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Introduction

In late January and early February 2025 Derry & Strabane PCSP undertook an Assessment of Policing and Community Safety in the Derry City and Strabane District Council (DCSDC) Area. This exercise was undertaken to ensure that the priorities identified in their Action Plan continue to reflect priority policing and community safety issues in the area. It was also informed by analysis of information provided by statutory partners, an ongoing evaluation of DCSDC's pioneering consensual funding process and the results of on-going district-wide engagement and consultation on policing and community safety in the wider council area. Finally, it was informed by the outcomes of a "Turning the Curve" exercise.

As in previous years, Derry & Strabane PCSP will provide quarterly progress reports to the Joint Committee as required by the Funding Agreement. Members of the public will be kept informed of PCSP activities by information shared at PCSP meetings, press and social media channels.

In preparing this Action Plan, cognisance was also taken of:

- The Community Safety Framework
- The Northern Ireland Policing Plan, Draft Local Policing Plan for Derry City and Strabane and current Annual Performance Plan
- Public Satisfaction Surveys
- Together: Building a United Community – Good Relations Strategy
- Fresh Start – the Stormont Agreement and Implementation Plan
- Executive Action Plan for Tackling Paramilitary Activity, Criminality and Organised Crime
- DCSDC's Good Relation Plan
- DCSDC's Strategic Growth Plan and Local Growth Plans for each DEA
- NI Programme for Government

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Turning the Curve

A Turning the Curve Exercise was undertaken in relation to the current PCSP Action Plan indicators/themes to formulate the partnership's best thinking on projects and initiatives to contribute towards the overall outcome.

As a result of the Turning the Curve Exercise the following Indicators/themes have been identified as local priorities:

- Overall Crime figures provided monthly by PSNI
- Anti-Social Behaviour Incidences provided monthly by PSNI
- Domestic Violence and Abuse Incidences/Sexual Offences provided quarterly by PSNI
- Ending Violence Against Women and Girls (EVAWG)
- Alcohol & Drugs Misuse (drug seizures and arrests for possession or trafficking) and alcohol and drug related deaths provided monthly by PANI and annually by NISRA
- CCTV statistics on suicide welfare concerns, missing persons, attempted suicides etc. provided monthly by CCTV monitoring company
- Burglary incidences provided monthly by PSNI
- Killed & Seriously Injured Road Traffic Collision statistics provided monthly by PSNI
- Victim based crime provided monthly by PSNI
- Hate crime statistics provided quarterly by PSNI
- The Safer Communities Survey for NI to include confidence in policing with comparators for our Council district in relation to the NI figures
- Community Safety Wardens monthly activity reports and quarterly safeguarding reports
- Security situation statistics provided monthly by PSNI; annual IRC report and reports from the TPPT

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Participatory or consensual grant-making (CGM) is an approach to funding that shifts decision-making power away from grant-making organisations to the people and places that will benefit from the money. There are different models of CGM but they all aim to give local people and communities more say and control over what is funded in their area. This will be the second year of operating the CGM model by Derry & Strabane PCSP. This adoption of this model, currently used by the Lottery Community Fund amongst others, is a move away from open call centrally managed competitive grant making processes, motivated by a desire to empower local communities and increase community participation in provisions for health, safety and security. Currently Derry City & Strabane has adopted CGM for disbursing funds from: PCSP Funding; Good Relations Funding; Community Support Funding; and Consensual (Local Community Planning).

We are currently engaged in evaluating this model, but early indications show that it brings great benefits in terms of incrementally greater engagement within DEAs which are empowered to monitor local needs and concerns so that they can tailor interventions to address these in a manner that the broader brush of the PCSP at District level cannot. Other indications are of benefits to capacity and motivation at DEA level and to police-community relations and public perceptions of responsiveness of policing to local concerns.

In other budget areas, funding allocation for each DEA is based on its profile in terms of population, deprivation and rurality. Currently 3 rural DEAs opted not to administer Community Support Programme funds. Until now, there have been restricted open calls for PCSP and Good Relations for BAME in several areas.

