



**Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP**  
**Annual Report**  
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## PCSP Chair and Vice – Chair Foreword



**Councillor Terry Andrews**  
**PCSP Chair**  
**2024/25**



**Michelle Osbourne**  
**PCSP Vice-Chair**  
**2024/25**

It is with great pride that we present the Annual Report for Newry, Mourne and Down Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) for the Financial Year 2024-2025. This report highlights the work we as a PCSP have undertaken to progress against the strategic priorities set by the Joint Committee of the Department of Justice and Northern Ireland Policing Board.

Our core priorities this year included addressing local community safety issues, tackling crime and anti-social behaviour, as well as building confidence in local Policing. These priorities have remained central to our efforts, and we have continued to support initiatives that address the root causes of these issues, while also ensuring that the voices of our residents are heard and respected in shaping local safety strategies.

This progress has not come without its challenges. The impact of limited policing resources and increasing delivery costs have required us to work more creatively and collaboratively than ever before. Despite these constraints, our commitment to community safety hasn't changed, and through effective partnership working, targeted interventions, and strong community engagement, we have been able to deliver real impact on the ground.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our PCSP Members, staff, and statutory partners who have played an important role in shaping policing and community throughout Newry, Mourne and Down this year. As well as this, we would like to extend our thanks to those members of the public and community groups who attended our online meetings, participated in consultations and engaged in community safety projects during the year. Building community engagement in what we do is crucial to the success of our PCSP Action Plan and we will continue to promote this in the incoming year.

Finally, we would like to acknowledge the support from Joint Committee, and from our colleagues in the Northern Ireland Policing Board and the Department of Justice over the last year.

Our PCSP is committed to making Newry, Mourne and Down District a safer place for everyone. As a PCSP, we will continue to prioritise inclusive, proactive, and sustainable approaches to safety, ensuring that all residents feel protected, supported, and empowered.

## Executive Summary

What are PCSPs?

The overall purpose of the Policing and Community Safety Partnership is to help make communities safer and to ensure that the voices of local people are heard on policing and community safety issues.

The aim is to empower communities to work in partnerships to develop solutions that will help to tackle crime, the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour.

Policing and Community Safety Partnerships (PCSPs) are statutory bodies established under the Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2011. They are funded jointly by the Northern Ireland Policing Board and the Department of Justice. A Joint Committee, comprising representatives from the Policing Board and the Department of Justice, oversees the work of PCSPs.

PCSPs have a range of duties which are set in legislation:

- **Consult and engage with the local community** on issues of concern in relation to policing and community safety. Each PCSP has a Policing Committee with a distinct responsibility to provide views to the relevant District Commander and the Policing Board on policing matters
- **Identify and prioritise the issues of concern** and prepare plans for how these can be tackled
- **Monitor the performance of the police** and work to gain the co-operation of the public with the police in preventing crime
- **Deliver a reduction in crime** and enhance community safety in each district, directly through interventions, through the work of delivery groups or, through support for the work of others.

PCSPs work with the community to identify issues of concern in the local area and prepare plans to deliver practical solutions.

They also work in partnership with other organisations who contribute to community safety in the area.

Each PCSP has a Policing Committee made up of Elected and Independent Members which carries out a distinct role in relation to policing functions.

The PCSP Policing Committee works with local police to develop the local policing plan and monitor their performance against this plan.

The role of the Policing Committee is to:

- **Provide views** to the relevant Police Commander and the Policing Board on any matter concerning the district
- **Monitor the performance** of the police in carrying out the policing plan in the district and work to gain the co-operation of the public with the police in preventing crime and enhancing community safety in the district
- **Deliver a reduction in crime** and enhance community safety in the district, directly through interventions, through the work of delivery groups or through support for the work of others

PCSPs are also able to establish Subgroups to take forward work in the community and any other pieces of work they may need and are able to form links with other groups who may have an interest in policing or community safety.

The Policing Board and the Department of Justice have set out strategic objectives for PCSPs to meet, a summary of these objectives follows:

### 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

### Strategic Priority 2

- To improve community safety by prioritising and addressing local community safety issues, tackling crime and anti-social behaviour.

### Strategic Priority 3

- To support confidence in policing, including through collaborative problem solving with communities

## Introduction to Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP

Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP is a statutory body established under the Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 with the remit of making Newry, Mourne and Down safer.

The membership of NMD PCSP is made up of **10 locally elected Councillors**, **9 local Independent Members** of the public who have gone through a public appointment process; and representatives from **7 statutory organisations** who can have a positive impact on policing and community safety.

As required by the Justice Act (Northern Ireland) 2011, NMD PCSP also operates a **Policing Committee** comprised of its Elected and Independent Members.

Building on effective relationships both with the designated organisations and with local partners is also critical to underpinning a joined-up, multi-agency, multi-disciplinary approach to making our local communities safer

### PCSP Members 2024/25

Elected members	Independent Members	Designated partners - Statutory body members
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cllr Terry Andrews SDLP (PCSP Chair)</li> <li>• Cllr Kate Murphy Sinn Féin</li> <li>• Cllr Aidan Mathers Sinn Féin</li> <li>• Cllr Declan Murphy Sinn Féin</li> <li>• Cllr Oonagh Hanlon Sinn Féin</li> <li>• Cllr Conor Galbraith SDLP</li> <li>• Cllr Killian Feehan (Replaced by Cllr Doire Finn January 2025) SDLP</li> <li>• Cllr Henry Reilly DUP</li> <li>• Cllr Jill Truesdale Alliance</li> <li>• Cllr David Taylor UUP</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michelle Osborne (Vice Chairperson)</li> <li>• Colleen McCreesh</li> <li>• William Slater</li> <li>• Louise Kennedy</li> <li>• Niall Lawlor</li> <li>• Martina Byrne</li> <li>• David Vint</li> <li>• Tara Campbell</li> <li>• Anne Sheridan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Police Service of Northern Ireland - <b>Superintendent Norman Haslett</b> (District Commander)</li> <li>• Youth Justice Agency <b>Michael Heaney</b> (Assistant Director)</li> <li>• Education Authority <b>Aileen O'Callaghan</b> (Senior Youth Worker)</li> <li>• NI Housing Executive <b>Josephine Morgan</b> (Assistant Area Manager)</li> <li>• Southern Health &amp; Social Care Trust <b>Aidan McCabe</b> Promoting wellbeing locality manager</li> <li>• NI Fire &amp; Rescue Service <b>Gerard Kearney</b> (Local Commander)</li> <li>• Probation Board NI <b>Roisin Leckey</b> (Area Manager)</li> </ul>

## Our Meetings in 2024/2025

PCSP, Policing Committee and Sub Group meetings	No of meetings
Policing and PCSP Committee Meetings	6
Bonfire Sub Group	4
ASB Sub Groups	11
SID Sub Group	3

Alongside Newry, Mourne and Down District Council which hosts the PCSP, the following are the Statutory Partners represented on the PCSP.



