

## Health and Wellbeing Board

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### Serious Violence and Killed and Seriously Injured Casualties on Roads

Report from: Kent Police

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#### Summary

This report details two areas for discussion as requested by the Board that relate to rates of Serious Violence in Medway and Death and Serious Injury on the roads. These are issues that, according to the data provided, sit above national averages. The presentations identify the current picture in relation to these areas, the governance in place to keep the public of Medway safe and a summary of key activity in relation to both issues.

In relation to both areas, it is asserted that there is clear focus, structure and governance. Kent police will continue to focus on these key areas in order and look to evolve to be as effective as possible to keep the people of Medway as safe as possible.

#### 1. Recommendation

1.1. The Board is asked to note the report and information provided in the presentations.

#### 2. Background

2.1. The Medway Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JLHWS) 2024 to 2028 provides a high-level framework for improving health and wellbeing in Medway. The strategy is used to inform commissioning across the health and care system. A logical framework approach was used to determine key strategic indicators to monitor the progress and success of the JLHWS.

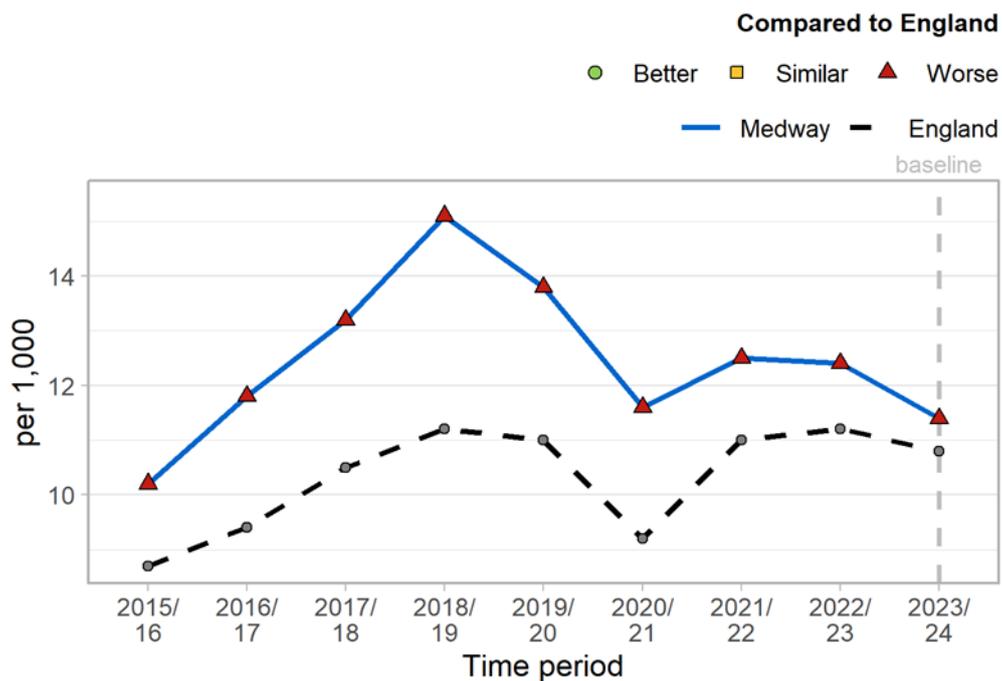
2.2. Theme 3 of the JLHWS is “safe, connected and sustainable places”. The presentations accompanying this paper cover the aspects of safety, focussing on serious violence and road casualties.

2.3. The trend plots presented below show the historical data available for Medway and England. The baseline level is set to the latest data available before the implementation of the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy and is illustrated as a dashed grey line on the trend plot. The Ladder plot (below) ranks Medway's latest and baseline values among its peer group. Included is the narrative, as well as the indicator target and a comparison between the baseline and latest year, highlighting any changes.

### 3. Indicator 3.4.1 Rate of serious violence

3.1. The latest value for Medway is worse compared to England.

2023/24: 11.4 per 1,000 (Medway), 10.8 per 1,000 (England)



Rate of police recorded offences of homicide, violence with injury and robbery of personal property.

