

# **Road Safety Annual Report 2022**

**ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY  
COMMITTEE  
9<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

# Annual Report

3rd annual report produced by the Council which sets out the roles and responsibilities of the Road Safety team

Details service provision and training: -

- School Crossing Patrols
- Bikeability Cycle training
- Child Pedestrian training
- Safety Works

Some highlights from 2023: -

- Bikeability team restructure
- Work with Tyne & Wear Fire Service
- Continued roll-out of VAS programme
- Inconsiderate parking campaign – 6 primary schools visited
- End of e-scooter trial

# SCPO Recruitment

- Less people at or nearing or at retirement age appear to be applying. This leaves a smaller target audience
- Advertising & Recruitment - regular in contact with all schools to promote nearby vacancies
- Flyer / notice for SCC external webpage and social media
- An open advert on North-East Jobs and Indeed is available so potential applicants can apply at any time
- Recruitment fairs attended at City Hall & Beacon of Light



# School Crossing Patrols

- A vital service the council provides across the city to assist pupils, parents and carers on their journey's to and from school at designated crossing points
- This service is not a mandatory service but a service the Road Safety team strives to provide when resources allow
- The role requires part time hours in term time only with hours of duty varied from site to site with starting times in a morning from 7.30am to 9.10am, Lunchtimes from (Not all sites require lunchtime duties) 11.30am to 1.30pm and evening session from 2.30pm to 4.15pm

# SCPO Recruitment

- Recruitment push just before the school's broke up for summer and have recently been interviewing and offering posts
- Issues with some candidates declining the offer following interviews or not responded to the invite to interview or not responding to the invite to interview
- Position at December 2023:
  - Current SCPO's Vacancies - 29
  - How many SCPO's have left - 4
  - How many SCPO's have started - 8
  - How many candidates have been offered a position / waiting to start - 4
  - How many candidates have been offered a position and declined - 4
  - No response to invite to interview - 4

# Cycle Training Programme

- Bikeability team restructured to 3 delivery teams from 4, now delivering training all year round
- Senior cycle instructor and 3 team of 3 instructors to deliver training in school yard and on-street
- Numbers trained: 2207 (Jan 23 – Dec 23)
- Targets: 3362 (Apr 24 – Mar 25)

# Accident Investigation & Collision Reduction

## **Council has Statutory duty under Section 39 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 to:-**

Carry out studies into accidents arising out of the use of vehicles on roads or parts of roads

Must, in the light of those studies, take such measures as appear to the authority to be appropriate to prevent such accidents: -

- Disseminate information and advice relating to the use of roads
- Give practical training to road users or any class or description of road users
- Construct, improve, maintain or repair roads for which they are the highway authority
- Other measures taken to control, protect or assessing the movement of traffic on roads

# Reported Road User Casualties in Sunderland: 2022/23

There have been 393 road user casualties in Sunderland in 2023. This is a reduction of 18 from 2022 across all categories Driver/Rider (cycle and motorcycle), Passenger, Pedestrian.