In 2025-2026, Derry City & Strabane plan to expand its use of CGM in its Policing and Community Safety work. This plan reflects that goal.

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Local Priorities

Local priorities agreed by Derry and Strabane PCSP have been included under Strategic Priority 2: “To improve Community Safety by prioritising and addressing local community safety issues, tackling crime and anti-social behaviour”. These themes are:

- Tackling ASB
- Ending Violence Against Women and Girls
- Reducing Crime and its Impact on our Community
 - Drugs, Alcohol and Addictions
 - Domestic and Sexual Violence Initiatives
 - Hate Crime
 - Tackling Business, Retail and Rural Crime
 - Tackling Cybercrime including scams and child sexual exploitation (CSE)
 - Community Safety Warden Scheme
 - Safer Home Scheme
 - Road Safety Initiatives
 - Youth Engagement Initiatives

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1: To ensure effective delivery in response to local need, and improve the visibility and recognition of the work of the PCSP through effective consultation, communication and engagement.

INDICATORS: # and % increase in social media engagement including facebook page likes, engagement and reach.
of applications received to PCSP Open Call for Small Project Support.

Theme	Aims & Description	Key Activities	Start Date	End Date	Resource or Cost £	Performance Measures	Reporting Quarter
1. PCSP Delivery	Organising the work of the PCSP through the PCSP Members and appropriate structures and mechanisms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of PCSP Meetings • Monitoring of small project support spend and impact (through OBA reporting) 	April 2025	March 2026	42,000 ¹	How much did we do? # of PCSP Community Engagement Meetings held # of external meetings/events attended by PCSP members/staff # of PCSP Meetings Held # of PCSP Public Meetings Held How well did we do it? # of attendees at PCSP Community Engagement Meetings # of PCSP members attending local Community Safety Forums/Teams # of attendees at PCSP Meetings # of attendees at PCSP Public Meetings Is anyone better off? #/% of community meeting attendees with an increased knowledge of PCSP work/role/members etc.	2,3,4
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of a mixed media communication plan (social media, print) • Ensure clear links between the PCSP Action Plan and Local Growth Plans, Good Relations Action Plan and PSNI Local Policing Plan and any other relevant designated partner plans 	April 2025	March 2026	2,000 ²	How much did we do? # of press releases issued # of social media posts How well did we do it? % # increase in social media engagement/reach % # increase in PCSP page likes Is anyone better off? # and % of people with increased awareness of the PCSP	2,3,4

¹ Held constant from 2024-5

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY 2: To improve Community Safety by prioritising and addressing local community safety issues, tackling crime and anti-social behaviour.

INDICATORS: PSNI (DCSDC) - Recorded Crime, Domestic abuse incidents & crimes, Anti-social Behaviour incidents, Violent Crimes, Drug Possession & Trafficking, Drug Seizures, Burglary, Recorded Killed or Seriously Injured (KSI) on our roads.

NI Safe Community Survey NISCS (NI) - % who perceived local crime to have increased, % perceived local crime to have decreased, % who perceived high levels of ASB.

Theme	Aims & Description	Key Activities	Start Date	End Date	Resource or Cost £	Performance Measures	Reporting Quarter
2. Tackling ASB	(Small Project Support & CGM) Using Small Grant Project support via Open Call and Consensual Grant Making (CGM), support DEAs to develop and deliver a small project support programme to help address ASB with project report cards for each initiative supported.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a small project support programme with a focus on prevention and intervention aimed at addressing local hot spot areas where anti-social behaviour is prevalent and focussing on the summer months (June-Aug) and Hallowe'en. 	May 2025	Feb 2026	95,500 ³	How much did we do? # of applications received from project promoters # of projects supported How well did we do it? % of applicants awarded support £ of support provided % of small project support applications received that scored above the 60% threshold # of applicants requesting a review of the assessment Is anyone better off? # and % of participants with changed attitudes/ beliefs/ opinions on the negative impact of ASB # and % of participants with improved awareness/knowledge/understanding of the impact of ASB	2,3,4
3. Ending Violence Against Women and Girls	(Small Project Support & CGM) Using Small Grant Project support via Open Call and Consensual Grant Making (CGM) support DEAs to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designed in each of 8 DEA's to target priorities and issues in specific to each area Each DEA to produce an action plan with performance measures and make a 	July 2025	2026	48,000 (= 8 DEAs x 6,000)	How much did each DEA do? # of applications received from project promoters # of projects supported How well did each DEA do it? % of applicants awarded support £ of support provided % of small project support applications received that scored above the 60% threshold	2, 3, 4

