



Newry, Mourne & Down Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP)

Action Plan 2025/26 (Approved at the PCSP meeting on 26 November 2024)

Introduction

In October 2024 Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP undertook an Assessment of Policing and Community Safety in the Newry, Mourne & Down District Council Area.

This exercise was undertaken to ensure that the priorities identified continue to reflect priority policing and community safety issues in the area and was informed by analysis of information provided by Elected & Independent Members and statutory partners, as well as the results of ongoing District-Wide engagement and consultation on policing and community safety across the Council area.

Consideration was also given to:

- The Community Safety Framework
- The Draft Northern Ireland Policing Plan 2025-2030
- Criminal Justice Inspection NI report 'Community Safety and Local Policing Arrangements in Northern Ireland'
- 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
- Newry, Mourne & Down District Council's Good Relations Action Plan 2024/25 & Community Plan

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 priority -

- Anti-Social Behaviour
- PCSP Small Grants
- Drugs & Alcohol Abuse
- Domestic Crime / Abuse and Sexual Violence
- Community Safety & Vulnerability (including hate crime)
- Road Safety
- Fear of Crime, Burglary & Crime Prevention (including cyber-crime)
- Vulnerabilities from Organised Crime

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 communication and engagement

Indicators		% public awareness of the PCSP (measured at PCSP events – in lieu of Omnibus Survey)					
Theme	Aims & description	Key Activities	Start Date	End Date	Resource or cost	Performance measures	Reporting Quarter
PCSP Consultation & Engagement	To ensure engagement with the community, relevant statutory partners / agencies and the community & voluntary sector to identify effective solutions to local issues	<p>Hold one community engagement / consultation event per DEA per annum to identify local priorities</p> <p>Hold at least 2 community meetings in public per annum on specific policing issues including police performance</p>	4/25	3/26	£4,030.00	<p>How much did we do?</p> <p># PCSP community engagement / consultation events / public meetings held</p> <p># of PCSP members attending community engagement / consultation events/public meetings</p> <p>How well did we do it?</p> <p># members of the public at community engagement / consultation events / public meetings</p> <p># local stakeholders at community engagement / consultation events / public meetings</p> <p># and % attendees satisfied with community engagement / consultation events / public meetings</p> <p>% of PCSP Members satisfied with the community engagement /</p>	2, 3 & 4

						<p>consultation events / public meetings</p> <p>Is anyone better off? # / % of attendees at consultation/engagement events / public meetings with an increased knowledge of the work of the PCSP % of participants more likely to report a crime following the events % of PCSP members with increased knowledge of the public's perception of the PCSP</p>	
Raise awareness of the PCSP	To evidence impact through increased awareness of the PCSP	Develop & implement a Communications Strategy for the PCSP across a variety of platforms including social media, print based publications and public events	4/25	3/26	£4,030.00	<p>How much did we do? # of PCSP awareness raising initiatives delivered # social media posts</p> <p>How well did we do it? # / % increase in PCSP Facebook page likes</p> <p>Is anyone better off? # & % of people with an increased awareness of the PCSP and its work to address policing and community safety issues (reporting not required until Q4)</p>	2, 3 & 4

Strategic Priority 2: To improve community safety by addressing local community safety issues, tackling crime and anti-social behaviour

Indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recorded crime (PSNI) - Domestic abuse incidents (PSNI) - Anti-Social Behaviour incidents (PSNI) - Road traffic casualties (PSNI) - Fear of Crime (NI Crime Survey / NI Life & Times Survey) - % residents feeling very safe or fairly safe in their local area during the day/night (Newry, Mourne & Down District Council Residents Survey) 						
Theme	Aims & description	Key Activities	Start Date	End Date	Resource or cost	Performance measures	Reporting Quarter
ASB	<p>Develop a range of youth diversionary & community engagement projects</p> <p>Work with partners to identify and respond to significant emerging ASB concerns</p>	Development of a range of locality-based initiatives and programmes across the District (including seasonal programmes and other focused interventions)	4/25	3/26	£32,120.00	<p>How much did we do? # programmes delivered # participants in each programme # partners involved</p> <p>How well did we do it? # and % of participants feeling satisfied with activities and interventions</p> <p>Is anyone better off? # and % of participants with changed attitudes / beliefs / opinions % of number of participants reporting increased awareness & understanding of risk and ASB behaviours % participants with increased confidence in PSNI following relevant projects / activities</p>	2, 3 & 4

