



Policing & Community
Safety Partnership

making North Belfast safer

Annual Report

2024/2025

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Welcome from the North DPCSP Chair

As Chair of the North Belfast DPCSP, I am pleased to introduce this report into the activity and work of our partnership for the year 2024-2025.

This year we sought to build on the work of previous years, ensuring our partnership was reflective of and addressing the community safety needs of North Belfast.

Over the past year, we have worked consistently to address community concerns around policing, crime, antisocial behaviour, and interface tensions in collaboration with communities in North Belfast. While challenging at times, I am reassured that by working collaboratively on those complex issues we can improve outcomes for all who live and enjoy North Belfast.

This year we supported and delivered a range of projects and initiatives across North Belfast on the following themes:

- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Detached Youth Engagement (DYE)
- Interface Projects
- Diversionary Projects
- Schools Awareness Projects
- Domestic & Sexual Violence & Abuse
- Hate Crime
- Adult Cyber Safety
- Youth Empowerment
- Road Safety
- Safe at Home

We had two successful police engagement events in Girdwood Community Hub, a Seniors Safety Event and Tea Dance and an Area Learning Community Schools Engagement Day at the Lansdowne Hotel. Events were well attended with excellent feedback and new partnerships formed.

A special word of thanks goes to all those groups who work across North Belfast daily to make it a safer place to live and work. We as a DPCSP appreciate the hard work that goes on and we are thankful that groups engage with us and deliver projects and services on our behalf. This collaboration makes a positive impact in communities in the north of our city.

As the chairperson of the partnership, I would also like to thank all members for the time and commitment they have given to participate in the work of the DPCSP, particularly the independent members. We have agreed a direction of travel for the year ahead which will see the positive work of the partnership continue.

Councillor Nichola Bradley, North Belfast DPCSP Chair

Membership of Belfast (D)PCSPs

The Belfast PCSP has 9 Elected Members (Councillors) appointed by their respective political parties and 8 Independent Members recruited by the NI Policing Board through a public appointments process as well as representation from 7 Statutory Designated Members, detailed below.

Each of the DPCSPs has 6 Elected Members, 5 Independent Members and the same 7 statutory Designated Members which were established in the Justice Act (NI) 2011:

- Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
<http://www.belfasttrust.hscni.net>
- Education Authority (EA)
<https://www.eani.org.uk>
- Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS)
<https://www.nifrs.org>
- Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE)
<https://www.nihe.gov.uk>
- Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI)
<https://www.psni.police.uk>
- Probation Board for Northern Ireland (PBNI)
<https://www.pbni.org.uk>
- Youth Justice Agency of Northern Ireland (YJA)
<https://www.justice-ni.gov.uk/topics/youth-justice>

Introduction to Belfast (District) Policing and Community Safety Partnerships

Oversight and Governance

The Belfast (District) Policing and Community Safety Partnerships (DPCSPs) were established under the Justice Act (NI) 2011 to consult and engage with the community and undertake projects and interventions to improve policing and community safety.

In addition to the Belfast PCSP there are four District PCSPs covering North, South, East and West of the City. The Belfast PCSP takes lead responsibility for citywide and strategic policing and community safety issues as well as the city centre; allowing the District PCSPs to focus on their areas and unique issues. To ensure connectivity, cohesion and a consistency across the city, the Chairs of the four District PCSPs are also Members of the Belfast PCSP.

Each of the five Partnerships also have responsibility for delivering their own Policing Committees which provide oversight, through restricted functions, to review police performance against the PSNI's Local Policing Plan.

The PCSP convening partner is Belfast City Council, however they (the PCSP's) are legal bodies in their own right under the Justice Act (NI) 2011 and as such have a level of autonomy that allows for the planning and delivery of projects or for the granting of monies to other constituted groups or public bodies. The caveat is that any supported work or projects must fall under the umbrella of the strategic priorities, set out in each partnership's Annual Action Plan and also add value to the efforts of the PCSP in these respective fields.

The (D)PCSPs are accountable to the Joint Committee which is made up from the Department of Justice (DoJ) and the NI Policing Board (NIPB). Further detailed information on the establishment and function of the PCSP's can be found at the following:

www.legislation.gov.uk/nia/2011/24/part/3

www.justice-ni.gov.uk/articles/policing-and-community-safety-partnerships

<https://www.justice-ni.gov.uk/community-safety-framework>



Belfast (District) PCSPs Funding

PCSPs received annual funding of approximately £4.25m in 2024/2025 from the Joint Committee (the Department of Justice and NI Policing Board) with a legislative aim to work with their local community to help address crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour issues.

The Joint Committee issued Belfast PCSP with a Letter of Offer on 18 June 2024 to cover administration and operational costs associated with the delivery of the PCSP and DPCSP Action Plans, as well as a budget for Members expenses.

- £846,517 – Administration and Operational Budget
- £29,000 – Members meeting expenses

In addition, Belfast City Council funds the remaining administrative costs and up to £120,000 of additional operational costs.

Each of the (D)PCSPs in Belfast receives its own budget agreed by the PCSP based on a similar funding model used by the Joint Committee when allocated funding to all 11 PCSPs. This model provides a (30%) basic allocation equally to all DPCSPs and then additional allocations based on (45%) population and (25%) deprivation, details of which are below.

This report, details projects delivered by all 5 (D)PCSPs in Belfast. Further reports are available for the PCSP, North, South, East and West Belfast DPCSPs.

