

ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025

Mid Ulster Policing & Community Safety Partnership



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Safety Partnership**

making Mid Ulster safer

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INTRODUCTION

I am honoured to present the Annual Report for Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) for 2024-25. Over the past year, our dedicated Partnership has worked collaboratively to drive meaningful change. Together, we have implemented a range of initiatives to address pressing community safety concerns, including anti-social behaviour, domestic violence, and elder safety.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to our elected, independent, and statutory members, whose unwavering dedication has been instrumental in advancing our mission. Additionally, I extend heartfelt thanks to the community members who actively engaged with us throughout the year—your participation is vital to our success.

The PCSP remains committed to developing effective strategies and programmes that meet the safety needs of our communities. We will continue working closely with our partners to fulfil our obligations in policing and community safety, ensuring a safer and more resilient Mid Ulster.

Thank you for your ongoing support and trust in Mid Ulster PCSP.



Cllr Christine McFlynn
Chairperson
Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership 2024-25

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) is proud to present its Annual Report for 2024–25, highlighting a year of committed partnership, community engagement, and impactful initiatives aimed at enhancing safety and wellbeing across the district.

Throughout the year, the PCSP delivered a diverse portfolio of programmes aligned with its strategic priorities: fostering community engagement, tackling anti-social behaviour (ASB) and crime, and building confidence in policing. Our work was shaped by meaningful collaboration with elected and independent members, statutory partners, local organisations, and community voices.

Key highlights include:

- **Community Engagement:** Over 650 individuals participated in 11 consultation events, with social media campaigns reaching more than 80,000 people. Awareness and outreach activities focused on domestic violence, elder safety, youth engagement, and internet safety—resulting in a 76% increase in public awareness of the PCSP’s role.
- **Addressing Anti-Social Behaviour:** Seven youth diversionary projects engaged 105 young people, with all participants reporting improved awareness and positive experiences. These efforts contributed to a 13% reduction in ASB during the reporting period.
- **Vulnerable Persons Support:** 81 homes received security enhancements as part of the Home Security Scheme for older residents. Participants reported increased safety and confidence, with 100% satisfaction across initiatives.
- **Substance Misuse and Road Safety:** The deployment of Rapid Bins removed over 18,000 drug items from the community, and targeted youth events raised awareness on substance abuse. Road safety was addressed through crash simulators in schools, Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) at 136 sites, and live collision reconstructions—all fostering safer driving behaviours.
- **Tackling Domestic and Sexual Violence:** Through awareness campaigns and the High Risk Domestic Violence Victim Scheme, 26 households received tailored support and security upgrades. Participants reported increased safety and improved access to services.
- **Policing Confidence:** Over 4,400 residents engaged in 43 events and initiatives aimed at strengthening relations. 89% of participants expressed increased confidence in the PSNI, with many indicating greater willingness to report crime.

This work underscores the PCSP’s commitment to evidence-based, community-led action. Looking ahead, the PCSP remain focused on fostering a safer Mid Ulster through strong partnerships and continuous community dialogue.

MID ULSTER AREA PROFILE

Mid Ulster is a dynamic and growing district in Northern Ireland, characterised by a vibrant economy, a predominantly rural landscape with significant urban centres, and a distinct demographic makeup. It has seven District Electoral Areas (DEAs), which are sub-divisions of the district used for local elections. The DEAs are: Carrington, Clogher Valley, Cookstown, Dungannon, Magherafelt, Moyola and Torrent

Demographics

- **Population:** Mid Ulster is the fastest-growing council area in Northern Ireland. As of 2022, its population was approximately 146,427, projected to reach 165,000 by 2030. (Note: The 2011 Census recorded a population of 138,590).
- **Age Profile:** The district has a younger population profile compared to the Northern Ireland average, with a higher proportion of children and young people (e.g., 23.0% aged 0-15 years in 2015, compared to NI average of 20.8%). Conversely, it has a lower proportion of older persons (e.g., 13.7% aged 65+ in 2015, compared to NI average of 15.8%). Sixty-two percent of the population are of working age.
- **Economic Activity:** A high proportion of the population is economically active (76% in 2023, compared to 75% for NI). The employment rate in 2018 was 74.2%, above the Northern Ireland average.
- **Religion and Ethnicity (2011 Census):**
 - Catholic: 59% (NI 41%)
 - Presbyterian: 12% (NI 19%)
 - Church of Ireland: 13% (NI 14%)
 - Methodist: 1% (NI 3%)
 - Other Christian religions: 5% (NI 6%)
 - No religion/not stated:¹ 10% (NI 17%)
 - White: 99% (NI 98%)
- **Country of Birth (2011 Census):**
 - Northern Ireland: 89%
 - England: 2%
 - Republic of Ireland: 2%
 - Other country: 7%

