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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 Crucial Crew events take place in each of Cleveland's four Districts, but historically Cleveland Police Authority have only had slots on the Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland sessions due to the popularity of the event with other agencies. This is the first time that the Authority has had a slot at the Hartlepool event.
- 1.3 Hartlepool Crucial Crew took place at Hartlepool Power Station between 3rd and 13th October 2011. 29 schools attended, including two special needs schools. The event is sponsored by the power station who provide the accommodation, refreshments and staff to coordinate the event free of charge.
- 1.4 Each half day session involved eight different sessions, each lasting fifteen minutes, delivered by a range of agencies as follows:
 - **CLEVELAND FIRE SERVICE** – Fire safety in the home
 - **CLEVELAND FIRE SERVICE** – Fireworks safety
 - **CLEVELAND POLICE/ROAD SAFETY** – Road safety and ASB
 - **NEDL** – Safety around electricity
 - **LOCAL AUTHORITY** – Building site safety
 - **BRITISH TRANSPORT POLICE** – Railway safety
 - **COASTGUARD** – Coastal safety
 - **CLEVELAND POLICE AUTHORITY** – Interactive consultation
- 1.5 The Police Authority session used the interactive IML software to ask the children a variety of questions covering crime, anti-social behaviour, and confidence in policing.
- 1.6 In all 1039 children were consulted. The following report outlines the results of this consultation.

- 1.7 For the purpose of the report the results have been split into the following neighbourhood sector areas:
- Central – Burn Valley, Foggy Furze, Grange, Park, Rift House and Stranton
 - North – Brus, Dyke House, Hart, St Hilda, Throston
 - South – Fens, Owton, Rossmere, Seaton

2 KEY FINDINGS

- 2.1 Overall across the whole of Hartlepool, 64% of the children felt that the police and council do a good job in dealing with crime and anti-social behaviour. This is higher than the confidence levels shown by children at Crucial Crews in Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland, but still falls below results obtained from adults through the Local Public Confidence Survey, which showed 73% confidence levels Force wide and 72.2% in Hartlepool.
- 2.2 It was felt that the police and council could do a better job by having more visible police patrols, quicker response times, dealing more proactively with incidents as they occur and providing better feedback on actions taken. The children also felt that punishments for offenders should be harsher and that restorative justice was an effective deterrent for offenders.
- 2.3 Overall the top three crime concerns were drug dealing, violence and house burglary. These concerns are similar to those expressed by children in Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland. For the special needs children the top concerns were house burglary, drug dealing and bullying.
- 2.4 Although racist incidents were not one of the top concerns raised through the IML voting, many of the children mentioned witnessing or experiencing racism as part of the discussions held around the questions. Most seemed unaware that they could report incidents of this nature to the police.
- 2.5 Overall the top three anti-social behaviour concerns were teenagers hanging around, noisy neighbours and vandalism/graffiti/criminal damage. These concerns are very similar to those expressed by children in Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland. For special needs children the top concerns were teenagers hanging around, people being drunk and noisy and people taking drugs.
- 2.6 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 anti-social behaviour concerns expressed by the children are broadly similar to those expressed by adults, with the main focus being on youth anti-social behaviour, criminal damage, drinking and drugs.

- 2.7 Appendix B contains details of the comments made by each school in the discussions which took place around the questions. These comments focus predominantly on local issues, public confidence and improving services.

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 64% of the children felt that the police and council did a good job, which is higher than in Crucial Crews undertaken in other areas this year – children in Redcar and Cleveland had 55% confidence levels and those in Middlesbrough 56%.
- 3.4 Confidence levels remained roughly stable across the three neighbourhood sector areas, with Central and South rating 65% and North rating 64%.
- 3.5 Confidence levels displayed in the children fell well below results obtained from adults through the Local Public Confidence Survey, which showed 73% confidence levels Forcewide and 72.2% in Hartlepool 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.
- 3.6 The children felt that the police and council could do a better job by having more visible police patrols, quicker response times, dealing more proactively with incidents as they occur and providing better feedback on actions taken. These reasons are broadly similar to those mentioned by adults who have been surveyed. The children also felt that punishments for offenders should be harsher and that restorative justice was an effective means of punishment. CCTV was seen as an effective deterrent for offenders and also as a way of increasing feelings of safety in an area. Table 3.1 below shows the full responses to this question.

