



Policing & Community Safety Partnership

making Ards and North Down safer

Ards & North Down PCSP Annual Report 2024-2025



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Chairperson Foreword

I have great pleasure in presenting the 2024-2025 Annual Report for the Ards and North Down Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP), which outlines the progress of the Partnership against the local outcomes and strategic objectives set out in the 2024-2025 Action Plan and approved by the Department of Justice and Northern Ireland Policing Board.

Throughout the year, PCSP Members and staff have continued to focus on building safer communities across the borough through initiatives designed to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour, raise public awareness of community safety initiatives, and increase confidence in policing. As a PCSP, we have taken significant steps to develop our public profile and increase community engagement. We have worked with community and voluntary organisations in towns and villages, as well as statutory partners, delivering innovative and impactful projects that address local needs. The PCSP staff team has grown in 2024-2025, and has become well established, developing positive relationships with colleagues in PSNI, statutory agencies, and the community and voluntary groups who deliver so many of our projects.



Some of the highlights of 2024-2025 include:

- **Small Grants Programme:** the Small Grants Programme focused on delivering diversionary youth activities to tackle anti-social behaviour. 8 projects were funded, with over 1100 young people engaging in a range of diverse activities, often supported with neighbourhood police officers. These opportunities for young people to be supported and learn from positive role models are invaluable, and the Small Grants Programme continues to be an avenue for direct grassroots engagement.
- **Winter Running for Women:** Our Winter Running for Women event in November 2024 was a huge success, attracting over 100 participants, many of whom had not previously been aware of PCSP and its work. It was an opportunity to build the profile of PCSP and highlighted the importance of ensuring that community safety messages are relevant to people's interests.
- **Multi-Agency Support Hub:** The Support Hub has continued to be a vital service for vulnerable individuals within our communities who need support from a range of statutory agencies. By bringing these agencies together to allow information to be shared, vulnerable individuals can be better assisted to access the support and services they require, and agencies can ensure that a joined-up approach is taken. In February 2025, PCSP hosted a Support Hub Networking Event, engaging with wider community and voluntary organisations, to better promote the role of the Support Hub, and to build knowledge of the broad range of support available within our local communities.

We are encouraged by the growing level of public interest in the work of PCSP. We acknowledge and thank those people who have participated in our projects, and who have engaged with us through consultation to help shape the incoming 2025-2026 Action Plan. We encourage people to continue to engage with us over the next year through local independent and elected representatives and our staff. It is through valuable feedback from members of our communities that PCSP is able to respond to community safety challenges as they arise.

I would like to thank my fellow PCSP Members for their commitment throughout this past year, and for the motivation and enthusiasm they bring to their roles. As a Partnership, we will continue to consult, engage and discuss the community safety matters that are most important to the people we represent, making the Borough of Ards and North Down a safer place to live and work.

Cllr Vicky Moore

Chairperson

PCSP Introduction

Policing and Community Safety Partnerships (PCSPs) play a vital role in fostering safe and resilient communities across Northern Ireland. Established to bridge the gap between communities, local councils, the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI), and other statutory partners, PCSPs bring together representatives from various sectors to address local safety and policing concerns. By developing collaborative approaches and supporting community-led initiatives, PCSPs enhance public safety, promote community cohesion, and work proactively to address issues such as anti-social behaviour, substance abuse, hate crime, and domestic violence. PCSPs also aim to improve community confidence in the policing system by providing opportunities for local engagement, feedback, and accountability, thereby ensuring that policing reflects the needs and priorities of each unique community.

PCSPs are unique in that they are locally driven partnerships that operate at the council level, giving them a clear mandate to address the specific needs of the communities they serve. By coordinating between local authorities, statutory organisations, the PSNI, and community and voluntary organisations, PCSPs can design their initiatives to target the most pressing issues in each area. They work to ensure that communities feel both engaged in and accountable for the policing strategies impacting their neighbourhoods. This collaborative approach allows for a more responsive, inclusive, and flexible system of public safety that empowers communities to take an active role in their well-being.

Background to PCSPs in Northern Ireland

PCSPs were established in Northern Ireland as part of the Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2011, which brought together two previous structures—the District Policing Partnerships (DPPs) and Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs)—under a single entity. The aim was to streamline efforts, reduce duplication, and create a more cohesive approach to community safety and policing.

The Joint Committee (Northern Ireland Policing Board (NIPB) and the Department of Justice) oversees PCSPs, while local councils are responsible for their administration and day-to-day operations. The Joint Committee provides guidance, funding, and support to ensure that PCSPs meet their statutory obligations, while local councils ensure the PCSPs are effectively resourced and aligned with local priorities. This governance structure helps maintain accountability while allowing PCSPs the flexibility to design interventions that address community-specific issues, from rural crime to urban anti-social behaviour.

PCSPs are made up of a combination of elected councillors, independent community members, and statutory representatives, including the PSNI and other agencies. This mix ensures that PCSPs benefit from diverse perspectives and expertise, fostering a more comprehensive approach to community safety. Through this multi-sectoral membership, PCSPs can draw on insights from different community groups and professionals, facilitating a holistic approach to identifying and addressing local safety challenges. This collaborative model has allowed PCSPs to deliver a wide range of projects and initiatives aimed at reducing crime, promoting social inclusion, and building safer, more supportive communities across Northern Ireland.

Ards and North Down Council and PCSP

Ards and North Down Borough Council (ANDBC) serves a vibrant and diverse Borough. This council area combines busy town centres, rural communities, and scenic coastal regions, offering unique challenges and opportunities for community safety, cohesion, and wellbeing.

The council is committed to delivering high-quality services that meet the needs of its residents while fostering a safe, healthy, and welcoming environment. Key areas of focus for ANDBC include community development, economic growth, environmental sustainability, and public safety—all of which align with the objectives of the Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP).

Ards and North Down Borough Council Community and Wellbeing Structure can be found in Appendix A.

Within the Council structure, the PCSP operates under the Community and Wellbeing Department. Oversight of the PCSP falls under the responsibility of the Externally Funded Programmes Manager, who ensures alignment with Council's community-focused objectives and strategic priorities. Day-to-day operations are managed by the dedicated PCSP Officer, who is responsible for implementing the PCSP strategy and Action Plan, coordinating with stakeholders, and driving community engagement efforts. The PCSP Assistant Officer is responsible for day-to-day delivery, while further support is provided by the PCSP Administrative Assistant.

Ards and North Down PCSP

The Ards and North Down PCSP plays a vital role within the council by addressing community safety concerns, building trust in policing, and supporting initiatives that promote safer neighbourhoods and a more cohesive community. The PCSP operates as a collaborative body that brings together representatives from various sectors, including elected officials, statutory bodies, voluntary organisations, and community representatives.

The PCSP's role is to create a space for dialogue and problem-solving on pressing community issues, ensuring that a wide range of perspectives and voices contribute to decision-making. By fostering strong partnerships with organisations such as the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI), local schools, youth services, and voluntary groups, the PCSP has been able to drive impactful initiatives and respond flexibly to emerging issues in the borough.

PCSP Members

The membership of the Ards and North Down PCSP reflects the diversity and expertise required to address complex community safety needs. Members include representatives from the council, the PSNI, community and voluntary sector groups, statutory agencies, and independent members from the local area. This multidisciplinary approach helps the PCSP to develop well-rounded strategies and targeted interventions that are sensitive to local needs and effectively support community wellbeing. The tables below outline the PCSP Members:

ELECTED MEMBERS	
NAME	PARTY
Cllr Alistair Cathcart	DUP
Ald. Trevor Cummings	DUP
Cllr Libby Douglas	DUP
Cllr Nigel Edmund	DUP

Cllr Christine Creighton (left October 2024)	Alliance
Cllr Hannah Irwin (started November 2024)	Alliance
Ald. Lorna McAlpine	Alliance
Cllr Gillian McCollum (started November 2024)	Alliance
Cllr Victoria Moore	Alliance
Cllr David Rossiter (left October 2024)	Alliance
Cllr Richard Smart	UUP
Cllr Pete Wray	UUP

INDEPENDENT MEMBERS	
Johnny Currie (left June 2024)	
Louise Little (left June 2024)	
Jude McNeill (left June 2024)	
Janette McNulty (left June 2024)	
Gavin Sinclair (left June 2024)	
Albert Spratt (left June 2024)	
Jo Scott	
Sandra Henderson	
Michael Palmer (started June 2024)	
Deborah Marcus (started June 2024)	
Stephen Gibson (started June 2024)	
Alison Blayney (started June 2024)	
Karen Smith (started June 2024)	
Sarah Collyer (started June 2024)	
Sarah Robinson (started June 2024)	

STATUTORY ORGANISATIONS	
Education Authority	
Health & Social Care Trust	
Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service	
Northern Ireland Housing Executive	
Probation Board for Northern Ireland	
Police Service of Northern Ireland	
Youth Justice Agency	

Subgroups and Relevant Forums

To enhance its effectiveness and ensure specialised attention to key areas, the PCSP has established various subgroups and participates in relevant forums. These subgroups allow the PCSP to focus on specific themes, such as anti-social behaviour, substance misuse, and support for vulnerable populations. Each subgroup operates with a clear mandate, meeting regularly to review progress, address emerging challenges, and align efforts with broader PCSP objectives. These subgroups and forums include:

- PCSP Community Safety Sub-Group
- Ards and North Down PCSP Monitoring Subgroup
- Community Safety Team (CST)
- South Eastern Drugs & Alcohol Team (SEDACT)

- South Eastern Domestic & Sexual Violence Partnership
- Anti-Social Behaviour Forum
- Multi-Agency Support Hub

The AND PCSP also actively engages in district-wide forums and collaborative networks. This includes participation in multi-agency meetings, community planning forums, and partnerships with organisations focused on social cohesion, youth engagement, and public health.