**Confidence interval method:** Byar's method.

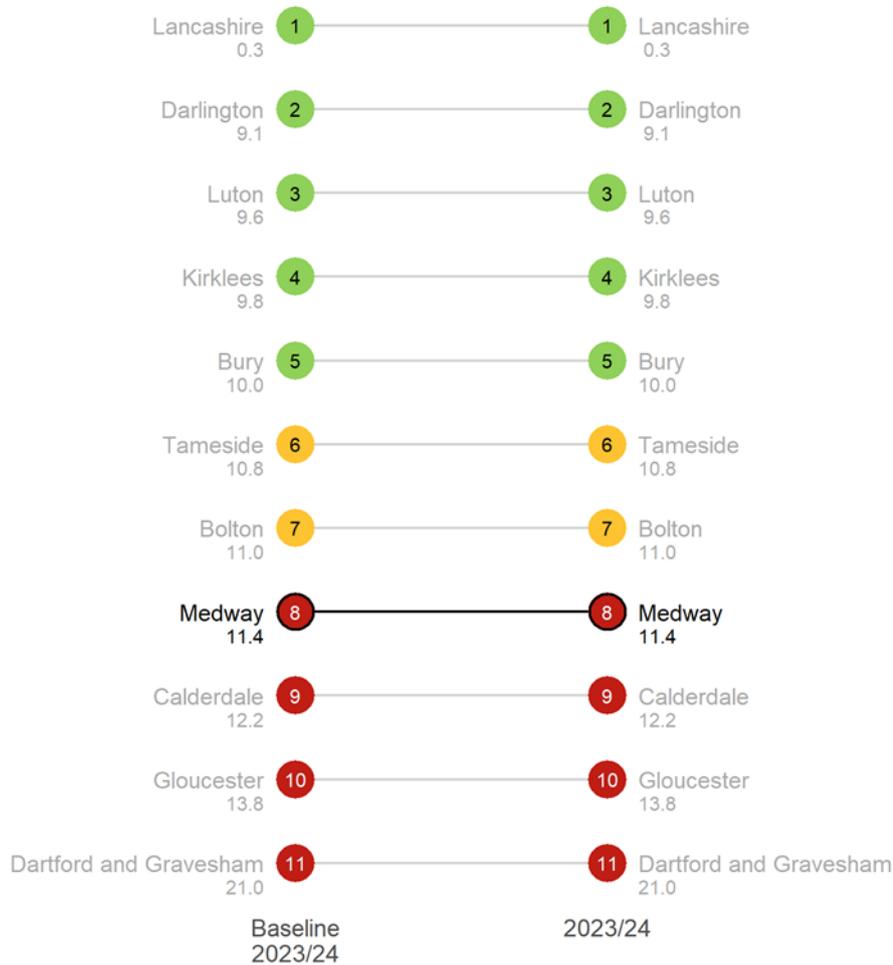
**Benchmarking method:** Confidence intervals overlapping.

**Source:** Home Office.

**Peer group:** Experian Mosaic Group.

## Medway compared to its peer group:

0 - year ranking trends



### JLHWS indicator wording:

By 2027/28, the rate of serious violence will be lower or similar compared to the national average.

### Values:

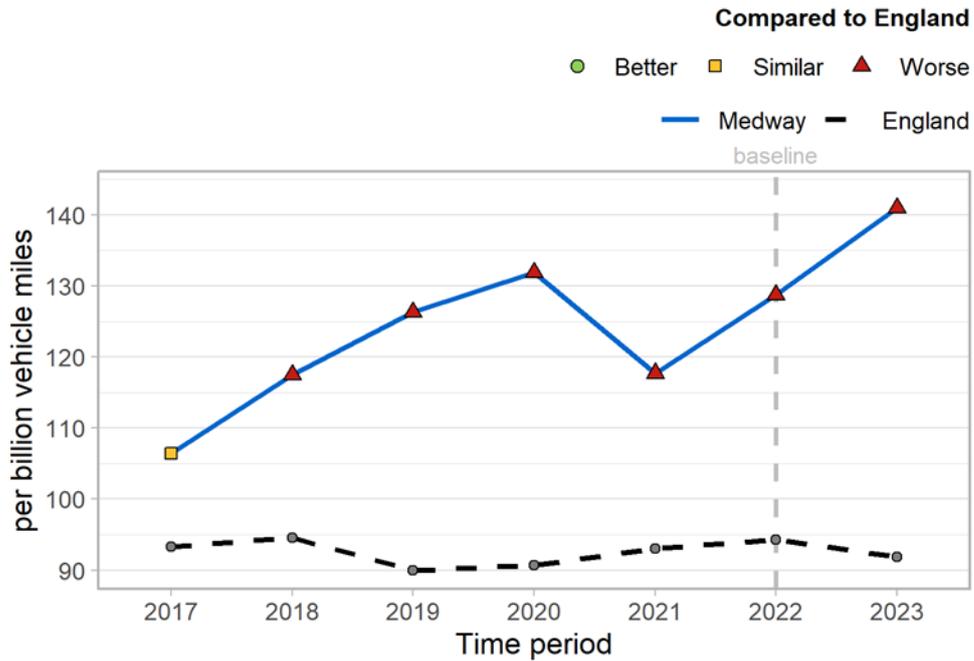
The latest time period is the baseline.