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Theme	Aims & Description	Key Activities	Start Date	End Date	Resource or Cost £	Performance Measures	Reporting Quarter
	develop and deliver a small project support programme aimed at ending violence against women and girls with project report cards for each initiative supported.	return at end of funding period.				# of applicants requesting a review of the assessment What are the benefits in each DEA - is anyone better off? # and % of participants with changed attitudes/ beliefs/opinions on EVAWG # and % of participants with improved awareness/knowledge/understanding of issues around EVAWG	
4. Reducing Crime and its Impact on our Community	a. Drugs, Alcohol and Addictions (Small Project Support & CGM) Using Small Grant Project support via Open Call and Consensual Grant Making (CGM) support DEAs to develop and deliver a small project support programme to to develop support a number of drug, alcohol, and addiction initiatives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a small project support programme with a focus on awareness, prevention and intervention aimed at addressing the harm caused by drug and alcohol misuse. 	May 2025	Feb 2026	11,000 ⁴	How much did we do? # of applications received from project promoters # of projects supported £ of support provided How well did we do it? % of applicants awarded support % of small project support applications received that scored above the 60% threshold # of applicants requesting a review of the assessment Is anyone better off? # and % of participants with changed attitudes/ beliefs/ opinions on the negative impact of drugs and alcohol # and % of participants with improved awareness/knowledge/understanding of the negative impact of alcohol and drugs	2,3,4
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote the RAPID drug bins and alcohol/drug box schemes as per 	April 2025	March 2026		How much did we do? # RAPID drug bins installed How well did we do it? # of locations agreed with PHA, PSNI and WDACT	2,3,4

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		partnership agreement with PHA, PSNI & PCSP.				#% increase in community partners agreeing to host the bins Is anyone better off? # of drugs recovered, recorded and destroyed from the drugs bins	
	b. Domestic and Sexual Violence Initiatives Using Small Grant Project support via Open Call and Consensual Grant Making (CGM) support DEAs to develop and deliver a small project support programme to support DEAs to develop a number of initiatives raising awareness of the impact of domestic and sexual violence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a small project support programme with a focus on raising awareness of the harm caused by domestic and sexual violence and increase awareness of the support available to victims of domestic and sexual violence Mitigate risks by working with the PSNI to identify high risk individuals and supply support and equipment (cameras etc) 	May 2025	Feb 2026	10,000 ⁵	How much did we do? # of applications received from project promoters # of projects supported # of individuals engaging with support services # of schools/community groups participating in programmes £ of support provided # of CCTV cameras purchased for high risk DV victims/survivors How well did we do it? % of applicants awarded support % of small project support applications received that scored above the 60% threshold # of applicants requesting a review of the assessment # of applications approved by the ASSIST Advocate for CCTV camera installation Is anyone better off? # and % of participants with changed attitudes/ behaviours/ opinions on the impact of domestic and sexual violence # and % of participants with improved awareness/knowledge/understanding of support services available for victims of domestic and sexual violence # of high risk DV victims who feel safer due to the installation of a CCTV camera at their home	2,3,4