PCSP Member Meeting Attendance

	PCSP Meeting	Policing Committee Meeting
Political Members		
Number held	6	2
Alistair Cathcart	5	2
Christine Creighton (left October 2024)	3	0
Trevor Cummings	5	2
Libby Douglas	6	2
Nigel Edmund	3	0
Lorna McAlpine	4	1
Victoria Moore	6	2
David Rossiter (left October 2024)	0	0
Richard Smart	3	1
Pete Wray	5	2
Hannah Irwin (started November 2024)	2	1
Gillian McCollum (started November 2024)	2	1
Independent Members		
Number held	6	2
Johnny Currie (left June 2024)	1	N/A
Sandra Henderson	2	2
Louise Little (left June 2024)	0	N/A
Jude McNeill (left June 2024)	1	N/A
Janette McNulty (left June 2024)	0	N/A
Jo Scott	3	1
Gavin Sinclair (left June 2024)	0	N/A
Albert Spratt (left June 2024)	0	N/A
Alison Blayney (started June 2024)	3	2
Sarah Collyer (started June 2024)	4	1
Stephen Gibson (started June 2024)	4	2
Deborah Marcus (started June 2024)	4	2
Michael Palmer (started June 2024)	5	2
Sarah Robinson (started June 2024)	4	2
Karen Smith (started June 2024)	4	2
Statutory Organisations		
Number held	6	2
Johnny Crymble (EA)	5	1
Joanne Garrett (HSCT)	3	0
Jonathan Gamble (NIFRS)	3 (sent another representative for 1)	0
Eileen Thompson (NIHE)	3	1

Kelvin Doherty (YJA)	1	1
Mark Nicholson (PBNI)	0	0
Superintendent Johnston McDowell (PSNI)	6	2
Chief Inspector Trevor Atkinson (PSNI) (left August 2024)	1	0
Chief Inspector Keith Hutchinson (PSNI)	4	1

PCSP Contact Details

PCSP Members can be contacted via pcsp@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk

PCSP funding by Action Plan theme

Strategic Objective 1: Form & Deliver functions of PCSP	Expenditure 2024-2025
PCSP Delivery of PCSP meetings	1697.11
PCSP Awareness raising including PR and Communications	20712.57
Local Community Engagement Initiatives including road safety, rural crime, and crime prevention.	4818.72
Youth Voice	4000
PCSP Strategy 2025-2028	3500
	34728.4

Strategic Objective 2: Improve Community Safety	Expenditure 2024-2025
Early Intervention training programme and RAPID bin initiative.	9500
Substance Abuse Awareness Project	10000
Addressing ASB through diversionary sports programme	6668.07
Addressing ASB hotspots areas- Community safety & multi-agency approach	5903.2
Small Grants Programme with a focus on diversionary and prevention	28718.19
Voluntary Safety Wardens	38000
Schools Education Programme for ASB	9788.66
Enhanced Detached Youth Programme (EA)	14000

Domestic Violence Awareness & SED&SVP	4041.41
Healthy Relationships Awareness	10000
DV Female Victim Support Programme	14000
DV Male Victim Support Programme	5932.5
Hate Crime Initiative	2000
Cybercrime Initiatives	2950
4 -Tier Home Secure Project	35000
Road safety Initiatives and SID analysis.	1014.29
The P7 Be Safe Programme -with community safety team	4000
Support Hub	0
	201516.32

Strategic Priority 3 – To support confidence in policing, including through collaborative problem solving with communities	Expenditure 2024-2025
Policing Public and Private Meetings	1001.87
Building confidence in Policing	18732.21
Paramilitary Crime	0
	19734.08

Year-end Financials

2024/2025 Expenditure

<i>Budget Line</i>	<i>Allocated amount</i>	<i>Amount spent</i>
<i>Administration and Operational</i>	£317,833	£316,557.66
<i>Meeting Expenses</i>	£14,000	£5760
<i>Total Budget (Admin, Operational and Meeting Expenses)</i>	£331,883	£322,317.66

The full financial statement is contained in Appendix B.

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.

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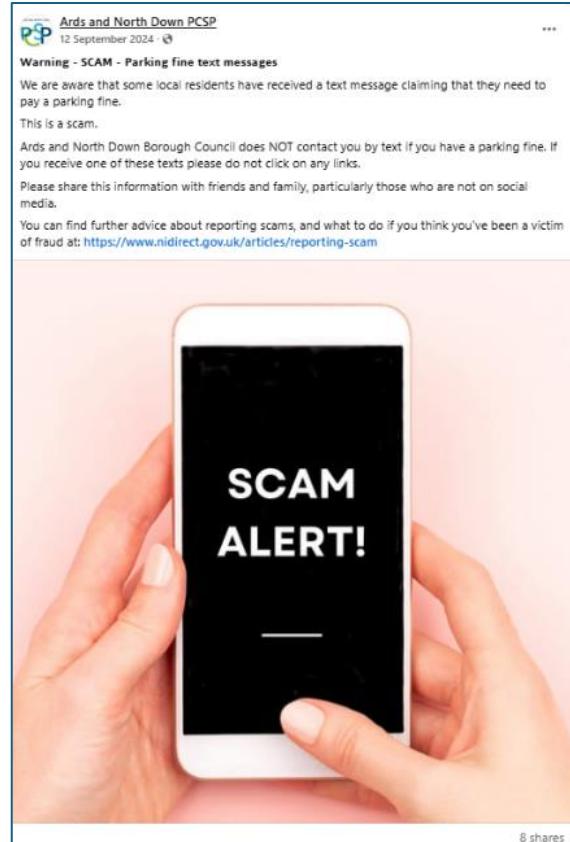
- *carrying out meaningful engagement in the district with the local community, relevant statutory partners / agencies, businesses and the community & voluntary sector in the development and implementation of PCSP Action Plans;*
- *ensuring ongoing two-way engagement in the district with the local community, relevant statutory partners / agencies, businesses and the community & voluntary sector to provide a problem-solving forum to identify effective solutions to local issues, ensuring sufficient flexibility to address issues as they emerge, and seeking relevant expertise from the designated organisations as appropriate;*
- *using a range of platforms, including multi-media, to communicate and promote the work of the PCSP; and*
- *increasing awareness of the work of the PCSP.*

PCSP Awareness Raising including PR and Communications

PCSP uses a range of methods to communicate with residents, community groups and other stakeholders throughout the borough, including social media, traditional print communications, and other promotional materials.

How much did we do?

- 2693 followers on Ards and North Down PCSP Facebook page.
- PCSP articles in local newspapers relating to 'Assaults on Police Officers', announcement of the 'New Chair and PCSP Members', 'Launch of PCSP



Small Grants Programme', various local newspaper promotions on domestic violence issues.

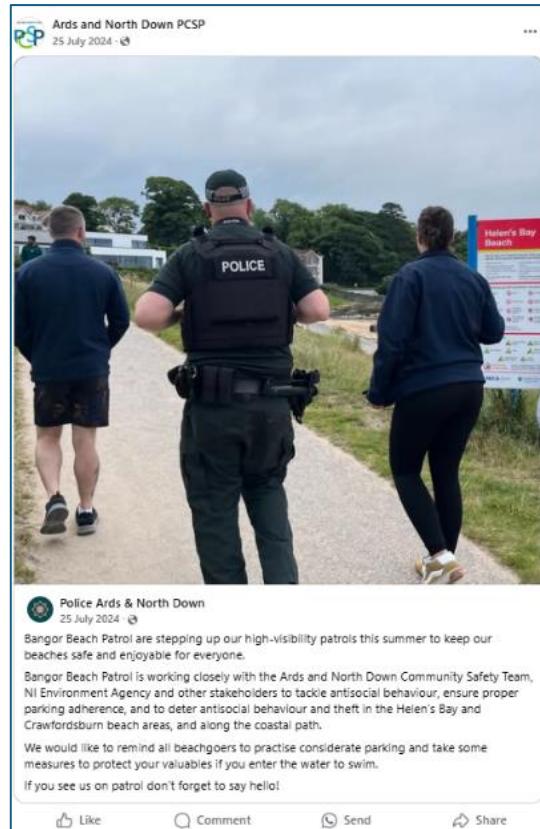
- Promotional Adshel raising awareness of domestic violence placed in locations within the borough.

How well did we do it?

- 28,100 people reached with AND PCSP Facebook posts in 2023-2024.
- Local newspaper reached 80,000; Ards Advertiser and North Down Advertiser 30,000 reach.
- 7 Council social media posts focused on domestic violence issues with 4000 reach and 44 interactions.
- Newspaper social media posts with 15,800 reach and 112 interactions.

Is anyone better off?

- Increased public awareness of AND PCSP through social media and local newspapers.



Local Community Engagement Initiatives

Throughout the year, PCSP staff deliver a range of local community engagement initiatives. These are an opportunity to provide information and guidance to members of the community around safety issues, to support the PSNI in engaging with the public, and to build awareness about the work of PCSP.

How much did we do?

- Completed 3 trailer marking and 7 bike marking events for members of the public.
- Attended 5 public fun days with PCSP info stand for community engagement.
- Attended BikeSafe 2024 to promote road safety among motorbike riders.
- Attended Freshers Week at SERC with PCSP info stand to promote community safety to new students.
- Attended the Positive Ageing Roadshow, delivering a talk on scams and information stand to approx. 250 people.
- Delivered PCSP info stands in 4 different shopping centres in Bangor and Newtownards, as well as at the NIFRS Freedom of the Borough event.
- Delivered 2 PCSP info stands in partnership with Danske Bank in Bangor and Newtownards.
- Delivered PCSP info stand at GrANDFest cultural diversity festival.
- Delivered the Road Safe Roadshow in partnership with PSNI to 900 school pupils from across the borough.
- Delivered 'Winter Running for Women' event with 105 attendees.
- Facilitated 12 monthly ASB Forum meetings.

- Facilitated 12 monthly Multi-Agency Support Hub meetings.
- Facilitated 12 monthly Ards Blair Mayne & Aurora ASB Forum meetings.
- Participated in 3 grant information sessions to promote PCSP Small Grants Programme to community.
- Delivered 9 community consultation sessions across the borough, including a minimum of one per DEA, to inform the development of the PCSP Action Plan 2025-2026 and Strategic Review 2025-2028.

