

Crime and Community Safety Strategic Assessment for Allerdale District

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1 Local Context

1.1 ACORN profile

- One third of Allerdale's residents (32.9%) live in ACORN Category 4 postcodes (Financially Stretched), higher than the average for Cumbria (29.1%).
- 36.8% of the district's residents live in ACORN Category 3 postcodes (Comfortable Communities), slightly higher than the county average (35.5%).

1.2 Geography

- Allerdale district covers an area of 1,242 square km
- Average population density is 78 people per square km
- Marginally more densely populated than the county average (74 people / square km)
- Much more sparsely populated than the national average (England and Wales 380 people per square km).
- 72% of the district's residents live in rural areas (54% across Cumbria; 18% across England and Wales)

1.3 Demography including Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) groups and migration

- Resident population of Allerdale estimated to be 96,500 persons as at mid-2014; an increase of 1,600 persons (+1.7%) since mid-2004.
- Older age profile compared to England and Wales, in line with the county average.
- Age profiles across wards vary considerably. Moss Bay ward has the greatest proportion of residents aged 0-15 (Moss Bay 21.7%, Allerdale 16.6%, Cumbria 16.5%, England and Wales 18.9%). Silloth ward has the greatest proportion of residents aged 65+ (Silloth 30.2%, Allerdale 22.3%, Cumbria 22.2%, England and Wales 17.4%).
- 2,337 (2.4%) residents in Allerdale are from Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) groups. (Cumbria 3.5%, England and Wales 19.5%). Proportion ranged from 1% in Wampool ward to 7.3% in Derwent Valley ward.
- Between mid-2004 and mid-2014, internal migration (to and from other parts of the UK) and other changes (i.e. changes in prisoners, armed forces personnel etc.) accounted for a net increase of 2,400 persons in Allerdale, while international migration (to and from overseas) accounted for a net increase of 700 persons.
- 2,577 residents in Allerdale were born outside of the UK (2.7%).

1.4 Housing

- The median house price in Allerdale was £120,300 in 2015. This was lower than the county average of £139,900 and the national (GB) average of £175,100.
- House prices varied considerably across the district's wards; Moss Bay ward had the lowest median house price (£63,500), while Derwent Valley ward had the highest (£337,200).
- The median house price in Allerdale was 4.9 times the median annual household income in 2015. This ratio was slightly lower (more affordable) than the median affordability ratios for the county and nationally (GB); where median house prices were 5.5 and 6.1 times the median annual household income respectively.
- Flimby ward had the lowest median affordability ratio (3.2).
- Derwent Valley ward had the highest median affordability ratio (10.8).

1.5 Labour market and economy

- The median household income for Allerdale was £24,600 in 2015. This was lower than the county average (£25,300) and the national average (£28,700).
- The median household income varied from £17,000 in Moss Bay ward to £37,400 in Dalton ward.
- 14.4% of households in Allerdale had an annual income of less than £10k in 2015 (Cumbria 13.8%, GB 12.2%).
- Moss Bay ward had the greatest proportion of households with annual incomes of less than £10k (24.2%) while Crummock ward had the smallest proportion (6.9%).
- During 2013, a total of 36,900 people were in employment in Allerdale.
- Main employment sector is manufacturing with 6,000 employees, 16.3% of the district's workforce.
- 4,700 people work in the retail sector (12.7%), 4,400 in health (11.9%) and 4,000 in accommodation and food services (10.8%).
- In the quarter to July 2015 there were 833 job postings in Allerdale, 12.1% of the county's total.
- In August 2015 there were 1,146 people claiming either Jobseeker's Allowance or Universal Credit (those not in employment) in Allerdale. The claimant rate is 2.0%, 0.1 percentage points higher than the national (GB) rate of 1.9%.

1.6 Poverty and deprivation

- Allerdale has six communities that rank within the 10% most deprived of areas in England.
- One of Allerdale's communities is classified as being within the 3% most deprived nationally (this community is located in the Moss Bay ward).
- 16 communities across the district rank amongst the 10% most deprived in England in relation to geographical barriers to services, with nine of these communities falling within the 3% most deprived in the country for this measure (these communities are located in the Crummock, Marsh, Dalton, Warnell, Boltons, Waver, Wampool, Holme and Broughton St. Bridget's wards).
- 15.4% of children (0-19 years) living in Allerdale are living in poverty, below national levels of 18.6% for England. Despite this there are pockets of severe child poverty across the district in areas such as Moss Bay ward where these figures rise to 36.2%.

