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TITLE: REDCAR AND CLEVELAND CRUCIAL CREW RESULTS 2008

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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Between 20th June and 4th July 2008, the 14th annual Redcar and Cleveland Crucial Crew event took place at the Connections Campus in Redcar. During the course of this multi-agency event, nearly 1300 ten and eleven year old pupils from 43 primary schools within the Redcar & Cleveland borough participated in a variety of scenarios which aimed to give the children the chance to learn how to cope with a wide range of safety issues.
- 1.2 Each half day session involved nine different scenarios, each lasting twelve minutes, delivered by a range of agencies as follows:
- **ROYAL LIFESAVING SOCIETY** – Coastal and beach safety
 - **ROAD SAFETY UNIT & CLEVELAND POLICE** – Road traffic accident
 - **YOUTH INCLUSION PROJECT** – Anti-social behaviour
 - **SUBSTANCE MISUSE PARTNERSHIP** – Drugs awareness safety
 - **NEDL** – Safety around electricity
 - **SCHOOL NURSES** – Kitchen safety
 - **ARRIVA NORTHEAST** – Bus safety
 - **SAFER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP** – Interactive consultation (crime / anti-social behaviour).
 - **CLEVELAND FIRE SERVICE** – Fire safety in the home
- 1.3 Cleveland Police Authority ran the Safer Communities Partnership scenario in conjunction with Redcar and Cleveland Local Authority. The interactive IML software was used to ask the children a variety of questions covering crime, anti-social behaviour and neighbourhood policing. The following report outlines the results of this IML consultation session.

2 RESULTS

Demographics

- 2.1 43 of the 46 primary schools within Redcar and Cleveland attended the event. This included two special needs schools.

2.2 For the purposes of this report the schools have been split into geographical groups and the special needs schools have been analysed separately as different questions were asked in the special needs sessions. Appendix A details how the schools have been grouped.

Crime

2.3 The children were asked to pick which three types of crime most affected them from the following list:

- House Burglary
- Car Crime
- Drugs
- Robbery / Mugging
- Criminal Damage
- Racist Incidents
- Domestic Violence

2.4 Overall across the whole of Redcar and Cleveland the top three crime concerns were Drugs, with 21% of the votes registered, House Burglary (20%) and Robbery/Mugging (18%). These top concerns remained the same as in 2007, although house burglary was now a higher concern than it was last year, despite the fact that house burglaries in Redcar and Cleveland have decreased significantly during the last twelve months.

2.5 The top three concerns remained roughly the same across each geographical grouping. Table 2.1 below shows the full responses to this question.

Table 2.1 In your opinion what 3 types of crime most affect you?

Crime Type	% of responses			
	Overall	East Cleveland	GTown/SBank	Redcar
House Burglary	20%	19%	20%	20%
Car Crime	9%	8%	9%	11%
Drugs	21%	22%	21%	20%
Robbery/Mugging	18%	19%	18%	17%
Criminal Damage	12%	11%	12%	13%
Racist Incidents	10%	10%	10%	9%
Domestic Violence	10%	11%	10%	10%

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

- 2.6 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
- 2.7 The top concern was House Burglary with 42%, followed by Bullying (19%). All other categories were rated equally with 13%. The top two concerns for the special needs children remained the same as in 2007.

Anti Social Behaviour

- 2.8 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 streets¹
 - Rubbish or litter lying around
 - Off road motor bikes
 - Vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to property or vehicles
 - People being attacked or harassed because of their skin colour, ethnic origin or religion
 - People using or dealing drugs
 - People being drunk or rowdy in public places
 - Abandoned or burnt out cars
- 2.9 Overall across the whole of Redcar and Cleveland the top four anti-social behaviour concerns were teenagers hanging around, with 20% of the votes registered, vandalism/graffiti/criminal damage (15%) and jointly drugs and people being drunk or rowdy (13% each). Teenagers were more of a concern than they had been in 2007, when they were the second rated choice, and drugs and drunk and rowdy behaviour replaced last year's third choice of racist incidents.
- 2.10 The top concerns remained roughly the same across each geographical grouping, with the children in Redcar being more concerned by drunk and rowdy behaviour, perhaps due to the higher number of drinking establishments in Redcar. Table 2.2 below shows the full responses to this question.