How well did we do it?

- 100% of participants are better informed about community safety issues.

Is anyone better off?

- 100% of participants are aware of PCSP and the support available if needed.

Best practice example:

Name of engagement activity/event: Winter Running for Women
Cost of event: £465.67
Partners: PSNI Neighbourhood Policing Team & Local Running Clubs
Description of activity/event: PCSP community engagement events in recent years have often focused on older members of the community, with a much-needed emphasis on issues around scams, internet safety, and so on. However, in order to increase public awareness of PCSP and its activities, there was a need identified to engage different audiences and communities. By focusing on specific issues that engage people, we can make the link to community safety messages. This led to the delivery of the Winter Running for Women event in Newtownards, on Tuesday 19 November 2024. Running is a hugely popular sport and recreation; however, in winter months, the number of women taking to the streets to run typically drops off. This is due to a combination of issues, including dark evenings, lack of knowledge of safe, well-lit running routes, and incidences of abuse or harassment being directed towards female runners. The event showcased a range of speakers, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two local female 'running legends', Sarah Benton and Mary Slocum, representing running clubs in Bangor and Newtownards, who talked about their running achievements, challenges they have experienced over the years, and their top tips for running. • Gillian Killiner, 121 Dietitian, who delivered an informative talk entitled 'Nutrition for Women Runners: Fuel Your Goals'. • 2 PSNI Neighbourhood Police Officers, who talked about staying safe while running in winter, and gave guidance and advice on how to ensure safety. • Karen Collins, Director of Aware NI, speaking about running and mental health.

- Kim Cochrane and Alison Graham, two locally based female Couch to 5k runners, who inspired everyone with their 'running for normal people' talk.
- Sonya Summersgill, Sports Massage Therapist, who gave advice on remaining injury-free.



Following the presentations, all the speakers participated in a Q&A session with the audience. There were a number of safety-related questions directed to the PSNI officers, and good advice was given. In addition, PCSP provided all attendees with a goody bag containing personal safety items for use when running, such as personal alarms, wearable lights, and so on.

Impact of the work:

105 people attended the Winter Running for Women event. This was a much higher number than PCSP has had at previous events and highlights the value of focusing on specific issues that people can connect with and then making the community safety message relevant for participants.

Participant Feedback:

Would you say you have increased knowledge of AND PCSP following this event?

"I know now who they are, where they are, and I would be confident to contact them if needed".

"This was a good effort at engagement with the community, and proactive with help keep us safe to prevent difficulties or safety issues".

"I learned that PCSP and PSNI care about things like women's safety in running and want to do preventative work instead of just reactive. Great, please do more!"

"PSCP is more involved in the community than I thought."

Has your confidence in the police changed after this event?

"Yes, by seeing police officers as normal human beings tonight that in their spare time enjoy running and can appreciate the difficulties women face when running alone and on winter evenings / early in the morning."

"Great to have police speakers who were also runners."



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How Much Did We Do?

- One Winter Running for Women event held on Tuesday 19 November 2024, with 105 participants

How Well Did We Do?

- 100% of respondents were satisfied or very satisfied with the engagement event

Is Anyone Better Off?

- 91% of respondents reported feeling safer as a result of the assistance and information provided at the event

- 76% of respondents said their knowledge of community safety issues had increased due to the engagement event
- 51% of respondents said their confidence towards the police had increased after the engagement event
- 83% of respondents said they had increased knowledge of PCSP following the engagement event



Best practice example:

Name of engagement activity/event: Strategic Review 2025-2028 and Action Plan 2025-2026 – Consultation Events

Cost of event: £3500

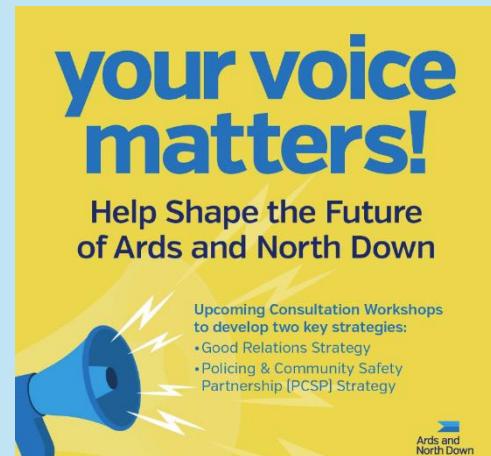
Partners: Third Sector Connect

Description of activity/event:

The PCSP Action Plan is reviewed annually, to ensure that projects and activities are appropriate and reflect the wishes of the community. A critical part of this process involves engagement with individuals across the Borough, to ascertain their views, and ensure that the PCSP Action Plan 2025-2026 is rooted in the needs and priorities of the community.

A series of face-to-face consultations were held across the Borough, with at least one event in each District Electoral Area (DEA). These consultations provided residents, council staff, and local stakeholders with a platform to discuss their specific community safety concerns, and to suggest improvements. By hosting at least one event in each DEA, it ensured representation across the Borough, allowing PCSP to capture diverse local insights and priorities.

In addition to the face-to-face sessions, a survey was designed and distributed to widen the reach of the consultation process. This survey was designed to gather perspectives from a broad audience, including the public, council staff, elected members, PCSP members, and other stakeholders. It was distributed to all those on the community database, as well as via social media and other contacts. The survey data helped PCSP to identify recurring themes and unique community safety challenges, while also providing a quantitative measure of community feeling.



DATE	VENUE
4/11/24	Hamilton Hub Community Centre
4/11/24	Donaghadee Community Centre
5/11/24	Redburn Community Centre
6/11/24	Portavogie Community Centre
7/11/24	Comber Community Centre
8/11/24	Ballygowan Village Hall
11/11/24	Ards Arena
12/11/24	Kilcooley Women's Centre, Bangor
12/11/24	St Patrick's Community Centre, Portaferry

Full details of the consultation process can be found in the Ards and North Down PCSP Strategic Review 2025-2028 and Action Plan 2025-2026.

Impact of the work:

- 45% of participants had a satisfactory level of confidence in policing.
- 50% of participants wished to see higher levels of PSNI foot patrols
- 58.75% believed that ASB was the biggest issue in Ards and North Down.



OBA

How Much Did We Do?

- 9 community consultation sessions were delivered in a range of locations across the Borough, covering all DEAs

How Well Did We Do?

- The PCSP Action Plan 2025-2026 and Strategic Review 2025-2028 were approved by PCSP on January 27th, 2025, and by Joint Committee in March 2025.

Is Anyone Better Off?

- PCSP's 2025-2026 Action Plan is reflective of the views and wishes expressed through community consultation.

Best practice example:

Name of engagement activity/event: Youth Voice

Cost of event: £4000

Partners: Education Authority & PSNI

Description of activity/event:

Youth Voice is a youth participative structure which has been established as a platform for young people's voices to be heard across the Ards & North Down area. Youth Voice provides a forum for key agencies to consult young people on a range of civic and youth issues. It also provides a key forum for partner agencies to have meaningful engagement with young people, including PSNI, PCSP, ANDBC and Education Authority. Youth Voice provides a direct link with Elected Members and enables young people to lobby on behalf of other young people.



Impact of the work:

Quarter 2:

Youth Voice engaged with Ards & North Down's Over 50s Council and U3A Group. The groups together decided to develop an intergenerational podcast. Initial conversations around developing themes for the podcast raised the young people's awareness of how they can become more civically engaged, and how they can work together to create positive change within their local communities. It was decided that the podcast would aim to raise awareness of the importance of intergenerational work and identify how younger and older generations can both be more inclusive of others in the community.

Youth Voice members attended an event in Bangor Chamber, where they delivered presentations to the Mayor of Ards & North Down along with other council representatives and councillors. The young people's presentations were focused on their proposed campaign themes, which they had decided would be:

- Special Educational Needs (SEN)
- Intergenerational Work (Bridging the Gap in our Community)
- Young men's emotional health & wellbeing



Quarter 3:

16 Youth Voice members participated in a 4-day study visit to Edinburgh, exploring various tourist attractions, broadening their horizons, and engaging in new learning experiences. They also connected with young people from three local youth organisations in Edinburgh.



They shared ideas, explored UNCRC and the rights of children and young people, identified local and global issues affecting young people's development, and collaborated on ways to make a positive impact within their communities.

Quarter 4:

Youth Voice members focused mainly on their OCN qualification in Representation and Advocacy, and preparing for their campaigns. They also continued to work closely with ANDBC's Over 50s Council and U3A groups, completing the recording of 8 episodes for their podcast, which would be launched during Intergenerational Week in April 2025. During their weekly meetings, Youth Voice members have been exploring political structures in Northern Ireland, identifying key issues affecting young people in their communities, and working out how as a group they can make a difference to these issues.



Feedback from Participants:

"Youth Voice has made me happier and given me a purpose and a new perspective of life. I will never forget it and the people here; it has shown me a new love for my community and stuff."

"It has grown my confidence as an individual and has made me open minded to a lot of difference."



"We are the future of this country so it's up to us to bring people together more and not get annoyed over religion and fighting over silly things."

"Youth Voice has made me more confident, has given me friends for a lifetime, has shown me new experiences, and we have met with figures of authority to truly make a change for our area."

"I enjoyed talking about all these issues tonight. I pushed myself out of my comfort zone to talk in front of everyone. I was scuppered, but it wasn't as bad as what I thought."

OBA

How Much Did We Do?

- 44 sessions delivered to 28 youth attendees, with 661 individual engagements.

How Well Did We Do?

- 95% of participants were satisfied with the Youth Voice meetings.

Is Anyone Better Off?

- 80% of participants were more likely to engage with PSNI after their involvement with Youth Voice.
- 95% of participants reported improved knowledge.
- 90% of participants reported improved leadership skills.
- 70% of participants reported improved citizenship knowledge and understanding.
- 100% of participants reported improved communication skills.