**Northern Ireland  
Fire & Rescue Service**

**Housing  
Executive**

**HSC** Southern Health  
and Social Care Trust

**PBNI** Probation Board  
for Northern Ireland

**Youth Justice  
Agency**

**ea** Education  
Authority



## Profile of The Newry, Mourne and Down Area

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area covers the southeast of Northern Ireland, including southern County Armagh and large parts of County Down. Renowned for its scenic beauty, the area is bounded on the east by Strangford Lough and Carlingford Lough, and on the west by Slieve Gullion and Slieve Croob, with the picturesque Mountains of Mourne at the centre. To complement the area's outstanding natural assets, it is also home to a number of significant built heritage assets including Struell Wells in Downpatrick, Dundrum Castle and Bagenal's Castle in Newry City.



As the third largest District Council in Northern Ireland, Newry, Mourne and Down makes up approximately 11% of the total land area of Northern Ireland, more than 100 miles of coastline, and provide services to 171,533 residents. This represents 9.5% of the total population of Northern Ireland. 28.5% of the population is aged 19 or younger, 58.1% are 20-64 and 13.4% are over 65. With such a significant population, the challenge is to effectively cater for an increasing demand for public services in a more restricted financial environment. In addition to Newry City, the principal settlements are Downpatrick, Ballynahinch, Kilkeel, Newcastle, Warrenpoint and Crossmaglen.

It incorporates all of the Mourne Mountains Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and has an extensive coastline stretching from Strangford Lough to Carlingford Lough, and borders Counties Louth and Monaghan in the Republic of Ireland.

**Living Well Together** is the community plan for Newry, Mourne and Down to 2030. This outlines how, through working together, agencies can improve service delivery



and improve the quality of life of local communities with a focus on prevention and early intervention. This aims to add value to the core work of each partner, which in turn improves services to citizens and service users.

Addressing crime is one of the key outcomes of the community plan - ***"All people in Newry, Mourne and Down live in respectful, safe and vibrant communities."*** The plan recognises that community confidence in the rule of law and embedding a culture of lawfulness is a key contributor to people's feelings of personal safety and crime rate. Personal security is a core element for the well-being of individuals and of society as a whole, and the experience of crime is one



of the main factors shaping people's personal security. Crime may lead to loss of life and property, as well as engendering physical pain, post-traumatic stress and anxiety. It may also cause impairments in occupational activities (e.g. lower productivity and higher absenteeism) and disruption in social functioning (e.g. restriction in freedom of movement and erosion of social cohesion within communities). The biggest impact of crime on people's well-being appears to be through the feeling of vulnerability that it causes (Anans and Santos, 2006).

The Living Well Together Action Plan sets out the partnership actions to be taken towards achieving the agreed outcomes. Actions to address the Indicators are being delivered through District Wide Delivery Plans taken forward by Thematic Groups. Cross-cutting elements of tackling inequalities, and early intervention and prevention permeate through each of the Delivery Plans. Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP sits within the 'Safety and Good Relations Thematic Group.'

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## NMD PCSP Achievements Under Each Strategic Priority

Throughout the 2024/25 Financial Year, Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP delivered various projects and activities under the three strategic objectives set by Joint Committee. Work within each of the strategic priorities was set within our 2024/25 Action Plan, and an overview of our delivery of work within each area is highlighted below:

**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.**

In 2024/25, Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP continued to engage with an extensive range of groups and members of the public across the District to raise awareness of the role of the Policing and Community Safety Partnership. We delivered a range of projects, funded many community initiatives and attended a number of public events to promote the work of our PCSP, these included public events such as Castlewellan and Newry Agricultural Shows, as well as more localised community events such as fun-days and festivals.



***Students engaging at NMD PCSP Stall at Southern Regional College Freshers Fair Sept 24'***

Partnership and Sub Group meetings were facilitated in a hybrid form for Members, with the Policing Committee and PCSP meetings again amalgamated during this period.

The PCSP continued to develop its online presence across social media channels like Facebook and Twitter with the aim of reaching a large audience sharing useful information about events, good news stories and information relating to the PCSP.

This year we also began work on a strategic assessment for 2025-2028, to help develop our annual Action Plans going forward. During this process, we created a community survey, to provide input into our strategic assessment and action plan from members of the public throughout the Newry, Mourne and Down District. This survey was published online and was promoted through PCSP and Council social media channels, as well as through local news pages and via our PCSP Members. 92 responses to the survey were received, which provided insight into the community safety issues which mattered most to the people of our district.

## **OBA Overview**

### **How much did we do?**

- 11 consultation/community engagement events held
- 1 community engagement survey posted online themed around community safety
- 844 attendees at consultation / community engagement events
- 10 PCSP members attending engagement events
- 92 responses to our online community survey
- Attendance at 47 public events to promote and increase awareness of PCSP
- 1 Public Meeting
- 3 Conferences held
- 171 social media posts



*Flyer used to promote PCSP  
Public Meeting April 24'*

### **How well did we do it?**

- 167 new social media followers
- 141.7k reach across all social media posts
- Engaged with over 8,000 people at public events

### **Is anyone better off?**

- 8142 people at events this Financial Year engaged with PCSP. Within those 8142 people, 100% now have an increased awareness of the PCSP and its work to address policing and community safety issues

## Best practice example – Community Safety and Wellbeing Event in Newry

A Community Safety & Wellbeing event was organised by Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP and took place on Tuesday 4th March 2025 in Newry leisure Centre. This event was organised in partnership with Start 360 and the PSNI. It included attendance from 32 support agencies demonstrating a range of safety & wellbeing information stands. The stallholders were able to offer advice and connect with members of the public.

We had 120 pupils in attendance from 4 local secondary schools.

Over 200 members of the public attended the event.

The PSNI attended with the Mobile Engagement Unit and an information stand.

NIFRS attended and delivered a live car cut-out demonstration for the members of the public that were in attendance along with the students from local schools to promote road safety messages.

PCSP engaged with over 200 members of the public and stallholders to promote the work of the PCSP and encourage community safety & wellbeing in our district.

Over 200 members of the public engaged directly with stallholders and the PCSP, fostering stronger community ties and raising awareness of local safety and wellbeing initiatives.



*Flyer used to promote the event*

- ✚ 120 pupils from four local secondary schools attended, providing valuable educational experience and encouraging early engagement with safety and well-being topics and promoting confidence in policing with young people.
- ✚ The presence of 32 support agencies showcased a wide range of services, enhancing public access to available resources.
- ✚ The NIFRS delivered a live car cut-out demonstration, offering a powerful visual lesson on road safety and emergency response.
- ✚ The PSNI brought their Mobile Engagement Unit and hosted an information stand, allowing for approachable and informative interactions with the local Neighbourhood Teams - improving confidence in policing.
- ✚ The PCSP used the event to highlight its ongoing efforts in promoting community safety and wellbeing, encouraging collaboration between the public and safety services.

