

Criminal Justice System North East Contacts

Briefing Note

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The key criminal justice contacts for statutory services across the North East

The Criminal Justice System (CJS) as a whole can be quite difficult to navigate; this briefing has been produced to explain the criminal justice agencies at a national level and provide key criminal justice contacts for statutory services across the North East of England.

National Government Ministries and agencies

The Home Office takes the policy lead on crime, police, counter terrorism and drugs; all of which impact on wider Criminal Justice policy. It focuses on community safety and crime prevention, as well as early interventions with young people.

The Ministry of Justice (MoJ) "works to protect the public and reduce reoffending, and to provide a more effective, transparent and responsive criminal justice system for victims and the public". It has the responsibility for Her Majesty's prison service, the Probation Service and Her Majesty's court service.

The National Offender Management Service (NOMS) is an executive agency of the Ministry of Justice which administers HM Prison Service and the Probation Service for adults (those over the age of 18) in England and Wales.

More details about the national agencies can be found at www.clinks.org

North East Criminal Justice Contacts

NOMS North East Regional Office

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Police

Police are responsible for preventing and detecting crime, keeping the peace and enforcing the law. In the North East there are 3 police force areas: Northumbria, Durham and Cleveland. They are held to account by publicly elected Police and Crime Commissioners. Police and Crime Commissioners aim to cut crime and deliver an effective and efficient police service within their force area.

Northumbria Police Force Area

Northumbria police force covers more than 2000 square miles, from the Scottish Borders to County Durham, from the Pennines to the North East Coast. It is made up of the boroughs of North and South Tyneside, Sunderland, Newcastle, Gateshead and the County of Northumberland.

Police and Crime Commissioner: Vera Baird QC

Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for
Northumbria
2nd Floor Victory House
Balliol Business Park
Benton Lane
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE12 8EW
Email: enquiries@northumbria-pcc.gov.uk
Website: www.northumbria-pcc.gov.uk
Telephone: 0191 221 9800

Chief Constable: Steve Ashman

Northumbria Police Force Headquarters
North Road
Ponteland
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE20 0BL
Website: www.northumbria.police.uk/contact_us
Telephone: 101 ext 69191

Durham Police Force Area

Durham force area has a total population of more than 600,000 people covering a total of 860 square miles. This includes the historic city of Durham, the major town of Darlington, numerous smaller towns and villages and the largely rural areas of Teesdale and Weardale.

Police and Crime Commissioner: Ron Hogg

Office of the Durham Police & Crime Commissioner
County Hall
Durham
DH1 5UL
Email: enquiries@pcc.gov.uk
Website: www.durham-pcc.gov.uk
Telephone: 03000 264631

Chief Constable: Michael Barton

Durham Constabulary
Police Headquarters
Aykley Heads
Durham
DH1 5TT
Email: customerservicedesk@durham.pnn.police.uk
Website: www.durham.police.uk
Telephone: 101

Cleveland Police Force Area

The Cleveland Police area covers approximately 230 square miles and has a population of over 554,000. Cleveland Police area is divided into four policing basic command units, known locally as districts, which reflect the four unitary authorities of Hartlepool, Redcar and Cleveland, Middlesbrough and Stockton-on-Tees.

Police and Crime Commissioner: Barry Coppinger

Police & Crime Commissioner for Cleveland
Cleveland Police Headquarters
Ladgate Lane
Middlesbrough
TS8 9EH
Email: pcc@cleveland.pnn.police.uk
website: www.cleveland.pcc.police.uk
Telephone: 01642 301632

Chief Constable: Jacqui Cheer

Cleveland Police Headquarters
Ladgate Lane
Middlesbrough
TS8 9EH
Website: www.cleveland.police.uk/contact-us
Telephone: 101

Crown Prosecution Service

The CPS is responsible for deciding whether there is sufficient evidence to charge and prosecute an alleged offender. There is also specialists whose job it is to pursue the proceeds of crime, ensuring that money made through their illegal activities is clawed back. The CPS in the North East advise police forces in Northumbria, Durham and Cleveland on cases for possible prosecution.