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	64	22	14
Central	65	22	13
North	64	21	15
South	65	23	12

Crime

- 3.7 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
- 3.8 Overall across the whole of Hartlepool the top three crime concerns were drug dealing (17%), violence (17%) and house burglary (14%). These concerns are similar to those raised by children at the Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland Crucial Crew events¹.
- 3.9 The top crime concerns were the same across all three geographical groupings, although violence was slightly less of a concern in Central and drug dealing was slightly less of a concern in South.
- 3.10 Although racist incidents were not one of the top concerns raised through the IML voting, many of the children mentioned witnessing or experiencing racism as part of the discussions held around this question. Police Authority staff stressed the importance of reporting racism to the police and the nature of the punishments which offenders could receive as many of the children seemed unaware that they could report incidents of this nature. Table 3.2 below shows the full responses to this question.

¹ Middlesbrough top concerns were house burglary, violence and drug dealing. Redcar and Cleveland top concerns were violence, drug dealing and criminal damage.

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

Crime Type	% of responses			
	Overall	Central	North	South
House Burglary	14	14	14	15
Car Crime	9	8	9	9
Drug Dealing	17	17	18	16
Robbery	10	10	10	10
Criminal Damage	13	13	12	13
Racist Incidents	11	12	11	11
Violence	17	16	18	17
None of these	9	10	8	9

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

3.11 The special needs children were asked to pick which single type of crime worried them most from the following list:

- House Burglary
- Car Crime
- Drugs
- Robbery / Mugging
- Bullying

3.12 The top concern was house burglary, with 38%, followed by drug dealing and bullying, each with 20%.

Anti-Social Behaviour

3.13 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

3.14 Overall across the whole of Hartlepool the top anti-social behaviour concerns were teenagers hanging around (20%), noisy neighbours (15%) and vandalism/graffiti/criminal damage (13%). These concerns are very similar to

those raised by children at the Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland Crucial Crew events².

3.15 The top two concerns were the same across all three geographical groupings, whilst the third concern varied across the different areas – rubbish/litter in Central, drug using in North and people being drunk and rowdy in South. 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	Central	North	South
Noisy neighbours	15	15	15	15
Teenagers	20	18	22	20
Vandalism	13	13	13	13
Drug using	12	11	14	9
Drunk/rowdy people	12	12	12	14
Rubbish/litter	12	14	12	12
Off road bikes	4	4	4	5
Begging	5	4	4	5
Racism	7	9	4	7

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3.16 The special needs children were asked to pick which single type of anti-social behaviour worried them most from the following list:

- Noisy neighbours
- Teenagers hanging around on the streets
- People taking drugs
- People being drunk and noisy
- Rubbish on the streets
- Off road motor bikes

3.17 The top three concerns were teenagers hanging around (26%), people being drunk and noisy (21%) and people taking drugs (19%).

3.18 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. In general the priority plans tend to focus more on anti-social behaviour issues than on crime whereas the children were specifically asked about crime priorities so their answers reflect this. The anti-social behaviour concerns expressed in the priority plans are broadly similar to those expressed by the children, with the main focus being

² Middlesbrough top concerns were teenagers, and jointly noisy neighbours, vandalism and litter. Redcar and Cleveland top concerns were teenagers, noisy neighbours, and jointly vandalism and litter.

on youth anti-social behaviour, criminal damage, drinking and drugs. The adults were generally more concerned by road safety issues such as off road motorbikes and illegal parking, and the priority plans in some areas identified crimes such as metal theft and shoplifting which were not on the options given to the children in the consultation.

N'hood Sector	Ward	Schools Consulted	NHP Priorities	Children's Crime Priorities	Children's ASB Priorities
Central	Burn Valley	Eldon Grove	ASB	Drug dealing, violence, criminal damage, house burglary	Teenagers, noisy neighbours, drunk/rowdy people
	Elwick		Speeding vehicles and HGVs		
	Foggy Furze	St Cuthberts, Stranton	Drug dealing, using and cultivation	Drug dealing, house burglary, violence	Teenagers, noisy neighbours, litter
	Grange	Lynnfield	ASB, drug dealing	Racism, violence, drug dealing	Teenagers, noisy neighbours, racism
	Park	West Park	Arson, ASB, litter	Criminal damage, violence, drug dealing, robbery	Noisy neighbours, litter
	Rift House	Rift House, Kingsley	ASB	Drug dealing, house burglary, violence	Teenagers, litter, vandalism
	Stranton	Ward Jackson, St Josephs	Shoplifting, ASB	Violence, criminal damage, car crime	Noisy neighbours, vandalism, drunk/rowdy people, litter
North	Brus	West View, St John Vianney	ASB, underage drinking	Drug dealing, violence, criminal damage	Drug using, teenagers, vandalism
	Dyke House	Brougham	ASB, drug dealing, underage drinking	Violence, drug dealing, house burglary	Teenagers, drug using, noisy neighbours
	Hart	Barnard Grove, Clavering	ASB, underage drinking	Violence, house burglary, drug dealing	Teenagers, litter, vandalism
	St Hilda	St Begas, St Helens	ASB, fly tipping	Violence, racism, drug dealing, criminal damage	Teenagers, noisy neighbours, vandalism