Employment and Economy

- **Economic Output:** Mid Ulster produces 7.3% of Northern Ireland's economic output, equating to £2.075 billion in gross value added. It has been the fastest-growing district in the region over the past decade.
- **Employment Landscape:** The district supports around 55,000 jobs. Mid Ulster has the highest proportion of private sector jobs in Northern Ireland (82% in 2018).
- **Key Sectors:**
 - **Manufacturing:** This sector is of significant importance, accounting for close to 30% of employee jobs in Mid Ulster, making it highly reliant on manufacturing compared to other districts. Mid Ulster is home to the world's leading cluster of high-growth advanced manufacturing and engineering firms, producing over 40% of the world's mobile crushing and screening equipment.
 - **Construction:** Almost 1 in 10 jobs in Mid Ulster are in the construction sector, making it more reliant on construction jobs than other council areas.
 - **Other thriving clusters:** Food/agri-food, business, professional, and financial services.
- **Businesses:** Mid Ulster boasts Northern Ireland's fastest-growing business base, and the largest outside of Belfast. The majority of businesses are micro-businesses (0-9 employees).
- **Exports:** Businesses in Mid Ulster are highly export-intensive, producing 12% of Northern Ireland's exports.

Education

- **Attainment:** School leavers in the Mid Ulster area perform above the Northern Ireland average in terms of higher and further level education. In 2015, 65.8% of Year 12 pupils achieved 5+ GCSEs (A*-C) including English and Maths, which was above the NI average of 64.3%.
- **Higher Education:** In 2015, 22% of the population had a degree or higher qualification, slightly below the NI average of 23%. In 2018, 33.9% of those aged 16-64 years were qualified to NVQ Level 4 and above.
- **Deprivation in Education:** While overall attainment is good, there are areas of educational deprivation within the district. Some areas are identified as being in the 20% most deprived in NI based on the Education, Skills and Training Domain.

Households

- **Housing:** In 2022/23, the Housing Executive managed 3,835 social homes in Mid Ulster and allocated over 2,212 homes.
- **Housing Stress:** As of March 2023, there were 2,212 applicants on the waiting list for social housing, with 1,380 in housing stress (62.4%).

- **Affordability:** Mid Ulster offers plenty of affordable housing.
- **Median Earnings:** In 2015, the median earnings for the district were £16,682, which was the second lowest across the 11 districts in Northern Ireland.

Deprivation

- **Relative Deprivation:** Based on the Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measure 2017 (NIMDM 2017), none of the 43 Super Output Areas (SOAs) in Mid Ulster are ranked in the 10% most deprived wards in Northern Ireland. This indicates a generally lower level of concentrated deprivation compared to some other areas of Northern Ireland.
- **Youth Deprivation:** While overall deprivation is lower, a significant number of children and young people (13.9%) live in an area of deprivation. Youth services actively target areas and groups impacted by economic and social deprivation.

Crime

- In 2024/25 total recorded crime dropped by nearly 6.6%. This built on a decrease in the previous year.
- Mid Ulster historically has one of Northern Ireland's lowest burglary rates. However, the rural district experiences occasional spates of rural theft, especially of agricultural machinery, quad bikes, and tools.
- Mid Ulster ranks moderately high in motoring offences, with 292 detections per 10,000 people (Dec 2022–Nov 2023), making it the 3rd highest council area for such offences
- Reported incidents for Antisocial behaviour have decreased in the last number of years.

In summary, Mid Ulster is a rapidly developing district with a strong economy, particularly in manufacturing and construction. Its demographic profile is younger than the Northern Ireland average, contributing to a high rate of economic activity.

Mid Ulster District shows a strong positive trend with decreasing overall crime amongst most recorded crime categories.

MEMBERS

The size of each PCSP varies across Northern Ireland. Mid Ulster PCSP has ten political members appointed by Mid Ulster District Council and nine independent members of the community who are appointed by the NI Policing Board. Together these members form the Policing Committee of the PCSP. In addition, PCSPs have representatives from seven designated bodies.

The Chair of each PCSP is a Councillor and the Vice Chair is an Independent Member.

In 2024-25 Mid Ulster PCSP consisted of the following members:

Elected Members	Meetings Held	Meetings Attended	Attendance Percentage
Councillor Christine McFlynn (Chair)	6	5	83%
Councillor Eva Cahoon	6	3	50%
Councillor Eimear Carney	6	3	50%
Councillor Clement Cuthbertson	6	5	83%
Councillor Anne Forde	6	1	17%
Councillor Donna Mullin	5	3	60%
Councillor Brian McGuigan	6	6	100%
Councillor John McNamee	6	5	83%
Councillor Sean McPeake	6	4	67%
Councillor Deirdre Varsani	6	4	67%
Independent Members			
Grace Meerbeek (Vice Chair)	6	6	100%
Sulakashana Chada	6	6	100%
Robert Colvin	6	6	100%
Niamh Doris	6	6	100%
Ian Irwin	6	6	100%
Martin Logan	4	2	50%
Ciaran McElhone	6	4	67%%
Pearse McFlynn	6	1	17%
Pamela Stewart	6	5	83%
Designated Members			
Education Authority	6	6	100%

Health & Social Care Trusts	6	1	17%%
NI Fire & Rescue	6	4	67%
NI Housing Executive	6	4	67%
Probation Board NI	6	0	0%
Police Service of Northern Ireland	6	6	100%
Youth Justice Agency	6	3	50%