The Belfast Agenda

Belfast published the city's first community plan in November 2017, the Belfast Agenda.



Created by a partnership of key city partners, residents and community organisations, the Belfast Agenda was updated in 2024 and sets out our joint vision and long-term ambitions for Belfast's future, as well as outlining our priorities for action over the next four years.

Community Planning is about developing a shared vision for the wellbeing of our city.

Community Planning is everyone working together to develop and implement a shared vision for promoting the wellbeing of the city and delivering real improvements for local people. It is about bringing decision making closer to communities and giving local people an opportunity to have their say on issues that matter to them.

It is an exciting time for us and by working together we can explore new, innovative, and creative ways to deliver public services that will make a positive impact and help improve the wellbeing of the city and the quality of life for the people who live here. It means planning ahead to improve the big issues that matter to people like health, education, employment, and the environment.

What is the Belfast Agenda?

The Belfast Agenda has come about as the result of an extensive, citywide engagement process involving residents, the voluntary and community sectors, city partners and a wider range of other public and private stakeholders with the aim of ensuring that our collective focus is on the right priorities to deliver on our big ambitions.

Working together, we want to make this an even better place for everyone and make a real difference to people's lives. Specifically, this is about, achieving our shared ambition to drive inclusive, sustainable growth and improve the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of our city and its communities. The Belfast Agenda will enable us to achieve this.

The Belfast Agenda 2024 - 2028

The Belfast Agenda was updated in 2024 to reflect the current priorities of community planning partners and the public. The updated strategy and action plans outline how partners plan to support the most vulnerable in our city while growing the economy, regenerating neighbourhoods, supporting communities and achieving our climate targets.

This short video describes the key areas that partners have agreed to prioritise between 2024 and 2028.

<https://youtu.be/WiLOaZzk5XI>

2024/2025 Performance Overview

North Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership Annual Report that follows describes each of the projects funded in North during 2024/2025. The Belfast PCSP Annual Report is available upon request.

Action Plan Development

Planning for the work reflected in this Annual Report started in November 2023 and involved consultation and engagement with a range of stakeholders including designated members, other partnership members and staff. The Action Plan also took into consideration results of a public community survey and a number of public engagement events. The Plan also took into consideration the 2022-2025 Belfast PCSP Strategic Assessment, project performance and evaluation findings from the previous year, resulting in a very significant Member planning process.

This Belfast Policing and Community Safety Partnership Annual Report presents projects aligned within each of the Joint Committee Strategic Priorities.

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.

1. Effective Delivery
2. Evaluations, Planning and Development
3. Communication, Engagement and Awareness Raising

Strategic Priority 2

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

1. Antisocial Behaviour
2. Alcohol and Drug Misuse
3. Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse
4. Hate Crime and Fear of Hate Crime
5. Cyber Crime
6. Feel Safer
7. Feel Safer – City Centre
8. Road Safety

Strategic Priority 3

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

1. Engagement to build Confidence in Policing
2. Collaborative Problem Solving
3. Vulnerabilities from Organised Crime (including Paramilitarism)

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Effective Delivery

PCSP Meetings

The five Belfast PCSPs held Private, Public and Policing Committee Meetings throughout the year with 7 Public Meetings addressing key policing and community safety topics, including drugs, alcohol and ending violence against women and girls.



Following a recruitment process earlier in the year, new Independent Members were introduced in June 2024. A number of briefings were also held on the topic of housing and support services for asylum seekers and refugees, interfaces and the Executive Programme on Paramilitarism and Organised Crime (EPPOC).

How much did we do?

30 Private Meetings

PCSP – 7

North – 6

South – 5

East – 6

West – 6

9 Public Meetings

North – 1

South – 2

East – 2

West – 2



6 other briefings/partnership events

How well did we do it?

95-100% of participants were satisfied with the public meetings

Is anyone better off?

88-100% of respondents had increased their awareness of the PCSP and the work it does to address policing and Community Safety issues after attending a public event.

Evaluations, Planning and Development

Independent Evaluations

This was the third year of this project which aimed to evaluate the policing and community safety benefit of a range of projects funded by the Belfast PCSP.

The evaluations are used to inform and empower PCSP Members to make decisions about the most effective use of the limited budget to resource projects and partnership working that delivers effective improvements where and when needed.

The evaluations also embed a culture of continuous improvement following engagement to develop an evaluation framework which is acceptable to both funders and PCSP Members.

How much did we do?

10 Projects evaluated (from beginning of contract)

1 All Member Workshop

1 Evaluation report

How well did we do it?

100% of Members in attendance at the workshop indicated satisfaction with the report.

Is anyone better off?

The final evaluation report evidenced that there had been a policing and community safety benefit

Action Planning 2025/2026

Ulster University were contracted to support the planning process and following a series of consultation meetings, an All-Member planning workshop, public meeting engagement sessions and a community safety survey, the 2025/2026 Action Plan was developed.

How much did we do?

- 11 consultation events/meetings held
- 179 participants at consultation events

How well did we do it?

- 100% of participants reported satisfaction with the public consultation events.
- 90% (18/20) participants who report satisfaction with consultation/planning sessions
- 54 stakeholders/partners engaging in consultation/planning sessions

Is anyone better off?

- 88% of participants reported an increased awareness of the PCSP and its work to address policing and community safety issues.