1.7 Health and wellbeing

- Average life expectancy for men is 78.9 years, less than the average for England (79.4 years)
- Average life expectancy for women is 81.7 years, less than the average for England (83.1 years)
- Life expectancy is 6.6 years lower for men and 8.1 years lower for women in the most deprived areas of Allerdale than in the least deprived areas.
- 22.0% of Year 6 children and 24.2% of adults are classified as obese (rates for England are 19.1% and 23.0% respectively)
- 7.0% of people on GP surgery lists 2013/14 have diabetes, higher than the England average (6.2%).
- Alcohol specific mortality rate 2011/13 (all ages, directly standardised rate per 100,000 population) for men (15.3) is slightly less than the average for England (16.6). The rate for women (12.9) is significantly higher than the rate for England (7.5).
- Alcohol specific hospital admission rate (crude rate per 100,000 population) for under 18 year olds 2011/12 – 2013/14 (73.8) is higher than the rate for England (40.1).

2 Crime and Community Safety Information for Allerdale District

Different aspects of crime and community safety are explored in the following sections to provide an overview of issues that affect Allerdale. An overview is provided for the following: all crime; acquisitive crime; violent crime; other crime; offending and reoffending; drug and alcohol misuse; road safety; and a summary of crime rate statistics. Unless stated otherwise, crime data has been provided by Cumbria Constabulary via the *Crime and Disorder Dashboard* to 31 March 2015.

2.1 All crime

Almost one fifth (19.8%; 4,916) of all the county's crimes for 2014/15 were recorded in Allerdale district. The trend is relatively stable, with numbers of crimes at a similar level compared with the previous year.

More details regarding individual categories of crimes are provided in the following sections.

2.2 Acquisitive crime

Acquisitive crimes are those in which an offender acquires or takes items from another person, and it therefore covers a number of different offence types. The following sections look at theft from a motor vehicle, theft of a motor vehicle, domestic burglary and other burglary.

2.2.1 Theft from a motor vehicle

In 2014/15 there were 176 recorded instances of theft from motor vehicles in Allerdale district, similar to figures for 2013/14 (175). Figures over a three year period indicate an overall downward trend.

2.2.2 Theft of a motor vehicle

Vehicle thefts in Allerdale fell by -23.7% (-14) in 2014/15 compared with the previous year, the biggest reduction of all the districts, and by -19.6% (-11) over a three year period.

2.2.3 Burglary (dwelling)

Domestic burglaries fell by -22.5% (-46 incidents) in Allerdale in 2014/15 compared to the previous year, the largest decrease of all Cumbria's districts. Figures for three years appear to show a slight increase of +8.2% (+12). However, the numbers involved are relatively small.

2.2.4 Burglary (other)

The number of reported burglary (other) crimes in Allerdale has fallen by -22.6% (-74) in 2014/15 compared to the previous year, and by -10.2% (-29) over a three year period.

2.3 Violent Crime

Violent crime is a crime in which an offender uses or threatens force upon a victim. The following sections look at various aspects of violent crime: violence against the person; alcohol related offences; domestic abuse; and sexual offences.

2.3.1 Violence against the person

Reported violence against the person crimes have risen in all districts in 2014/15. In Allerdale, reported crimes increased by +24.1% (+240) compared to the previous year, slightly lower than the average for Cumbria as a whole (+24.7%).

Increases are thought to reflect changes in police recording practices rather than an actual rise in violent crime (*Office for National Statistics, 2015a*).

2.3.2 Alcohol related offences

During 2014/15, there were 594 recorded instances of alcohol-related crimes in Allerdale district. This represents 12.1% (594) of all recorded crimes in the district, and makes up 31.1% (384) of violence against the person offences, and 14.9% (21) of sexual offences. Alcohol-related recorded crimes have increased by +6.3% (+35) compared to the previous year.

2.3.3 Domestic abuse

Reported domestic abuse crimes fell in Allerdale during 2014/15 by -7.1% (-115) compared to the previous year. Repeat incidents have also decreased by -18.5% (-141). As a proportion, repeat victims account for 41.5% of all domestic abuse incidents in 2014/15, a decrease of -5.8 percentage points compared to the previous year.

2.3.4 Sexual offences

Reporting of sexual offences increased by +104.3% (+72) in Allerdale district in 2014/15 compared to the previous year. Alcohol-related sexual offences accounted for 14.9% (21) of the total, lower than the average for the county (16.3%).

The increase in reported crimes is generally attributed to the increased willingness of victims to come forward, in addition to improved recording of crimes (*Office for National Statistics, 2015a*).

2.4 Other crime

The following sections look at other areas of crime not captured in other sections. The following aspects are covered: business crime; anti-social behaviour; criminal damage; deliberate fires; and hate crime.