Strategic Priority 2:

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

- *utilising the partnership created by the statutory, elected and independent/ community membership of the PCSP to initiate and lead work to improve community safety and tackle ASB locally;*
- *working in partnership to develop outcome and locality focused interventions to address the most pressing crime types and behaviours impacting local community safety, as evidenced by local need, with appropriate targets and indicators so that impacts can be measured;*
- *drawing on best practice, promote early intervention and collaborating effectively to improve PCSP-supported projects and programmes that address the underlying causes of ASB, crime and the fear of crime in the community, including, where appropriate, a focus on changing behaviours;*
- *enhancing safety and feelings of safety, in particular for those who might be more vulnerable;*
- *engaging with partners in the district, to horizon scan in order to respond to and redirect resources to respond to emerging local community safety issues;*
- *having cognisance of the Community Safety Framework in developing local plans, and providing a feedback loop to the Community Safety Board on local issues in order to inform community safety policy development – and vice versa; and*
- *Providing comprehensive community input into decision making processes about tackling actual and perceived anti-social behaviour and giving feedback to the community on the effectiveness of interventions on meeting outcomes.*

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

How much did we do?

- Delivered the ‘Addressing ASB through Diversionary Sports Programme’ with Sport Changes Life, engaging 62 participants across 20 sessions across the borough.
- Delivered the ‘Addressing ASB Hotspot Areas’ project with AND’s Community Safety Team, including diversionary activities, information events, foot patrols, e-bike hotspot patrols, and community safety campaigns.
- Delivered the ‘Voluntary Safety Wardens’ project with AND Street Pastors, with 146 patrols completed.
- Delivered the ‘Schools Education Programme for ASB’ with AND’s Community Safety Team, engaging over 550 young people in raising awareness of anti-social behaviour and the consequences of risk-taking behaviours.
- Delivered 90 ASB awareness raising sessions to 1600 school pupils from 43 participating schools at the annual BeeSafe event.
- Delivered the ‘Enhanced Detached Youth Programme’ by Education Authority, engaging 552 youth participants in 214 sessions.
- Delivered the ‘Small Grants Programme with a focus on ASB diversionary activities and prevention’. 8 small grants projects were funded to deliver locally based projects.

How well did we do it?

- 90% of participants in the ‘Addressing ASB through Diversionary Sports Programme’ with Sport Changes Life were satisfied with the support offered and rated their experience as “good or excellent”.
- 100% of participants in the ‘Addressing ASB Hotspot Areas’ programme were satisfied with their participation, and 90% of participants returned to sessions.
- 98% of participants engaged, educated and supported through the Voluntary Safety Wardens programme were satisfied with their experience.
- 100% of participants in the Schools Education Programme for ASB have better understanding of ASB and how the Community Safety Team works to tackle ASB.
- 90% of participants in the Enhanced Detached Youth Programme were satisfied with their experiences on the programme.
- 8 community groups who received Small Grants funding received regular communications to encourage them to remain on track with all aspects of their small grant delivery and monitoring.

Is anyone better off?

- 80% of participants in the ‘Addressing ASB through Diversionary Sports Programme’ with Sport Changes Life understood “very well or extremely well” what is meant by ASB and its impact on the community (increased from 23% at the beginning of the programme).
- 100% of participants in diversionary activities through the ‘Addressing ASB Hotspot Areas’ programme with increased awareness of the consequences of ASB.
- 100% of users of the Voluntary Safety Wardens programme reported changed attitudes as a result of engagement.
- Over 2100+ participants in the Schools Education Programme for ASB have increased knowledge and understanding of the issues around ASB and its consequences.

- 522 / 100% of participants in the Enhanced Detached Youth Programme have a raised awareness of ASB.
- 9 community groups / 100% of applicants to the Small Grants Programme reported increased ability to engage with wider community members through their small grant.

Best practice example:

Name of Project: VOYPIC (Voices of Young People in Care)
Funded amount: £4566
Partners: Bangor YMCA, South Eastern Trust
Description of project: This programme was designed to provide sessions/activities for 25 care experienced young people (aged 13 – 19), from the 4 South Eastern Trust Children's homes, young people from BCM supported accommodation, and foster homes.
Impact of the project: Over the 3 quarters of delivery, VOYPIC held a total of 38 sessions for the care experienced young people. The young people engaged in a variety of activities to help deter them from engaging in ASB. They attended YMCA, a Belfast Giants game, laser tag, escape rooms, and more. They completed sessions at YMCA focusing on One Punch can Kill. The young people completed a session on graffiti art and spoke about the legalities of graffiti and how it was illegal. They spoke about the growth of graffiti and how it could be seen as anti-social behaviour when it was not done legally and the cost to remove it. They discussed how there had been racist graffiti during the summer and learned how that was a hate crime.
Feedback from participants: “If I wasn’t here, I would be on my phone”. “If I didn’t come here, I would be home alone”. “Before VOYPIC, I would typically be out smoking weed and doing other substances with the wrong crowd, and since I have met Nyree I have seen that I can choose a different path. Since coming here, it has helped keep me on the right path, and I have made new friends.” “I have a cocaine problem, can you help?”
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How Much Did We Do? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 38 sessions delivered to a total of 26 participants.
How Well Did We Do? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of participants were satisfied with the quality programme that was delivered. • 100% of participants said they had increased awareness of ASB issues.
Is Anyone Better Off? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of participants had increased awareness of the consequences of ASB. • 95% of participants said they would change their behaviour.

Best practice example:

Name of Project: Addressing ASB Amongst Youth – Diversionary Sports Programme
Funded amount: £6668
Partners: PSNI, Community Safety Team, Education Authority, & ANDBC

Description of project:

This programme aimed to address ASB among young people by delivering a diversionary sports programme from Jan-March 2025. Following a quotation process, Sport Changes Life were awarded the funding to deliver this programme.

Sport Changes Life were tasked with delivering a minimum of 8 sports-based programme sessions, engaging a minimum of 50 young people at risk of engaging in ASB. They were required to target appropriate geographical locations across the borough, through identification of ASB hotspot areas and engagement with relevant agencies.

Two 6-week programmes were delivered at Kilcooley Community Centre in Bangor and West Winds Primary School in Newtownards. These programmes involved both sport and educational workshops focused on ASB. Participants discussed what was meant by the term 'ASB', different types of ASB, and what they would do in various scenarios. Sessions were also attended by local neighbourhood police officers who helped to deliver the workshops. Both programmes concluded with a trip to We Are Vertigo, also attended by neighbourhood police officers.

In addition, a further programme was delivered in Strangford Integrated College, engaging participants from around the Ards Peninsula area. This programme also covered topics of ASB and the consequences of risk-taking behaviour and was supported by neighbourhood police offices.



Impact of the project:

Over the course of the 3 programmes, 62 participants engaged over 20 sessions. Colin McIlwaine, Community Engagement Officer for Sport Changes Life, said:

"It has been a pleasure to deliver this programme in the Ards and North Down area, and through delivery we have learned a lot about the wants and needs of the area. An extremely positive aspect of the programme was the willingness of the local community organisations and PSNI to work together to help deliver the programme and to benefit young people in the area. The young people also engaged really well throughout the programme and will hopefully reap the rewards of what they have learned and discussed over the weeks."

Constable Peter White, who helped to deliver on the Newtownards programme, said:

"I can say that Mac and Aaron from Sport Changes Life were excellent. The kids really enjoyed the project and stayed engaged throughout it all. The group involved all young teenagers from the area, and speaking with them they all got something positive out of the project. We were so impressed with it that plans are already in place to have them back over the Easter break and work with a larger group. The work they did is educational and good for the young people's physical and mental health. I'm looking forward to working together again in the future, and I know the young people are too."



Feedback from participants:

"I loved this programme and found it very fun"

"Really enjoyed learning new skills and about my community."

"I really enjoyed the sports and the workshops."

"Very fun and good learning experience."

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How Much Did We Do?

- 20 sessions delivered to 62 participants across 3 programmes.

How Well Did We Do?

- 90% of participants were satisfied with the programme that was delivered.

Is Anyone Better Off?

- Prior to the programme beginning, 58% understood 'moderately well' and 23% 'very and extremely well' what is meant by the term ASB and the impact it has on the community. After the programme, 80% of participants understood "Very and extremely well" what is meant by the term ASB and the impact it has on the community.
- Prior to the programme beginning, 64% of participants felt risk taking behaviours (e.g., drugs or alcohol) can cause problems for a person with their health, relationships, or future "a lot or a great deal". After the programme, 85% of participants felt risk taking behaviours can cause problems for a person with their health, relationships, or future "a lot or a great deal".

Fear of Crime/Vulnerability/Home Security Programmes

How much did we do?

- 301 items of home security equipment provided to 137 homes under 4-Tier Home Secure Project.
- 203 referrals under 4-Tier Home Secure Project.
- 10 property marking events where trailers/bikes were marked.
- Business Watch scheme went live, with 102 local businesses signed up in 2024/2025

How well did we do it?

- 100% of participants satisfied with the property marking events.
- 100% of equipment beneficiaries satisfied with the 4-Tier Home Secure scheme.

Is anyone better off?

- 100% of participants feel safer as a result of engaging with the service.
- 100% of participants more likely to report crime as a result of engaging with the service.