- ✚ Positive feedback was received from the community and stallholders who found it a great event for making connections within the community and with other services.

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### How Much Did We Do?

2 Community Safety & Wellbeing Events organised across the district in 2024/25.

1 Event in Newry Leisure Centre March 25

1 Event in Downpatrick Leisure Centre September 24

### How Well Did We Do?

Over 200 members of the public attended each event

120 pupils attended from 4 local Secondary Schools

63 support agencies attended with information stands across both events

### Is Anyone Better Off?

100% people in attendance at event are more aware of community safety and wellbeing services.

### Images from the Community Safety and Wellbeing Event -





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

The work of Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP on this strategic priority focuses on delivery within a number of key thematic areas which we focus to try to make our District a safer place. These include:

1. Anti-Social Behaviour
2. PCSP Small Grants
3. Drugs and Alcohol
4. Domestic Crime/Abuse and Sexual Violence
5. Community Safety and Vulnerability
6. Road Safety
7. Fear of Crime, Burglary & Crime Prevention

Some of the key initiatives and outcomes are outlined below.

### **Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)**

In 2024//25, Newry, Mourne and Down again had a decrease in ASB incidents, from 3960 recorded in 2023/24 to 3916 recorded in 2024/25, showing a decrease of 44 incidents. Although statistics still show that ASB (Anti-Social Behaviour) is probably the most reported crime type across the Newry, Mourne & Down Council District. While the level of ASB across the Council area has reduced over time, ASB remains particularly distressing for elderly and vulnerable residents and can impact negatively on their quality of life. Information from the PSNI confirms that the majority of reported incidents of ASB continue to come from the main urban centres of the District including Newry, Downpatrick, Kilkeel, Warrenpoint and Newcastle. There are also distinct seasonal variations, most notably in the tourist areas of Newcastle and Warrenpoint where some local increases in ASB have been recorded over the Summer months (coinciding with an increase in visitors to these areas).

This year our PCSP continued with the structure of two ASB Sub Groups, one covering the legacy Newry & Mourne area and the second covering the legacy Down area. This more localised approach has been of greater benefit to local communities in relation

to anti-social behaviour issues with Members on each Sub Group having significant knowledge of their local areas. Through our ASB Sub Groups, plans for ASB diversionary projects are discussed, and this year produced the delivery of a number of ASB diversionary events for young people, such as pop-up summer engagement stalls, water safety events and festival safety events. Many of these events have taken place in partnership with the Education Authority.

We also had out PCSP Community Safety Wardens present across the District at weekends (mostly Friday and Saturday evenings) throughout this year to act as a high visibility deterrent to anti-social behaviour and also provide assistance to night time economy users. Our Community Safety Warden Scheme also incorporates an element of flexibility to allow an immediate response to issues of community concern anywhere across the District, and at peak seasonal times such as Hallowe'en and Christmas. Projects and initiatives to address ASB were also a specific focus within our PCSP Small Grants Scheme.



*Community Safety  
Warden patrols a park in  
Newry*

## **OBA Overview**

### **How much did we do?**

- 32 youth diversionary projects delivered
- 1 Youth Conference delivered
- Support for 1 Youth Voice Conference
- 3284 young people engaged in the above diversionary projects and initiatives.
- 2932 deployment hours from Community Safety Wardens (CSW)

### **How well did we do it?**

- 95% of participants were satisfied with the activity/project

### **Is anyone better off?**

- 80% of participants are less likely to engage in ASB following engagement in the activity/project
- 85% of participants are more likely to change their behaviour following engagement in the activity/project
- 90% of participants are more likely to engage with PSNI following the activities
- 85% of the community now feels safer as a result of the Community Safety Warden scheme

## **Best practice example - Water Safety & Youth Engagement Event – (1) Castle Ward (2) Castlewellan Forest Park**

Newry, Mourne & Down Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) hosted two successful Water Safety and Youth Engagement Events for young people at Castlewellan Forest Park and Castle Ward in 2024/25. These events were delivered in collaboration with our statutory partners – the Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS) and the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) – and supported by HM Coastguard, Newry, Mourne & Down District Council DEA, the Education Authority (EA), and the YMCA.

The aim of the initiative was to educate young people about the risks associated with water-related activities and to promote safe and responsible behaviour around open water, whilst also facilitating engaging activities during the summer months to divert young people from engaging in ASB.

### **PSNI**

The PSNI played a key role in these events, with Neighbourhood Officers actively engaging with young people. Assistant Chief Constable's visit underscored the initiative's importance. The Local Neighbourhood Policing team shared insights into their daily work, encouraged questions, and helped humanise policing. Activities included trying on equipment and discussions about police careers, responsibilities, and the long-term impact of risk-taking behaviours and criminal records.

### **NIFRS – Specialist Rescue Team**

Young people engaged strongly with NIFRS, especially the Specialist Rescue Team, who delivered hands-on water safety education. Through live demonstrations, they highlighted the dangers of cold-water shock, tides, and harbour jumping, while showcasing their rescue work. The team also invited the young people in attendance to visit a local fire station, deepening the connection and learning experience.

### **Success – Positive Engagement**

The events fostered strong, meaningful engagement with both NIFRS and PSNI. Practical demonstrations and open dialogue gave young people valuable insights into emergency services, promoting awareness, aspiration, and responsible decision-making whilst diverting them from engaging in ASB.

### **OBA**

#### How Much Did We Do?

2 events delivered 1 in Castle Ward and 1 in Castlewellan Forest Park (areas previously identified as hot spots for ASB)

135 Young people in attendance across both events

#### How Well Did We Do?

7 presentations delivered to young people



100% of 135 young people say they are now more aware of the dangers of engaging in ASB around water.

100% of 135 young people with a greater knowledge of the PSNI personnel working in their area.

### Is Anyone Better Off?

100% of 135 young people with a greater understanding of the consequences of engaging in anti-social activities.

### Images from the Water Safety and Youth Engagement Events –



### **Best practice example – Youth Safety and Wellbeing Conference**

In October 2024, Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP hosted their first ever Youth Safety and Wellbeing Conference in The Canal Court Hotel, Newry. Hosted by CoolFM and Downtown Radios Stuart Robinson, and taking place on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024, all 7 post-primary schools in Newry were invited to bring their year 13 students to the conference. NMD PCSP worked with partners in PSNI and Education Authority, as well as a local mental health charity working with young people in Newry (Crisis Café) to decide on the content for the conference, which aimed to reduce anti-social behaviour, engage young people with their PSNI Neighbourhood Team, and provide education on key topics such as road safety, sextortion, arranged fights / knife crime and mental health. Presentations were given to students from their local PSNI Neighbourhood Team, as well as the PSNI Roads Policing team and the PSNI Armed Response Unit. In addition, the students received a presentation on positive mental health and were given advice on where to reach out for support. This was a key element to the conference, as some of the topics discussed and presentations delivered were very hard hitting and evoked an emotional response for many of the young people attending.



