



## Durham Constabulary

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# County Durham & Darlington



- **Durham Constabulary**
- 1,254 Police Officers
- 146 Support Officers
- 1,066 Police Staff
  
- **Co Durham & Darlington<sup>1</sup>**
- 936 sq.mi. / 2,423 sq.km.
- Population 640,551

<sup>1</sup> Estimates of the population for the UK, England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland - Office for National Statistics ([ons.gov.uk](https://ons.gov.uk))





# 'Off-Road Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)'





# Harmful Community

**"They are destroying pathways and intimidating walkers speeding past and revving engines"**  
**A problem is defined as:**

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

**"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 had incessant noise 'Chronic' problems: week until about 8pm"**

**"We have often seen helmetless young children sitting on the front of presumably their dad's bikes too"**

**"Young lads on motorbikes or quads racing around, not giving a damn how close they get to people or if they frighten/harm the dogs"**

**"It puts people off leaving the house which is just not right"**



*"a recurring set of related harmful events in a community that members of the public expect the police to address"*

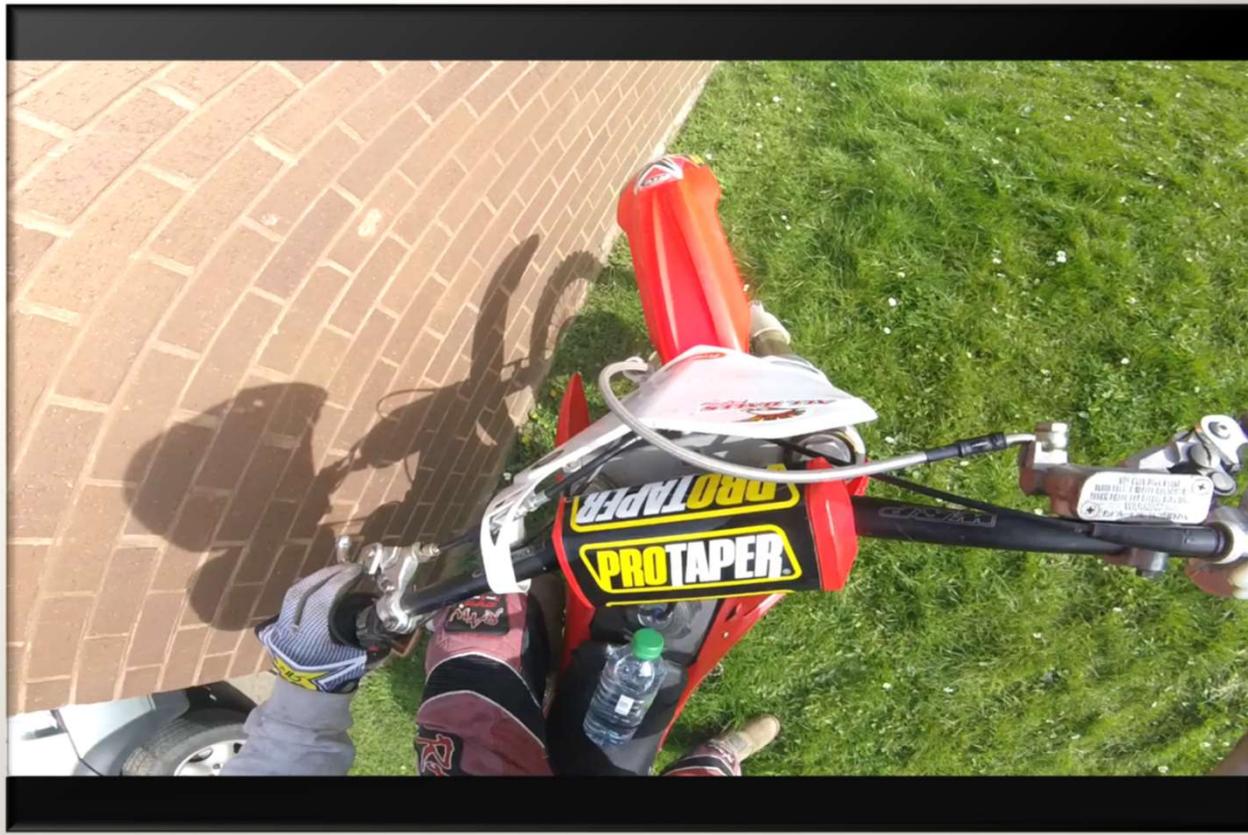
*(Clarke) R. and Eck, J.E., 2014. Become a problem-solving crime analyst. Wiley*