Effective Communication, Engagement and Awareness Raising

We continued to promote the work of Belfast PCSP via our Facebook page and at a range of public engagement events. Public events and funding opportunities for communities were highlighted, as well as promotion of a range of funded projects.

How much did we do?

152 social media posts

113K reach on Facebook

How well did we do it?

Up to 32% engagement rate

2,529 reactions to posts

Is anyone better off?

2,230 Facebook followers with an increased awareness of Belfast PCSP and its work to address policing and Community Safety issues.

 Top content by views

Boost content

See all content

 <p>Free Spring Safety event Belfast City Hall Friday 7 March 10am to 12.30pm</p> <p>Ready to refresh your safety routine? 🏠...</p> <p>Mon Mar 3, 6:42am</p> <p>👁 121.8K ❤ 187 💬 2 🔄 32</p>	 <p>Have your say about community safety</p> <p>Your voice matters 🗣 We're inviting Belfas...</p> <p>Mon Mar 31, 2:50am</p> <p>👁 25K ❤ 215 💬 35 🔄 23</p>	 <p>OPEN CALL Restorative Practice</p> <p>Applications open: Friday 11 October Deadline: Noon, Friday 25 October</p> <p>East Belfast District Policing and...</p> <p>Fri Oct 11, 1:00am</p> <p>👁 8.6K ❤ 15 💬 2 🔄 8</p>	 <p>PCSP staff are at Danske Bank in...</p> <p>Thu Nov 28, 3:56am</p> <p>👁 4.6K ❤ 70 💬 23 🔄 3</p>	 <p>Have your say on improving student safety in Belfast city centre</p> <p>Are you a student attending universit</p> <p>Mon Dec 2, 12:50am</p> <p>👁 2.8K ❤ 22 💬 0 🔄 0</p>
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Strategic Priority 2

To improve community safety by prioritising and addressing local community safety issues, tackling crime and antisocial behaviour.

Antisocial Behaviour (ASB)

Young People ASB Projects – North, South, East and West Belfast

Each of the DPCSPs delivered a Detached Youth Engagement, or DYE, Project during this year. The project delivers enhanced street-based youth work, through a consortium of community and voluntary youth providers focused on key times and locations of increased antisocial behaviour and interface tensions.

North Belfast

Groups deployed

The lead partner in North Belfast was Ardoyne Youth Enterprise who administered and coordinated the project.



Groups deployed – Ardoyne Youth Enterprise (lead), RCity, Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum, New Lodge Youth Centre, Ardoyne Youth Club, Bluehouses (Ballysillan Youth for Christ), Streetbeat, Forthspring Youth Matters. Holy Family Youth Centre, PSNI, BCC SNO, EA, Marrowbone Youth Club.

North DYE also supported the training of 12 youth workers to attain their Level 2 OCN in Outreach & Detached Youth Work to help enhance the project.

Activities to support the DYE Project were delivered in Marrowbone Park on Saturday evenings in Q3 & Q4 including football and beauty and hairdressing. This was completed in partnership with BCC Parks.

Diversiónary Activities

North Belfast

Ardoyne YC – 2 specific groups of youths targeted with diversionary programmes, aimed to tackle interface ASB issues and drug and alcohol misuse respectively. Included educational workshops around the dangers of continued behaviours, and a reward trip for programme completion.

Ligoniel Improvement Association - Funding to support 8 sessions delivered to identified at-risk youth, tailored to address identified community issues: use of off-road scramblers in public parks, drug and alcohol abuse, interface issues, road safety and danger to life and criminal damage caused by misuse of fireworks.



Ardoyne YE – Funding to facilitate the continuation of positive intervention with a group of ~20 young people identified via the DYE project. 15 sessions were delivered, addressing at-risk behaviours and educating young people on the associated risks.

Streetbeat YP – Funding was provided for a drop-in mobile structure, to build upon previous success and provide a safe place for youth to gather with facilitation from youth workers.

Blackmountain Action Group – A specific group of youths identified via DYE with diversionary programmes, aimed to tackle interface-specific ASB issues. Included educational workshops around the dangers of continued behaviours, and a reward trip for programme completion.

253 Participants, 66 Sessions

How much did we do?

- North - 253 participants across 66 sessions.

How well did we do it?

- North – 100% (253/253)

Is anyone better off?

- North – 100% (253/253)

ASB Reactive Projects – North Belfast

North Belfast

North Belfast DPCSP funded the delivery of 24 reactive projects across the year. Projects included sports coaching in Alexandra Park, community clean ups around Limestone Road and Tigers Bay, providing diversionary activities during St Patricks weekend and providing refreshments for a 'meet the neighbour' event to promote community inclusion.

In North Belfast, the 24 projects were delivered by Peaceplayers NI, Ballysillan Youth for Chris (Bluehouses), Benview, Newington Residents, Holy Family, Ligoniel Improvement Association, North Belfast Housing Brookfield, Westland CG, 22nd Old Boys, St Patricks FC, Duncairn CP, Clanmill Brookfield, CRJI, Harmony PS, Limestone United, Cliftonville Community Centre, Lower Shankill Community Association, North Belfast Area Project and Star Neighbourhood Centre.



How much did we do?

- North – 1268 participants across 44 sessions + 5000 leaflets

How well did we do it?

- North – 95% (1202/1260)

Is anyone better off?