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## How Much Did We Do?

1 conference delivered in The Canal Court Hotel in Newry

400 Young people in attendance from across all 7 post-primary schools in Newry.

## How Well Did We Do?

4 presentations delivered to young people on key topics

100% of 400 young people say they are now more aware of the dangers that can occur whilst they are a driver or passenger.

100% of 400 young people with a greater knowledge of the PSNI personnel working in their area.

98% of 400 participants report feeling satisfied with activities and interventions

## Is Anyone Better Off?

100% of 400 young people with a greater understanding of the consequences of engaging in anti-social activities.

## Images from the Youth Safety and Wellbeing Conference –



## **PCSP Small Grants**

NMD PCSP is committed to improving community safety throughout the District. To assist in building on the good work already done by communities in relation to community safety issues, and, to encourage them further to build and maintain

relationships with PSNI and other statutory and non-statutory bodies. PCSP again this year offered a Small Grants Scheme that allowed community groups to apply for funding for projects under the following themes:

- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Community Safety, Support and Vulnerability
- Confidence in Policing

Funding was available for community groups to deliver projects or events at a minimum of £500 and up to a maximum of £2,000. Community Groups were to deliver these projects between 1 April 2024 and 31 December 2025.

### **OBA Overview**

#### **How much did we do?**

- 59 applications received
- 48 grants successfully awarded

#### **How well did we do it?**

- 95% of applicants report feeling satisfied with the application process

#### **Is anyone better off?**

- 47 projects successfully completed
- 100% of these completed projects report they believe the community is a safer place as a result of their project

### **Alcohol, drug and substance abuse awareness**

Drug and alcohol issues are prevalent across all parts of Newry, Mourne and Down as they are in most areas across Northern Ireland. Public order and drug offences can influence how safe people feel in their community. The number of Drug Offences for the District again this year decreased overall by 155 from 698 recorded in 2023/24 Financial Year to 543 in 2024/25. Information from the PSNI confirms that while drug crimes were recorded in all DEAs across the Council area, areas recording the highest levels of drugs crime across the District continue to be Newry and Downpatrick.

The PCSP remains committed to working in partnership with a range of agencies to develop a range of awareness raising programmes of drugs and alcohol issues – there



*NMD PCSP Facilitating the delivery of a Theresa Burke Drug Awareness Talk to students in SRC Newry Greenbank Campus November 24'*

has been a greater focus on work with schools and youth providers to progress this. For example, utilising speakers with lived experience who can reinforce the message of the dangers of drug use, such as Theresa Burke. In addition, we have also worked with the Daniel Spargo Mabbs Foundation (DSM



Foundation) to facilitate their play in 4 post primary schools throughout the district. This play tells the true story of Daniel, a young boy who unfortunately lost his life to drug use, therefore reinforcing the impacts of drug use to young people in a theatrical format.



*PCSP and Start360 host a RAPID promotion stall Newry Leisure Centre August 24'*

The further development of the RAPID initiative continued to be a high priority this year, with 20 Bins now installed in the District giving residents a convenient way of disposing of unwanted drugs, both illegal and prescription. Over 250,000 items of prescription medication have now been removed from the Bins across our District. PCSP focused this year on promotion of our RAPID bins, by hosting Pop-up RAPID promotion stalls, reinstating our RAPID billboard promoting our bin at Newry Street Car Park and distributing over 500 of our RAPID leaflets.

## **OBA Overview**

### **How much did we do?**

- 20 RAPID bins
- 12 drug awareness events reaching 920 participants
- 4 partners involved (PCSP / PSNI / Start360 / Ascertainment)
- 4 Drug Awareness Plays delivered to 580 young people across 5 post-primary schools
- 2 community wellbeing events delivered and attended by 490 participants
- Over 500 RAPID promotion leaflets distributed
- Staff attendance at SEDACT and SDACT Meetings

### **How well did we do it?**

- 95% of participants were satisfied with the events
- 100% of partners satisfied with RAPID bin initiative

### **Is anyone better off?**

- 100% of participants with a greater awareness of the impact of drug/substance misuse
- 100% of participants with a greater awareness of how to dispose of prescription medicines



*RAPID Promotional Leaflet created by NMD PCSP which includes the locations of RAPID Bins across the NMD District*

## **Best practice example - Drug Awareness plays by the DSM Foundation for 4 local Secondary Schools**

Newry Mourne & Down PCSP facilitated the drug use awareness play 'I love you mum – I promise I won't die,' by the DSM Foundation in local secondary schools throughout the District. This play took place in Sacred Heart Grammar School in Newry and Lecale Trinity Grammar School in Downpatrick in February 2025, as well as in Newtownhamilton High School and St Joseph's Boys High School in Newry in March 2025.

DSM Foundation carried out the drug awareness play followed by an interactive workshop with the pupils to suggest ideas of drug use and overdoses could be prevented.

- 🎭 Delivery of the play increased awareness among local secondary schools on the effects of Alcohol, Drug & Substance abuse
- 🎭 Education was provided to young people on how to respond in a drugs/alcohol emergency.
- 🎭 Young people in attendance have an increased awareness of drug risks
- 🎭 Students gained a deeper understanding of the dangers and consequences of drug use through a real-life inspired narrative.
- 🎭 The workshops provided improved knowledge of prevention strategies
- 🎭 The interactive workshop also helped students explore practical ways to avoid drug-related situations and make safer choices.
- 🎭 Pupils were encouraged to think critically about peer pressure, decision-making, and the ripple effects of drug use.

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### How Much Did We Do?

4 local secondary schools received the DSM Drug Awareness Play.

### How Well Did We Do?

580 pupils educated through provision of these plays.

Relationships built with 4 local secondary schools.

100% of 580 pupils in attendance reporting satisfaction with the session.

### Is Anyone Better Off?

95% of 580 participants with changed behaviours as a result of the sessions

100% of 580 participants with increased knowledge and awareness as a result of the sessions.

## Images from the delivery of the DSM Drug Awareness Play -



## Domestic and Sexual Violence

Information from the PSNI confirms that while domestic crimes were recorded in all DEAs across the Council there is a consistently low level of reported incidents in the Slieve Gullion DEA (most notably in Crossmaglen). Females over 18 are more often victims of domestic abuse crimes, however, both male and female victim rates have gradually risen over the last number of years. NMD PCSP remains committed to progressing local awareness raising initiatives to highlight issues associated with both male and female victims of domestic violence.