	Throston	Sacred Heart, Throston, Jesmond	Criminal damage, ASB, drug dealing	House burglary, drug dealing, violence	Teenagers, litter, noisy neighbours
South	Fens	Fens	Off road bikes	House burglary, violence, car crime	Teenagers, vandalism, noisy neighbours
	Greatham		Off road bikes		
	Owton	Owton Manor, Grange	Lead theft, ASB	Criminal damage, drug dealing, violence	Litter, drunk/rowdy people
	Rossmere	Rossmere, St Teresas, St Aidans, Golden Flatts	Burglary	Violence, drug dealing, house burglary	Teenagers, drunk/rowdy people, noisy neighbours
	Seaton	Holy Trinity	Other theft, car crime	Drug dealing, house burglary, violence	Teenagers, noisy neighbours, vandalism

Children's Comments – By School Alphabetically

Barnard Grove

Drug dealing on the school field at weekends. Slow response to incidents.

Brougham

More like more visible police patrols and more CCTV in the area.

Clavering

Anti-social behaviour, violence and drugs at Clavering Swings. Many of the children reported seeing racism. Children would like more police patrols in problematic areas and a more effective and robust response to incidents.

Eldon Grove

Drug dealing and drug syringes in Burn Valley Park. Underage drinking in the town centre.

Fens

Problems with litter around Fens shops and car crime generally. Police don't always feed back after incidents are reported.

Lots of graffiti, especially on Seaton walkway and on electrical circuit boxes.

Golden Flatts

Issues with drugs dealers, drug syringes and racism. Gangs of teenagers hanging around in Jutland Road. Children would like more CCTV in the area.

Grange

Would like to see more visible police patrols, quicker response to incidents and better feedback on how incidents have been dealt with.

Holy Trinity

Slow police response to incidents. Problems with drug dealing and graffiti.

Jesmond

Anti-social behaviour on Everett Street and in the cemetery. Would like to see more visible police patrols.

Kingsley

Issues with gangs of teenagers outside Catcote shops and in the park. Drug syringes around the cinema. Children would like more CCTV and also favoured restorative justice as a punishment for offenders.

Lynnfield

Several pupils had experienced racism. Litter around Grey Fields and graffiti on school buildings. Problems with fighting around pubs.

Children would like more CCTV in the area and a quicker police response when incidents occur. They also felt that the police should deal with incidents more effectively.

Rift House

Several pupils had experienced burglary recently. Also issues with teenagers damaging cars.

Rossmere

Lots of drug syringes in the area. Would like more facilities for young people. Police don't always attend incidents when called.

St Aidans

Drug dealing in back alley, Stockton Road. Seasonal problems with bangers. Would like police to attend more incidents when they are called. Problems with anti-social behaviour around Burn Valley Beck. Children would like to see more police on the streets, especially at night.

St Begas

Many of the children stated that they saw racism. Problems with adults fighting around pubs.

St Helens

Problems around the Ship and Victoria Arms pubs. Seasonal issues with bangers. Children reported seeing racism.

St John Vianney

Problems with racism around St Oswys shops. Drug dealing around Goldsworth Avenue. Children felt that punishments for offenders should be harsher.

St Teresas

Fights near the beck. Fires, fly tipping, drugs and drinking in Summerhill. Fires and people drinking on Seaton beach. Children felt that the police should deal with incidents more effectively. Would also like to see more visible police patrols.

Stranton

Lots of drug syringes near the school. Vandalism and smashed glass around Summerhill hut. Problems with gangs of teenagers. Litter and alcohol on Brenda Road. Violence at Burn Valley playground, in Collingwood Road and in Baden Street. Children felt that harsher punishments would deter offenders.

Throston

Drug syringes on the beach. Problems with teenage drinking, litter and racism.

West View

Drug dealing, especially on an evening, makes children feel unsafe in the area. Issues with BB guns, throwing fireworks and drug syringes.