*long term problems that are judged to be unsolvable, persistent challenges, ignored or written off as 'just the way things are'*

*(Reidley) J.H., 2018. Reducing crime: A companion for police leaders. Routledge*



# Harm to the Community







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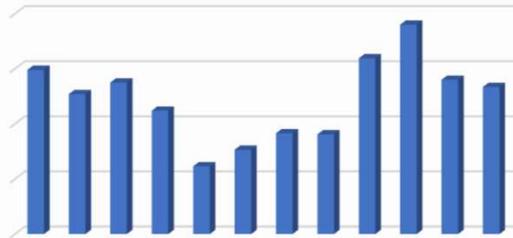
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# Baseline Period (July 2016 – June 2017)





# Working in Partnership



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County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service



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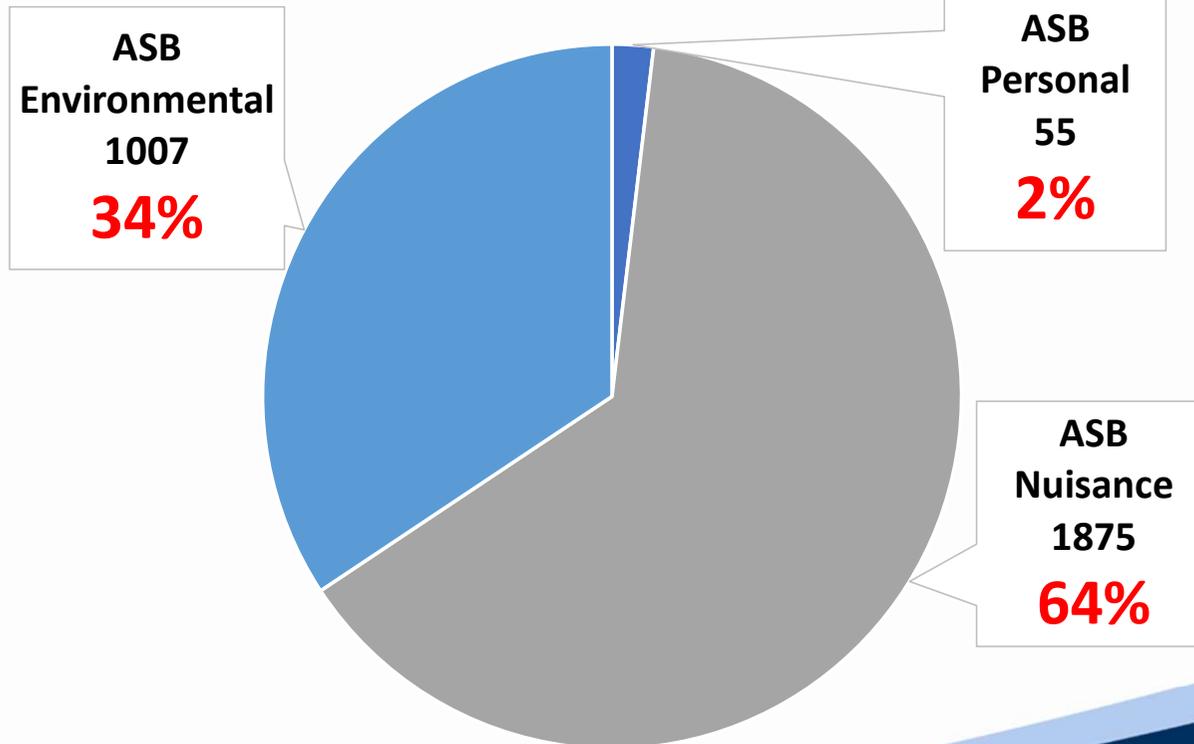
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# Victim