Action Plan theme	Operational funding breakdown
Awareness raising and engagement	27544
ASB Driving	15100
ASB Youth Engagement	32771
ASB Educational	14316
Nighttime Economy Training	12775
Safe Night out	15772
Domestic and sexual abuse	18678
Internet Safety	14376
Vulnerable Persons Initiatives	27411
Confidence in policing	39364

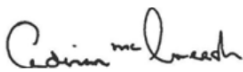
ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

MID ULSTER PCSP FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Budget Category	Budget agreed Apr 24-Mar 25 £	Changes to budget less than 20% £	Revised Budget Apr 24-Mar 25 £	Actual Expenditure 2024/25 £	Expenditure Accrued £	Total Expenditure to date £	Q1 Payment Apr - Jun £	Q2 Payment Jul - Sep £	Q3 Payment Oct - Dec £	Q4 Payment Jan - Mar £	Total Payments to date £
Salaries	46,162.00	648.76	46,810.76	48,243.81	0.00	48,243.81	11,543.04	11,540.94	13,098.45	10,628.33	46,810.76
Running Costs											
Staff Mileage (inc. essential car allowance)	5,000.00	-648.76	4,351.24	3,926.23	425.01	4,351.24	482.59	825.32	1,424.88	1,618.45	4,351.24
Members Mileage	1,100.00	-34.55	1,065.45	769.67	295.78	1,065.45	203.73	107.16	195.84	558.72	1,065.45
Printing & Stationery/Staff Mobiles	1,300.00	34.55	1,334.55	1,558.34	54.13	1,612.47	236.45	363.17	314.22	420.71	1,334.55
Internal Audit	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Sub-total running costs	8,400.00	(648.76)	7,751.24	7,254.24	774.92	8,029.16	922.77	2,295.65	1,934.94	2,597.88	7,751.24
Total Administration	54,562.00	-	54,562.00	55,498.05	774.92	56,272.97	12,465.81	13,836.59	15,033.39	13,226.21	54,562.00
OPERATIONAL											
Strategic Objective 1: Form & Deliver functions of PCSP											
PCSP Delivery	3,870.00	-	3,870.00	3,952.15	0.00	3,952.15	851.57	923.51	1,059.27	1,035.65	3,870.00
PCSP Awareness	3,870.00	4.19	3,874.19	3,894.02	0.00	3,894.02	851.57	851.51	935.91	1,235.20	3,874.19
PCSP Engagement	3,870.00	(4.19)	3,865.81	3,865.81	0.00	3,865.81	851.58	1,121.52	935.91	956.80	3,865.81
Strategic Objective 2: Improve Community Safety											
AntiSocial Driving	14,411.24	688.76	15,100.00	14,577.03	2,496.00	17,073.03	2,554.72	3,614.54	4,958.72	3,972.02	15,100.00
Youth Engagement	31,411.24	1,359.95	32,771.19	17,035.19	14,970.93	32,006.12	2,656.47	2,554.54	4,381.72	22,413.39	32,006.12
ASB Educational	14,411.24	(95.67)	14,315.57	14,315.33	0.00	14,315.33	2,554.72	2,554.54	2,807.72	6,398.35	14,315.33
NTE Training	12,911.24	(135.97)	12,775.27	11,431.03	1,344.00	12,775.03	2,554.72	2,554.54	2,807.72	4,858.05	12,775.03
Safe Night Out	16,411.24	(688.76)	15,722.48	15,722.24	0.00	15,722.24	2,608.72	2,616.53	5,298.46	5,198.53	15,722.24
Internet Safety	14,411.24	(34.97)	14,376.27	14,376.03	0.00	14,376.03	3,074.72	2,854.54	2,807.72	5,639.05	14,376.03
Domestic Violence	18,411.24	266.61	18,677.85	19,337.40	816.71	20,154.11	2,694.72	2,624.55	4,460.85	8,897.73	18,677.85
Vulnerable Persons Initiatives	27,411.24	-	27,411.24	30,592.60	0.00	30,592.60	2,563.89	2,644.84	17,887.73	5,080.81	28,177.27
Strategic Objective 3: Improve Community Confidence in Policing											
Policing Committee Monitoring	10,411.24	-	10,411.24	10,556.05	0.00	10,556.05	2,554.71	2,554.55	2,807.73	2,494.25	10,411.24
Community and Police Engagement	17,394.92	-	17,394.92	16,995.70	526.64	17,522.34	2,682.61	2,853.50	5,106.93	6,751.88	17,394.92
Policing Committee Communication	12,917.68	(1,359.95)	11,557.73	11,558.05	1,500.00	13,058.05	2,554.71	2,554.55	2,807.73	3,640.74	11,557.73
Crime Prevention Awareness Raising	27,511.24	-	27,511.24	27,544.10	0.00	27,544.10	2,554.71	2,554.55	10,283.28	12,118.70	27,511.24
Total Operational	229,635.00	(0.00)	229,635.00	215,752.73	21,654.28	237,407.01	34,164.14	35,432.31	69,347.40	90,691.15	229,635.00
TOTAL ADMIN & OPERATIONAL	284,197.00	(0.00)	284,197.00	271,250.78	22,429.20	293,679.98	46,629.95	49,268.90	84,380.79	103,917.36	284,197.00
Meeting Expenses	14,000.00	-	14,000.00	11,872.61	1,200.00	13,072.61	125.34	1,533.56	5,800.06	5,613.65	13,072.61
OVERALL TOTAL	298,197.00	(0.00)	298,197.00	283,123.39	23,629.20	306,752.59	46,755.29	50,802.46	90,180.85	109,531.01	297,269.61