Best practice example:

Name of Project: 4 Tier Home Secure Project
Funded amount: £35,000
Partners: Keyhole Surgery Locksmiths, PSNI, SEHSCT, NIHE, PBNI, & Women's Aid
Description of project: Ards and North Down PCSP have continued to support the 4-Tier Home Secure Scheme, which secures residential homes through providing and fitting target-hardening security equipment. The 4-Tier Home Secure Scheme is aimed at vulnerable people who have been victims of crime, domestic abuse, and anti-social behaviour, and the scheme works in partnership with the PSNI Crime Prevention Officer.
Impact of the project The 4-Tier Home Secure Scheme continues to be an asset to the partnership approach to address issues of crime and the fear of crime across the Council area. Referral levels have remained consistent throughout the year. Referrals in the Tier 4 category have represented almost 50% of total referrals, as the scheme continues to provide interventions in the most serious cases and to those clients most at risk within local communities. A key focus of the scheme is Domestic Abuse / Violence. The number of domestic abuse related referrals to the scheme has risen to over 50% of total scheme referrals. These referrals often require more resources in terms of equipment to be fitted, and the cost of intervention can be high with Tier 4 equipment such as Wi-Fi cameras and video doorbells to provide enhanced security for clients.
OBA How Much Did We Do? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 203 persons referred to the 4-Tier Home Secure Scheme as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tier 1: 26 referrals - Tier 2: 25 referrals - Tier 3: 46 referrals - Tier 4: 76 referrals • 301 security equipment items (Tiers 2-4) were installed in 137 homes • In addition, the following Tier 1 items were supplied / fitted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 39 door alarms - 37 panic alarms - 33 door braces - 23 personal alarms - 6 padlocks - 10 window alarms - 4 light timers - 3 TV simulators • Referrals in Tiers 3 & 4 were 64% of total referrals. • 53% of referrals were domestic violence related
How Well Did We Do?

- 100% of beneficiaries were satisfied with the equipment and service they received.

Is Anyone Better Off?

- 100% of beneficiaries reported feeling safer to some degree depending on the risk they faced.

Alcohol, Drug and Substance Abuse Awareness

How much did we do?

- Delivered the 'Early Intervention Training Programme' with Lisburn YMCA, engaging 1300+ school pupils in 25 sessions of Tier 1 intervention, and 1040+ pupils in 60 sessions of Tier 2 interventions.
- Delivered the 'Substance Abuse Awareness Project' with Dunlewey Addiction Services, engaging 80 participants in 300 counselling sessions to support them to overcome substance addiction.
- 5 Rapid Bins currently in use across the borough. 2 further Rapid Bins have been removed from original locations as the venues closed / were sold. New locations being assessed for placement in partnership with Ascrt and PHA.
- Delivered a Theatre in Education performance of 'I Love You, Mum – I Promise I Won't Die', a powerful drug education play and workshop, to 210 students in Regent House School in Newtownards.

How well did we do it?

- 100% of participants satisfied with the events.
- 100% of partners satisfied with RAPID Bin Initiative.
- Of the 210 students who attended 'I Love You Mum – I Promise I Won't Die' theatre performance, 81% said they would be able to cope with negative peer influence better; 94% had learned more about the possible consequences of taking drugs; 96% had learned more about the impact of drug use on others; 95% said the workshop had given them useful information and advice.

Is anyone better off?

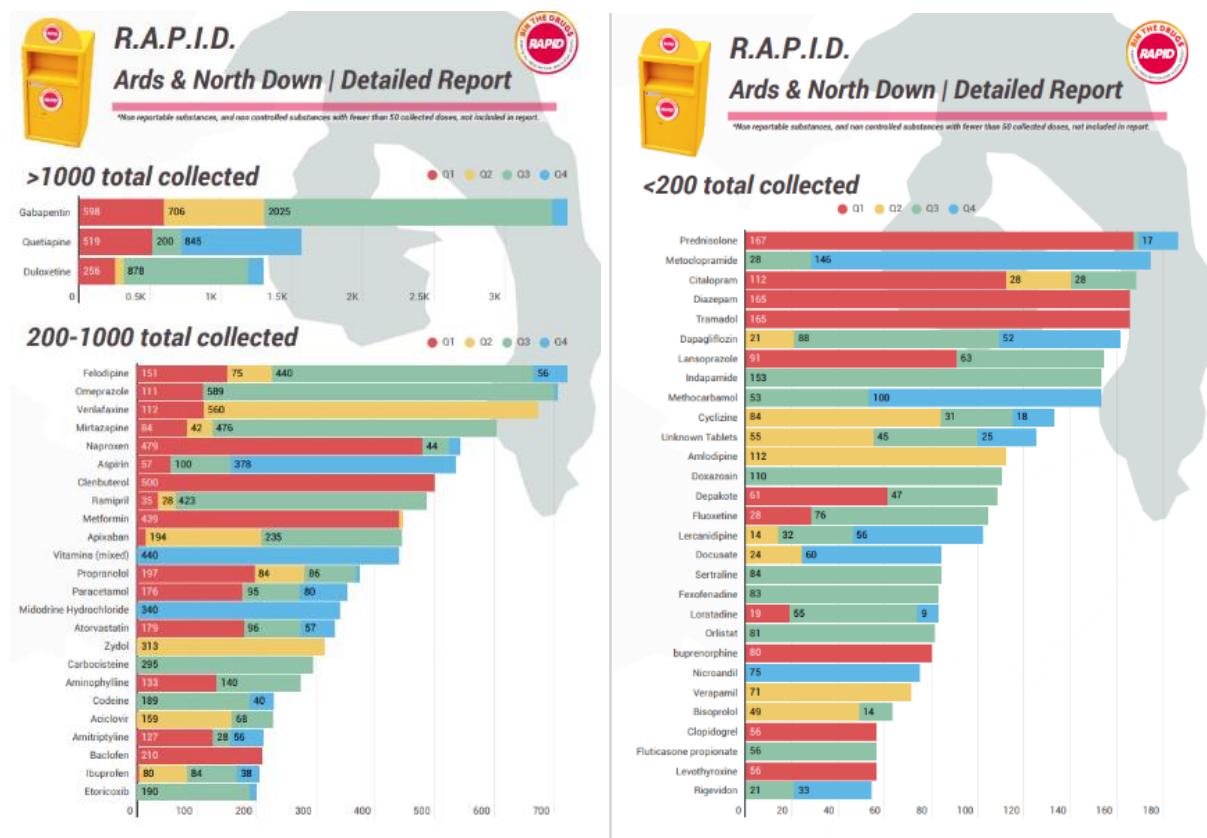
- Over 6000 drug items removed from the community through the RAPID Bin Initiative.
- 100% of participants more aware of the impact of drug/substance misuse.

Feedback from students attending the theatre performance of 'I Love You, Mum – I Promise I Won't Die':

"The fact that Daniel was a high achiever, not a classic drug user – that impacted me."

"The overall fact that the play was based on a real-life scenario, it really hit home as it happened to somebody our age."

Overview of collections from Rapid Bins in Ards & North Down, 2024-2025:



Best practice example:

Name of Project: Lisburn YMCA
Funded amount: £9500
Partners: Secondary schools, EOTAS (Education Other Than At School), PSNI, Community Groups
Description of project: The Drugs Early Intervention Training Programme at Tiers 1 and 2 supports young people aged 13-20 years old who live in the Ards and North Down Borough, who require support to address substance addiction. Following a successful quotations process, this work for 2024-2025 was awarded to Lisburn YMCA.
 <p>What's Your Playlist?</p> 
Lisburn YMCA's programme consisted of Tier 1 interventions comprising drug-related information and advice, screening, assessment, and referral to specialised drug treatment as required. In addition, Tier 2 interventions comprised of drug-related information and advice, screening, assessment, referral to structured drug treatment, brief psychosocial interventions, harm reduction interventions (including needle exchange) and aftercare.

Lisburn YMCA currently deliver drug prevention interventions to young people across the borough on behalf of Public Health Agency. To complement this work, the PCSP-funded programme 'What's Your Playlist?' was offered to post primary schools to all pupils of selected year groups. Lisburn YMCA's programme is based on the positive psychology principle of Flourishing (Seligman, 2016). Many academic studies have identified a lack of resilience as a key factor for drug and alcohol misuse among young people. 'What's Your Playlist?' is centred on building resilience and coping skills across the board for young people. This often helps Lisburn YMCA's team of skilled facilitators to identify the most at-risk pupils for the more targeted PHA drug and alcohol interventions.

Impact of the project:

Lisburn YMCA committed to deliver the following:

- Tier 1 Intervention: 10 Escape the Vape interventions / assemblies to whole year groups of young people on vaping, illegal substance consumption by vape, and the health and social consequences (10 x 100 pupils per session = 1000 pupils).
- Tier 2 Intervention: Develop a bespoke early intervention programme for larger groups of targeted young people. 60 x 1-hour sessions would be delivered to 30 groups of approximately 30 pupils per group (total 900 approx.). These 60 sessions would be delivered in a minimum of 6 schools or colleges in the Borough including SERC. Each centre would be asked to identify and target 4-5 groups of students.

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How Much Did We Do?

- 25 sessions of Tier 1 intervention delivered in 4 schools.
- 1300+ pupils participants in Tier 1.
- 60 sessions of Tier 2 intervention delivered in 11 schools.
- 1040+ pupils participants in Tier 2.

How Well Did We Do?

- 86% of Tier 1 participants felt the training was useful.
- 82% of Tier 1 participants felt they learned new information about vaping.
- 88% of Tier 2 participants rated the programme very good or excellent.
- 83% of Tier 2 participants said they would recommend the programme to others.

Is Anyone Better Off?

- 82% of Tier 1 participants felt they learned new information about vaping.
- 61% of Tier 1 participants felt this training would influence their decisions around vaping.
- 72% of Tier 2 participants felt they understood the causes of drug misuse better.
- 81% of Tier 2 participants now recognise the importance of mental wellbeing as a way to combat drug use.
- 89% of Tier 2 participants now recognise the harm of drug use on mental wellbeing.

- 78% of Tier 2 participants believe this programme has given them tools to improve their own wellbeing and resilience.



Hate Crime

PCSP issued a Service Level Agreement to AND's Good Relations department to deliver a project addressing Hate Crime issues in the borough. Initially, this was intended to be used to deliver a 'Bike Buddies' project, with volunteers from a local cycling group working alongside male asylum seekers located in the Marine Court Hotel in Bangor, helping them to make donated bicycles roadworthy, and teaching safe cycling skills. This project began in Quarter 3, and 3 sessions were delivered to 3 participants. However, the asylum seekers were moved to different locations, making the project unviable. For this reason, the project was amended to deliver GrANDFest, a cultural diversity festival for the borough, which is detailed below.