- North – 88% (1055/1196)



Interfaces Project – North Belfast

This project aimed to address issues related to interface tensions in North Belfast through several mechanisms. These included engagement meetings and emergency meetings when required. This project also developed anti-sectarianism training which includes an oral history, surveys, guided discussions, theoretical models, and case studies. These provide the context for group discussion, interaction, and learning and enabled local youth workers to develop and design a resource to use with their youth groups called “Block by Block”. Each group received the resource which would enhance discussions around sectarianism with both juniors and seniors within a youth setting.



How much did we do?

- 509 participants across 22 sessions + 12 resources

How well did we do it?

- 9/9 (100%) participants who report satisfaction with activities

Is anyone better off?

- 9/9 (100%) participants with changed attitudes/opinions relating to interfaces.

Schools Awareness Project – North Belfast

The purpose of the CATCH (Challenging Attitudes, Changing Horizons) project was to bring each of the secondary schools across North Belfast & surrounding areas together to build relationships and meaningful connections with each other. It was an opportunity to raise, discuss and share learning on topics and issues that are important to the young people and how the young people can make a positive difference to those topics when working together.

The Catch programme was delivered to 6 schools, who participated in 20 sessions, 60 participants.

1. Boys Model
2. Girls Model
3. Mercy College
4. Edmund Rice College
5. Hazelwood Integrated College
6. Blessed Trinity College

How much did we do?

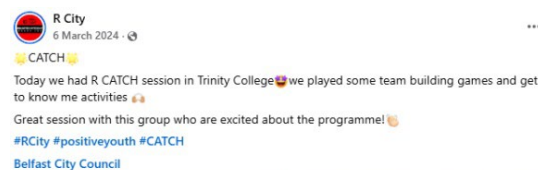
- 60 young people involved across 20 sessions

How well did we do it?

- 100% (60/60) participants report satisfaction with activities

Is anyone better off?

- 100% (60/60) participants with changed attitudes/opinions



Responding to Local Need Project – North Belfast

These projects are crucial in supporting (D)PCSP Members to identify and address local policing and community safety needs by delivering reactive responses to community safety and anti-social behaviour issues in their areas. Across the City, there were a number of initiatives support in 2024/25.

These included the supply of a range of personal safety equipment, key community safety messages being delivered through leaflets and awareness raising campaigns, and work delivered to advocate the need for restorative and lawful resolutions to crimes.

How much did we do?

- North – 184 Domestic Violence Kits distributed

How well did we do it?

- North – 46/46 (100%) participants reporting satisfaction with activities

Is anyone better off?

- North – 46/46 (100%) participants with improved awareness, knowledge or understanding of policing and community safety issues.

Children & Young Persons Programme

Belfast PCSP and North Belfast DPCSP supported the delivery of the “I love you, mum – I promise I won’t die” play between 26th February 2025 and 14th March 2025.

During this time, the play was shown to pupils and staff in Lagan College, Mercy College, Campbell College, Our Lady & St Patrick’s College and the Boy’s Model. The bespoke drug education piece is based on the DSM Foundation’s director, Fiona’s, experience of losing her 16-year-old son, Daniel, to drugs.



The play has been touring mainland UK since 2017 and the opportunity to bring it to Northern Ireland comes after the mum of Jeni Larmour - from Newtownhamilton, Co Armagh, who lost her life due to drugs in 2020 whilst at University in Newcastle – teamed up with Fiona and the DSM Foundation to provide drug education through workshops and webinars for students, teachers and parents.

How much did we do?

- 1,004 Participants
- 5 Sessions

How well did we do it?

- 203/213 (95%) participants who report satisfaction with activities

Is anyone better off?

- 204/212 (96%) participants with improved awareness, knowledge and understanding of drug misuse



Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse Information and capacity building programme.

Belfast PCSP continued to work with Belfast Area Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse Partnership (BADSVAP) and their members to provide information, capacity building and services that address domestic and sexual violence and abuse in Belfast.



BADSVAP in consultation with Belfast PCSP delivered the following in 2024-25:

1. Impact of Trauma in the Family Courts Conference
2. Impact of Domestic Abuse on Children and Young People – Local communities
3. Non-Fatal Strangulation – Targeted awareness raising session.
4. Domestic Homicide Timeline - Aimed at role of the community.
5. Resources
6. Domestic Abuse – The Impact on Male (and those who identify as male) victims half day awareness event.
7. Sexual Coercion Training
8. Legal Remedies Launch and Workshops
9. Young People Sessions
10. Partnership Event – Domestic and Sexual Abuse Response from a Community Base
11. BLWA Annual Conference – Redefining Domestic Violence; the unique impact of domestic violence within intimate partner relationships
12. Responding to emerging issues
13. Counselling Sessions
14. Bus Campaign

How much did we do?

759 Participants (47 sessions)

- Citywide – 467 (11)
- **North – 58 (3)**
- South – 82 (6)
- East – 95 (7)
- West – 53 (2)
- Counselling – 4 (18)

Number of resources developed/ disseminated

- Haven Belfast App updated.
- 1,000 A4 Posters
- 1,500 At a Glance Documents
- 1,000 full Guidance printed
- 159 packs
- 6,000 Leaflets Sexual Coercion
- 1,500 Young people specific
- 2,000 Male specific
- 5,350 Women specific
- 2 – week bus campaign on 90 buses

How well did we do it?