The PCSP continues to be represented on both the South Eastern Domestic & Sexual Violence Partnership (SEDSVP) and the Southern Domestic & Sexual Violence Partnership (SDSVP). We are committed to exploring further opportunities for partnership working across the District and also continue to work closely with Women's Aid ArmaghDown and more recently with Woman's Aid Belfast and Lisburn (who cover the Downpatrick area), on a range of initiatives. Most recently the PCSP has provided support to towards their 'One Stop Shop,' initiatives in both Downpatrick and Newry. Our PCSP has also worked with Women's Aid ArmaghDown to promote their DASS Worker (Domestic Abuse Safety & Support Service Worker) based in Daisy Hill Hospital by developing and providing posters and banners to be displayed within the hospital waiting areas.

This year, Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP also supported 2 conferences within this thematic area, one being the 'Non-Fatal Strangulation Conference,' in Newcastle in

partnership with the SEDSVP and our Councils 'Ending Violence Against Women and Girls,' conference in Newry.

Available statistics show that Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area had a decrease in Domestic Abuse Incidents (-123) from 2703 recorded in 2023/24 to 2580 recorded by the PSNI in 2024/25.

## **OBA Overview**

### **How much did we do?**

- 8 domestic violence awareness campaigns delivered/supported
- 1 Non-Fatal Strangulation Conference Supported
- 1 Ending Violence Against Women and Girls Conference Supported
- 1 Workshop themed around Domestic Violence / Ending Violence Against Women and Girls supported in partnership with EA
- 8 SADSVP/SEDSVP partnership meetings attended
- Support for One Stop Shop Initiatives in Newry and Downpatrick (in partnership with Womens AID).
- 1061 participants involved across all programmes and conferences supported/delivered

### **How well did we do it?**

- 95% of participants were satisfied with the event
- 95% with increased confidence in PSNI following activities / events

### **Is anyone better off?**

- 100% of participants with a better understanding of services available to support victims of domestic violence
- 90% of participants with a better understanding of acceptable behaviour in relationships

## **Best practice example –PCSP Support for Domestic & Sexual Violence One Stop Shop initiative in Newry and Downpatrick**

In partnership with both Womens Aid ArmaghDown and Belfast & Lisburn, Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP have this year helped with the promotion and organisation of the 'One Stop Shop,' initiative in Newry and Downpatrick. This initiative provides a monthly drop-in service for women experiencing domestic abuse – providing free, confidential and immediate access to:

- Women's Aid
- PSNI
- Community Advice NI

### **Domestic Abuse One Stop Shop Downpatrick**

A free drop in service for women experiencing domestic abuse.  
Confidential, free and immediate advice and support  
- no appointment needed

Women's Aid, PSNI, Community Advice, NIHE and Legal  
Available on the last Tuesday of every month

DOWN ARTS CENTRE, IRISH STREET, DOWNPATRICK  
10AM - 12PM

- Tuesday 24th June 2025
- Tuesday 30th September 2025
- Tuesday 28th October 2025
- Tuesday 25th November 2025

(no One Stop Shop in July, August and December 2025)



*Flyer promoting the One Stop Shop Initiative in Downpatrick with PCSP Logo*



- NI housing Executive
- Legal Advice via a local Solicitor

The impact of this project has seen –

- ✚ Local women and children feeling safer from domestic abuse as they have an accessible discrete drop-in location to receive support.
- ✚ Perpetrators held to account through referral to the legal process, as well women attending having access to the Perpetrator Disclosure Scheme
- ✚ Access to Women's Aid safe houses and floating support services becoming more accessible in our council area
- ✚ Free legal advice provided to those in need, supporting women with their choices and ensuring their wellbeing is at the forefront
- ✚ Attendees receiving access to housing information and financial information as the 'One Stop Shop,' makes the information more accessible.

#### How Much Did We Do?

Re-occurring monthly One Stop Shop events in both Newry and Downpatrick

Over 500 flyers created by NMD used to promote the initiative distributed to relevant agencies and community groups

#### How Well Did We Do?

100% of women attending satisfied with the support and help available at the One Stop Shop initiative

#### Is Anyone Better Off?

100% of Women attending the One Stop Shop initiative supported and provided with the information they require

100% of Women attending the One Stop Shop initiative with better knowledge and understanding of the help and support available to them as a victim of domestic abuse.

## Community Safety and Vulnerability

This thematic area has a focus on implementing a range of community safety initiatives for vulnerable persons including adults at risk, older people, minority communities and newcomer families. It also encompasses our work as part of the Newry, Mourne and Down Community Support Partnership.



*PCSP & PSNI host a stall in The Buttercrane Shopping Centre Newry to deliver 'No Trick or Treat,' Leaflets at Halloween 24'*

There has been a marked increase in Scams in the District and, in light of this, a programme of information sessions was delivered in conjunction with the PSNI Crime Prevention Officer. This year we also delivered a programme in partnership with Danske Banke for 'Shop Safe' week to promote safe shopping online and prevent online scams. This initiative involved working with our PSNI Crime Prevention Officer to deliver a 'pop-up,' crime prevention stall within local Danske Bank branches to deliver information and support on how to 'Shop Safe' online.

This year, Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP also developed projects to work with those with Special Education Needs and/or Disabilities within our district, to ensure they have the same access to crime prevention and safety information. This has included tailored talks and programmes with groups such as 'The Sanctuary Mental Health Group,' in Newry, the Clanrye Group in Slieve Gullion, Action Mental Health in Downpatrick and Rathore SEN School in Newry. In addition, NMD PCSP also developed a 'No Trick or Treating,' leaflet for members of the public throughout the district to display on their doors on the lead up to Halloween. The use of this leaflet ensured the vulnerable people living within our district fearful of Halloween activities such as 'trick or treaters,' could deter young people from knocking on their door and therefore minimise their fear.



We also work closely with staff from Newry, Mourne & Down Ethnic Minority Centre and inter-agency partnerships including Newry, Mourne & Down Intercultural Forums to support this work with specific communities of interest. We also continue to work in close partnership with NIHE to support rough sleepers in the Newry area. There is significant anecdotal evidence and information available to demonstrate the vulnerability of these communities of interest.

This theme also covers Hate Crime; there was an increase of 13 race incident crimes recorded by the PSNI in 2024/25 in Newry, Mourne and Down, totalling 77 recorded incidents in comparison to 54 in 2023/24. Sexual Orientation incidents in Newry, Mourne and Down seen a decrease, with 30 incidents recorded by PSNI in 2023/24 compared to 15 in 2024/25. Sectarian incidents recorded by PSNI in Newry, Mourne and Down also declined, with 43 incidents recorded in 2024/25 compared to 62 incidents in 2023/24.



*NMD PCSP Facilitates the delivery of Hate Crime Awareness Training at SRC Campuses in October 24'*

This year NMD PCSP delivered Hate Crime Awareness training to young people throughout our district in 4 different post-primary education settings in partnership with the Hate Crime Advocacy Service.

