County Durham & Darlington

- Durham Constabulary
- 1,254 Police Officers
- 146 Support Officers
- 1,066 Police Staff

- Co Durham & Darlington¹
- 936 sq.mi. / 2,423 sq.km.
- Population 640,551

¹ Estimates of the population for the UK, England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland - Office for National Statistics (ons.gov.uk)
‘Off-Road Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)’
“We have had incessant noise for three evenings this week until about 8pm.”

“My two major concerns are him running into a pedestrian on the pavement or him hitting my car which is parked on the roadside.”

“They are destroying pathways and intimidating walkers speeding past and revving engines.”

“My big worry is kids play in the street and it is an accident waiting to happen (at worst to one of the kids, and less to one of the idiots riding it!)”

“We have often seen helmetless young children sitting on the front of presumably their dad's bikes too.”

“We have had incessant noise every night this week until about 8pm.”

“Chronic problems: long term problems that are judged to be unsolvable, persistent challenges, ignored or written off as ‘just the way things are’.”

“It puts people off leaving the house which is just not right.”

“A problem is defined as: a recurring set of related harmful events in a community that members of the public expect the police to address.”

“‘Chronic’ problems: long term problems that are judged to be unsolvable, persistent challenges, ignored or written off as ‘just the way things are’.”
Harm to the Community
The ‘panacea’ to the problem....
SCANNING

ANALYSIS

RESPONSE

ASSESSMENT
Baseline Period
(July 2016 – June 2017)
Working in Partnership
Offender

Age Profile of Offenders (2016-17)

Number of Offenders

Age of Offender (yrs)

98% male, 2% female
Location

Incidents 2016-17

No. of incidents

- Darlington: 675
- Peterlee: 567
- Newton Aycliffe: 297
- Chester le Street: 226
- Seaham: 223
- Durham: 214
- Bishop Auckland: 179
- Spennymoor: 168
- Crook: 128
- Consett: 125
- Stanley: 115
- Barnard Castle: 20

NPT Area
## Location

| Day of week | Hour | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
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| MONDAY      |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| TUESDAY     |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| WEDNESDAY   |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| THURSDAY    |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| FRIDAY      |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| SATURDAY    |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| SUNDAY      |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |

Based upon From and To time spread:
- Zero or low probability offences occurred
- Some probability offences occurred
- High probability offences occurred
- Highest probability offences occurred
Impact on quality of life of victims and community not widely recognised by staff.

Inconsistent police response, restricted primarily to off-road patrols.

Opportunities for positive action missed due to lack of knowledge and confidence.

Intelligence was fragmented and difficult to research.
Objectives

• Develop a force wide coordinated response – ‘Op Endurance’
• Provide staff with tactics and confidence to deal effectively with the problem
• Reduce incidents of off road related Anti-Social Behaviour by 10%
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RESPONSE

ASSESSMENT
Developing the ‘Brand’
‘The Launch’
(August 2017)
Internal Communications

- **Intelligence**
- Locations
- Open Source
- Prevention
- Enforcement
- Young People
- Off Road Patrols
- Partner Contacts
- Specialist Equipment
- Housing
- Surveillance
External Communications
External Communications

19th February 2019
Five off-road bikes and mopeds seized by police – including one ridden by a 12-year-old – during Operation Endurance
By Graeme Hetherington | GraemeEcho

7th September 2019
Unique DNA-spray set to stop nuisance bikers in Darlington in their tracks
By Graeme Hetherington | GraemeEcho

14th March 2019
Nuisance biker in Darlington caught by DNA tagging spray
By Charlotte Bowe | cbweecho
Reporter (Darlington)

Watch police use DNA spray to tackle nuisance off-road bikers in County Durham
The spray will be used by police officers after concerns about illegal off-road motorbikes in County Durham

Durham Constabulary Launch DNA Tagging Spray Against Nuisance Riders
External Communications

**From all of us at Operation Endurance**

**HOPPY EASTER**

Stop being a fool - follow the rules!
It’s not worth it!

The warm weather is on its way!
Don’t feel the heat!

We have eyes everywhere!

Best Wishes from
The Operation Endurance Team

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**Nuisance bikers to receive Easter cards from police**

02/04/2019

EASTER cards from the police will be delivered to nuisance bikers telling them to behave as the weather warms up or face the consequences.

Officers from Durham Constabulary will be delivering the cards to offenders in Darlington who have been caught riding illegally on more than one occasion and have been issued with two or more warning notices.
External Communications

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**POLICE WARNING**

**MOTORISED BIKES**

**DO YOU KNOW THE LAWS!?**

- It is a criminal offence to ride a motorised bike on the public highway.
- Police are targeting riders who put their own lives and the lives of others at risk by riding on public roads.

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**Off Road/Moto X Clubs & Sites**

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**Letter**

Date: 5 April 2019

Dear,

I have been informed that you recently received a warning notice regarding your use of a vehicle in circumstances relating toYO:

- Section 56 of the Road Traffic Act 2002 gives police powers to seize and dispose of a vehicle if it is suspected of being used for illegal activities.

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**Operation Endurance**

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**Altogether Better Policing**
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## Quantitative Data

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<td>21705</td>
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<td>2937</td>
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\(^1\)Home Office, 2004. ‘Defining and Measuring ASB’
Intelligence

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![Bar chart showing Intelligence data comparison between baseline and years one and two]
Case Study – Enforcement

Community Intelligence
Community Protection Warnings
Parents Complicit
Conviction for Driving Offences
Community Engagement
Closure Order
Partnership Working
Targeted Activities

CONVICTED
Some excellent work by Op Endurance Team
(26/10/17)

We appreciate the efforts to remove the menace .. from illegal motorcycle use
(08/03/19, Heritage Coast Partnership)

“Thank you for listening to the communities”
(06/02/18)

“An important tool ... Multi-agency works. Great to see”
(10/10/17)

“Great partnership working”
(21/03/19, Wheatley Hill Parish Council)

“The local community thanks you and fully supports you”
(03/10/18)

“Just what the community want”
(06/03/19, Ron Hogg, PCVC)
Confidence Survey
(December 2019)

33% Confident

67% Not Confident

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Public Accountability

Ask your questions

Meeting - Public Accountability
Topic - Off-Road Bikes

Date - Thursday 24th November 2021

Send your questions to General.Enquiries@durham-pcc.gov.uk including your name and address
Police Support Volunteer

- Increase community confidence
- Review Incidents, S59 Notices & Intelligence
- Targeted confidence messages
- Multi-Channel Media
Reviewing Legislation

Operation Endurance, aims to crackdown on nuisance riders and motorists and has already seen successes in the Peterlee Neighbourhood Policing area.

Section 59 warning signs have been erected selected areas to notify potential offenders of the new powers and combat the antisocial behaviour which is often linked to them.

The force is also working with its partners including Darlington Borough Council to raise awareness of the

**WARNING**

Anti-social use of motorised vehicles will lead to further action being taken. Vehicles will be seized without further warning.

Pursuant to Police Reform Act S.59
Lessons Learned

• The importance of an Implementation Plan
• ‘Role not Individual’ - Maintaining Momentum
• Comms, Comms and more Comms!
• Analytical Support
Thank You

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