Casualties in Sunderland by Year and Severity

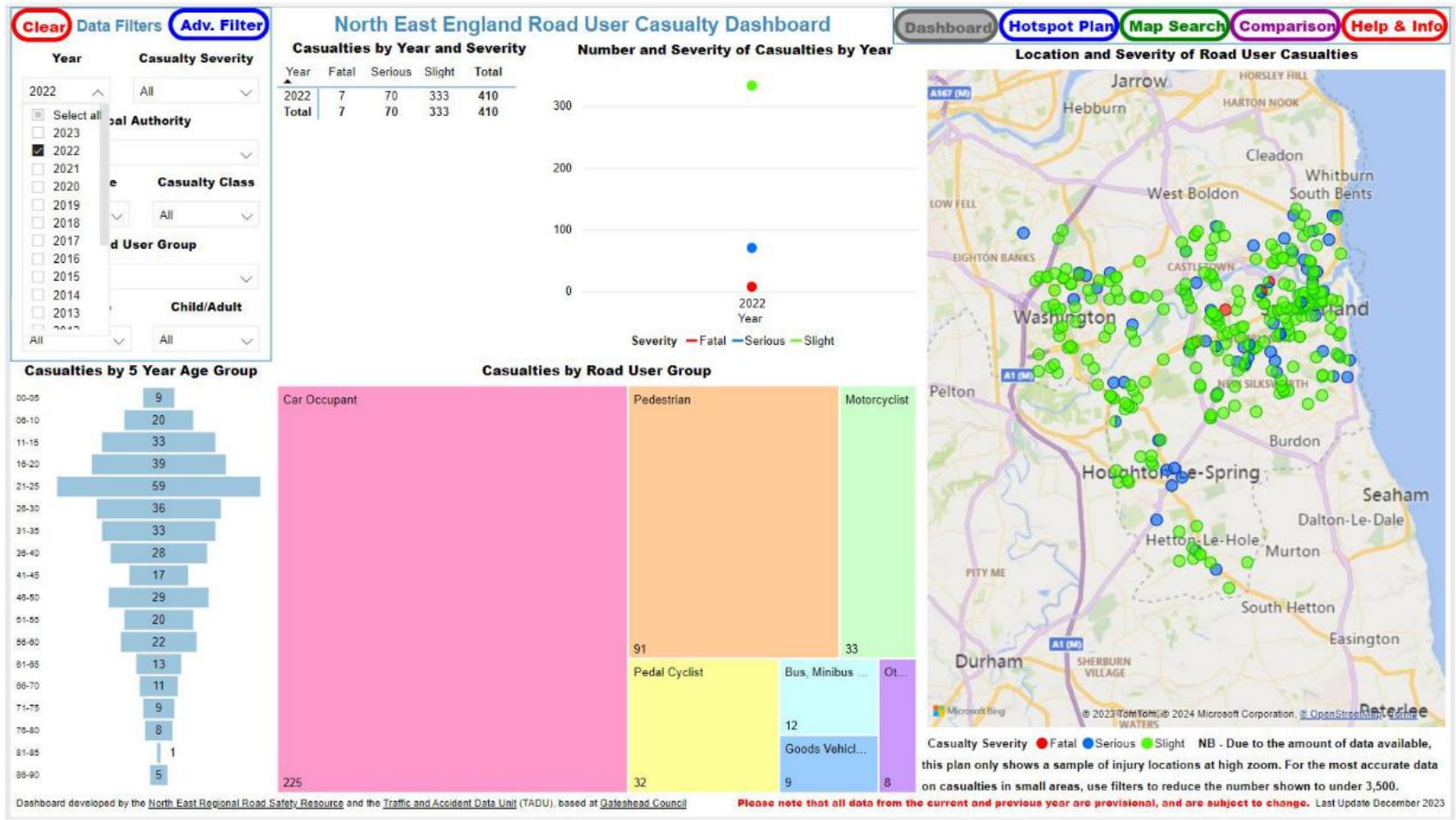
Year	Fatal	Serious	Slight	Grand Total	
2019		10	91	443	544
2020		6	88	309	403
2021		4	71	340	415
2022		7	70	334	411
2023		4	66	323	393
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>31</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>1,749</b>	<b>2,166</b>

Collisions in Sunderland by Year and Severity

Year	Fatal	Serious	Slight	Grand Total	
2019		10	84	330	424
2020		6	81	237	324
2021		4	64	250	318
2022		7	66	252	325
2023		4	61	229	294
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>31</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>1,298</b>	<b>1,685</b>



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# Speed Enforcement

- Northumbria Police to mobile enforcement to cover to allow a more reactive approach and flexibility for both the Police and the local authorities to enforce speed related complaints
- Operation Dragoon – road policing and casualty reduction
- Operation Modero – speed camera van deployment
- Northumbria Road Safety Partnership – agreement update
- Digitisation of the fixed spot speed cameras to go through procurement once the new partnership agreement is in place – 13 sites requested by Cllrs in 2022 (currently 17)

# Road Safety Promotion & Campaigns 2022/23

- Fatal Four with Northumbria Police
- BRAKE Road Safety Week (every November) – focussed on road safety and speed awareness in 2023
- Smarter Parking around Schools – Inconsiderate Parking Campaign to restart in 2024
- Pilot School Streets Closure – St Bede's Primary in Washington – restrictions made permanent
- School Streets – to be included in Schools Go Smarter Programme. Development funding

**Thank You**