						% participants more likely to engage with PSNI following relevant projects / activities	
	Provision of a District-wide Community Safety Warden Scheme	Work in partnership with the PSNI and other relevant agencies to provide a high visibility foot patrol to act as a deterrent to anti-social behaviour	4/25	3/26	£53,000.00	<p>How much did we do? # Community Safety Warden patrols / hours provided # incidents attended by the Community Safety Wardens & reported to the PSNI</p> <p>How well did we do it? # of partners satisfied with the service and level of engagement</p> <p>Is anyone better off? % community feel safer as a result of the Scheme (reported Q4)</p>	2, 3 & 4
Theme	Aims & description	Key Activities	Start Date	End Date	Resource or cost	Performance measures	Reporting Quarter

PCSP Small Grants	Provision of a small grants programme to increase the capacity of the community to address community safety issues	Groups and organisations apply for funding to support locally based activities which are linked to the PCSP Action Plan, add value to existing activities and have a prevention-based focus	4/25	3/26	£83,930.00	How much did we do? # applications received # of grants successfully awarded How well did we do it? % number of applicants who were satisfied with the application process Is anyone better off? # and % of applicants reporting they believe the community is a safer place as a result of their project	3 & 4
Theme	Aims & description	Key Activities	Start Date	End Date	Resource or cost	Performance measures	Reporting Quarter
Drugs and Alcohol	To support the delivery of a range of programmes aimed at raising awareness of drug & alcohol misuse	Work in partnership with a range of agencies (including the HSCTs, PHA, SDACT & SEDACT) to support the delivery of a range of programmes and to raise awareness of the RAPID initiative (including a focus on addressing medicine / prescription management)	4/25	3/26	£15,060.00	How much did we do? # programmes delivered # participants in each programme # partners involved # RAPID Bins in use # items removed from RAPID bins How well did we do it? # and % of participants reporting satisfaction with activities % partners engaged in activity and reporting improved partnership working Is anyone better off? # and % of participants with changed behaviours as a result of activities	2, 3, 4

						# and % of participants with increased knowledge and awareness as a result of activities	
Theme	Aims & description	Key Activities	Start Date	End Date	Resource or cost	Performance measures	Reporting Quarter
Domestic Crime / Abuse and Sexual Violence	To support the delivery of a range of programmes and raise awareness of domestic abuse	Work collaboratively with other agencies (including local Domestic & Sexual Violence Partnerships) to support the delivery of programmes and initiatives which educate and raise awareness of domestic abuse (including elder abuse) and sexual violence	4/25	3/26	£15,060.00	<p>How much did we do? # programmes delivered # participants involved in each programme # partnership meetings attended</p> <p>How well did we do it? # and % of participants reporting satisfaction with activities % partners engaged in activity and reporting improved partnership working</p> <p>Is anyone better off? # and % of participants with changed behaviours as a result of activities # and % of participants with improved/awareness /understanding of domestic abuse & sexual violence % participants with increased confidence in PSNI following activities / events % participants more likely to report crime following activities / events (as appropriate)</p>	2, 3 & 4
Theme	Aims & description	Key Activities	Start Date	End Date	Resource or cost	Performance measures	Reporting Quarter

Community Safety & Vulnerability	To develop and implement a range of community safety initiatives for vulnerable persons	<p>Develop activities aimed at increasing community safety amongst vulnerable persons including (but not limited to) adults at risk, older people, and minority communities</p> <p>Develop and implement a range of programmes / activities aimed at addressing hate crime across the Council District</p> <p>Work collaboratively with other agencies to support the delivery of initiatives aimed at addressing mental health & loneliness across the Council District</p>	4/25	3/26	£14,060.00	<p>How much did we do? # events / programmes delivered # participants attending events / programmes # partners involved</p> <p>How well did we do it? # and % of participants feeling satisfied with activities</p> <p>Is anyone better off? % participants who feel safer as a result of each initiative % participants with increased confidence in PSNI following relevant events / programmes % participants more likely to engage with PSNI following relevant events / programmes % participants more likely to report crime following relevant events / programmes</p>	2, 3 & 4
	Newry, Mourne & Down Community Support Partnership	Engage in and support the Newry, Mourne & Down Community Support Partnership	4/25	3/26	No cost	<p>How much did we do? # of Support Partnership Meetings # individuals referred to the Support Partnership</p> <p>How well did we do it? # and % of actions successfully completed by partner organisations % of partner organisations attending Support Hub meetings</p> <p>Is anyone better off?</p>	2, 3 & 4

