

Appendix A – Local Vulnerability Challenges – overview of headline statistics

Suicide

The latest suicide data recorded by Office for National Statistics (ONS) shows that in 2018 there were 15 suicides recorded in Middlesbrough. This was a rate of 15.6 per 100,000 population in comparison to the North East average which was 11.3 per 100,000 and England average of 9.6 per 100,000. This highlights that the Middlesbrough suicide rate is significantly higher than both the England and North East averages.

Domestic Homicide

National data from 43 police forces across UK shows that 173 people were killed in domestic violence related homicides in 2018, an increase of 32 deaths on the previous year. Since the statutory duty to conduct Domestic Homicide Reviews came into force in 2011, Middlesbrough has initiated six domestic homicides, five of those in 2018/ 2019 – this is a record level.

Drug Related Deaths

The latest ONS report presents figures for deaths related to drug poisoning (involving controlled and/or non-controlled drugs) and drug misuse in England and Wales from 1993 onwards.

- There were 4,359 deaths related to drug poisoning in England and Wales in 2018, the highest number recorded and the highest annual increase (16%) since the time series began in 1993.
- Two-thirds (or 2,917) of drug-related deaths were related to drug misuse, accounting for 50.9 deaths per million people in 2018, an increase from 43.9 deaths per million people in 2017.
- The North East had a significantly higher rate of deaths relating to drug misuse than all other English regions; London had the lowest rate.
- In 2018, the rate of drug misuse deaths in the North East (96.3 deaths per million people) was significantly higher than any other English region and almost double the combined average of England and Wales (50.9).

- Over the last decade, the rate of drug misuse has more than doubled in the North East (46.3 deaths per million in 2008 increasing to 96.3 in 2018).

Deaths related to drug misuse in the North East, by Local Authority, 2016 – 2018.

Area	Deaths	Rate (per 100,000 pop.)
England	7,366	4.5
North East	637	8.6
Darlington	19	6.2
Durham	117	8.2
Gateshead	60	10.1
Hartlepool	34	13.1
Middlesbrough	48	12.8
Newcastle upon Tyne	73	8.8
North Tyneside	48	7.9
Northumberland	52	6.0
Redcar and Cleveland	35	9.4
South Tyneside	29	6.8
Stockton-on-Tees	56	10.0
Sunderland	66	8.4