- 100% 449/449 participants who report satisfaction with activities
- Citywide 100% 202/202
- **North 100% 55/55**
- South 100% 80/80
- East 100% 80/80
- West 100% 28/28
- Counselling 100% 4/4

Is anyone better off?

- 94% 390/415 participants with improved level of awareness, knowledge and understanding
- Citywide 80% 179/203
- **North 100% 20/20**
- South 100% 79/80
- East 100% 80/80
- West 100% 28/28
- Counselling 100% 4/4
- 96% 362/378 participants who are more likely to report to appropriate organisations
- Citywide 93% 155/167
- **North 84% 16/19**
- South 100% 80/80
- East 98% 79/80
- West 100% 28/28

Talking About Sexual Consent

This project recognises that sexual consent is a difficult issue to address for adults and for young people it can be even more difficult. With funding from Belfast PCSP, NEXUS NI delivered Talking About Sexual Consent programmes to youth/sports clubs, school groups and adult groups across Belfast.

Session delivery focused on 3 parts around various aspects of consent, strategies to deal with issues around consent and information on where to access support or report crimes if necessary, and a Q&A.

- Definition of consent and what the law says.
- Increase the young people's confidence to deal with these issues.
- Support available to any young person who has an issue around consent.

How much did we do?

815 participants across 25 sessions

- **North – 32 participants (4)**
- South – 128 participants (7)
- East – 477 participants (10)
- West – 178 participants (4)

How well did we do it?

97% 782/808 participants who report satisfaction with activities

- **North – 100% 32/32**
- South – 96% 117/121
- East – 96% 460/477
- West – 97% 173/178

Is anyone better off?

97% 774/803 participants with improved level of awareness, knowledge and understanding of sexual consent issues

- **North – 97% 31/32**
- South – 95% 115/121
- East – 97% 463/477
- West – 95% 165/173

84% 674/803 participants more likely to report crimes

- **North – 90% 29/32**
- South – 96% 117/121
- East – 79% 378/477
- West – 87% 150/173



Hate Crime and Fear of Hate Crime

The PCSPs work in this area was focused around 3 key pillars – Supporting Victims, Increasing Reporting and Improving Confidence.

‘Meet the Neighbours’ – North Belfast – Ligoniel Improvement Association

Ligoniel Improvement Association facilitated a celebration of commonalities throughout the diversity of the local community in August 2024. The event focused on mutual respect and addressing recent incidents of racist language among young people.

How much did we do?

- 190 participants
- 1 session

How well did we do it?

- 190/190 (100%) participants report satisfaction with activities

Is anyone better off?

- 190/190 (100%) participants/partners with improved awareness, knowledge and understanding of hate crime

Hate Crime Open Call - Tackling Hate Projects

In response to the unrest that targeted minority communities across Belfast, the 5 Belfast PCSPs approved funding for an ‘Open Call’ in August 2024. The aim of the funding was to support victims of hate crime/hate related incidents; increase reports of hate crime and hate related incidents; improve confidence in the PSNI and other organisations with a role in tackling hate and/or supporting victims and/or build relationships between new and existing communities. Additional money was made available to the fund through support from the Joint Committee.

OPEN CALL

Projects to tackle hate and support engagement between new and existing communities.



Up to £2,500 per project

Applications open: Wednesday 28 August
Deadline: Friday 20 September

Submit your application to PCSP@belfastcity.gov.uk

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North Belfast DPCSP Funded Projects:

Ashton Community Trust – a series of workshops looking at themes such as, people who help us, online safety, cyber bullying and peer pressure. These sessions culminated in the group from ‘Happy Days’ developing a video of their own experiences which was launched in the Lansdowne Hotel.

RCity – a youth led event held in the Spectrum Centre, which brought together a range of services including PCSP, Victim Support NI and PSNI. On the evening, there was a good relations workshop, a self-defence class, refreshments and inflatables.

Cliftonville Community Regeneration Forum – provision of an English Language tutor to a group of 20 ethnic minority women, to empower them to communicate with other members of their community, and to empower them to be able to report any instances of Hate Crime to the PSNI.



How much did we do?

134 participants

21 sessions

How well did we do it?

130/130 (100%) participants report satisfaction with activities

Is anyone better off?

26/26(100%) participants/partners with improved awareness, knowledge and understanding of hate crime

95/104 (91%) participants with increased empathy, understanding, and positive changes in perceptions of different communities

16/16 (100%) participants who feel their English language skills have improved

Cyber Crime

Primary School Aged Cyber Safety - North, South, East & West Belfast

Delivery of cyber safety sessions to primary aged pupils.

BEAM continued deliver an age appropriate, interactive, and creative training content for in-person cyber safety workshops. Workshops targeted Key Stage 2 children and were designed to build children's confidence and ability to safely use online technologies. BEAM designed and produced resources to use during the in-person workshop. These were bright, colourful, and easy to understand and linked to the various workshop activities. On top of this, BEAM designed and produced an age-appropriate resource pack for teachers/relevant adults. This included a detailed step-by-step workshop plan, learning intentions and information of sources/links for additional support to assist with in-person delivery.



How much did we do?

705 participants (23 sessions)

North – 179 (6)

South – 171 (6)

East – 174 (6)

West – 181 (5)

How well did we do it?

23/23 100% teachers who report satisfaction with workshops

North – 6/6 100%

South – 6/6 100%

East – 6/6 100%

West – 5/5 100%

Is anyone better off?