Certificate of Chief Executive Officer

I am satisfied that the expenditure shown has been wholly, exclusively and necessarily incurred by the Council on the local Policing and Community Safety Partnership and that the grant receivable from the Joint Committee is in accordance with the regulations and conditions applicable.



Chief Executive Officer

13.08.2025

Date

STRATEGIC PRIORITY I

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.

through:

- *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.*

Throughout the year, the Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) actively engaged with the public at a variety of events, demonstrating our commitment to community safety and well-being. These events included:

Domestic Violence Awareness Events: We organised and participated in numerous events aimed at raising awareness about domestic violence. These events provided crucial information on recognising signs of abuse, available support services, and legal protections for victims. Our goal was to empower individuals to seek help and to educate the community on how to support those affected by domestic violence.

Older Person Safety Events: Recognising the unique vulnerabilities of older adults, we held events focused on their safety. These sessions covered topics such as fraud prevention, personal safety, and how to access local resources. We collaborated with various organisations to ensure that our older residents feel secure and supported.

Youth Engagement Activities: Engaging with young people is vital for fostering a safe and inclusive community. We hosted youth events and projects that included workshops on cyber safety, antisocial behaviour, and discussions on the importance of community involvement. These activities aimed to build trust between young people and agencies, encouraging positive relationships.

Crime Prevention Events: Our crime prevention initiatives included a series of events designed to educate the public on how to protect themselves and their property. Topics ranged from home security tips to neighbourhood watch programs.

Public Information Engagement Stands: To ensure that we reached a broad audience, we hold crime prevention and engagement stands at various public locations throughout the year. These stands provided valuable resources on a wide range of topics, including crime reporting, community safety programs, and crime prevention. They provide a direct line of communication between the PCSP and the community.

In addition to these events, the PCSP held thematic meetings to address and assess issues reported by the public and raised by PCSP members. These meetings were crucial for:

- **Identifying Key Issues:** By discussing the concerns brought forward by community members and PCSP representatives, we were able to identify the most pressing safety and security issues within our community.
- **Developing Targeted Strategies:** The insights gained from these meetings informed our planning, allowing us to develop targeted interventions and allocate resources effectively.
- **Fostering Collaboration:** These meetings provided a platform for collaboration between stakeholders.



OBA Overview

How much did we do?

- 11 public consultation and engagement events held
- 650 participants/attendees
- 143 social media posts
- 16 campaigns/PR events

How well did we do it?

- 80,661 social media reach
- 4% increase in followers compared with previous year

Is anyone better off?

- 76% of people with an increased awareness of the PCSP and its work to address policing and community safety issues

Best Practice

Name of engagement activity/event:	Older Engagement & Safety Events
Cost of events:	£3000
Partners:	PSNI, Agewell, NHSCT, SHSCT, Council
Description of activity/event:	Older Engagement & Safety Events are an opportunity to engage with older people on local issues, raise awareness of crime prevention, and provide signposting to support agencies
OBA	<p>How Much Did We Do? 3 events held with 210 attending</p> <p>How Well Did We Do? 89% found the events beneficial</p> <p>Is Anyone Better Off? 90% said they are more likely to report crime 93% said they are more aware of Mid Ulster PCSP</p>

Name of engagement activity/event:	Rural Crime Event
Cost of event:	£500
Partners:	PSNI, UFU, Trackit
Description of activity/event:	Rural Crime Event to engage with farmers on issues of rural theft and provide crime prevention advice
OBA	<p>How Much Did We Do? 1 event held with 21 attending</p> <p>How Well Did We Do? 80% found the events beneficial</p> <p>Is Anyone Better Off? 75% said they are increased awareness of Rural Crime</p>

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 re-direct 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.

The PCSP operates with an overarching main body and three thematic groups, each dedicated to delivering on specific action plans. These thematic groups are:

- **Anti-Social Behaviour Group**
- **Night-time Economy Group**
- **Vulnerable Victims of Crime Group**

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

ASB remains a significant concern for our community. The Mid Ulster PCSP has developed a long-term strategy focused on targeted initiatives to engage with individuals involved in anti-social behaviour and foster positive change. The goals are to reduce the fear of crime and lower the risk of victimisation, particularly among older residents.

Night-Time Economy

Mid Ulster boasts a vibrant night-time economy. The PCSP collaborates with various stakeholders to enhance the safety and attractiveness of the night-time economy. This coordinated approach aims to create a secure environment for patrons, encouraging more people to enjoy the local nightlife safely.