2.4.1 Business crime

Business crime has remained relatively static in Allerdale over a three year period. Shoplifting makes up 47.1% (417) of the total business crime in 2014/15, with criminal damage and all other theft offences accounting for 19.8% (175) and 16.9% (150) respectively.

2.4.2 Anti-social behaviour

Recorded anti-social behaviour incidents have decreased by -19.4% (-795) in Allerdale district in 2014/15 compared to the previous year. Recorded instances of youth anti-social behaviour incidents have also decreased by -32.8% (-295). Crime rates for anti-social behaviour and youth anti-social behaviour in Allerdale district are lower than the average for the county.

2.4.3 Criminal damage

Recorded criminal damage (including arson) crimes decreased in Allerdale district by -17.9% (-216) in 2014/15 compared to the previous year, the highest reduction of all the districts, continuing a downward trend over a three year period. Arson crimes accounted for 3.2% of the total (32), slightly higher than the average for the county (3.0%).

2.4.4 Deliberate fires

Allerdale has seen a decrease in 2014/15 in the number of deliberate fires compared to the previous year (-32.3%; -63 incidents), the largest decrease of all the districts, and continuing a downward trend over a three year period. Nevertheless, three wards in Allerdale are amongst the 10% of wards in Cumbria with the highest number of deliberate fires in 2014/15. These are set out below:

Ward	No of deliberate fires	% of total deliberate fires in the county
St Michael's	33	5.8%
Moss Bay	31	5.5%
Moorclose	15	2.7%

(Source: Cumbria County Council, 2015b)

2.4.5 Hate crime

Reported hate crimes increased by +22.6% (+12) during 2014/15 compared to the previous year, continuing an upward trend over a three year period. Racially motivated crimes accounted for 41.5% (27) with almost a third (32.3%; 21) motivated by disability.

2.5 Offending and reoffending

2.5.1 Offending

Robbery and violence account for 33.8% (128) of all offences committed by offenders managed by the Workington office of the Cumbria and Lancashire Community Rehabilitation Company, which covers part of the Allerdale District. This is higher than the county average of 31.8%. Figures for drug possession and / or supply are also slightly higher than the county average, 12.7% (48) compared to 12.0% for the county. Two other main areas with higher incidences than the county average are theft (non-motor), 9.5% (36) and burglary, 9.2% (35) (Cumbria & Lancashire Community Rehabilitation Company, 2015).

2.5.2 Reoffending

Ministry of Justice proven Reoffending data (2012/13) shows that 30.6% (286) of offenders in Allerdale went on to reoffend, an increase of +4.1 percentage points compared to the previous year, and higher than the county average (27.5%). The average number of re-offences per reoffender is 3.1, an increase of +14.1%, whilst the average number of re-offences per offender is 1.0, an increase of +31.9% (Ministry of Justice, 2015).

2.6 Drug and alcohol misuse

The consequences of drug and alcohol misuse across the district are serious and wide ranging. The following sections explore trends relating to: drug possession and supply; alcohol specific mortality; and rates of alcohol specific hospital admissions, including admissions for under 18 year olds.

2.6.1 Drug possession and supply

Drug crime was down by more in Allerdale in 2014/15 (-23.2%; -92 incidents) than any other district in the county and continues a downward trend over the past three years. Possession decreased by -18.4% (-59), whilst trafficking decreased by -44.0% (-33).

2.6.2 Substance misuse

During 2014/15, 546 service users in Allerdale came into contact with Unity (the provider of statutory drug and alcohol services in Cumbria), a decrease of -7.1% (-42) compared to the previous year. The majority of clients (63.0%; 344) use the service for drug related issues; 37.0% (202) for alcohol related issues. The proportion of clients misusing alcohol decreased by -15.8% (-38 clients). Heroin is the primary drug for 43.0% of drug users in Allerdale. Men account for 71.1% of all service users; over half (51.1%) of all service users are aged from 30 to 44; and 17.9% of all service users have children living with them (*Unity, 2015*).

2.6.3 Alcohol specific mortality

The rate of alcohol specific mortality for males in Allerdale district for 2011-13 (15.3 per 100,000 population directly standardised rate) is better than the regional average (23.3 per 100,000) and not significantly different to the average for England (16.6 per 100,000).

However, alcohol specific mortality for females over the same period (12.9 per 100,000) is slightly worse than regional average (11.4 per 100,000) and significantly worse than the average for England (7.5 per 100,000). Allerdale has the highest female alcohol specific mortality rate of all the districts.