# Offender

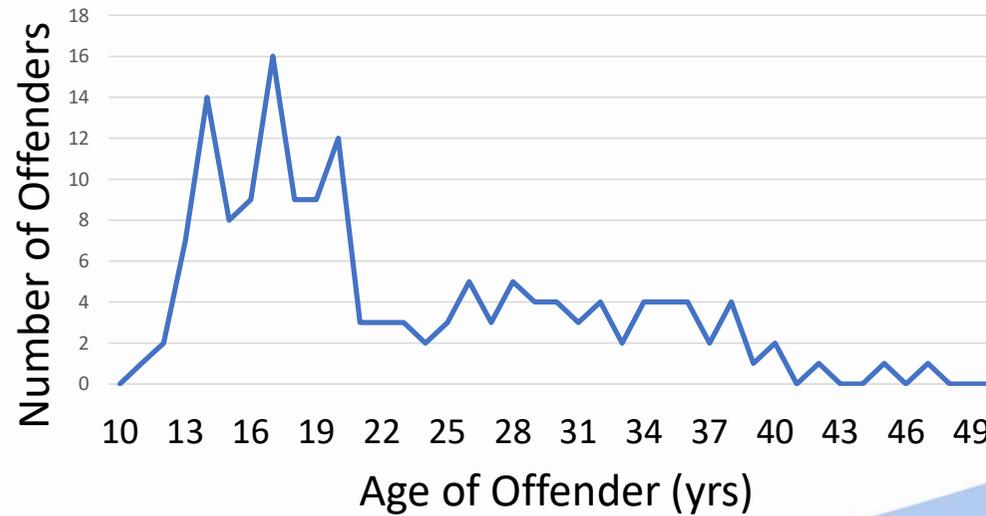


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Age Profile of Offenders (2016-17)

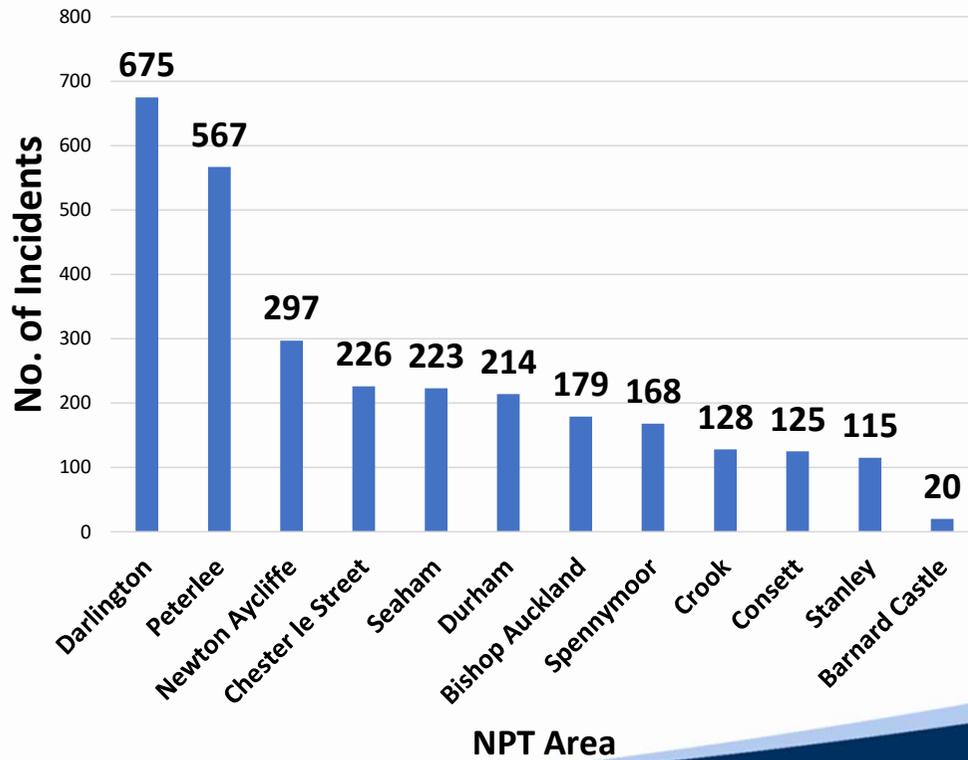




# Location



Incidents 2016-17





# 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
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





# Hypotheses

- 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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# Developing the 'Brand'





# 'The Launch'

(August 2017)