### **How much did we do?**

- 24 programmes delivered
- 1802 people taking part
- 7 different partners involved in delivering events
- 2 Community Support Partnership Meetings

### **How well did we do it?**

- 100% of participants report feeling satisfied with the event and activities

### **Is anyone better off?**

- 95% of programme participants report feeling safer as a result of the events
- 90% of participants in programmes report increased confidence in PSNI following the events
- 80% of participants report being more likely to engage with PSNI following the events
- 95% of participants report being more likely to report crime following the events

### **Best practice example – Rathore 6 Week Student Safety Programme**

Newry Mourne & Down PCSP, along with our colleagues in PSNI Newry City Neighbourhood Team, developed and delivered a 6week programme to help promote safety messages and confidence in policing with those age 16+ attending Rathore School in Newry, a school which caters for pupils with severe learning difficulties until age 19.

Each week, PSNI officers focused on a different theme, such as road safety or online safety, and tailored presentations to ensure the young people were able to take home important safety messages. Each session lasted approx. 45 minutes and was presented in an informal manner to allow the pupils of Rathore to engage in the conversations and understand the important messaging.

- ✚ Education was provided to pupils in Rathore on how to contact police, road safety, online safety, consent, and personal safety. The project finished with a tour of Ardmore PSNI Station in Newry and a celebration event.
- ✚ Young people in attendance have gained a deeper understanding of how to keep themselves safe and have been able to receive the same safety messaging delivered to other post 16 pupils in Newry Mourne and Down tailored to their needs.
- ✚ The interactive workshop helped students explore practical ways to avoid dangerous situations and make safer choices.
- ✚ Rathore students got to know their local PSNI Neighbourhood Officers and are now more aware of how to contact police in an emergency, or where to go if they need help (e.g. Ardmore Police Station).

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#### How Much Did We Do?

6 sessions across a 6week period.

30 students from Rathore in attendance.

#### How Well Did We Do?

30 pupils with special educational needs educated on safety messaging through provision of these sessions.

Relationships built with staff and students from Rathore School.

100% of 30 pupils in attendance reporting satisfaction with the sessions.

100% of staff at Rathore School reporting satisfaction with the sessions.

#### Is Anyone Better Off?

100% of 30 participants with changed behaviours as a result of the sessions

100% of 30 participants with increased knowledge and awareness as a result of the sessions.

100% of 30 participants more likely to speak with Police if they need help or advice.



## Images from the delivery of the Rathore Student Safety Project -



## Road Safety

Unfortunately, the level of fatalities and serious injuries from road traffic accidents remains consistently high in our Council area and Road Safety remains a major community safety concern. Sadly in 2024/25 there were 6 fatalities on roads in the Newry, Mourne and Down District (a total decrease of 6 on the previous year). NMD PCSP has identified the need to raise awareness of road safety issues through several mediums including direct engagement of young people, education programmes and ongoing support to Road Safe NI



***NMD PCSP Facilitates the delivery of a Young Drivers Safety Event at Bishops Court Racing Circuit in Downpatrick September 24'***

(Newry, Mourne & Down Committee). 28 SIDs (Speed Indicator Devices) are now installed across the District – data is downloaded from the SIDs every 6 weeks and shared with the PSNI to inform their local speeding / road safety operations. There has been a consistent decrease in speeding and the number of speed limit violations in the vicinity of the Signs.

The Partnership is also committed to further partnership working with the PSNI and the NIFRS to deliver road safety initiatives. In addressing road safety, the PCSP has a



***NMD PCSP Facilitates the delivery of CoolFM Road Safe Road Show at St Pauls High School Camlough November 24'***

focus on education/awareness, engagement with young people and collaborative working with others in an interest in road safety. This has included facilitating the Cool FM Road Safe Roadshow in two of our local secondary schools, as well as delivering a number of Road Safety presentations to schools and youth groups which include a crash scene cut-out demonstration by the NI Fire and Rescue Service.

This year we continued to provide our kiddie cut-out 'No Parking,' signs to local primary schools within our district. These signs provided a great way for PCSP and PSNI to engage with children in local primary schools about road safety issues. In addition, these signs are able to help the schools with any issues they have around parking / driving near their schools drop off and collection time.



Following a successful submission to the Department of Justice (RoI), Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP were delighted to join our colleagues from Drogheda & Longford to facilitate the sharing of ideas, good practice and project development relating to Community Safety and Policing across the island of Ireland, North and South. This year we were delighted to deliver the first All Island Community Safety Network Cross-Border event on road safety in Mullingar on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024. Over 100 delegates heard from speakers and practitioners working in road safety field, to share best practice examples and look at potential areas for collaborative projects. Both the PSNI and NIFRS spoke at the conference to share information on our road safety projects in the North.



## Images from the Cross Border Conference on Road Safety in Mullingar 1 October 2024





### **How much did we do?**

- 28 Speed Indicator Devices (SID) provided across Newry, Mourne and Down
- 14 awareness raising events facilitated with 1162 participants
- 2 Cool FM Road Safe Roadshows facilitated in two local secondary schools
- Kiddie Cut Out 'No Parking,' signs delivered to 5 local primary schools
- 1 cross-border conference on road safety delivered in Mullingar.
- Over 1000 hi-vis vests provided to members of the public.

### **How well did we do it?**

- 95% of residents of the local community feeling that road safety has improved as a result of the SID
- 98% of participants satisfied with road safety events delivered
- 100% of 12 schools / youth groups involved in road safety demonstrations report satisfaction with the event

### **Is anyone better off?**

- 100% of participants in road safety programmes with increased knowledge of road safety
- 85% of 28 SIDs reporting vehicles reducing their speed
- 80% of participants report being more likely to engage with the PSNI following road safety events

### **Best practice example – 'Your Choice' Presentations & Road Safety Demonstrations delivered with partners in NIFRS to local schools and youth groups**

As part of a road safety initiative, Newry Mourne & Down PCSP organised for the 'Your Choice' presentation to be delivered by NI Fire and Rescue Service (NIFRS) to students and young people across the district. Most recently, this took place at the Clanrye group in Slieve Gullion DEA and to pupils from Sacred Heart Grammar & The Abbey Chistian Boys Grammar in Newry.

NIFRS delivered the Your Choice presentation to the students at Clanrye group with a focus on being a passenger in a vehicle.

NIFRS delivered the 'Your Choice' presentation at a joint session with year 13 students from Sacred Heart Grammar & The Abbey Chistian Boys Grammar. The focus for this presentation was on the dangers of distractions while driving, driving under the influence, and the use of mobile phones behind the wheel.

Following the presentation, students witnessed a road traffic collision demonstration in the school car park, facilitated by NIFRS crew. The demonstration vividly portrayed the real-life emergency response to a crash, including the extraction of a volunteer "passenger" from the vehicle. This demonstration aimed at giving young people a realistic view of the potential consequences of unsafe driving and the challenges faced by emergency responders.

This road safety project took place in Sacred Heart Grammar School following a fatal RTC of a young person from the local area. The Vice Principal of Sacred heart felt that this project was very fitting at a time when awareness and education were essential.

