in dealing with crime and anti-social behaviour', with options of yes, no and don't know.
- 3.3 Overall 55% of the children felt that the police and council did a good job, which is a slight drop from last year's results of 60%. Confidence levels ranged from 62% in Greater Eston to 49% in Guisborough and East Cleveland, which is a substantial shift from last year when confidence was highest in Guisborough and East Cleveland and lowest in Greater Eston. However, the drop in positive responses from the schools in Guisborough and East Cleveland was attributable to an increase in 'don't know' responses, rather than a sharp rise in negative responses. For all areas the negative responses remained broadly similar to 2010.
- 3.4 Confidence levels displayed in the children questioned fell well below results obtained from adults through the Local Public Confidence Survey, which showed 73% confidence levels Forcewide and 75.7% in Redcar and Cleveland for interviews covering April 2010 to March 2011. However, both the wording of the question and the methodology used for the two consultations are different, so results cannot be directly compared. The children were also considerably less sure of the roles of the police and council than adults, with a relatively high proportion of 'don't know' answers.
- 3.5 The children felt that the police and council could do a better job by responding to incidents more quickly and by having more police patrols on the streets, especially on an evening when more incidents occur. These reasons are the same as those mentioned by adults who have been surveyed. The children also felt that punishments were too lenient, and were not enough of a deterrent to people committing crime and anti-social behaviour. Table 3.1 below shows the full responses to this question. The numbers in brackets are the results from last year's consultation.

Table 3.1 Do you think the police and council do a good job in dealing with crime and anti-social behaviour?

	% of responses		
	Yes	No	Don't Know
Overall	55 (60)	24 (22)	21 (18)
Guisborough & East Cleveland	49 (65)	23 (21)	28 (14)
Greater Eston	62 (57)	20 (23)	18 (20)
Coastal	57 (58)	23 (23)	20 (19)

Crime

- 3.6 The children were asked to pick which three types of crime most affected them from the following list:
- House Burglary
 - Car Crime
 - Drug Dealing
 - Robbery
 - Criminal Damage
 - Racist Incidents
 - Violence
 - None of these
- 3.7 Overall across the whole of Redcar and Cleveland the top three crime concerns were violence (20%), drug dealing (18%) and criminal damage (15%). These are the same concerns as in 2010.
- 3.8 The top three crime concerns were broadly similar across the geographical groupings, although drug dealing was a particular concern in Greater Eston, and the children in the Coastal and Guisborough and East Cleveland areas were more concerned by house burglary.
- 3.9 Racism was a greater concern than last year, particularly in Guisborough and East Cleveland. Historically children at Crucial Crew have selected racism as a priority because they are taught about the serious nature of racist incidents at school, rather than because of their own personal experience, but several of this year's children did report either experiencing racism themselves or seeing it happen to other people. Table 3.2 below shows the full responses to this question.

Table 3.2 In your opinion what 3 types of crime most affect you?

Crime Type	% of responses			
	Overall	Guisborough & East Cleveland	Greater Eston	Coastal
House Burglary	13%	10%	16%	14%
Car Crime	7%	7%	6%	9%
Drug Dealing	18%	15%	19%	18%
Robbery	11%	9%	14%	10%
Criminal Damage	15%	18%	13%	14%
Racist Incidents	11%	15%	11%	10%
Violence	20%	22%	16%	21%
None of these	5%	4%	5%	4%

1st concern – red, 2nd concern – amber, 3rd concern – green

Anti-Social Behaviour

- 3.10 The children were asked to pick which three types of anti-social behaviour most affected them from the following list:
- Noisy neighbours or loud parties
 - Teenagers hanging around the streets
 - Rubbish or litter lying around
 - Off road motor bikes
 - Vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to property or vehicles
 - Racism
 - People using drugs
 - People being drunk or rowdy in public places
 - Begging
- 3.11 Overall across the whole of Redcar and Cleveland the top anti-social behaviour concerns were teenagers hanging around (21%), noisy neighbours (14%), vandalism/graffiti/criminal damage (13%) and litter (13%). The top concern was the same as in 2010, but last year's children were more concerned by drunk and rowdy people than by noisy neighbours and litter.
- 3.12 The top three concerns were broadly similar across the geographical groupings, with teenagers hanging around being the top concern in all areas. Table 3.3 below shows the full responses to this question.