Vulnerable Victims of Crime

The PCSP is dedicated to supporting vulnerable victims of crime through targeted initiatives. These efforts are designed to provide the necessary support and resources to those most at risk, ensuring their safety and well-being.

Projects have been developed or funded by the PCSP in response to priorities identified through community consultation. These activities not only address immediate concerns but also provide valuable engagement opportunities that inform the PCSP's future work. By continuously engaging with the community and stakeholders, the PCSP ensures that its initiatives remain relevant and effective in promoting safety and reducing crime in Mid Ulster.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB)

Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) has been actively addressing anti-social behaviour (ASB) through various initiatives aimed at prevention, education, and community engagement. Our efforts focus on reducing ASB incidents and promoting a safer environment for all residents.

Youth Diversionary Projects:

We implemented seven youth diversionary projects throughout the year. These projects successfully engaged 105 young people, providing them with constructive activities and support. The projects aimed to divert young people from engaging in anti-social behaviour by offering alternative activities, such as sports, arts, and educational workshops. Participants reported improved social skills, increased self-esteem, and a greater sense of community involvement. The projects also contributed to a reduction in ASB incidents among the youth.

Awareness Campaigns:

We created ASB awareness with the materials providing information on the consequences of ASB, ways to report incidents, and available support services. The campaigns reached a wide audience, raising awareness about ASB and encouraging community members to take proactive steps in preventing such behaviour.

The Mid Ulster PCSP remains dedicated to tackling anti-social behaviour through targeted initiatives and community engagement. Our youth diversionary projects and awareness campaigns have made a significant impact on reducing ASB incidents and promoting a safer, more cohesive community. We will continue to work collaboratively with local organisations, agencies, and residents to address these critical issues and ensure a safer environment for all.



OBA Overview

How much did we do?

- 7 youth diversionary projects, engaging 105 young people
- 20 posts and 1100 leaflets distributed

How well did we do it?

- 100% of participants satisfied with the project
- 100% assessed their participation as positive
- 36,826 social media reach

Is anyone better off?

- 105/100% of participants with increased knowledge and awareness of the impact of ASB
- 13% ASB reduction in population during initiative

Best Practice

Name of Project	Dungannon Engage 4 Change Project
Funded amount	£5000
Partners	EA Youth, PSNI
Description of project	To engage with young people in the Dungannon area to address the issues of ASB through education and personal development. Also to increase engagement with agencies.
OBA	<p>How Much Did We Do? 1 Project delivered with 20 young people</p> <p>How Well Did We Do? 100% of the participants found it beneficial</p> <p>Is Anyone Better Off? 100% with increased awareness of drugs and alcohol 100% with increased awareness of one punch 100% with increased awareness of fire safety 100% with increased awareness of impact of ASB</p>

Fear of Crime, Vulnerability, and Home Security Programmes

Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) has implemented several initiatives to address the fear of crime, support vulnerable individuals, and enhance home security. These efforts aim to create a safer and more secure environment for all residents, particularly the elderly and those at higher risk.

Home Security for Older People:

We received 234 referrals for our home security program, resulting in home visits to assess the security needs of older residents. A total of 81 homes were equipped with security measures, including 127 items such as door locks, window alarms, and security cameras. These measures have significantly improved the safety and peace of mind for older residents, reducing their vulnerability to crime.

Awareness Raising Campaigns:

We organised 17 awareness-raising campaigns throughout the year. These campaigns aimed to educate the community about crime prevention, personal safety, and available support services. The campaigns successfully engaged a wide audience, increasing awareness and encouraging proactive measures to enhance security.

Community Events

A total of 39 events were held, attracting 4,119 members of the public. These events included workshops, seminars, and interactive sessions on topics such as home security, personal safety, and crime prevention. Participants reported a greater understanding of safety measures and a stronger sense of community support.

Text Alert Messages:

We issued 56,015 text alert messages to residents. These messages provided timely information on crime trends, safety tips, and emergency alerts. The text alert system has been an effective tool in keeping the community informed and engaged, enhancing overall safety and security.

The Mid Ulster PCSP remains dedicated to addressing the fear of crime, supporting vulnerable individuals, and enhancing home security through targeted initiatives and community engagement. Our efforts have made a significant impact on improving safety and reducing vulnerability within the community. We will continue to work collaboratively with local organisations, law enforcement, and residents to ensure a safer environment for all.



OBA Overview

How much did we do?

- Home Security for Older People - 234 referrals and home visits, 81 homes in receipt of equipment, 127 items of home security measures provided
- 17 awareness raising campaigns
- 39 events held with 4,119 members of the public attending
- 56,015 text alert messages issued

How well did we do it?

- Home Security for Older People - 100% of participants satisfied with the scheme
- 100% of participants who report their participation as positive/beneficial

Is anyone better off?

- Home Security for Older People - 100% of participants who feel safer as a result of engaging with the service
- 91% participants improved their level of awareness of information, resources or support available in relation to topic
- 83% of participants with increased confidence in police
- 80% participants more likely to engage with PSNI following event
- 90% participants more likely to report crime following event.