The baseline value for Medway was 11.4 per 1,000 in 2023/24 which is worse compared to England.

## 4. Indicator 3.4.3 Killed and seriously injured (KSI) casualties on roads

4.1. The latest value for Medway is worse compared to England.

2023: 141.0 per billion vehicle miles (Medway), 91.9 per billion vehicle miles (Eng)



Number of people reported killed or seriously injured (KSI) on the roads, all ages, per 1 billion vehicle miles travelled.

**Confidence interval method:** Byar's method.

**Benchmarking method:** Confidence intervals overlapping reference value (95.0).

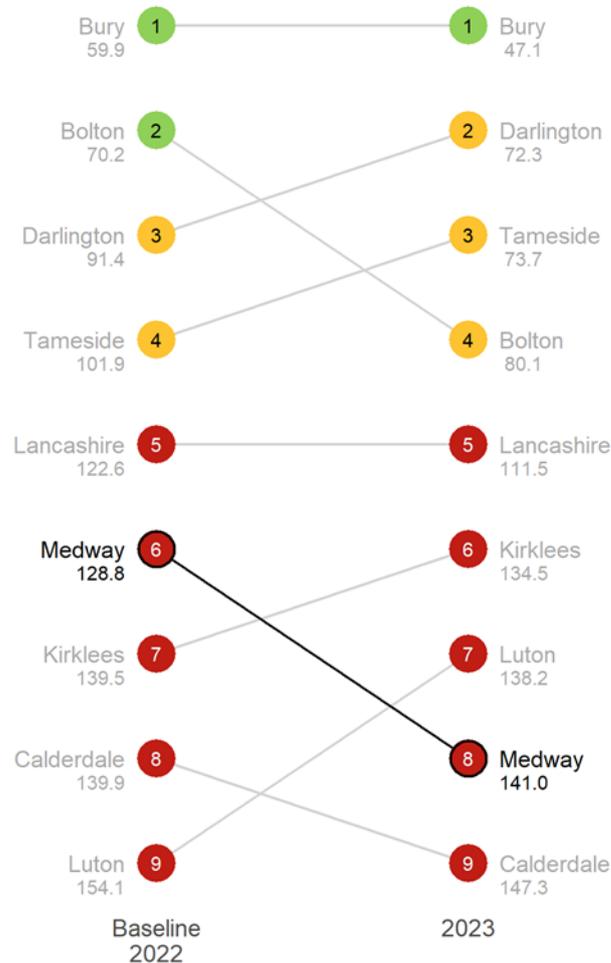
**Source:** Fingertips.

**Peer group:** Experian Mosaic Group.

**Note:** There is no obligation for people to report all personal injury accidents to the police. These figures do not represent the full range of accidents and casualties and should therefore be interpreted with caution.

## Medway compared to its peer group:

1 - year ranking trends



### JLHWS indicator wording:

By 2026, the rate of people reported killed or seriously injured (KSI) on the roads aspires to be similar to or lower than the national average.

### Values:

The baseline value for Medway was 128.8 per billion vehicle miles in 2022 which is worse compared to England.

The latest value for Medway was 141 per billion vehicle miles in 2023 which is worse compared to England.

The change is an increase of 9.5 percent from the baseline.

## 5. Risk management

5.1. There are no direct risks as a result of this report.

## 6. Financial implications

6.1. There are no direct financial implications to the Council arising from this report.

## 7. Legal implications

7.1. There are no direct legal implications to the Council arising from this report.

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## Appendices

Appendix 1 Presentation Serious Violence

Appendix 2 Presentation Road Casualties

## Background papers

None