Table 3.3 In your opinion what 3 types of asb most affect you?

ASB Type	% of responses			
	Overall	Guisborough & East Cleveland	Greater Eston	Coastal
Noisy neighbours	14%	13%	17%	14%
Teenagers	21%	22%	18%	21%
Vandalism	13%	12%	12%	15%
Drug using	10%	10%	11%	10%
Drunk/rowdy people	11%	11%	9%	11%
Rubbish/litter	13%	14%	11%	14%
Off road bikes	7%	5%	11%	5%
Begging	3%	3%	4%	4%
Racism	8%	10%	7%	6%

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Experience of Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

- 3.13 After identifying what the crime and anti-social behaviour concerns were in their area, the children were asked what their main reason was for thinking that these things were a problem, with the following options:
- I have been a victim
 - Someone I know has been a victim
 - I have seen it taking place
 - I have seen it happening on the TV
 - I have heard other people talking about it
 - I don't think there is a problem
- 3.14 Overall across the whole of Redcar and Cleveland the most popular answer was that they had seen crime and anti-social behaviour taking place, therefore they were basing their opinions on personal experience. This was the same as in last year's consultation.
- 3.15 Children in Greater Eston reported higher levels of victimisation, with their top three answers all relating to personal experience. These children also had the highest level of personal victimisation. Children from the Coastal area were the most influenced by what they saw on the television. Due to the larger group sizes there was not time to ask the children from Guisborough and East Cleveland this question. Table 3.4 below shows the full responses.

Table 3.4 Why do you think crime or asb is a problem?

Reason	% of responses		
	Overall	Greater Eston	Coastal
Been a victim	16%	20%	14%
Know a victim	14%	18%	9%
Seen it	27%	25%	30%
Seen it on TV	23%	14%	30%
Heard talk	10%	16%	9%
Not a problem	10%	7%	8%

Appendix A

Zone	Area	Ward	Schools Consulted	NHP Priorities	Children's Crime Priorities	Children's ASB Priorities
G'bro & East Cleveland	L1	Guisborough	Chaloner	Youth ASB, off road vehicles, drug dealing	Drug dealing, violence, racism	Teenagers, drunk/rowdy people, drug using
		Hutton	St Paulinus, Highcliffe	ASB, off road vehicles	Criminal damage, violence, drug dealing	Teenagers, noisy neighbours, litter
	L5	Brotton	Badger Hill	ASB, drug dealing	Violence, racism, robbery	Teenagers, litter, vandalism
Greater Eston	L2	Grangetown	Grangetown	Youth ASB, parking issues, drug dealing	Drug dealing, violence, criminal damage	Noisy neighbours, teenagers, vandalism
		South Bank	South Bank	ASB	House burglary, drug dealing, violence	Noisy neighbours, teenagers, drunk/rowdy people
	L6	Eston	Bankfields	ASB, fire setting, criminal damage, theft	Robbery, criminal damage, violence	
		Normanby	Ravensthorpe, Normanby	ASB, off road bikes	House burglary, criminal damage, violence, racism	Teenagers, noisy neighbours, litter, drunk/rowdy people
		Ormesby	Nunthorpe	ASB	Drug dealing, racism, robbery, house burglary	Teenagers, drug using, noisy neighbours
	Coastal	L3	Dormanstown	Dormanstown, Newcomen	ASB, criminal damage, off road bikes	Drug dealing, violence, racism, house burglary
West Dyke			Wheatlands, Ings Farm	Underage drinking, fire setting, scrap vehicles/bogus charity bag collectors	Violence, criminal damage, drug dealing	Teenagers, litter, noisy neighbours

		Zetland	John Batty	ASB, criminal damage	Drug dealing, violence, robbery	Vandalism, teenagers, noisy neighbours
	L4	Saltburn	Whitecliffe	Criminal damage, ASB	Drug dealing, violence, house burglary	Teenagers, drug using, drunk rowdy people
		St Germaines	Errington	ASB, criminal damage	Violence, criminal damage, drug dealing	Teenagers, vandalism, noisy neighbours, litter, drug using