90% 631/705 participants with improved level of awareness, knowledge and understanding

North 83% 148/179

South 87% 148/171

East 97% 168/174

West 92% 167/181)

90% 633/705 participants are more likely to report to appropriate organisations

North – 158/179 (88%)

South – 146/171 (85%)

East – 154/174 (89%)

West – 175/181 (97%)

Older Adults Cyber Safety - North, South, East & West Belfast

Age NI continued to deliver on the Older Adults Cyber Safety project across Belfast. The project aims to empower older adults to improve their cyber safety.

The training aims to build participants confidence and abilities to use online technologies safely. Key topics included safe use of social media, identity protection, using online services safely and avoiding online scams.

How much did we do?

302 participants (39 sessions)

North – 80 (7)

South – 84 (12)

East – 55 (4)

West – 80 (8)

Other – 3 (8 online)



How well did we do it?

279/285 (98%) participants who report satisfaction with activities

Is anyone better off?

89% (231/270) participants with improved level of awareness, knowledge and understanding

85% (220/270) Participants are more likely to report cyber safety issues to appropriate organisations

Feel Safe

Home Security Service

The Belfast Home Security Service, managed by Bryson Energy, fits home security equipment, shows people how to use it, and may also undertake the home security assessment.

Home security assessment and installation of appropriate equipment for victims of crime:

- domestic burglary and over 60 years of age
- hate motivated crime
- domestic abuse crime
- repeat victims of crime

When Bryson Energy is fitting the equipment, they will advise of other relevant support services. Onward referrals are commonly made to the home safety project for slips, trips and falls and to NIFRS for a home fire safety assessment and other available opportunities.

How much did we do?

64 referrals

61 home visits

61 homes fitted with equipment

784 items of equipment fitted

How well did we do it?

48/48 (100%) participants who report satisfaction with the home security service

Is anyone better off?

47/48 (98%) participants who report they feel safer due to the home security service



Safer at Home – North, South, East and West Belfast

The project supports adults at risk of harm to feel safer by letting them know the actions they can take to keep themselves safe and raise issues of concerns with relevant agencies.

The project was delivered directly to adults at risk of harm, staff and volunteers from voluntary and community-based groups (to build capacity and confidence), and key personnel from statutory organisations (or their delivery agents) who would have contact with adults at risk of harm e.g. housing officers, home helps/personal services

CM Works engaged with the voluntary and community-based groups that support adults at risk of harm to ensure the content and style of the sessions will be accessible to them.



How much did we do?

347 participants (30 sessions)

North – 104 (9)

South – 101 (9)

East – 54 (5)

West – 88 (7)

How well did we do it?

334/347 (96%) participants who report satisfaction with activities

Is anyone better off?

329/347 (95%) participants with improved level of awareness, knowledge and understanding

326/347 (94%) participants who are more likely to report to appropriate organisations



Youth Empowerment – North Belfast

This project provided information, capacity building and services that will help children and young people feel safer through training young people and their leaders to respond to the community needs of their peers. This was done through the following projects:

1. **Wasted – Bruiser Theatre Company in partnership with Girdwood Community Hub**

Wasted, by award-winning playwright Kat Woods, is a socio-political play that explores themes of binge drinking and sexual assault. Join Oli, Emma, and their friends on a night out drinking, flirting, and clubbing.



2. **Star Neighbourhood Centre - Violence Against Women & Girls**

After the successful “EmpowHer” Programme this new programme continues the learning with a focus on Violence against women and girls. This programme was developed due to a sexual assault incident which happened in the Newlodge.

3. **EA North Belfast Area Project – YWIC Small Worlds Project**

As part of the project, young people learned more about new and current minority groups that are in their local area/communities so that they feel comfortable and have a better understanding of the various cultures/ identities that now make up life in Belfast.



4. **EA North Belfast Area Project – YWIC First Aid Project**

First aid qualifications of YWIC groups 24 young people across 2 sessions.

5. **EA North Belfast Area Project NBAP – Local Voice – A Trip to Reality**

The purpose of the event was to educate young people around the effects of alcohol and drugs so that young people can make informed positive choices in their life.

6. **Spanner in the Works – Butterfly Effect**

Butterfly Effect is inspired by the real-life stories of young people and ex-offenders that have been impacted by prison, addiction and struggles with their mental health. It follows six characters from their school days through to the present day, exploring why they made the choices that led to them serving time in jail and how they might have made different decisions or accessed support.

How much did we do?

307 participants

13 sessions

How well did we do it?

243/256 (95%) participants engaged in activities

Is anyone better off?

210/256 (82%) participants with improved awareness, knowledge and understanding of the activity completed

Butterfly Effect @ Girdwood Community Hub Thursday 09 January @ 7.30 pm

Butterfly Effect is inspired by the real-life stories of *young people and ex-offenders that have been impacted by prison, addiction and struggles with their mental health*. We follow six characters from their school days through to the present day, exploring why they made the choices that led to them serving time in jail and how they might have made different decisions or accessed support.

Spanner in the Works Theatre Company's new production explores how trauma, lack of opportunity, and a lack of resources can influence young people's choices. How do we take care of each other and ourselves in a world where the odds can seem stacked against us? How do we change or recover from choices that have led us onto difficult paths? *Butterfly Effect* is written and directed by award-winning playwright Patricia Downey.