Chief Crown Prosecutor for North East: Wendy Williams

Deputy Chief Crown Prosecutor for North East:
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Newcastle upon Tyne

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The Courts

The courts are divided into Magistrates and Crown Courts. All cases are initially heard at Magistrates Courts. If offences are less serious they can only be dealt with at this level. Some cases can be dealt with either at the Magistrates or Crown Court. More serious offences must be referred by Magistrates Court to Crown Court.

Magistrates are volunteers that have been specially trained and have the support and advice of legally qualified court clerks.

Search your nearest court or tribunal by postcode at <https://courttribunalfinder.service.gov.uk>

Probation Service

From 1st June 2014 Probation Trusts split into publicly owned Community Rehabilitation Companies (CRC's) and a National Probation Service. This change is part of the Transforming Rehabilitation (TR) reforms. More information on TR is available on the VONNE website including a briefing note at: www.vonne.org.uk/resources/briefings/

CRC's work to protect the public, reduce reoffending, support victims and rehabilitate offenders.

In the North East there are two Community Rehabilitation Companies:

Northumbria Community Rehabilitation Company

Chief Executive: Nick Hall

Head Office
Lifton House
Eslington Road
Jesmond
Newcastle upon Tyne

NE2 4SP
Website: www.northumbriacrc.co.uk
Telephone: 0191 281 5721

Durham Tees Valley Community Rehabilitation Company

Chief Executive: Bronwen Elphick

6th Floor
Centre North East
73-75 Albert Road
Middlesbrough
TS1 2RU
Website: www.dtvrc.co.uk
Telephone: 01642 230 533

North East Division of National Probation Service

The North East Division of National Probation Service (NPS) stretches from the Scottish border down to Lincolnshire.

It works with 5 community rehabilitation companies across the division, including Northumbria, Durham Tees Valley, West Yorkshire, South Yorkshire, and Humberside, Lincolnshire & North Yorkshire.

The deputy director for the NPS North East division **Lynda Marginson.**

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HMP Prison Service

There are 7 prisons in the North East of England. They are categorised according to the level of security each one provides.

Category A prisons hold the most dangerous prisoners. The rest of the prison estate comprises Category B prisons, Category C (training) prisons, Category D (open or resettlement) prisons.

HMYOI Deerbolt

Bowes Road
Barnard Castle
County Durham
DL12 9BG

Governor - Gavin O'Malley Tel: 01833 633200
Deerbolt is a Category C young offenders establishment that caters for approximately 500 male young offenders between the ages of 18 – 21, generally serving sentences up to 4 years in length.

HMP Durham

Old Elvet
Durham
DH1 3HU

Acting Governor - Tim Allen Tel: 0191 332 3400
HMP Durham is a Category B local prison which accommodates 1017 young offenders age 18-21, adult males over 21 sentenced, convicted or remanded from the Tyneside, Durham and Cumbria courts.

HMP Frankland

Brasside
Durham
DH1 5YD

Governor - Norman Griffin Tel: 0191 376 5000
HMP Frankland accommodate Category A and B adult males serving 4 years and over, in-determined or life sentences plus high and standard risk category A remands.

HMP Holme House

Stockton on Tees
TS18 2QU

Governor - Jenny Mooney Tel: 01642 744000
Holme House is a large Category B local prison for male adult prisoners, remand and convicted: It also holds a small number of young men on remand (18-21).

HMP Kirklevington Grange

Yarm
Cleveland
TS15 9PA

Governor - Steve Robson Tel: 01642 792600
HMP Kirklevington is a Category C and D semi open prison. It was built as a resettlement prison for 283 adult male offenders.

HMP and YOI Low Newton

Brasside
Durham
DH1 5YA

Governor - Alan Richer Tel: 0191 3764000
Low Newton is a closed, female prison and young offender institution accommodating 336 women. It holds a small number of life sentenced prisoners. Low Newton serves the courts in the catchment area from the Scottish Borders to North Yorkshire across to North Cumbria.

HMP Northumberland

Morpeth
Northumberland
NE65 9XG

Governor - Tony Simpson Tel: 01670 762300
HMP Northumberland is a Male Adult Category C prison and has the capacity to accommodate 1348 prisoners. From the 1 December 2013 HMP Northumberland formally transferred to the management of Sodexo Justice Services.

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work with offenders and their families

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