Best Practice

Name of Project	Home Security Project
Funded amount	£15,000
Partners	Agewell, PSNI, Council, NHSCT, SHSCT, NIHE
Description of project	To increase the safety of older people in the district through the evaluation and installation of security devices in their homes. They also received a daily call to check on their wellbeing.
OBA	<p>How Much Did We Do? 234 referrals and home visits 81 homes in receipt of equipment 127 items of home security measures provided</p> <p>How Well Did We Do? 100% of participants satisfied with the scheme</p> <p>Is Anyone Better Off? 100% of participants who feel safer as a result of engaging with the service</p>

Alcohol, drug and substance abuse awareness

Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) has been actively addressing alcohol, drug, and substance abuse through various initiatives aimed at raising awareness, providing support, and implementing preventive measures.

Rapid Bins Deployment

We deployed six Rapid Bins across strategic locations in Mid Ulster. Rapid Bins are designed to provide a safe and anonymous way for individuals to dispose of illegal drugs and substances. This initiative helps reduce the availability of harmful substances in the community. The deployment of Rapid Bins has contributed to a decrease in drug-related incidents and has provided a valuable resource for community members to safely dispose of substances. Three campaigns were launched to promote the use of Rapid Bins. These campaigns aimed to raise awareness about the availability and benefits of Rapid Bins,

At Risk Youth Event:

We organised an At Risk Youth Event, which was attended by 127 participants. The event aimed to educate at-risk youth about the dangers of alcohol, drug, and substance abuse. It included interactive sessions, workshops, and discussions led by experts. The event provided valuable insights into the consequences of substance abuse and offered practical advice on making healthier choices. Participants reported a heightened awareness of the risks associated with substance abuse and a greater understanding of available support resources.

Mid Ulster PCSP remains committed to tackling alcohol, drug, and substance abuse through targeted initiatives and community engagement. Our efforts have made a significant impact on raising awareness, reducing the availability of harmful substances, and supporting at-risk youth. We will continue to work collaboratively with local organisations, law enforcement, and the community to address these critical issues and ensure a safer environment for all residents.



OBA Overview

How much did we do?

- 6 Rapid Bins
- 3 campaigns promoting Bins
- 1 At Risk Youth Event with 127 participants

How well did we do it?

- 100% of partners reporting satisfaction with Bins
- At Risk Event – 99% found it beneficial

Is anyone better off?

- 18,468 drug items removed from the community.
- At Risk Event – 99% increased awareness if Drugs and Alcohol

Best Practice

Name of Project	At Risk Event for Youth
Funded amount	£1200
Partners	EA Youth
Description of project	The At Risk Event aims to education young people on the topical issues that matter to them. Drugs and Alcohol was highlighted by the young people as an issues of concern and the PCSP in partnership with EA Youth sought to address this through the educational event.
OBA	<p>How Much Did We Do? 1 At Risk Youth Event with 127 participants</p> <p>How Well Did We Do? 99% found it beneficial</p> <p>Is Anyone Better Off? 99% increased awareness of Drugs and Alcohol</p>

Domestic and Sexual Violence Initiatives

Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) has been actively working to address and reduce domestic and sexual violence within the community. Our initiatives focus on raising awareness, providing support to victims, and implementing preventive measures. With recent EVAWG funding from the Executive Office to Mid Ulster Council, the PCSP worked in partnership with the Council in developing initiatives to address EVAWG.

Awareness Raising Events

We organised three awareness-raising events attended by a total of 121 participants. These events aimed to educate the community about the signs of domestic and sexual violence, the resources available for victims, and the importance of reporting incidents. Participants reported increased awareness and understanding of domestic and sexual violence, as well as a greater willingness to support victims and report incidents.

Domestic Violence Awareness Campaign:

We delivered one comprehensive Domestic Violence Awareness Campaign, utilising 41 advertising sites across Mid Ulster. These sites included billboards, bus shelters, and digital screens in high-traffic areas to maximise visibility. The campaign focused on the theme "Break the Silence," encouraging victims to seek help and the community to stand against domestic violence. The campaign successfully reached a broad audience, raising awareness and prompting discussions on the issue.

High Risk Domestic Violence Victim Scheme:

We received 26 referrals to the High Risk Domestic Violence Victim Scheme. Our team conducted 26 home visits to assess the needs of high-risk victims and provide immediate support. We provided 25 homes with security equipment, including 61 items such as door locks, window alarms, and security cameras. These measures aimed to enhance the safety and security of victims, giving them peace of mind and reducing the risk of repeat incidents.

Mid Ulster PCSP remains committed to tackling domestic and sexual violence through comprehensive awareness campaigns, direct support to high-risk victims, and preventive measures. Our efforts have made a significant impact on raising awareness, improving victim support, and enhancing community safety. We will continue to work collaboratively with local organisations, law enforcement, and the community to address these critical issues and ensure a safer environment for all residents.



OBA Overview

How much did we do?