Best practice example:

Name of Project: GrANDFest
Funded amount: £2000
Partners: PSNI, ImageNation NI, & AMFam

Description of project:

GrANDfest 2024 was a one-day festival to celebrate local and ethnic diversity from across the borough of Ards and North Down. Delivered by ANDBC's Good Relations department, this was a free family-friendly festival of food, music, arts and dance, which aimed to foster a greater understanding and appreciation of the multicultural community within Ards and North Down. It was widely promoted throughout the borough, and open to all.



Impact of the project:

GrANDfest was attended by around 200 people from a wide range of backgrounds and cultures. The event was held in Queen's Hall, Newtownards, and included the following:

- Polish arts & crafts
- Colombian arts & crafts
- Indian arts & crafts
- Christmas crafts with the ANDBC Good Relations team
- Free selection of culturally diverse foods
- Indian music performance
- Indian folk dance
- Estonian dancers
- Salsa dancers
- African music



The various cultural performances, arts, crafts, and food stations provided attendees with a unique opportunity to explore and celebrate diverse cultures. From Indian folk dances to Estonian and Salsa performances, the event showcased the artistic richness that different cultures bring to the borough.

The arts and crafts stalls (including Polish, Colombian and Indian offerings) provided a hands-on opportunity for attendees to engage with cultural expressions from different parts of the world. The food stations were a particular highlight, giving attendees a chance to taste dishes from a range of cultural traditions.

In addition, PCSP had an information stand at the event, providing information on various community safety initiatives, as well as giving out small items to enhance people's personal security, such as personal alarms, torches, and information leaflets. PSNI neighbourhood police officers were also in attendance, and available to speak with individuals. It was a great opportunity for both PCSP and PSNI to engage with culturally diverse groups, to both inform and reassure them about the support available to them within the community.

The festival attracted a diverse crowd, with positive feedback received from attendees, many of whom expressed gratitude for the opportunity to learn more about different cultures. The inclusion of interactive elements such as the arts & crafts tables and the Indian dress trial allowed for a hands-on experience, making the event both informative and enjoyable.

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How Much Did We Do?

- GrANDFest was delivered to approximately 200 participants, including representatives from the following communities in the borough: Polish, Colombian, Indian, Estonian and African.



How Well Did We Do?

- 100% of participants were satisfied with the project.

Is Anyone Better Off?

- 100% of participants in GrANDFest had opportunity to engage with members of diverse communities within the borough.
- 100% of participants engaged with PCSP, receiving information, guidance and support, including small items of equipment to enhance personal safety.
- 100% of participants engaged with PSNI neighbourhood officers and Community Safety Team, building important relationships and connections.

Domestic and Sexual Violence

How much did we do?

- Funded and participated in the South Eastern Sexual and Domestic Violence Partnership, delivering the 'Nowhere to Run To' fun-run to raise awareness of domestic abuse, and a seminar on domestic abuse focusing on children and young people.
- Delivered the 'Healthy Relationships Awareness' programme with Lisburn YMCA, engaging 677 participants in developing their understanding of what a healthy relationship is (detailed below).
- Delivered the 'Domestic Violence Female Victim Support Programme' with Kilcooley Women's Centre, providing 13 one-stop shop clinics and enabling 48 clients to receive support and advice.
- Delivered the 'Domestic Violence Male Victim Support Programme' with Men's Advisory Project, providing 126 counselling sessions to 31 men experiencing domestic abuse.

How well did we do it?

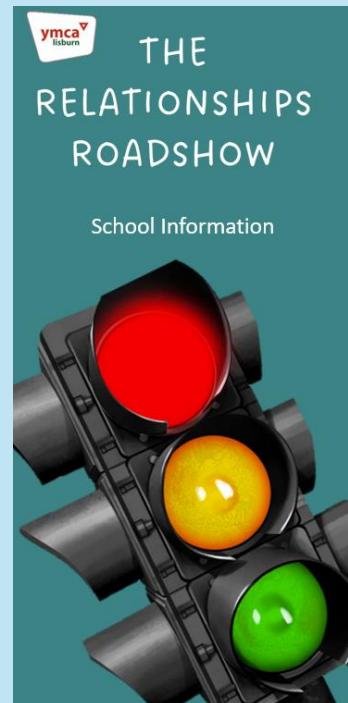
- 100% of participants in the SEDSVP find value in meeting and working together to tackle issues.
- 96% of participants in the Healthy Relationships Programme were satisfied with the programme.
- 100% of clients were satisfied with the support they received through the Domestic Violence Female Victim Support Programme.
- 81% of men reported feeling less isolated due to the support they received, and information provided about services in the area through the Domestic Violence Male Victim Support Programme.

Is anyone better off?

- 85% of participants in the Healthy Relationships Programme now understand the role of choices in healthy friendships and relationships.
- 100% of participants in the Domestic Violence Female Victim Support Programme reported feeling safer and more supported as a result of the programme and also reported improved awareness of how to gain help in relation to domestic and sexual violence.
- 100% of participants in the Domestic Violence Male Victim Support Programme rated the service as good or very good.

Best practice example:

Name of Project: Healthy Relationships & Domestic Violence Awareness
Funded amount: £10,000
Partners: Lisburn YMCA, PSNI, Post-Primary Schools, & EOTAS (Education Other Than At School)
Description of project: <p>The brief for this project was to deliver an early intervention for healthy relationships project to secondary school aged young people (aged 12-16) in schools, colleges, card for children's homes, and community youth group settings. The project aim was to increase awareness and knowledge of children and young people and the wider public that domestic and sexual abuse and cyber bullying are unacceptable, and to enable young people to make informed choices about their relationships. The project was required to include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Definition of sexual and domestic violence.• Information in regard to the levels of and impact of domestic abuse in the home (including abuse of parents by young people).• Information in regard to cyber abuse / bullying and how to address it.• Information in regard to the growth of domestic abuse between teens and parents.• Information relating to consent regarding sexual relationships and the law.• The key elements to support healthy relationships.• Making informed choices.• Information and discussion about the young person's role amongst their peers.• Signposting to support services that are available to support victims of sexual and domestic violence and to agencies that support greater awareness.



Theme	Learning Outcomes / content
Theme 1 What are relationships?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Different types of relationships, family, romantic, friendship and professional When do we need different traits in others including trust, listening ability, fun and consistency What traits would others say we have?
Theme 2 Toxicity – what are the signs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the features of unhealthy / toxic relationships Coercive control in different relationships -what it means, what it looks like and the damage it causes What can be seen as abuse within relationships, verbal, physical, financial and sexual
Theme 3 Choice - What choices do we have and allow others to make	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What choices do we have about the nature and extent of different relationships Consent, what it means when and how is needed and can be given Peer pressure, why we sometimes feel we have to go along with it and what to do about it
Theme 4 Online? – online friendships and relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How online friendships and relationships develop Ghosting, gaslighting and spotting the danger zone Photos the do's and don'ts of sharing, explicit images, addresses, holiday pics and locations.
Theme 5 Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How we communicate and the impact on relationships How we can communicate better to ensure relationships stay healthy How to ask for help if relationships are not healthy

Impact of the project:

Many young people struggle with the relationships in their lives. The 'Relationships Roadshow' is a youth work led programme to help groups of young people to explore different kinds of relationships and how we should treat each other. The programme lasts 90 mins per group and looks at a range of themes and learning outcomes using discussion, case study and interactive games.

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How Much Did We Do?

- 78 school sessions were delivered.
- 10 extended non-school sessions were delivered.

How Well Did We Do?

- 677 participants engaged in the programme.
- 96% of participants were satisfied with the programme.
- 92% of participants found the programme worthwhile.
- 92% of participants would recommend the programme to others.

Is Anyone Better Off?

- 97% of participants reported increased knowledge of domestic violence.
- 86% of participants reported increased knowledge of different kinds of abuse.
- 92% of participants now know how to get help for domestic abuse / coercive control.
- 88% of participants now understand what consent is.
- 92% of participants understand what is needed for healthy relationships.
- 85% of participants understand the role of choices in healthy friendships and relationships.

Cyber Crime

There is a growing recognition of the use of digital technology in facilitating domestic abuse, through surveillance, stalking, and online harassment. PCSP funded North Down & Ards Women's Aid to deliver a programme of workshops directly addressing these emerging challenges, and this is detailed below.

Best practice example:

Name of Project: North Down & Ards Women's Aid
Funded amount: £2950
Partners: Ineqe Safeguarding Group
Description of project: <p>North Down & Ards Women's Aid work with women, children and young people affected by domestic and sexual abuse. More and more, NDAWA are seeing incidents of domestic abuse being facilitated by digital technology, often in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stalking and Surveillance: Abusers can use technology to stalk and monitor victims, including through social media, GPS tracking, and spyware.• Cyberbullying and Harassment: Abusers can use technology to harass and intimidate victims through online platforms, such as social media, email, and messaging apps.• Financial Control: Abusers can use technology to control victims' finances, such as by limiting access to bank accounts or monitoring spending.• Isolation: Abusers can use technology to isolate victims from friends and family, making it more difficult for them to seek help. <p>NDAWA proposed a project to work with Ineqe Safeguarding Group to deliver specific workshop sessions on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Increasing awareness for women NDAWA are working with and how they can stay safe on their phones. This would be in connection with their ex-partners who stalk / harass / intimidate via technology & may have spyware downloaded on the woman's phone and they are not aware of this. The aim of the sessions will be to help women check her phone / showing her how to stay safe / linking in with support agencies.2. Training for NDAWA staff on keeping them safe & being able to pass this on to clients they work with.3. Workshops for Children / Young People we work with on how to stay safe online.4. Social media campaign on stalking / harassment /cyber-crime via technology and how to stay safe online.