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	c. Hate Crime Initiatives Using Small Grant Project support via Open Call and Consensual Grant Making (CGM) support District wide organisations and /or DEAs to develop and deliver a small project support programme to support DEAs to develop a number of initiatives responding to specific hate incidents in DEAs social media campaigns including with Good Relations aimed at raising awareness of the impact of hate crimes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a programme with a focus on raising awareness of hate crime to include racism, but with an emphasis on sectarianism, and homophobia and increase awareness of the support available to victims of hate crime. 	May 2025	Feb 2026	4,000 ⁶	How much did we do? # of hate crime initiatives supported # participants # of partners £ of support provided How well did we do it? % of participants/partners satisfied with the activity Is anyone better off? # and % of participants with changed attitudes/ beliefs/ opinions on the impact of hate crime # and % of participants with improved awareness/knowledge/understanding of support services available for victims of hate crime	2,3,4
	d. Tackling Business, Retail and Rural Crime To work with partners to deliver initiatives to support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support trailer marking and other similar initiatives Increase awareness of preventative measures that business owners, 	April 2025	March 2026	1,000	How much did we do? # of business, retail and rural crime prevention events held # of attendees at these events # of trailers/agricultural machinery marked # of specialists providing information £ of support provided	2,3,4

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	businesses, shop owners and farmers to protect their property and goods.	shop owners and farmers can take to prevent retail and agricultural crime.				How well did we do it? # , % of participants satisfied with the engagement Is anyone better off? # and % of attendees reporting increased awareness on crime prevention	
	e. Tackling Cybercrime including scams and child sexual exploitation (CSE) To work with partners to deliver initiatives to highlight the impact of cybercrime with emphasis on online scams and child sexual exploitation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase awareness of the impact of cybercrime, scams and online exploitation. 	May 2025	Feb 2026	500 ⁷	How much did we do? #participants per activity # of schools/community groups participating How well did we do it? # , % of participants satisfied with the engagement Is anyone better off? # and % of attendees reporting increased awareness on internet safety, scams and CSE	2,3,4
	f. Community Safety Warden Scheme To provide targeted patrols in neighbourhoods, rural villages and educational precinct as a deterrent to ASB and reduce fear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targeted patrolling of ASB hotspots. • Responding to ASB referrals from partners and residents • Provision presentations to neighbourhood groups/schools/youth groups etc. on the impact of ASB and fear of crime. 	Apr 2025	Mar 2026	55,000 ⁸ (contribution to total budget as part of a consortium with DfC, NIHE, Ulster University and DCSDC)	How much did we do? # of hotspot patrols carried out # of referrals received # of community engagement meetings attended How well did we do it? # % of referrals received from members of the public # attending community engagement meetings Is anyone better off? % of residents aware of the Community Safety Warden Scheme	2,3,4

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	of crime among the most vulnerable.					# % of participants who feel safer because of the community safety warden scheme	
	g. Safer Homes Initiative To enhance home protection for victims of crime, elderly and vulnerable residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supply and fit additional home security equipment for residents who have been victims of crime (burglary, hate crime, domestic violence etc) and for those residents experiencing an increased fear of crime. Commercial supplier assesses needs and fits and supplies as required. 	April 2025	March 2026	15,000 ⁹	How much did we do? # of referrals received from public/partners # of homes fitted with additional home security equipment £ of support provided How well did we do it? #, % of residents satisfied with the service #, % of applicants contacted within 10 working days of referral Is anyone better off? # and % of recipients feeling safer in their homes # and % of recipients expressing a reduced fear of crime	2,3,4
	h. Road Safety Initiatives To raise awareness of road safety among road users including drivers, cyclists and pedestrians	(i) Re-evaluate PCSP contribution to the supply of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) at speeding hotspots. (ii) Support a Be Safe Be Seen campaign for school children during the autumn/winter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support RoadSafe NI / Bikesafe, eScooter and New Driver NI to deliver schools 	April 2025	March 2026	5,000 ¹⁰	How much did we do? evaluation of PCSP role in deployment of SIDs at hotspots # of reflector packs distributed to pupils # of RTC demos supported # of schools/youth groups engaged with on road safety initiatives £ of support provided How well did we do it? #, % of SID locations agreed with partners # of partner organisations involved in road safety initiatives Is anyone better off? # of vehicles logged by the SIDs # and % of drivers adhering to the speed limit	2,3,4