- ✚ Multiple pupils from both Clanrye and the secondary schools personally thanked the NIFRS for their presentation and stated that they found it very hard hitting.
- ✚ The School Senior Management Teams all thanked the PCSP for organising and facilitating this project and stated they felt it had an impact on their students in attendance
- ✚ Young people in attendance now have increased awareness of road safety issues and are more likely to have changed behaviours as a result of the event.
- ✚ Passenger safety education was provided making it relevant even to those unable to drive.
- ✚ Emotional engagement: The dramatic crash demonstration likely evoked strong emotional responses, reinforcing the seriousness of road safety.
- ✚ Empathy for emergency responders: Students gained insight into the challenges faced by emergency services during road traffic collisions.
- ✚ Our delivery of this within schools and youth groups has strengthened community partnerships, created a positive public perception of our work and provided a foundation for future programmes.

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#### How Much Did We Do?

2 'Your Choice' Presentations Delivered' by NIFRS in March 25

#### How Well Did We Do?

250 pupils from 2 local secondary schools educated on the topic of road safety.

60 pupils from Clanrye Group educated on the topic of road safety.

100% positive feedback from 310 pupils in attendance

100% of participants with an increased awareness of the challenges faced by emergency first responders due to RTC's

#### Is Anyone Better Off?

100% of 310 participants with increased knowledge of road safety

100% of 310 participants that said the session will impact their choices on the roads

Images from the delivery of the 'Your Choice,' road safety demonstration at Sacred Heart Grammar School -



## **Fear of Crime, Burglary and Crime Prevention**

This updated thematic area encompasses the previously titled Burglary & Fear of Crime and Rural Crime thematic areas. There has been an overall decreasing trend in burglaries, robberies and thefts in the district since 2010 and this continued in 2024/25. Despite this downward trajectory, feedback from many communities conversely shows an increase in fear of crime in local areas and this year, NMD PCSP seen an increase in demand for Crime Prevention talks, which we facilitate with the PSNI Crime Prevention Officer. For this reason, Newry Mourne and Down PCSP continue to fund our highly valued Home Secure Scheme to provide home safety devices to residents who are at high risk of crime, living in an area which has seen an increase in crime, or have been direct or indirect victims of crime. This Home Secure Service continues to see a consistently high demand and has received highly positive feedback from service users.

Our Social Alarm Scheme also continues to be a vital support initiative -the aim of the Scheme is to address fear of crime and vulnerability and to help people feel safer at home. This service remains as PSNI referral only, and therefore ensures it is available to those most in need. Users of the Social Alarm service include people who have



*PCSP and PSNI host a Trailer Marking event in Kilkeel February 25'*

experienced domestic abuse, hate crime or are deemed high risk of experiencing a crime within their home.

The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is also a continued focus area in NMD PCSP. In 2024/25 we had 54 Neighbourhood Watch Schemes within the district, who we continued to support via their 60 Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinators by phone, e-mail and network events such as those mentioned above, and bespoke meetings. 2576 households within the Newry, Mourne and Down Council District are covered by our Neighbourhood Watch schemes

Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP also worked with our colleagues in PSNI on bike marking, trailer marking and marine property marking sessions during 2024/25, and are committed to the development of other interventions which can be offered to victims of crime and those in high-risk categories of vulnerability.

### How much did we do?

- 458 items of home security equipment provided under the Home Secure Scheme in 2024/25
- 276 referrals made to Home Secure Scheme in 2024/25
- 30 referrals made to Social Alarm Scheme in 2024/25
- 29 Crime Prevention Events delivered with 1705 people in attendance
- 54 items marked at property marking events including bikes and trailers



### How well did we do it?

- 100% of beneficiaries report satisfaction with the Home Secure Scheme
- 100% of beneficiaries report satisfaction with the Social Alarm Scheme

### Is anyone better off?

- 100% of beneficiaries of the Home Secure and Social Alarm Scheme feel safer as a result of engaging with the service

- 95% of 1705 participants attending crime prevention events reporting improved knowledge of crime prevention awareness
- 90% of 1705 participants feeling safer as a result of each activity
- 92% of participants are more likely to report crime following crime prevention events

### **Best practice example – Personal Safety Talk by PSNI Crime Prevention Officer at The Sanctuary (Mental Health Group) in Newry**

Newry Mourne & Down PCSP organised an information session on personal safety to be delivered by the PSNI at a local mental health group – The Sanctuary.

Officers delivered a talk on personal safety, including topics on safety in the home, safety when out in public, scams and internet safety.

Officers also discussed their role on how the PSNI keeps communities safe & how crimes can be reported to the appropriate authority.

PSNI officers facilitated a question-and-answer session for members to ask questions, and the officers provided comprehensive advice and answers.

PCSP attended the information session to engage with the participants and provide safety merchandise and information packs.

Written online feedback from The Sanctuary Group stated, "*On behalf of The Sanctuary I would like to thank you for your visit today with the PSNI, our members said the information was of great use to them, thank you!*"

This talk has -

- ✚ Improved understanding of personal safety among participants, including home safety, public safety, scam awareness, and internet safety.
- ✚ Tailored engagement with a mental health support group ensured that safety information reached a potentially vulnerable audience in an accessible way.
- ✚ Highlighted the value and relevance of the session to participants as feedback from The Sanctuary was provided after the sessions
- ✚ Built trust and relationships between group attendees and the PSNI as direct interaction with PSNI officers helped to reduce fear or stigma around law enforcement.
- ✚ Opened dialogue by allowing participants to ask questions and therefore providing a better understand the role of the PSNI in community safety.
- ✚ Provision of safety merchandise and information packs by PCSP gave participants tools to stay safe beyond the session.
- ✚ The talk created Successful partnership and collaboration with a new group
- ✚ Strengthened ties between The Sanctuary and local safety services, potentially opening doors for future support and engagement.

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### How Much Did We Do?

- 1 Personal safety talk delivered by the PSNI in collaboration with PCSP
- 15 personal safety information packs distributed to attendees.

### How Well Did We Do?

- 20 adults in attendance from the Sanctuary Mental Health group.
- 100% of participants feeling satisfied with the personal safety session.

### Is Anyone Better Off?

- 100% of 20 participants who feel safer as a result of this session
- 100% of 20 participants more likely to report crime as a result of this session

Images from the delivery of the Crime Prevention Talk to The Sanctuary Mental Health Group in Newry –



### **Best practice example – Pop-up Scam and Fraud Prevention Stalls at Danske Bank Premises throughout the district for 'Shop Safe,' Week.**

Working in partnership with Danske Bank, NMD PCSP and the PSNI Crime Prevention Officer engaged with both staff and customers, distributing information leaflets and promotional materials at a crime prevention stall for 'Shop Safe,' week. Numerous meaningful conversations took place throughout the engagement, during which valuable support and advice were offered to members of the public. A wide range of topics was discussed, helping to build public confidence in police, improve accessibility to police services, and raise awareness of the work and role of the PCSP.