¹ Included at the request of Redcar and Cleveland Local Authority

Table 2.2 In your opinion what 3 types of asb most affect you?

Anti-Social Behaviour Type	% of responses			
	Overall	East Cleveland	GTown/SBank	Redcar
Noisy neighbours/loud parties	10%	9%	11%	9%
Teenagers on streets	20%	21%	22%	23%
Rubbish/litter	9%	9%	9%	8%
Off road motor bikes	6%	5%	7%	6%
Vandalism/Graffiti/Criminal Damage	15%	16%	14%	15%
Racist incidents	10%	11%	8%	10%
Drugs	13%	13%	13%	11%
People being drunk or rowdy	13%	12%	12%	13%
Abandoned or burnt out cars	4%	4%	4%	5%

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- 2.11 The special needs children were not asked a question covering anti-social behaviour.

Contact Telephone Numbers

- 2.12 The children were asked whether they knew the contact telephone numbers for the following situations:
- Police officer for an emergency situation
 - Police officer for a non emergency situation
 - Drug or alcohol problems
 - Domestic violence problems in the home
- 2.13 Overall across the whole of Redcar and Cleveland 95% of the children stated that they knew the contact number for a police emergency. This figure was slightly higher in East Cleveland (96%) and slightly lower in Grangetown/South Bank (94%).
- 2.14 Considerably fewer special needs children stated that they knew the number (81%).
- 2.15 Unsurprisingly far fewer children knew the non emergency police contact telephone number. Overall across the whole of Redcar and Cleveland 28% stated that they knew the number. This figure was slightly lower in East Cleveland (26%), and slightly higher in Grangetown/South Bank (32%). 50% of the special needs children stated that they knew the number.
- 2.16 Although just under a third of the children questioned stated that they knew the number, very few of them actually did know the Ladgate Lane number,

01642 326326, and none knew the Neighbourhood Policing number, 01642 302929.

- 2.17 The children were also asked whether they knew numbers to get help and advice for drug and alcohol problems or for domestic violence. The purpose of the questions regarding telephone numbers was predominantly education rather than consultation. Following the questions there was some discussion regarding telephone numbers for the various situations which had been covered. A list of numbers was given to all the schools for the future reference of the children.

Neighbourhood Policing

- 2.18 The children were asked whether they knew who their local Police Officer, Police Community Support Officer and Community Protection Officer (formerly known as Community Safety Warden) were. It was stressed to the children that they didn't need to know the person's actual name, they just needed to know what they looked like, i.e. they would recognise them from having seen them in their local area.
- 2.19 Overall across the whole of Redcar and Cleveland 69% of the children stated that they knew who their local Police Officer was. This ranged from 73% in East Cleveland to 66% in Grangetown/South Bank. Only 53% of the special needs children knew their local Police Officer.
- 2.20 Despite the introduction of neighbourhood policing fewer children knew their local Police Officer than in 2007.
- 2.21 Knowledge of PCSOs was slightly lower, with 62% of the children overall stating that they knew their local PCSO. This ranged from 65% in Redcar to 59% in Grangetown/South Bank. However, the special needs children were more likely to know their local PCSO than their local police officer (59% and 53% respectively).
- 2.22 Knowledge of PCSOs had increased considerably since 2007.
- 2.23 Overall across the whole of Redcar and Cleveland 53% of the children stated that they knew who their local Community Protection Officer was. This ranged from 57% in Grangetown/South Bank to 49% in Redcar.
- 2.24 53% of the special needs children knew who their local Community Protection Officer was, which is as many children as from the mainstream schools.
- 2.25 Knowledge of Community Protection Officers had decreased since 2007.
- 2.26 It was noticeable that knowledge of the local policing family varied greatly from school to school – Saltburn reported very high levels of awareness with

most children even knowing the local police officer's name, whereas very few children from Nunthorpe and Ormesby were aware of their local officers.