						# and % of people being helped by the Support Partnership and who are discharged from the Partnership because their needs have been met # and % of individuals who leave the Support Partnership of their own volition or are removed from the Partnership because of a lack of engagement	
Theme	Aims & description	Key Activities	Start Date	End Date	Resource or cost	Performance measures	Reporting Quarter
Road Safety	To support and promote Road Safety initiatives	Work in partnership with the PSNI, Road Safe NI Newry, Mourne & Down Committee and other agencies to develop and implement a range of Road Safety initiatives	4/25	3/26	£20,060.00	<p>How much did we do? # road safety events / programmes delivered # participants attending events / programmes # road safety signs installed at local schools # Speed Indicator Device signs operational across the District</p> <p>How well did we do it? # and % of participants feeling satisfied with activities % schools satisfied with initiatives</p> <p>Is anyone better off? # and % of participants with increased knowledge of road safety # and % of SIDs reporting vehicles reduced speed</p>	2, 3 & 4

						% participants more likely to engage with the PSNI following road safety events	
Theme	Aims & description	Key Activities	Start Date	End Date	Resource or cost	Performance measures	Reporting Quarter
Fear of Crime, Burglary & Crime Prevention	To support communities to protect themselves and their property to reduce the fear of crime	Procure and deliver the following services - - Home Secure Scheme - Social Alarm Scheme	4/25	3/26	£55,000.00	How much did we do? # Home Secure referrals # Social Alarm Scheme referrals # items of home security equipment provided How well did we do it? % and # beneficiaries reporting satisfaction with the Schemes Is anyone better off? % and # participants reporting feeling safer in homes	2, 3 & 4
	To develop a range of crime prevention interventions (including cyber crime)	To develop a range of crime prevention interventions in response to community need and emerging trends (including general crime prevention events e.g.- property marking & scam awareness and targeted initiatives as appropriate) Develop and implement a range of programmes / activities aimed at addressing cyber crime across the Council District	4/25	3/26	£20,060.00	How much did we do? # crime prevention events / programmes # items marked at property marking events # participants attending events / programmes How well did we do it? # and % of participants feeling satisfied with activities Is anyone better off?	2, 3 & 4

						# & % participants reporting improved knowledge of crime prevention awareness % feeling safer as a result of each activity % participants with increased confidence in PSNI following events / activities % participants more likely to engage with PSNI following events / activities % participants more likely to report crime following events / activities	
	To promote and develop the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme	Support current NHW Schemes and promote & establish new Schemes	4/25	3/26	Included in budget above	How much did we do? # of NHW schemes in operation # of NHW Co-Ordinators involved # of households covered by all schemes # NHW network meetings How well did we do it? % NHW Co-Ordinators reporting satisfaction with activities (including network meetings) Is anyone better off? % Co-Ordinators more likely to engage with the PSNI # and % of NHW Co-Ordinators who believe their area is safer as a result of the Scheme % Co-Ordinators more likely to report crime	2, 3 & 4

Strategic Priority 3: To increase confidence in policing through collaborative problem solving with communities

Indicator		% of crime reported to the police (NI Safe Community Survey) % who agree that the PSNI keeps their area safe (NI Life & Times Survey) % improved confidence in police (measured at local PCSP events) % overall confidence in police (NI Safe Community Survey)					
Theme	Aims & description	Key Activities	Start Date	End Date	Resource or cost	Performance measures	Reporting Quarter
Improve community confidence in policing	Advocate for policing and effectively monitor local police performance and progress of the local Policing Plan	Facilitate Policing Committee meetings and ensure local accountability through the Policing Committee's role in monitoring police performance	4/25	3/26	£2,000.00	How much did we do? # Policing Committee meetings # members attending Policing Committee meetings How well did we do it? # and % Members reporting satisfaction with Policing Committee meetings Is anyone better off? % of Members with increased knowledge of local policing priorities #/% of Members reporting increased confidence in the PSNI to deliver the Local Policing Plan	2, 3 & 4
	Support the engagement of the local community with the PSNI	Hold community engagement events (including engagement events with the Mobile Police Unit) to identify and address local issues	4/25	3/26	£8,000.00	How much did we do? # engagement events # members of the public attending engagement events	2, 3 & 4