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### How Much Did We Do?

- 2 Danske Bank Premises visited, 1 in Newry and 1 in Downpatrick
- Over 100 people engaged with at these premises

### How Well Did We Do?

- Successful engagement with Danske bank staff and members of the public discussing online and in person scams and burglary prevention

### Is Anyone Better Off?

- Advice/support/intervention given to over 100 people.



*PCSP with the PSNI Crime Prevention Officer host a stall at Danske Bank Downpatrick November 24'*

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

The most recent Strategic Assessment for Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP found that while confidence in policing has improved more can be done to improve this level of confidence across the District.

Elected Members and Independent Members also highlighted the amount of co-operation and engagement with PSNI outside PCSP and Policing Committee meetings which is not always effectively or fully captured within statistical information. Concerns also remain about the visibility of the PSNI locally, especially in the more rural parts of the District, and the potential impact of the PSNI's current budgetary constraints. NMD PCSP remains committed to identifying an increased range of opportunities for the PSNI to actively engage with local communities – the PCSP/PSNI Mobile Engagement Unit is an extremely valuable resource in supporting this objective and has been frequently used in 2024/25.



*PCSP facilitate Pop-up ASB Diversionary events in Ballynahinch, Saintfield in Crossgar, allowing the PSNI to informally engage with over 400 young people.*

## **OBA Overview**

### **How much did we do?**



- 6 Policing Committee meetings held
- 74 engagement activities involving PSNI and local communities and 7965 participants
- 2 conferences held where PSNI were involved as key note speakers

### **How well did we do it?**

- 100% of PCSP Members reporting satisfaction with Policing Committee meetings
- 90% of 7965 attendees at engagement events report satisfaction

### **Is anyone better off?**

- 90% of attendees with increased confidence in policing following engagement events
- 80% of participants more likely to engage with the police positively following engagement events

### **Best practice example – PSNI and PCSP attendance at Warrenpoint FC Family Funday**

PSNI attended the Warrenpoint FC Family Funday in March 2025 to engage with the local community.

PSNI attended with a police vehicle to educate families and allow them to experience what it is like inside a Police Vehicle whilst educating them on the role of the PSNI.

PSNI also attended with the mobile engagement unit to provide a space for families to play online games with the PSNI officers, breaking down barriers and provided a forum for open engagement and dialogue with members of the public and local Neighbourhood Police Officers.

PCSP attended alongside the PSNI and provided hi-vis vests to children to promote road safety – a concern raised by Warrenpoint FC due to traffic as children commute to and from their training groups.

Officers from the PSNI engaged with those in attendance and with other stallholders/businesses.

- 🚦 This event allowed the PSNI and PCSP to engage with a wide variety of people, through positive conversations, games and education. Many of those in attendance at the event had not previously engaged with either service.
- 🚦 Positive interaction between PSNI officers and local families helped build trust and familiarity.
- 🚦 Increased visibility of PSNI in a non-enforcement setting fostered a sense of approachability.
- 🚦 Both of the above in turn raised confidence in policing for the area and with those in attendance.

- ✚ Hands-on experience with a police vehicle allowed children and families to learn about police equipment and operations in an engaging way, breaking down some of the stigma associated with armoured vehicles.
- ✚ Online games with PSNI officers provided a fun, interactive method to educate children about safety and the role of police.
- ✚ Distribution of hi-vis vests by PCSP promoted road safety among children, reinforcing the importance of being visible near roads.
- ✚ Engagement with stallholders and businesses strengthened community-police-business relationships.
- ✚ Positive media & word-of-mouth from the event likely enhanced the public image of the PSNI and PCSP within the community.

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### How Much Did We Do?

3 PSNI Neighbourhood Officers attended the Warrenpoint FC Family Fun Day with PCSP Staff

2 Police Vehicles were in attendance

### How Well Did We Do?

Engagement with over 250 people of varying ages throughout the day.

Provision of over 100 Hi-vis vests to members of the public and children.

95% of those in attendance were satisfied with the event.

### Is Anyone Better Off?

88% of 250 attendees report increased confidence in policing following this local engagement event

92% of 250 attendees report being more likely to engage with PSNI following this local engagement event

Images from PSNI / PCSP attendance at Warrenpoint FC Family Fun Day –



## Appendices

### Appendix 1 - PCSP Member Meeting Attendance

	<b>Policing Committee 6 meetings held in 2024/25</b>	<b>PCSP Meeting 6 meetings held in 2024/25</b>
<b>Political Members</b>		
Cllr Terry Andrews	5	5
Cllr Kate Murphy	4	4
Cllr Aidan Mathers	6	6
Cllr Declan Murphy	5	5
Cllr Oonagh Hanlon	5	5
Cllr Conor Galbraith	5	5
Cllr Killian Feehan	2	2
Cllr Doire Finn	1	1
Cllr Henry Reilly	6	6
Cllr Jill Truesdale	6	6
Cllr David Taylor	4	4
<b><u>Independent Members – Appointed June 2024 therefore only able to attend 5 PCSP and Policing Committee Meetings</u></b>		
Michelle Osbourne	5	5
Colleen McCreesh	4	4
William Slater	5	5
Louise Kennedy	5	5
Niall Lawlor	5	5
Martina Byrne	2	2
David Vint	3 (on sick leave until November 2024)	3 (on sick leave until November 2024)
Tara Campbell	2	2
Anne Sheridan	3	3
<b><u>Statutory Organisations</u></b>		
PSNI	6	6
Youth Justice Agency	6	6
Education Authority	5	5
NI Housing Executive	4	4
Southern Health and Social Care Trust	3	3
NI Fire and Rescue Service	3	3
Probation Board	5	5

## Appendix 2 - Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP 2024/2025 Expenditure

<b>Budget Line</b>	<b>Allocated amount</b>	<b>Amount spent</b>
<i>Administration and Operational</i>	£81,580.00	£81,580.00
<i>Meeting Expenses</i>	£12,500.00	£10,983.42
<b>Total Budget (Admin, Operational and Meeting Expenses)</b>	<b>£420,490.00</b>	<b>£418,973.42</b>

<b>Action Plan theme</b>	<b>Operational funding breakdown</b>
Consultation and Engagement	£4,030.00
Raise Awareness of PCSP	£4,030.00
ASB Activities and Youth Engagement	£35,194.16
Community Safety Wardens	£50,359.92
PCSP Small Grants	£83,495.92
Drugs and Alcohol Abuse	£15,060.00
Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence	£15,060.00
Community Safety and Vulnerability	£14,060.00
Road Safety	£20,060.00
Fear of Crime	£54,602.62
Burglary and Crime Prevention	£20,060.00
Community Confidence in policing	£10,397.38
<b>Total</b>	<b>£326,410.00</b>

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