- 3 Awareness raising events attended by 121 participants
- 1 Domestic Violence Awareness Campaigns delivered with 41 advertising sites
- 26 referrals to High Risk Domestic Violence Victim Scheme, 26 home visits, 25 homes in receipt of equipment, 61 items of home security measures provided

How well did we do it?

- 100% of participants satisfied with the Awareness event
- Domestic Violence Awareness Campaign - 100% of advertising sites within high population areas
- High Risk DV Victim Scheme 96% of referrals satisfied with the service. 96% of referrals feel that the service is useful. 100% of equipment provided within 2 weeks of referral

Is anyone better off?

- 92% of participants with improved awareness of how to gain help in relation to domestic and sexual violence
- Domestic Violence Awareness Campaign - 4.8% decrease in reports in DV incidents/crimes during campaign compared to previous year.
- High Risk Domestic Violence Victim Scheme - 100% of referrals who feel safer in their homes as a result

Best Practice

Name of Project	High Risk DV Victims Home Safety Scheme
Funded amount	£3,000
Partners	Agewell, PSNI
Description of project	The aim of the project is to provide security for high risk domestic violence victims that enables them to stay in their own home safely.
OBA	<p>How Much Did We Do?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26 referrals to High Risk DV Victim Scheme • 26 home visits • 25 homes in receipt of equipment • 61 items of home security measures provided <p>How Well Did We Do? 96% of referrals satisfied</p> <p>Is Anyone Better Off? 100% of referrals who feel safer in their homes as a result</p>

Internet Safety

Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) has been proactive in addressing internet safety, recognising the growing importance of educating young people about the risks and responsible use of the internet. Our initiatives focus on raising awareness, providing education, and promoting safe online practices.

Awareness Raising Events:

We organised 15 internet safety awareness events across 15 schools in the Mid Ulster area. These events were attended by a total of 420 pupils. The primary goal of these events was to educate students about the potential dangers of the internet, including cyberbullying, online predators, and the importance of protecting personal information.

The sessions included interactive presentations, discussions, and activities designed to engage students and reinforce key messages about internet safety. The feedback from both students and teachers was overwhelmingly positive. Participants reported a better understanding of internet safety practices and felt more confident in their ability to navigate the online world safely.

The Mid Ulster PCSP remains committed to promoting internet safety through targeted educational initiatives. Our awareness-raising events have made a significant impact on increasing knowledge and understanding of safe online practices among young people. We will continue to work collaboratively with schools and local organisations to ensure that our community is well-equipped to handle the challenges of the digital age.

OBA Overview

How much did we do?

- 15 awareness raising events in 15 schools attended by 420 pupils

How well did we do it?

- 100% of participants satisfied with events delivered

Is anyone better off?

- 99% of participants in each initiative with increased awareness and knowledge of internet safety
- 99% of participants in initiative more confident in accessing support services

Best Practice

Name of Project	Who's At the Door?
Funded amount	£3,000
Partners	Beam, PSNI
Description of project	The project delivers to pupils and internet safety workshop to raise their awareness and also actions that they should take to improve their internet safety
OBA	<p>How Much Did We Do?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 awareness raising events in 15 schools attended by 420 pupils <p>How Well Did We Do?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of participants satisfied with events delivered <p>Is Anyone Better Off?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 99% of participants in each initiative with increased awareness and knowledge of internet safety • 99% of participants in initiative more confident in accessing support services

Road Safety

Emergency Services Road Traffic Collisions Reconstruction.

This year, we organised a road traffic collision reconstruction event in collaboration with the emergency services. The event aimed to educate the community about the dangers of reckless driving and the importance of road safety. The reconstruction demonstrated the immediate response of emergency services to a simulated road traffic collision, showcasing the critical roles of police, fire, and medical personnel. The event provided valuable insights into the consequences of road traffic collisions and emphasised the importance of adhering to road safety regulations.

Crash Car Simulator

The Crash Car simulator was deployed in seven schools across Mid Ulster, engaging a total of 510 participants. This initiative aimed to provide students with a realistic experience of the impact of road traffic collisions. The simulator allowed participants to understand the physical and emotional consequences of such incidents. Students reported a heightened awareness of road safety and the importance of responsible driving. The interactive nature of the simulator made the learning experience impactful and memorable.

Speed Indicator Devices

Speed indicator devices were strategically deployed at 136 sites throughout Mid Ulster. These devices serve to remind drivers of their current speed and encourage adherence to speed limits. By providing real-time feedback, they help reduce speeding and enhance road safety. The deployment of speed indicator devices has contributed to a noticeable reduction in speeding incidents in the targeted areas. Continuous monitoring and data collection from these devices help inform future road safety strategies.

These road safety initiatives reflect our commitment to reducing road traffic collisions and enhancing community safety. Through educational events, interactive simulations, and strategic deployments, we aim to foster a culture of responsible driving and awareness. The positive feedback and measurable impact of these programs underscore their importance in our ongoing efforts to make Mid Ulster a safer place for all residents.



OBA Overview

How much did we do?