# Internal Communications

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
Forcewide OR ASB Jul 17 to Jun 18	02/08/2018 16:04	File folder	
Forcewide OR ASB July 2017	12/09/2017 13:50	File folder	
Op Endurance posters & flyers	06/08/2018 08:44	File folder	
Op Endurance Presentations	12/09/2017 14:07	File folder	
The Criminal, Dangerous and Anti-Social...	21/08/2018 20:56	File folder	
Age of Offenders CVRS Data July 16 to Jul...	02/10/2017 11:23	Adobe Acrobat D...	214 KB
List of existing offences + legislation.pdf	10/10/2017 11:34	Adobe Acrobat D...	1,009 KB
Motorcycles on Towpaths (British Water...	20/07/2017 13:59	Adobe Acrobat D...	716 KB
Off Road Clubs and Sites.pdf	18/08/2017 10:14	Adobe Acrobat D...	216 KB
Op Endurance Housing Provider Contact...	17/11/2017 09:39	Adobe Acrobat D...	210 KB
Op Endurance Members Contact Details...	17/10/2017 09:22	Adobe Acrobat D...	379 KB
Op Endurance Tool Kit.xlsx	22/07/2018 13:29	Microsoft Excel W...	62 KB
Regulating- Off Road motor vehicles.pdf	27/04/2017 14:39	Adobe Acrobat D...	479 KB

OP ENDURANCE TOOLKIT



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

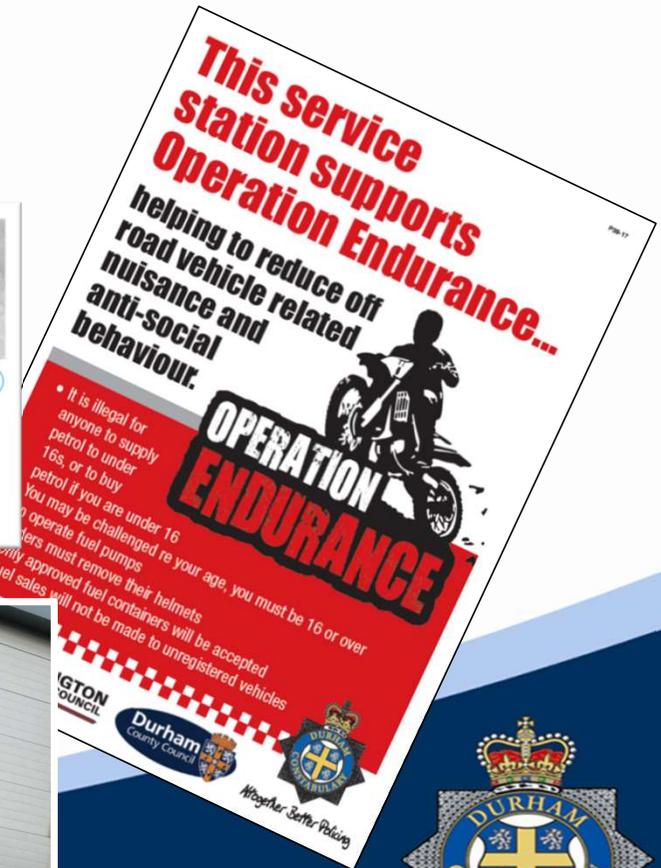




# External Communications



**BBC  
TEES**  
95 FM | Digital  
bbc.co.uk/bbctees





# External Communications





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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](#)  
Crime & Court Reporter

7th September 2019

## Unique DNA-spray set to stop nuisance bikers in Darlington in their tracks



By Graeme Hetherington | [@graemeecho](#)  
Crime & Court Reporter

14th March 2019

## Nuisance biker in Darlington caught by DNA tagging spray



By Charlotte Bowe | [@cboweecho](#)  
Reporter (Darlington)

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## 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



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Durham Constabulary Launch DNA Tagging Spray Against Nuisance Riders

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# External Communications

From all of us at  
Operation Endurance

**HAPPY  
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

## 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.







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# Quantitative Data

Data	Baseline July 16 – June 17	Year One July 17 – June 18	Year Two July 18 – June 19
Total ASB	21705	19119 (-11.9%)	17313 (-20.2%)
'Off Road' ASB	2937	2406 ( ↓ 18%)	2156 ( ↓ 26.6%)
Cost to Force <sup>1</sup>	£745.7k	£632.8k	£586.0k
Financial Savings		£112.9k	£46.8k
Total Savings			£159.7k

