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TITLE: STOCKTON CRUCIAL CREW RESULTS 2008

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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Between 8th and 19th September 2008, the Stockton Crucial Crew event took place at the Education Centre in Norton. During the course of this multi-agency event, roughly 2000 ten and eleven year old pupils from 60 primary schools within the Stockton 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 seven different scenarios, each lasting twelve minutes, delivered by a range of agencies including Cleveland Police, Cleveland Police Authority, Road Safety, Fire Brigade and Gas and Electricity companies.
- 1.3 Cleveland Police Authority ran a 'Who wants to be a Millionaire' scenario using the interactive IML software to ask the children a variety of questions covering crime, anti-social behaviour and neighbourhood policing. The role of the Police Authority was also explained to the children.
- 1.4 The following report outlines the results of this IML consultation session. For the purposes of this report the schools have been split into geographical areas covering Stockton, Billingham, Thornaby and Yarm.

2 RESULTS

Crime

- 2.1 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

- 2.2 Overall across the whole of Stockton the top three crime concerns were Drugs, with 22% of the votes registered, House Burglary (19%) and Robbery/Mugging (15%).
- 2.3 These top concerns were the same as those expressed by the children at Redcar and Cleveland Crucial Crew which took place in June and July 2008.
- 2.4 The top three concerns remained the same across each geographical grouping.

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
 - Rubbish or dog mess
 - Off road motor bikes
 - Vandalism, graffiti and other deliberate damage to property or vehicles
 - Racists incidents
 - 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 Stockton the top four anti-social behaviour concerns were vandalism/graffiti/criminal damage, with 20% of the votes registered, drugs (16%) and jointly rubbish or dog mess and people being drunk or rowdy (15% each).
- 2.10 These concerns were roughly the same as those expressed in Redcar and Cleveland, although at the Redcar Crucial Crew 'teenagers hanging around' was given as an option and this scored very highly. The Stockton children also rated rubbish or dog mess as more of a concern.
- 2.11 The top concerns remained roughly the same across each geographical grouping, with the children in Stockton and Yarm being more concerned by drunk and rowdy behaviour, perhaps due to the higher number of drinking establishments in these areas. Table 2.1 below shows the full responses to this question.

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

Anti-Social Behaviour Type	% of responses				
	Overall	Stockton	Thornaby	Billingham	Yarm
Noisy neighbours/loud parties	11%	11%	11%	11%	10%
Rubbish or dog mess	15%	15%	15%	15%	14%
Off road motor bikes	9%	10%	12%	7%	5%
Vandalism/Graffiti/Criminal Damage	20%	20%	19%	20%	23%
Racist incidents	8%	7%	8%	10%	9%
Drugs	16%	15%	16%	17%	16%
People being drunk or rowdy	15%	16%	14%	13%	17%
Abandoned or burnt out cars	6%	6%	5%	7%	6%

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

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 Stockton 95% of the children stated that they knew the contact number for a police emergency. This figure was slightly higher in Stockton and Thornaby (96%) and slightly lower in Billingham (93%).
- 2.14 Although some of the children stated that they knew the non emergency police contact telephone number, none of them actually did know the Ladgate Lane number, 01642 326326, or the Neighbourhood Policing number, 01642 302930. These numbers were given to them along with several other useful numbers such as Childline, NSPCC Helpline, Crimestoppers and the Local Authority Anti-Social Behaviour hotline.
- 2.15 CPA had assistance from Stockton's Anti-Social Behaviour team in running the workshops, and a question was included to ask the children whether or not they had heard of the ASB Team.
- 2.16 Overall across the whole of Stockton just over half (51%) of the children had heard of the ASB Team. This ranged from 35% in Yarm to 55% in Stockton.

Neighbourhood Policing

- 2.17 Neighbourhood policing was explained to the children and they were then asked whether they knew who their local Police Officer and Police Community Support Officer 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.
- 2.18 Overall across the whole of Stockton 60% of the children stated that they knew who their local Police Officer was. This ranged from 65% in Stockton to 56% in Yarm.
- 2.19 Knowledge of Police Officers was slightly lower than in Redcar and Cleveland where 69% stated that they knew their local Police Officer.
- 2.20 Knowledge of PCSOs was slightly lower, with 50% of the children overall stating that they knew their local PCSO. This ranged from 57% in Stockton to only 39% in Yarm.
- 2.21 Again knowledge of PCSOs was slightly lower than in Redcar and Cleveland where 62% stated that they knew their local PCSO.
- 2.22 Table 2.2 below shows the full results of the neighbourhood policing question:

Table 2.2 Do you know who the following people are?

Person Type	% of 'yes' responses				
	Overall	Stockton	Thornaby	Billingham	Yarm
Local Police Officer	60%	65%	57%	58%	56%
Local PCSO	50%	57%	48%	44%	39%

3 CONCLUSION

- 3.1 Drugs, House Burglary and Robbery/Mugging were the top three crime concerns for children across the whole Stockton area and across each geographical grouping. These top three concerns were the same as those expressed at the Redcar and Cleveland event in June and July 2008.
- 3.2 Vandalism, graffiti and other criminal damage, drugs and jointly rubbish or dog mess and people being drunk or rowdy were the top four anti-social behaviour concerns for children across the whole Stockton area. These top concerns remained roughly the same across each geographical grouping,

although the children in Stockton and Yarm were more concerned by drunk and rowdy behaviour than those from other areas.

- 3.3 Most of the children questioned knew the 999 emergency contact number for the police, but none knew the 01642 326326 non emergency contact number or the neighbourhood policing number 01642 302930.
- 3.4 Just over half (51%) of the children had heard of the Local Authority Anti-Social Behaviour Team. This ranged from 35% in Yarm to 55% in Stockton.
- 3.5 The children were more likely to know their local Police Officer than their local PCSO, with knowledge of both being slightly lower than in Redcar and Cleveland. Children in Stockton were most likely to know their local policing team and children in Yarm were least likely.