This event is free to attend with no tickets or booking required, this is funded and supported by North Belfast District PCSP and Girdwood Community Hub Shared Space.

Contains strong language and scenes that some might find upsetting or triggering. Suitable for 15+.



**Spanner
in the Works**
THEATRE COMPANY



PCSP
Policing & Community
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making North Belfast safer

Citywide Youth Conference

After the success of the Citywide Youth Conference in 2024, which was delivered in partnership with the Education Authority (EA), the PCSP and DPCSP Members approved funding to run a similar event in February 2025 over the half term break to give young people something positive to engage with.

Similar to the previous event, the event will aim to bring together up to 170 young people from across Belfast to participate in 4 workshops covering a range of topics: confidence in policing, talking about diversity, drugs and alcohol and ending violence against women and girls. These sessions will be delivered by EA, PSNI, White Ribbon NI and 2x community workers. A marketplace will also display information from a range of other partners including PCSP, Youth Justice, NIFRS, EA, White Ribbon, Translink and Womens Aid.

How much did we do?

170 participants

How well did we do it?

37/42 (88%) participants engaged in activities

Is anyone better off?

30/31 (97%) participants with improved awareness, knowledge and understanding of the topics covered



Road Safety

SIDs

Provision and installation of 6 branded Speed Indicator Devices across the City. 3 in West Belfast and 1 each across North, South and East Belfast. As of December 2023, all 6 SIDs had been installed. The North Belfast SID was relocated from Alexandra Park Avenue to Ballysillan Road in March 2025.

How much did we do?

6 SIDS in operation

Is anyone better off?

12-month average performance:

SID 01 (West) 3.75% speed decrease

SID 02 (West) 5.35% speed decrease

SID 03 (East) 7.3% speed increase

SID 04 (South) 3.45% speed decrease

SID 05 (North) 3.9% speed increase

SID 06 (West) 1.35% speed decrease



North Belfast – Dangers of quad bikes and scramblers



Ardoyne Youth Enterprise – Oldpark Road Safety Event Marrowbone Park

North DPCSP were approached by youth organisations based in the Ardoyne/Marrowbone and Oldpark areas regarding the issue of road safety. Youth workers have noted an increase in dangerous driving by cars, dangerous driving by young people using scramblers, e-bikes and e-scooters and a lack of awareness by young people crossing roads, by taking risks running through traffic.

The collective of youth organisations, led by Ardoyne Youth Enterprise, decided to host a road safety event alongside all the emergency services to increase awareness of the dangers and risks associated with the use of various vehicles and bikes, as well as focusing on pedestrian safety. North DPCSPs contribution was to assist with costs of resources and refreshments.

North Belfast – Road Safety Signs

North DPCSP members agreed to provide primary schools across North Belfast with signs to remind drivers that the area near to school patrols and drop offs are no parking zones, to be aware of children in the area and to reduce their speed. There was a total of 99 signs delivered across two tranches – 71 in tranche 1 and 28 in tranche 2.

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| 1. Ballysillan PS | 12. Ligoniel Primary School |
| 2. Bunscoil Bheann Mhadagáin | 13. Lowwood Primary School |
| 3. Carr's Glen Primary School | 14. Mercy Primary School |
| 4. Cliftonville Integrated Primary School | 15. Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School |
| 5. Currie Primary School | 16. Springfield Primary School |
| 6. Glenwood Primary School | 17. Springhill Primary School |
| 7. Harmony Primary School | 18. St Mary's Star of the Sea Primary School |
| 8. Hazelwood Integrated Primary School | 19. St Patrick's Primary School |
| 9. Holy Cross Boys' Primary School | 20. St Therese of Lisieux Primary School |
| 10. Holy Cross Girls' Primary School | 21. St Vincent de Paul Primary School |
| 11. Holy Family Primary School | 22. Wheatfield Primary School |

How much did we do?

450 participants

1 session

99 signs developed/disseminated

How well did we do it?

450/450 (100%) participants reporting satisfaction with activities

Is anyone better off?

450/450 (100%) participants with improved awareness, knowledge and understanding of road safety



Strategic Priority 3

Confidence in Policing

(D)PCSP Policing Committees

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

The five Belfast PCSPs held Policing Committee Meetings throughout the year as follows:

How much did we do?

22 policing committee meetings

- 4 PCSP
- **5 North DPCSP**
- 5 South DPSCP
- 5 East DPCSP
- 3 West DPCSP

Collaborative Problem Solving

Crime Prevention Equipment and Engagement Events

Crime prevention equipment was purchased by the PCSP, North, East, and South Belfast DPCSPs for use by Antisocial Behaviour Officers, DPCSP Members and the PSNI at community events across the City, including the city centre.

The equipment provided a tool to improve policing and community safety and help people to feel safer, as well as offering practical support for residents and community groups across Belfast.



How much did we do?

4,780 total items purchased

600 participants across the events

12+ sessions delivered across the city, including University of Ulster's Refreshers Fair, Danske Bank Safe at Christmas, EVAWG Event in City Hall, 'Her Safety' event hosted by Walkway Community Association, Linen Quarter BID Safe and Clean Week, PSNI's Swanston House Student and Co-Operative Housing events, UUs Student Safety Clinic, 16 Days of Activism event as well as events organised by RCity, Belvoir Youth Centre, Walkway Community Association and Tullycarnet Community Centre.