		<p>Deliver two diversionary programmes per annum to reduce community disorder and promote engagement between NPTs and harder to reach communities</p> <p>Work in partnership with the PSNI to consider and address local community vulnerabilities from organised crime</p>			<p># projects/initiatives delivered which target tackling paramilitarism or organised crime # diversionary programmes delivered # participants in each programme</p> <p>How well did we do it? # & % participants reporting satisfaction with activities</p> <p>Is anyone better off? % increase more likely to report crime following local engagement events % increase in confidence in policing following local engagement events / programmes % more likely to engage with police following local engagement events / programmes</p>	
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Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP – 2024/25 Turning the Curve / Action Plan Outcomes & Planning

Strategic Priority 1: To form & successfully deliver the functions of the Policing & Community Safety Partnership for the area			
Indicator / Theme	Project Name & Short description	Short Impact Synopsis	Decision

PCSP Delivery	Organising the work of the PCSP through appropriate structures and mechanisms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consistently good attendance from Members at PCSP meetings and Sub Group meetings. New Independent Members have made an excellent contribution to the Partnership since their appointment in June 2024; local induction and briefing meetings have taken place. - Separate group meetings with statutory partners / designated organisations have proved extremely valuable and complementary to key objectives within the CJINI Report. Agreement that these should continue on a regular basis. - The inclusion of Policing Committee business on the PCSP Agenda has meant that there has been a clear flow of information through meetings; also increased attendance from statutory partners at meetings. Retaining this position is recommended. - PCSP/PSNI community engagement meetings in public will take place in Q3/Q4 – as agreed during planning sessions last year these should take place in community venues. These are to focus on specific policing issues including police performance. - The Turning the Curve exercise showed clear purpose. <p>Recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to deliver in 2025/26. 	Continue
Raise awareness of PCSP	<p>To ensure engagement with the community and relevant statutory partners / agencies</p> <p>and</p> <p>To evidence impact through increased awareness of the PCSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Significant increased public awareness of the PCSP evident through increased social media reach and engagement. The number of likes on the PCSP Facebook page and the associated engagement has increased by over 100% in the last year. - PCSP press profiling and public events have also assisted in raising local awareness. Further awareness raising will take place after the reconstitution of the PCSP in June 2024. - The number of events and activities has increased significantly in 2024 - over 70 events have taken place across the District since April 2024, with more than 6,000 unique attendees. - Cross-border work via the All-Island Community Safety Network (with Longford County Council and Drogheda Implementation Board) continues and provides an excellent platform for us to showcase our work and share good practice. - Local community events have helped to support ongoing two-way engagement with the community, relevant statutory partners / agencies and the community & voluntary sector to identify effective solutions to local issues, ensuring sufficient flexibility to address issues as they emerge. 	Continue

		Recommendation: - Continue to deliver in 2025/26.	
Strategic Priority 2: To improve Community Safety by tackling crime and anti-social behaviour			
Indicator / Theme	Project Name & Short description	Short Impact Synopsis	Decision
ASB	Development of range of youth & community engagement projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provides the opportunity for the PCSP to work in partnership with local communities to deliver small scale projects – promotes local empowerment and decision making. - Provides the opportunity for local issues to be addressed in partnership with appropriate delivery agents. - Allows the PCSP to react to local needs as they arise, be sensitive in approach and encourage development of flexible solutions to local issues. - Facilitates a universal yet targeted approach to some intervention-based programmes. - Individuals / groups / communities feel included in a local process, therefore more likely to engage and remain engaged. - Over 2,000 young people have participated in 12 dedicated programmes since April 2024. 100% of these participants report increased awareness of risk and ASB behaviours following the activities; 80% of these participants report changed attitudes following the activities. - There continues to be excellent partnership working with partners including the Education Authority, Youth Justice Agency, NIHE, NIFRS and a range of voluntary sector providers. This continued partnership working remains key to addressing ASB across the District. The development of local Action Plans for the PCSP ASB Sub Groups has also assisted with this. - Water Safety events have taken place in partnership with the PSNI, NIFRS, Coastguard Service and local DEA – feedback has been excellent and will help shape delivery for 25/26. - Continue to include ASB as a priority within Financial Assistance so that projects continue to focus on the provision of diversionary / intervention programmes which incorporate developmental opportunities, early intervention and encourage behaviour / attitudinal change. 	Continue