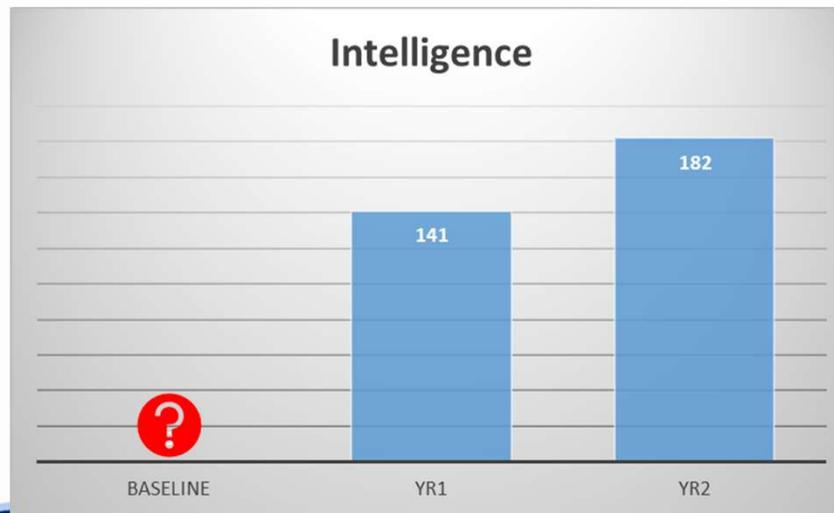
<sup>1</sup>Home Office, 2004. 'Defining and Measuring ASB'





# Intelligence

Data	Baseline July 16 – June 17	Year One July 17 – June 18	Year Two July 18 – June 19
Intelligence	???	141	182





# Case Study – Enforcement





## Qualitative Data (Community Feedback)

**“Thank you for listening  
to the communities”**

(06/02/18)

**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)

**“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”**

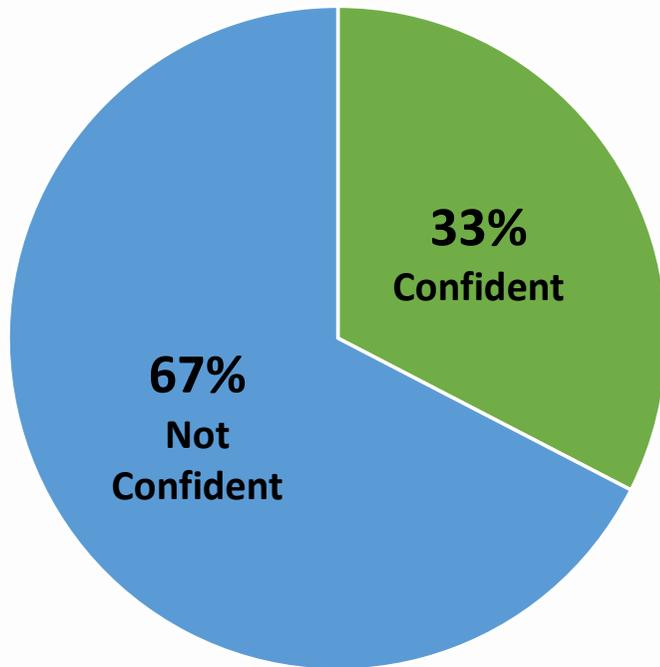
(06/03/19, Ron Hogg, PCVC)





# Confidence Survey

(December 2019)



Completely Confident	9	3.0%
Very Confident	9	3.0%
Fairly Confident	80	26.6%
Not Very Confident	154	51.2%
Not At All Confident	49	16.3%
	<b>301</b>	<b>100.0%</b>





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# Public Accountability



**JOY ALLEN**  
DURHAM POLICE AND  
CRIME COMMISSIONER

Ask your questions

Meeting - Public Accountability  
Topic - Off-Road Bikes

Date- Thursday 24th  
November 2021

Send your questions to  
[General.EnquiriesPCC@durham-pcc.gov.uk](mailto:General.EnquiriesPCC@durham-pcc.gov.uk)  
including your name and address



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# Police Support Volunteer



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





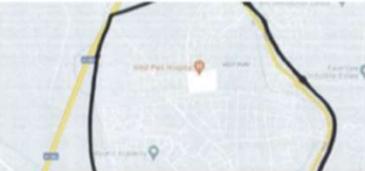
# Reviewing Legislation

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

Live-Chat.aspx or email [opendurance@durham.police.uk](mailto:opendurance@durham.police.uk)



# 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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