Male mortality rates have increased by +30.0% compared to the previous period (2010-12) and female mortality rates have increased similarly by +36.2%. In total, 22 males and 19 females lost their lives from alcohol specific causes in 2011-13 (*Public Health England, 2015b*).

2.6.4 Hospital admissions – alcohol specific (all)

The rate of alcohol specific hospital admissions in Allerdale district in 2013/14 for all persons and all age groups (387.7 per 100,000 population, directly standardised rate) is lower than the average for the county and better than the regional average. It is not significantly different to the average for England (373.8 per 100,000). There were 365 admissions during 2013/14, a decrease of -10.0% compared to the previous year continuing a downward trend over a three year period (*Public Health England, 2015b*).

2.6.5 Hospital admissions – alcohol specific (under 18 year olds)

The rate of alcohol specific hospital admissions in Allerdale during 2011/12 to 2013/14 for young people aged under 18 years (73.8 per 100,000 population, crude rate) is worse than the regional average (60.4 per 100,000) and significantly worse than the average for England (40.1 per 100,000). There were 40 admissions during 2011/12 to 2013/14. However, hospital admissions have decreased by -18.8% compared to figures available for 2010/11 to 2012/13 and by -38.5% compared to 2009/10 to 2011/12 (*Public Health England, 2015b*). This is the largest reduction of all Cumbria's districts.

2.7 Road Safety: Killed and Seriously Injured (KSI) statistics

In 2014, 42 people were killed or seriously injured on Allerdale's roads, representing a slight increase of +2.4% (+1) compared to the previous year, and an increase of +5.0% (+2) over three years (*Cumbria Road Safety Partnership, 2015*). However, as the numbers involved are small, this is not considered to be a significant increase. The Public Consultation Survey carried out in 2013 by Cumbria Constabulary highlighted the main concern of Allerdale's residents as speeding vehicles, followed in third place by dangerous driving.

2.8 References

A full list of references is provided in the *Crime and Community Safety Strategic Assessment for Cumbria*.

3 Appendices

3.1 Appendix: Crime rate statistical summary for Allerdale district with county comparison

Indicator	Allerdale			Cumbria		
	Number	Rate	Trend (change over 12 months)	Number	Rate	Trend (change over 12 months)
Total crime (rate per 1,000 population) 2014/15	4,916	51.0	No change	24,803	49.8	Up
Acquisitive crime (rates per 1,000 population) 2014/15						
Theft from a motor vehicle	176	1.8	No change	737	1.5	Down
Theft of a motor vehicle	45	0.5	Down	293	0.6	Down
Burglary (dwelling)	158	1.6	Down	717	1.4	Up
Burglary (other)	254	2.6	Down	1,226	2.5	Down
Violent crime (rates per 1,000 population) 2014/15						
Violence against the person	1,234	12.8	Up	6,558	13.2	Up
Alcohol related offences	594	6.2	Up	2,212	4.4	Up
Domestic abuse	1,501	15.6	Down	7,046	14.2	Up
Sexual offences	141	1.5	Up	701	1.4	Up
Other crime (rates per 1,000 population) 2014/15						
Business crime	886	9.2	No change	4,533	9.1	No change
Anti-social behaviour	3,305	34.3	Down	20,201	40.6	Down
Anti-social behaviour involving young people	605	6.3	Down	3,792	7.6	Down
Criminal damage (including arson)	992	10.3	Down	4,948	9.9	Down
Deliberate fires	132	1.4	Down	565	1.1	Down
Hate crime	65	0.7	Up	338	0.7	Up
Reoffending (re-offences / rate per reoffender) 2012/13	893	3.12	Up	4,146	3.1	Up

Indicator	Allerdale			Cumbria		
	Number	Rate	Trend (change over 12 months)	Number	Rate	Trend (change over 12 months)
Drug and alcohol misuse						
Drug possession and supply (per 1,000 population, 2014/15)	304	3.2	Down	1,383	2.8	Down
Alcohol specific mortality: males (all ages, DSR, per 100,000 population 2011-13)	22	15.3	Up	119	15.4	No change
Alcohol specific mortality: females (all ages, DSR per 100,000 population 2011-13)	19	12.9	Up	62	7.7	No change
Alcohol specific hospital admissions: all persons (all ages, DSR per 100,000 population 2013/14)	365	387.7	Down	2,100	425.0	Up
Alcohol specific hospital admissions: under 18 year olds (crude rate per 100,000 population 2011/12-2013/14)	40	73.8	Down	195	68.0	Down
Road Safety: Killed and Seriously Injured (KSI) statistics (rate per 1,000 population) 2014	42	0.4	No change	226	0.5	Down

(DSR: directly standardised rate)