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Turning the Curve exercise showed clear purpose. <p>Recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to deliver in 2025/26. 	
	Provision of a District-wide Community Safety Warden Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Safety Wardens continue to be a very valuable and useful resource in local communities across the District. - 1,680 hours of Warden patrols were provided from 1 April – 30 September 2024. - Feedback from local businesses has been very positive, and the deployment of the Wardens in town centre areas has further strengthened relationships with the local business sector. - Detailed reports are now provided at PCSP meetings so that Members have further detail on Warden patrols across the Council District. - Consistently noted at PCSP meetings that the Newry, Mourne & Down District is a very large geographical area, meaning that it is not always possible to meet the resource demands placed on the Warden service – nor will it always be possible to maintain the level of explicit visibility which some Members consider possible. The SC & GR Manager is responsible for the management of the contract and is content with the service provided (including the detailed weekly reports which are submitted). - The Turning the Curve exercise showed clear purpose. <p>Recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to deliver in 2025/26. 	Continue
PCSP Small Grants	Provision of a Small Grants programme to increase the capacity of the community to address community safety issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provides a process to support groups to successfully apply, implement and evaluate projects. - Empowers local communities with the capacity to design and develop projects which are sensitive to the needs of the local population. - Encourages and promotes a culture of good governance. - Maintaining the Small Grants at the current budget enables the PCSP to provide maximum support to local community groups and voluntary organisations to address community safety issues across the Council District. 	Continue

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 48 projects supported in 2024/25 – allocation of £93,016 (highest allocation to date). This has facilitated the development of relationships with an extensive range of groups across the District, while also supporting the development of new relationships with other groups. - Support to groups via the Small Grants programme has also helped increase awareness of the PCSP through locally developed projects and associated social media profiling. - All grant holders have support from a dedicated PCSP Officer – this has helped maintain good communication, support timely delivery and minimise the risk of non-compliance with the Letter of Offer. - All projects must complete by 31 December 2024 – the Partnership will be advised in relation to the position re: any underspend in January 2025 so that a decision can be made about reprofiling this (minimal underspend expected at this point). - Profiling of projects in Best Practice videos has been a valuable way to evidence the impact of the Small Grants programme. - PCSP Financial Assistance will go out in Call 2 (early 2025) for 2025/26 allocation – this will give projects appropriate time for project delivery and expenditure. - The Turning the Curve exercise showed clear purpose. <p>Recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to deliver in 2025/26. 	
Drugs & Alcohol	To support a range of awareness raising campaigns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focus on programme delivery in Q3 & Q4 with direct programmes aimed at young people (including talks by Theresa Burke in youth / education settings) - We are planning an awareness raising campaign with Davina's Ark which will focus on profiling the lived experiences of local people affected by drug problems / addictions (video to be completed late December 2024). - PCSP social media awareness raising activity in the pre-Christmas period will focus on the safe consumption of alcohol in domestic settings. - High lifts from the RAPID Bins might suggest over-prescription issues, remains potential for the PCSP to work with the Southern HSCT to share resources and consider initiatives which could address this issue. - The Turning the Curve exercise showed clear purpose. 	Continue

		Recommendation: - Continue to deliver in 2025/26.	
	To support the development of the RAPID Bin initiative across the NMDDC area	- Considerable success with the RAPID initiative in the last year – now 21 sites across the District. Almost 250,000 items have now been removed from the RAPID Bins in our District – and some of our Bins have the highest usage levels in Northern Ireland (including the Bin at North St Car Park in Newry). - Newry North Street is the highest performing RAPID Bin in the Southern Trust area; NISA Hughes complex at Camlough is the second highest performing Bin the area. - Awareness raising of the RAPID initiative via the production of our RAPID animation, bespoke information flyers and information roadshows with our partners in Start360. - The PSNI have reviewed the joint protocol with the PHA for the emptying of the RAPID Bins and this has resulted in alternative arrangements for disposals. Bins are now emptied less frequently meaning that we do not have current data for Bins in our District. - The Turning the Curve exercise showed clear purpose. Recommendation: - Continue to deliver in 2025/26.	Continue
Domestic Crime/ Abuse & Sexual Violence	To support the delivery of a range of programmes, and develop a range of awareness raising campaigns	- The PCSP recognises that there are specialist agencies across the District who have a specific remit, and the specialist expertise, to support victims of domestic & sexual violence and abuse. It has been agreed that the work of the PCSP should therefore add value to these services and not duplicate their work. - Involvement in Southern and South Eastern Domestic and Sexual Violence Partnerships has assisted with the progression of collaborative working across sectors. In 2024 the PCSP has supported conferences on domestic abuse and other ongoing initiatives with Women's Aid ArmaghDown & other partners. - Under-reporting of incidents / crimes continues to be a focus for the PCSP – we have supported the Women's Aid One Stop Shop in Newry which launched in Newry on 3 October 2024 (this service brings partners – including the PSNI, NIHE and Community Advice – together to offer information, support and advice to those attending).	Continue