The expected outcomes were as follows:

- Women, children, young people are professionals who attending the sessions would be better equipped to recognize signs of online stalking, harassment, and spyware.
- Women, children, young people and professionals attending sessions would be able to take proactive steps to protect themselves and their personal information.
- Women would be linked with support agencies to help provide them with additional resources and guidance.

CYBERCRIME

Intimate partner and dating violence often include stalking through technology, sometimes called "digital abuse." or "technology facilitated abuse"

Excessive contact, monitoring online activity, location tracking, demanding passwords, and hacking into accounts may be both digital abuse AND stalking. Stalkers often facilitate or enhance their tactics using technology. While technologies may change over time, the dynamics and dangers of stalking are constant



Impact of the project:

In partnership with Ineqe Safeguarding Group, NDAWA delivered six workshops between Dec 2024 – Feb 2025, open to NDAWA staff, partnership organisations who work with NDAWA, and women and young people who use NDAWA services.

The first of these workshops was an online 2-hour 'Safeguarding in the Digital World' webinar, delivered to 17 NDAWA staff and other professionals. Three workshops were delivered directly to 18 women who use NDAWA services, followed by two workshops for 9 young people engaged with NDAWA services.

Feedback from participants:

"Very appropriate and informative for me as an elderly lady".

"Well presented, informative, and appropriately paced for the group".

"I had very poor knowledge, and this has really helped me".

"I enjoyed watching the video at the end about people you can trust".

TYPES OF TECHNOLOGY FACILITATED ABUSE

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sending abusive messages• Unwanted or excessive phone calls• Making someone prove where they are by sending photos of their location• Checking someone's phone• Using GPS apps to see location• Preventing having a phone or online access• Sharing intimate photos of someone without their consent• Sending messages via online banking• Hacking online accounts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Watching you on home CCTV• Using Apple Tags or GPS trackers• Tracking children's tablets/phones• Installing hidden cameras in the home• Installing hidden mics in the home• Using smart devices to cause hardship, such as turning all lights or heating on.• Accessing cloud accounts to view photos to find location• Creating multiple accounts to message• Cloning their phone• Hacking online accounts
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How Much Did We Do?

- 6 workshops were delivered to 44 participants. Evaluation forms were completed by 38 participants.

How Well Did We Do?

- 38 / 100% of participants were satisfied with the information they received at the workshops.

Is Anyone Better Off?

- 38 / 100% reported an increased awareness of cybercrime.
- 38 / 100% reported increased awareness of how to access support services.

KEEPING SAFE ONLINE

- Turn off GPS permissions on the phone or tablet
- Password changed for cloud accounts they had access to? (google drive, icloud)
- Removed their access from smart devices? (Alexa, Smarthubs, Hive)
- Think about home security cameras and who can access the footage
- Do they have access to your emails? If so change passwords.
- Consider changing password on home WiFi router
- Is your smartwatch data private?
- Report to PSNI- Do not think you are wasting peoples time



Road Safety



How much did we do?

- 2 Mobile Speed Indicator Devices (SID) provided for deployment by PSNI across the borough.
- 4 awareness raising events or roadshows attended by an estimated 2500+ members of the public – including the Road Safe Roadshow for post-primary pupils, BeeSafe for primary school pupils, Schools Road Safety Quiz, and Bike Safe for motorcyclists.
- New Driver magazine provided to 1850+ Year 13 & 14 pupils in all post-primary schools in the borough.

How well did we do it?

- 100% of partners / local community reporting satisfaction with the SIDs .
- 100% of participants satisfied with the awareness raising events and roadshows.
- 100% of post-primary schools in the borough satisfied with the delivery of the New Driver magazine to all Year 13 & 14 pupils.

Is anyone better off?

- 100% of participants will apply knowledge from events to improve road safety.

All Posts People Reels Groups

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It was great to meet the fabulous year 13's at [Bangor Grammar School](#) today when delivering our safe motoring presentation. 

Thanks to the staff and students for being so welcoming.

Huge thanks to [Ards and North Down PCSP](#) for ensuring that all year 13 and 14 students within their area receive a copy of New Driver magazine

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Best practice example:

Name of Project: Road Safe Roadshow
Funded amount: £837.50
Partners: PSNI, PCSP Members, Community Safety Team
Description of project: <p>Teenagers from schools in the Ards and North Down area were the recipients of a hard-hitting road safety message at the award-winning PSNI Road Safe Roadshow held on Tuesday 12th November 2025. The roadshow, devised by the PSNI Road Policing Unit and supported by AXA Insurance and NI Road Safety Partnership, was performed to over 900 sixth formers. Recognising that young people aged 25 and under were one of the age groups most at risk of being killed or seriously injured on our roads each year, the roadshow aimed to bring its message to those about to start out on what would be, hopefully, a long and safe motoring career. The story was told by a police officer, a paramedic, a fire officer, a young man who was jailed following a serious road traffic collision he was involved in, and a young person, who was paralysed following a horrific collision. The narrative was interspersed with music, video clips, television, and cinema adverts.</p> 
Impact of the project: <p>Constable Dumigan said "The Road Safe Roadshow had been a major success and enables us to bring a road safety message to thousands of young people in the highest risk group. We have no doubt that the road show shocks, perhaps even horrifies, our young audience."</p> <p>A Spokesperson from the NI Road Safety Partnership said "The Partnership is committed to contributing to reducing the number of collisions and causalities on our roads by preventing and detecting speeding offences. We are delighted to sponsor the Roadshow as a means of reaching young people and helping them make safer choices on the roads."</p> 
OBA How Much Did We Do? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 sessions were run with over 900 participants in attendance. How Well Did We Do? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 100% of participants were satisfied with the quality of the Roadshow. Is Anyone Better Off? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 100% reported an increased awareness of road safety.• 100% reported increased awareness of the consequences of reckless driving.

Strategic Priority 3:

Strategic Priority 3 – To support confidence in policing, including through collaborative problem solving with communities through

- *ensuring local accountability through the Policing Committee’s role in monitoring police performance;*
- *identifying priorities from the PCSP Plan for consideration in the development of the local Policing Plan which are consistent with the Northern Ireland Policing Plan;*
- *providing views to the District Commander through the Policing Committee and supporting the PSNI to engage with the community to identify and address local problems;*
- *delivering initiatives that link to identified local problems that impact confidence in policing;*
- *carrying out meaningful local events aimed at increasing PSNI engagement with local communities to build and strengthen public confidence in policing;*
- *delivering PCSP initiatives in the hardest to reach communities;*
- *providing a platform for the PCSP and PSNI to engage with young people, including on the themes of upholding the rule of law, and of ways of increasing confidence in policing; and*
- *building community confidence in the rule of law by helping mitigate the harm caused to people and communities by paramilitarism, criminality and organised crime consistent with wider Programme for Government objectives and through use of co-design principles, where appropriate.*

OBA Overview

How much did we do?

- 2 Policing Committees held
- 2 Monitoring Sub-Group meetings held
- 2 public PCSP meetings involving PSNI and local communities and 53 participants

How well did we do it?

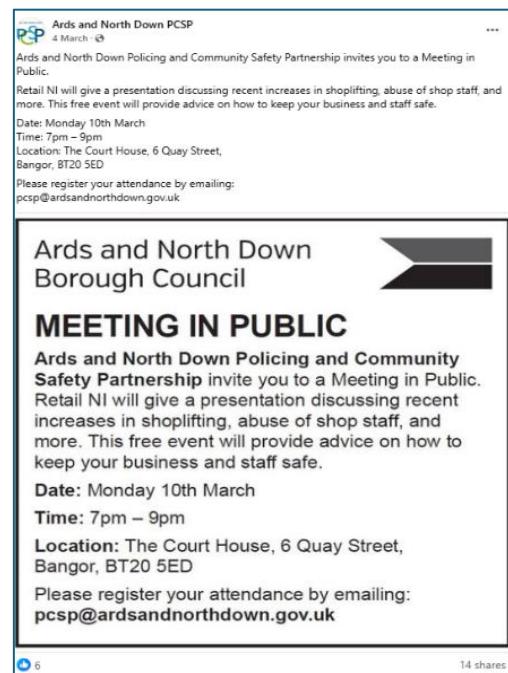
- 100% members of the public satisfied with meeting/event
- 100% PCSP Members who feel supported to effectively deliver the Policing Committee functions

Is anyone better off?

- 100% of attendees with an increased knowledge of local policing priorities after attending the public meeting
- 100% of attendees with increased confidence in policing following event/meeting
- 100% of participants more likely to engage with the police positively following meeting/event

Local Community Engagement with the PSNI

Best practice examples – PSNI engaging with the public

Name of Project/Initiative/Event: Retail NI meeting
Funded amount: £500
Partners: Retail NI, PSNI, & Chamber of Commerce
Description of project/initiative/event: The purpose of the Meeting in Public was to allow members of the business community within Ards and North Down to meet and discuss business concerns with both Retail NI and the PSNI. Retail NI gave a presentation discussing recent increases in shoplifting, abuse of shop staff, and more. Chief Inspector Keith Hutchinson gave updates and advice on shoplifting from a PSNI perspective. The event was designed to allow participants to learn how to keep their business and staff safe.
 OBA How Much Did We Do? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 session was run with 33 participants How Well Did We Do? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 83% of participants were satisfied with the meeting• 100% of participants felt they had sufficient input into the meeting• 67% of participants thought the presentations were very good Is Anyone Better Off? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 100% of participants found the meeting useful• 80% of participants had increased awareness of business crime 

Best practice example:

Name of Project/Initiative/Event: Hooked on Holywood
Funded amount: £1700
Partners: Hooked on Belfast, Redburn and Loughview Community Association, Holywood Community Network
Description of project/initiative/event: Arranging 2 x 5 weekly sessions of boxing training using newly formed boxing and fitness suite on High Street, Holywood. Police would hold an information talk to include One Punch and ASB whilst engaging with the local PSNI Officers.
Impact of the project/initiative/event: The project created positive engagement and discussions around the dangers of 1 punch incidents. 10 young people from Redburn and Loughview Community Forum and 17 young people from Holywood Community Network were engaged. The project provided a good opportunity for police to engage with young people from 2 newly formed community groups. The project would allow for increased confidence in policing and increase in rapport with the local neighbourhood officer to reduce ASB, drug use, and to help reduce Loyalist crime gang influences in the Holywood area.
OBA How Much Did We Do? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 27 young people engaged.• 10 sessions held. How Well Did We Do? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 100% of those involved in the process expressed they enjoyed the initiative and look forward to future engagement with police. Is Anyone Better Off? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 100% of participants with a changed attitude .• 100% of participants more likely to engage with PSNI.• 100% of participants who have more confidence in PSNI.

