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From: COPPINGER, Barry (C8513)
Sent: 13 July 2020 11:18
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: LEWIS, Richard (p2688); [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Info for [REDACTED] re Serious Violence - Home Office questions

Dear all,

List of questioners is on link below, and 2.30 – 3.30 today is allocated for Home Office questions. See further below info we've provided.

<https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm5801/cmagenda/calllist200713v01.html# idTextAnchor000>

Regards
Barry

From: COPPINGER, Barry (C8513)
Sent: 10 July 2020 17:13

[REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Info for [REDACTED] re Serious Violence

Thanks [REDACTED] pretty good start, sharing with others for any comments.
Regards
Barry

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: 10/07/2020 15:37 (GMT+00:00)
To: "COPPINGER, Barry (C8513)" <Barry.Coppinger@cleveland.pnn.police.uk>
Subject: RE: Info for [REDACTED] re Serious Violence

Thanks Barry – this is spot on. I will need to keep it tight so thought

Cleveland has the third highest violent crime rate in the country and ranks sixth highest nationally for the rate of offences involving knives and sharp instruments whilst the most serious violence offences are increasing at a higher rate than the national average.

And all that despite excellent work by our new chief constable.

The Government has granted over £100m to 18 police force areas and PCCs deemed to have a significant problem with serious violence. Why isn't Cleveland one of them?

Feedback welcome

[REDACTED]

From: COPPINGER, Barry (C8513) <Barry.Coppinger@cleveland.pnn.police.uk>
Sent: 10 July 2020 14:01

[REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Info for [REDACTED] re Serious Violence
Importance: High

[REDACTED]

Hopefully this will be helpful for your question on Monday – have copied in [REDACTED] who been involved in this work with me – any questions give me a shout. Its an ongoing campaign so I would intend to send this to MPs, council leaders etc on Monday, after you've had your opportunity to tackle Minister? Let me know if ok.

Regards
Barry

The current picture in Cleveland

- Cleveland has the **third** highest violent crime rate in the country.
- Cleveland ranks **sixth** highest nationally for the rate of offences involving knives and sharp instruments per 1,000 population
- Most serious violence offences in Cleveland are increasing at a higher rate than the national average
- Violent crime has recently stabilised as a result of a number of factors including Covid restrictions (ie no night-time economy), increased and targeted police activity, partnership working etc
- We anticipate further increases as we enter the summer months / lift of restrictions within the hospitality sector etc.

The government has granted over £100m to 18 police force areas deemed to have a significant problem with serious violence. The funds were used as surge funding to support police forces and to allow PCCs to establish Violence Reduction Units. Cleveland is not one of them.

Why?

The government have identified the 18 force areas based **solely** on the total number of hospital admissions for assaults with a sharp object.

This is problematic for Cleveland for a number of reasons:

- It pays no heed to the level of violent crime reported to the police. Cleveland has the **third** highest violent crime rate in the country – this is not factored into the Government's considerations.
- Despite its metropolitan-sized problems, Cleveland is small. Our **total** hospital admissions are therefore low, due to our small population. However, when taken proportionality we are **fifth highest** for injuries caused by a blade – and the only force in the top ten who have not received funding.
- The data only accounts for serious violence which involves a knife. It fails to recognise the wide variety of weapons used to commit violent acts – or no weapon at all.
- Where the number of admissions are below seven (for a particular period) – they will not be counted at all. Due to Cleveland's small population, this may mean our problems are further minimised by the data.
- It assumes that all victims of knife crime attend hospital.

As per the document attached – the OPCC is seeking a £1.2m investment to set up Cleveland Unit for Reducing Violence (CURV) to develop a multi-agency response to stop people dying or being horrifically injured in serious violence incidents.



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