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Support for a Women's Aid schools' initiative (in partnership with ABC PCSP) has brought added value to our involvement and created potential for collaborative working our District. - The Turning the Curve exercise showed clear purpose. <p>Recommendation: Continue to deliver in 2025/26.</p>	
Community Safety & Vulnerability	To develop and implement a range of community safety initiatives for vulnerable persons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Covid increased the vulnerability and isolation experienced by some individuals / population groups, demonstrated the undeniable connection between community safety and individual & personal wellbeing, and the need to support a multi-agency approach to dealing with those most vulnerable in our community. - A number of projects supported by the PCSP Small Grants Programme have a focus on supporting vulnerable people within local communities across the Council District. - Programme delivery increased in 2024 with programmes for newcomer families, vulnerable adults (including adults with disabilities) and older people. The PSNI Crime Prevention Officer has assisted with a number of these events. PCSP Staff also assisted the Newry NPT with the delivery of a bespoke programme for pupils in Rathore School, Newry. - A high proportion of referrals to the PCSP Home Secure and Social Alarm Schemes are for vulnerable persons (including from Traveller and BME communities). - PCSP Officers attend Newcomer Stakeholder Group meetings in Newry and Newcastle and will continue to do so in 2025/26. - Hate Crime Awareness activities have recently taken place in partnership with Victim Support (October 2024). - The Turning the Curve exercise showed clear purpose. <p>Recommendation: - Continue to deliver in 2025/26.</p>	Continue
	Engage in and support the Newry, Mourne & Down Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Newry, Mourne & Down Community Support Partnership continues to meet on a regular basis. 34 individuals have now been referred to the Partnership and have benefitted from intensive support from partner agencies. The majority of these have now been discharged – most often due to an improvement in personal circumstances as a result of support 	Continue

	Support Partnership	<p>provided from the CSP. The Support Partnership is chaired by Council's Safer Communities & Good Relations Manager – there is no associated cost to the PCSP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Support Partnership remains the only Hub/Partnership in NI to have substantive voluntary sector representation – this model has proven to be extremely effective and has provided an extensive range of support opportunities for vulnerable people. Partner agencies report a high level of satisfaction with the Support Partnership. - The Turning the Curve exercise showed clear purpose. <p>Recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to deliver in 2025/26. 	
Road Safety	To support and promote road safety initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Significant successful delivery including the continued monitoring of our Speed Indicator Signs across the Council District, the distribution of No Parking Signs at schools, the continued promotion of The Paulie Project documentary and support to the development of the Road Ahead Support Group (for individuals and families affected by Road Traffic Collisions) and Road Safe NI (NMD Committee). These activities have significantly increased awareness of the PCSP. - There is a significant amount of data available from the Speed Indicator Signs – this is now used by the PSNI to inform local road safety operations and enforcement activities. The focus has now moved from installation of the Signs to maintenance and monitoring (as directed by the Department of Justice / Policing Board). The PCSP SIDs Sub Group has recently reconvened to consider the future direction of the broader SIDs initiative (including the potential relocation of some of the Signs). - Demand from schools remains high for the Kiddie No Parking signs which have been used to highlight parking issues at school sites. - Kids Court events are planned for Q3/Q4 – these have been hugely impactful for both the school children taking part and the motorists apprehended for speeding. - The capacity of the Road Safe NI – Newry, Mourne & Down Committee has significantly improved as a result of the support from the PCSP. - In 2022/23 there were 7 fatalities as a result of RTCs in the Newry, Mourne & Down District Council, this increased to 12 in 2023/24 (currently 5 in NMD as at 6 October). There has also been a significant increase in the number of people seriously injured / slightly injured as a result of RTCs. Road Safety activities will therefore remain a high priority for the PCSP. 	Continue