- 2.27 Table 2.3 below shows the full results of the neighbourhood policing question:

Table 2.3 Do you know who the following people are?

Person Type	% of 'yes' responses				
	Overall	East Cleveland	GTown/SBank	Redcar	Special Needs
Local Police Officer	69%	73%	66%	67%	53%
Local PCSO	62%	62%	59%	65%	59%
Local Community Safety Warden	53%	52%	57%	49%	53%

3 CONCLUSION

- 3.1 Drugs, House Burglary and Robbery/Mugging were the top three crime concerns for children across the whole Redcar and Cleveland area and remained roughly the same within each geographical grouping. These top three remained the same as in 2007, although house burglary was now a higher concern than it was last year.
- 3.2 House Burglary and Bullying were the top two crime concerns for the special needs children, as they were in 2007. All other categories were rated equally.
- 3.3 Teenagers hanging around the streets, vandalism, graffiti and other criminal damage and jointly drugs and people being drunk or rowdy were the top four anti-social behaviour concerns for children across the whole Redcar and Cleveland area. These top concerns remained roughly the same across each geographical grouping, although the children in Redcar were more concerned by drunk and rowdy behaviour than those from other areas.
- 3.4 Teenagers were more of a concern than they had been in 2007, when they were the second rated choice, and drugs and drunk and rowdy behaviour replaced last year's third choice of racist incidents.
- 3.5 Most of the children questioned knew the 999 emergency contact number for the police, but very few knew the 01642 326326 non emergency contact number and none knew the neighbourhood policing number 01642 302929.
- 3.6 Despite the introduction of Neighbourhood Policing fewer children knew who their local police officer was than in 2007. However, knowledge of PCSOs had increased significantly, bringing it almost to the same level as for police officers.

- 3.7 The children were least likely to know their local Community Protection Officer, and even less likely to know them than they had been in 2007.
- 3.8 Knowledge of the local policing family varied greatly from school to school – Saltburn reported very high levels of awareness with most children even knowing the local police officer's name, whereas very few children from Nunthorpe and Ormesby were aware of their local officers.
- 3.9 Redcar and Cleveland Crucial Crew has always previously been organised by the police, but it has been decided to pass responsibility for the planning and organisation of the event in the future to the Safer Communities Partnership.

APPENDIX A

East Cleveland

1. Badger Hill Primary School
2. Chaloner Primary School
3. Galley Hill Primary School
4. Handale Primary School
5. Highcliffe Primary School
6. Hummersea Primary School
7. Lingdale Primary School
8. Lockwood Primary School
9. New Marske Primary School
10. Saltburn Primary School
11. Skelton Primary School
12. St. Bede's Roman Catholic Primary School
13. St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School
14. St. Paulinus Roman Catholic Primary School
15. St. Peter's Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School
16. Westgarth Primary School
17. Whitecliffe Primary School

Grangetown / South Bank / Eston

1. Bankfields Primary School
2. Caedmon Primary School
3. Grangetown Primary School
4. Normanby Primary School
5. Nunthorpe Primary School
6. Ormesby Primary School
7. Overfields Primary School
8. Ravensworth Primary School
9. South Bank Primary School
10. St. Gabriel's RC VA Primary School
11. St. Margaret Clitherow's Catholic Primary School
12. St. Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School
13. Wilton Primary School

Redcar

1. Coatham Church of England Voluntary Controlled Primary School
2. Dormanstown Primary School
3. Green Gates Primary School
4. Ings Farm Primary School
5. John E Batty Primary School
6. Lakes Primary School
7. Newcomen Primary School

8. Riverdale Primary School
9. St. Benedict's Catholic Voluntary Aided Primary School
10. Wheatlands Primary School
11. Zetland Primary School

Special Needs

1. Kilton Thorpe School
2. Kirkleatham Hall School