- Emergency Services Road Traffic Collisions Reconstruction – 1 event
- Crash Car Simulator – 7 schools with 510 participants.
- Speed Indicator Devices – deployed at 136 sites

How well did we do it?

- Emergency Services Road Traffic Collisions Reconstructions – 100% assessed their participation as positive
- Crash Car Simulator – 100% assessed their participation as positive
- Speed Indicator Devices – SIDs deployed 6-8 weeks each

Is anyone better off?

- Emergency Services Road Traffic Collisions Reconstructions- 90% of participants with increased knowledge and awareness of anti-social driving
- Crash Car Simulator – 100% of participants with increased knowledge and awareness of the impact of anti-social driving
- Speed Indicator Devices – Average reduction in speed across all sites was 4 mph.

Best Practice

Name of Project	Speed Indicator Devices
Funded amount	£2000
Partners	PSNI, Council
Description of project	Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) are placed throughout the district to help drivers keep to the speed limit in areas of concern. The SIDs are rotated across the district every 6-8 weeks and the results are published on the PCSP facebook page.
OBA	<p>How Much Did We Do? Deployed at 136 sites</p> <p>How Well Did We Do? Deployed for 6-8 weeks</p> <p>Is Anyone Better Off? Average reduction in speed across all sites was 4 mph</p>

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.*

The PCSP is committed to fostering strong relationships between the community and the police through a variety of initiatives designed to promote engagement and build trust. Here's an expanded overview of our efforts:

Inclusive Project Design

The PCSP ensures that all its projects incorporate police engagement whenever possible. This approach is aimed at enhancing community-police relations and ensuring that the police are seen as approachable and supportive members of the community.

Youth Engagement

Our youth projects are specifically designed to promote interaction between young people and local Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) Officers. These projects focus on relationship building, helping to break down barriers and foster mutual respect and understanding. By engaging with the youth, we aim to create a positive perception of the police from an early age.

Addressing Domestic Violence

The PCSP actively engages with the community on domestic violence issues through various events. These events provide a platform for raising awareness, offering support, and encouraging victims to seek help. Police involvement in these events is crucial for demonstrating their commitment to tackling domestic violence and supporting affected individuals.

Community Events

We organise local events that cater to diverse demographics across Mid Ulster, including older adults, rural communities, and youth. These events are designed to address specific concerns such as rural crime and to build confidence in the police. By engaging with different segments of the population, the PCSP aims ensures that the needs and concerns of the community are addressed.

Building Confidence in Police

Through these varied initiatives, the PCSP aims to build and maintain public confidence in the police. By being present and actively involved in projects and events, the police can increase their engagement which helps to create a safer and more cohesive community.

These efforts reflect the PCSP's commitment to creating a collaborative environment where the police and the community work together to address issues and improve overall safety and quality of life in Mid Ulster.



OBA Overview

How much did we do?

- Four private Policing Committee meeting held.
- One public themed Policing Meeting
- 11 members of public attending public meetings
- 11 local meetings.
- 9 public engagement/themed events held
- 43 engagement activities
- 30 Neighbourhood Watch Schemes

How well did we do it?

- 100% members of the public satisfied with meeting/event
- 4,450 members of the public attending engagement/themed events
- 94% of members of the public satisfied with engagement/themed events
- 100% of members of the Neighbourhood Watch who feel satisfied with meetings/events

Is anyone better off?

- 75% of attendees with an increased knowledge of local policing priorities after attending the public policing committee meeting
- 89% of participants with increased confidence in police
- 90% participants more likely to engage with PSNI following event
- 90% participants more likely to report crime following event.
- 96% of members of the NH Watch who feel their area feels safer because of the scheme.

Best Practice

Name of Project/Initiative/Event	Magherafelt Young Womens Event
Funded amount	£600
Partners	EA Youth, PSNI, Womens Aid
Description of project/initiative/event	Engage with young women in Magherafelt in addressing issue of domestic violence and personal safety.
OBA	<p>How Much Did We Do? 1 event with 52 participants</p> <p>How Well Did We Do? 100% found the event beneficial</p> <p>Is Anyone Better Off? 100% increased awareness of DV 85% increased confidence in Police</p>

Name of Project/Initiative/Event	Older Crime Prevention Event
Funded amount	£600
Partners	PSNI
Description of project/initiative/event	A crime prevention event was held for seniors to increase engagement with PSNI and raise awareness of crime prevention
OBA	<p>How Much Did We Do?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 102 participants. <p>How Well Did We Do?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 91% assessed their participation as positive <p>Is Anyone Better Off?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 84% of participants with increased confidence in the PSNI

Name of Project/Initiative/Event	Schools Crash Car Simulator
Funded amount	£0
Partners	PSNI, Local Post Primary Schools
Description of project/initiative/event	Engage pupils in local schools on road safety through the use of the Crash Car Simulator. Local NPT Officers engage with pupils before and after the simulator
OBA	<p>How much did we do?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 schools with 510 participants. <p>How well did we do it?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90% assessed their participation as positive <p>Is anyone better off?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 83% of participants with increased confidence in police