		<p>- The Turning the Curve exercise showed clear purpose.</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <p>- Continue to deliver in 2025/26.</p>	
Fear of Crime, Burglary & Crime Prevention	To support communities to protect themselves and their property to reduce the fear of crime	<p>- There has been a recent increase in the number of burglaries across the District; burglaries typically increase in the Winter months (dark mornings/evenings may be a factor) and in the run-up to Christmas.</p> <p>- An extensive programme of crime prevention events has taken place since April 2024. These have been very successful – over 20 events have taken place and almost 1,500 people have attended.</p> <p>- The Social Alarm Scheme continues to have a huge impact - this Scheme is managed in partnership with the PSNI's Crime Prevention Officer and Police are the sole referring agency. Since April 2024 11 referrals have been made and alarms fitted within residential properties – beneficiaries are high-risk individuals who are considered very vulnerable and in need of enhanced support. The Scheme has had a hugely significant impact on beneficiaries and the PSNI confirm that it is extremely effective.</p> <p>- The Home Secure Scheme continues to be very popular. 100% of beneficiaries report satisfaction with the Scheme and 100% of beneficiaries also report feeling safer in their homes as a result of the interventions. 140 referrals have been made from 1 April – 30 September 2024 (25% increase on the same period last year). Newry, The Mournes and the Rowallane DEAs have the highest number of referrals, while the Crotlieve and Slieve Gullion DEAs have the lowest.</p> <p>- The Turning the Curve exercise showed clear purpose.</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <p>- Continue to deliver in 2025/26.</p>	Continue
	To develop a range of crime prevention interventions (including rural cyber crime)	<p>- Rural crime activities have included trailer marking & other crime prevention events – these remain a crucial way of engaging with rural communities, particularly in South Armagh and South Down.</p> <p>- Agricultural crime has decreased last year across Northern Ireland – there were 215 crimes recorded in NI from 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024, compared to 238 in the previous year. However, the highest level of agricultural crime is NI is in the Newry, Mourne &</p>	Continue

		<p>Down area where there were 42 incidents (an increase of three on the previous period). Rural crime will therefore need a consistent focus from the PCSP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feedback from community engagement events in some rural areas confirms that there needs to be an increased focus in these areas on improving confidence in policing / police visibility. This is an ongoing challenge at the moment given the resource pressures on the PSNI and the levels of abstraction from NPTs to Response policing. - The development and implementation of a range of programmes / activities aimed at addressing cyber crime across the Council District needs increased focus in Q3 & Q4. - The Turning the Curve exercise showed clear purpose. <p>Recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to deliver in 2025/26. 	
	To promote and develop the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Following the recent reaccreditation process there are now 60 active and fully accredited NHW Schemes across the District (down from 114 at the last reaccreditation). This reduced number of Co-Ordinators is potentially due to a number of factors including the demographics of previous Co-Ordinators and the emergence of other platforms which keep communities & neighbourhoods connected (including What'sApp groups and the Next Door App). - Neighbourhood Watch continues to be an effective way to engage with local communities and partnership working with the PSNI remains key to the success of this initiative. - The Turning the Curve exercise showed clear purpose. <p>Recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to deliver in 2025/26. 	Continue
Strategic Priority 3: To improve Confidence in Policing			
Improve community confidence in policing	Advocate for policing and effectively monitor local police performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consistently good attendance from Members at Policing Committee meetings. - Consultation event held with PCSP Members on the PSNI Local Policing Plan. - High level of community engagement with the PSNI at of PCSP organised events and activities (trailer marking etc.) – noted elsewhere in this document. - The Turning the Curve exercise showed clear purpose. 	Continue

	and progress of the local Policing Plan	Recommendation: - Continue to deliver in 2025/26.	
	Support the engagement of the local community with the PSNI	- PCSP/PSNI Mobile Engagement Unit is being deployed widely and has been made possible as result of NIHE/PSNI/PCSP partnership working – first Unit of its kind in the UK. This vehicle has created significant opportunities for local engagement, with a specific focus on areas across the District where communities (both of geography and of interest) are disengaged from the PSNI. - There has been significant progress in holding public events which help to improve local confidence in policing through community engagement. 70 public events took place during the period April-September 2024 with over 6,000 people attending. The feedback from these events has been very positive and the NPTs have been very well received in communities right across the Council District. Public engagement therefore remains a key priority within this thematic area. - Challenges for the PSNI regards budget and workforce may affect the availability of NPT Officers to attend engagement events / activities. - The Turning the Curve exercise showed clear purpose. Recommendation: - - Continue to deliver in 2025/26.	Continue