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		education programmes on Road Safety				# and % of pupils with increased awareness of road safety issues	
	i. Youth Engagement Initiative Using Small Grant Project support via Open Call and Consensual Grant Making (CGM) support DEAs to develop and deliver a small project support programme to help address support DEAs to develop and deliver a small project support programme providing diversionary youth engagement projects based on local need.	Develop a small project support programme with a focus youth engagement promoting respect for the law and for each other. Initiatives will include diversionary programmes and targeted interventions for particular groups	May 2025	Feb 2026	64,500	How much did we do? # of applications received from project promoters # of projects supported £ of support provided How well did we do it? % of applicants awarded support % of small project support applications received that scored above the 60% threshold # of applicants requesting a review Is anyone better off? # and % of participants with changed attitudes/ beliefs/ opinions on respect for the law and each other # and % of participants with improved awareness/knowledge/understanding of the negative societal impact of negative behaviour	2,3,4

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3: To support confidence in policing including through collaborative problem solving with communities.

INDICATORS: NISCS (NI & DCSDC): % of respondents confident that police provide an ordinary day to day service,
 % of respondents confident that police do a very or fairly good job; overall confidence in local police (NISCS).

Theme	Aims & Description	Key Activities	Start Date	End Date	Resource or Cost £	Performance Measures	Reporting Quarter
Community & Police Engagement	Monitor Local Police Performance To monitor local police performance and ensure local accountability.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policing Committee private meetings. • Consultation with local communities to identify priorities for local policing and contribution to the development of the Local Policing Plan for DCSDC • (funding supports room hire for PCSP meetings, including 4 Policing Committee meetings) 	April 2025	March 2026	5,000	How much did we do? # of local community safety team/forum meetings # of private policing committee meetings # of public meetings # of engagement activities involving PSNI and local communities # of members of the public attending joint meetings with PSNI (including Neighbourhood Watch) How well did we do it? % of PCSP members attending local community safety team meetings % of PCSP members attending Policing Committee meetings # of attendees at PCSP public meetings % members of the public satisfied with the engagement/meeting Is anyone better off? % Increased knowledge of local policing priorities % Increased knowledge of PCSP members about the remit and role of the Policing Committee % and # of members of the public more likely to engage with police following activity, meeting or engagement % and # expressing increased confidence in policing	2,3,4
	Local Police and Community Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policing Committee Meetings • Projects/activities that provide engagement opportunities for local 	April 2025	March 2026	2,500	How much did we do? # of Policing Committee Public Meetings # of new Neighbourhood Watch Schemes established	2,3,4

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	To support community and police engagement.	<p>communities with police</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To run a series of themed public meetings on aspects of policing and public safety • Support and promote Neighbourhood Watch Schemes 				<p># of engagement meetings/events between community and PSNI # attending Policing Committee Public Meetings # attending events with PSNI # of Support Hub meetings How well did we do it? % of NHW Coordinators attending meetings with PSNI % NHW coordinators satisfied with meeting # of NHW meetings held # of NHW information newsletters produced and distributed to members of the public % attendance by partners at support hub meetings Is anyone better off? # % of attendees at Policing Committee Public Meeting who found it beneficial % increase in likelihood to engage with PSNI post-event # % NHW coordinators and residents within the NHW scheme area who believe their area is safer as a result of the scheme # of referrals successfully dealt with through the Support Hub</p>	
	<p>Advocate for Policing Delivery of projects and activities that build community confidence in the rule of law and embed a culture of lawfulness.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review impact of projects and activities undertaken or supported by the PCSP that build community confidence in the rule of law and embed a culture of lawfulness. Identify additional actions that could be progressed with local communities 	April 2025	March 2026	0	<p>How much did we do? # of engagement events, press statements, social media posts supporting good policing # Projects/activities supported that contribute to embedding a culture of lawfulness and good citizenship # of cross border/international partnerships developed to promote the NI policing model How well did we do it? % people and partners who are satisfied that the PCSP improves policing delivery in the local area # of cross border/international links developed Is anyone better off? # and % More likely to engage with PSNI following event (attitudes/opinions shift)</p>	2, 3, 4

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						# and % of participants with increased knowledge in rule of law and/or increased confidence in PSNI	
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