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

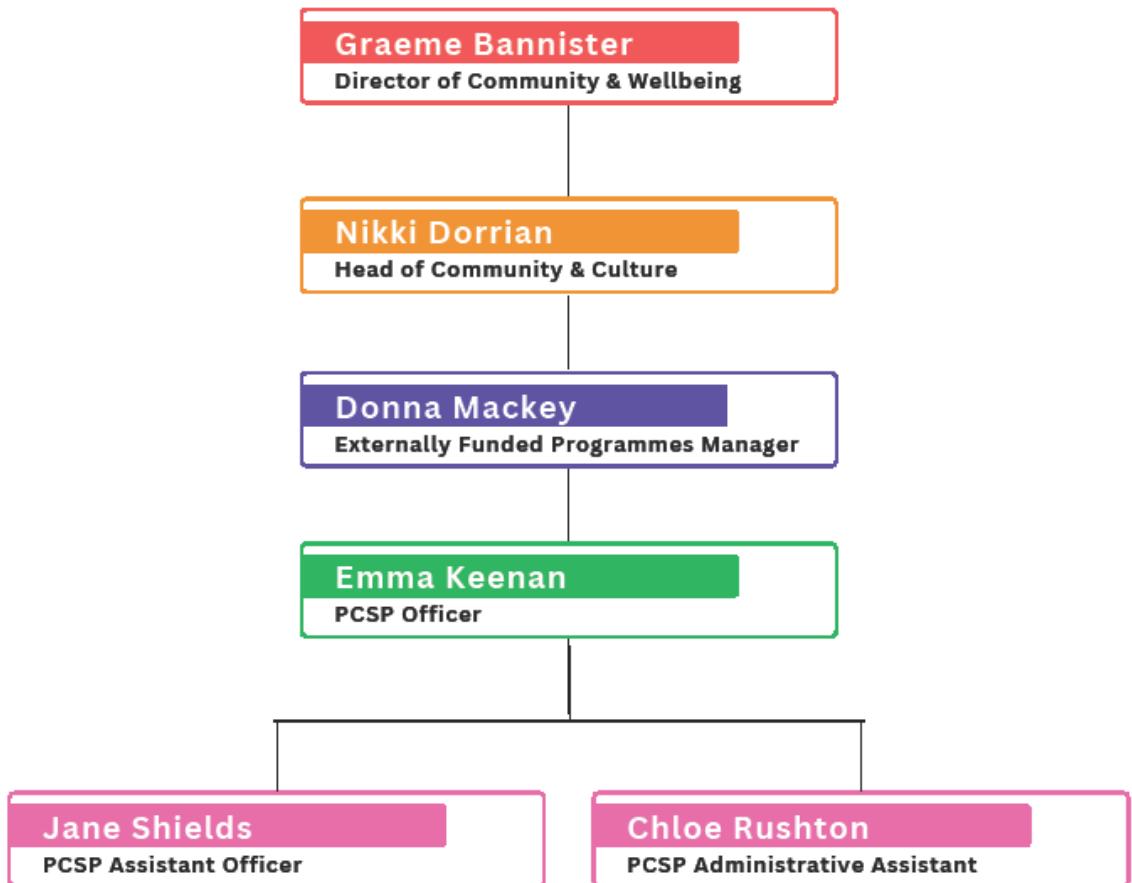
Ards and North Down PCSP currently have 20 Neighbourhood Coordinators covering 1628 addresses within the borough.

Appendices

Appendix A: Organisational Structure of Ards and North Down Borough Council Community and Wellbeing Department

Appendix B: Financial Statement, Ards & North Down PCSP, 2024-2025

Appendix A



Appendix B

ARDS & NORTH DOWN PCSP FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Budget Category	Budget agreed	Changes to budget less than 20%	Revised Budget	Actual Expenditure	Expenditure Accrued	Total Expenditure to date	Q1 Payment	Q2 Payment	Q3 Payment	Q4 Payment	Total Payments to date
	Apr 24-Mar 25	£	Apr 24-Mar 25	£	£	£	Apr - Jun	Jul - Sep	Oct - Dec	Jan - Mar	£
Salaries	57,766.00	0.00	57,766.00	57,766.00	0.00	57,766.00	30,523.77	27,242.23	0.00	0.00	57,766.00
Running Costs							94.63	159.47	524.60	238.82	1,017.52
Staff Mileage (inc. essential car allowance)	1,300.00	0.00	1,300.00	1,017.52	0.00	1,017.52	23.85	21.60	169.73	147.16	362.34
Staff mileage	815.00	-80.00	735.00	294.74	67.60	362.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00	30.00
Printing & Stationery	200.00	0.00	200.00	30.00	0.00	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Staff Mobiles	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Training Courses	1,323.00	80.00	1,403.00	1,403.00	0.00	1,403.00	0.00	0.00	1,323.00	80.00	1,403.00
Sub-total running costs	3,838.00	-	3,838.00	2,745.26	67.60	2,812.86	118.48	181.07	2,017.33	495.98	2,812.86
Total Administration	61,604.00	-	61,604.00	60,511.26	67.60	60,578.86	30,642.25	27,423.30	2,017.33	495.98	60,578.86
OPERATIONAL											
Strategic Objective 1: Form & Deliver functions of PCSP											
PCSP Delivery of PCSP meetings	2,000.00	-300.00	1,700.00	1,697.11	0.00	1,697.11	407.46	254.08	407.60	627.97	1,697.11
PCSP Awareness raising including PR and Communications	20,129.00	590.00	20,719.00	10,938.79	9,773.78	20,712.57	1,479.08	2,526.38	4,249.99	12,457.12	20,712.57
Local Community Engagement Initiatives including road safety, rural crime, and crime prevention.	5,000.00	-180.00	4,820.00	4,142.72	676.00	4,818.72	0.00	0.00	1,910.67	2,908.05	4,818.72
Youth Voice	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
PCSP Strategy 2025-2028	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00	0.00	273.50	3,226.50	0.00	3,500.00
Strategic Objective 2: Improve Community Safety											
Early Intervention training programme and RAPID bin initiative.	9,500.00	0.00	9,500.00	4,395.00	5,105.00	9,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,500.00	9,500.00
Substance Abuse Awareness Project	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Addressing ASB through diversionary sports programme	7,000.00	-330.00	6,670.00	4,973.35	1,694.72	6,668.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,668.07	6,668.07
Addressing ASB hotspots areas- Community safety & multi-agency approach	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00	3,392.03	2,511.17	5,903.20	0.00	2,026.96	772.48	3,103.76	5,903.20
Small Grants Programme with a focus on diversionary and prevention	28,000.00	720.00	28,720.00	24,587.29	4,130.90	28,718.19	0.00	700.00	8,875.66	19,142.53	28,718.19
Voluntary Safety Wardens	38,000.00	0.00	38,000.00	38,000.00	0.00	38,000.00	9,198.00	8,598.00	9,148.00	11,056.00	38,000.00
Schools Education Programme for ASB	10,000.00	-210.00	9,790.00	7,072.06	2,716.60	9,788.66	0.00	2,344.51	466.72	6,977.43	9,788.66
Enhanced Detached Youth Programme (EA)	14,000.00	0.00	14,000.00	14,000.00	0.00	14,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,000.00	14,000.00
Domestic Violence Awareness & SED&SVP	4,100.00	0.00	4,100.00	672.91	3,368.50	4,041.41	202.00	372.50	186.00	3,280.91	4,041.41
Healthy Relationships Awareness	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	4,025.00	5,975.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
DV Female Victim Support Programme	14,000.00	0.00	14,000.00	6,400.00	7,600.00	14,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,000.00	14,000.00
DV Male Victim Support Programme	6,000.00	-60.00	5,940.00	0.00	5,932.50	5,932.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,932.50	5,932.50
Hate Crime Initiative	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Cybercrime Initiatives	3,000.00	-50.00	2,950.00	2,950.00	0.00	2,950.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,950.00	2,950.00
4-Tier Home Secure Project	35,000.00	0.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	0.00	35,000.00	20,000.00	0.00	15,000.00	0.00	35,000.00
Road safety Initiatives and SID analysis.	1,000.00	20.00	1,020.00	922.63	91.66	1,014.29	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,014.29	1,014.29
The P7 Be Safe Programme -with community safety team	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
Strategic Priority 3 – To support confidence in policing, including through collaborative problem solving with communities											
Policing Public and Private Meetings	1,000.00	10.00	1,010.00	1,001.87	0.00	1,001.87	360.20	0.00	141.67	500.00	1,001.87
Building confidence in Policing	19,000.00	-210.00	18,790.00	17,332.21	1,400.00	18,732.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	18,732.21	18,732.21
Total Operational	256,229.00	-	256,229.00	205,002.97	50,975.83	255,978.80	31,646.74	17,095.93	44,385.29	162,850.84	255,978.80
TOTAL ADMIN & OPERATIONAL	317,833.00	-	317,833.00	265,514.23	51,043.43	316,557.66	62,288.99	44,519.23	46,402.62	163,346.82	316,557.66
Meeting Expenses	14,000.00	-	14,000.00	5,280.00	480.00	5,760.00	1,200.00	480.00	1,860.00	2,220.00	5,760.00
OVERALL TOTAL	331,833.00	-	331,833.00	270,794.23	51,523.43	322,317.66	63,488.99	44,999.23	48,262.62	165,566.82	322,317.66