How well did we do it?

225/225 (100%) participants who report satisfaction with activities

Is anyone better off?

155/205 (76%) participants who have improved knowledge & understanding of policing and community safety issues

150/200 (75%) participants with improved confidence in policing



North Belfast DPCSP

Confidence in Policing (CIP) Applications

These events were generally informal with an aim of getting people interacting with the NPT, but for some structure, local NPTs delivered presentations to introduce themselves and their roles. All with the aim of developing and enhancing relationships. The NB ASB Officer took the lead of the project liaising with the Police and promoting the project within groups, forums attended and with the NPT in the relevant areas.



North DPCSP funded a range of projects in conjunction with Castle, Oldpark, Court North NPTs. Working with North Belfast Alternatives, Tigers Bay Community, New Beginnings, Community Restorative Justice Ireland, Belfast City Mission, Tynedale Residents Group, Westland Community Group, Grove Housing Association, Fortwilliam Youth Club, Welcome Evangelical Church Thrive Youth Group, Westkirk Community Project, All Nations Ministries, Shore Crescent Community Group, Denmark Community Centre, RCity, Seaview Seniors Group and Ballysillan YFC.

The projects ranged from Pizza and Peeler style events, to gaming buses and supporting Christmas events.

The CIP funding also supported several further initiatives:

Greater Shankill Community Safety Network

The Partnership supported and covered the meeting costs/venue hire for the GSCSN meetings for 2024/2025. There were 9 meetings held by the group across the year.

EA Youth Workers – Police & Social Services Engagement

This was an engagement and relationship development workshop between all EA Youth Workers and funded groups in North Belfast alongside Police, Belfast City Council and Social Services.

North Belfast DPCSP in partnership with Girdwood Community Hub delivered a **Seniors' Safety Event and Tea Dance** to 60 older people on the theme of scams and staying safe for older people.

The event involved lunch, a 'speed dating' model for older people to get to meet their local Neighbourhood Police and assist in building confidence in policing which proved very popular.



Pastoral ALC Day – North Belfast Post Primary Schools & Police

North DPCSP provided refreshments and facilitated PSNI engagement at a pastoral day, including 55 participants.

Promotional Materials for PSNI distribution

Distribution of promotional materials, printed with North Belfast DPCSP colour logo, pencils 2000, erasers 640, sharpeners 720, rulers 500. To be used by PSNI during engagement opportunities at various schools and youth group events, to promote North Belfast DPCSP.

**Jennymount Tuesday Club**

This is a group of approx. 35 senior citizens that meet on a weekly basis in Jennymount Methodist Church. One of the primary purposes of the group is to reduce social isolation, thereby contributing to health and well-being benefits.

How much did we do?

935 participants

35 activities/sessions

How well did we do it?

842/854 (98%) participants who report satisfaction with activities

Is anyone better off?

825/853 (97%) participants with improved confidence in policing



Financial Statement

BELFAST 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	165,304.00	-	165,304.00	165,304.00	0.00	165,304.00	41,328.00	41,326.00	41,326.00	41,328.00	165,304.00
Total Administration	165,304.00	-	165,304.00	165,304.00	-	165,304.00	41,328.00	41,326.00	41,326.00	41,328.00	165,304.00
OPERATIONAL											
Strategic Objective 1: Form & Deliver functions of PCSP											
Effective Delivery - Meetings	12,000.00	-	12,000.00	9,522.92	1,966.70	11,489.62	851.78	2,907.37	3,414.97	4,515.50	11,489.62
Independent Evaluation of Projects	8,000.00	-	8,000.00	5,010.92	0.00	5,010.92	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	3,010.92	5,010.92
Strategic Assessment and 25/26 Action Planning	23,000.00	-	23,000.00	5,329.32	0.00	5,329.32	0.00	0.00	2,675.46	2,653.86	5,329.32
(D)PCSPs Awareness Raising	4,000.00	-	4,000.00	2,829.60	1,000.02	3,829.62	0.00	1,204.60	1,000.00	1,825.02	3,829.62
Strategic Objective 2: Improve Community Safety											
Young Peoples ASB Projects	66,500.00	-	66,500.00	66,741.65	0.00	66,741.65	13,664.00	19,393.00	21,747.85	11,938.80	66,741.65
ASB Reactive Projects	13,000.00	-	13,000.00	10,048.59	2,682.00	12,730.59	1,794.00	1,763.23	11,086.29	-1,912.93	12,730.59
Interfaces Project (North)	12,000.00	-	12,000.00	13,033.67	0.00	13,033.67	0.00	33.67	13,000.00	0.00	13,033.67
Schools Awareness Projects	16,000.00	-	16,000.00	8,000.00	3,555.70	11,555.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,555.70	11,555.70
Network Support Project - NSP (West)	40,000.00	-	40,000.00	31,000.00	0.00	31,000.00	0.00	11,000.00	2,487.50	17,512.50	31,000.00
Wider University & Lower Ormeau Intervention Project - WULO (South)	18,000.00	-	18,000.00	18,000.00	0.00	18,000.00	0.00	5,750.00	12,250.00	0.00	18,000.00
Responding to Local Needs	23,800.00	-	23,800.00	25,483.32	1,076.68	26,560.00	0.00	1,964.00	2,000.00	22,598.00	26,560.00
Support for Adults	49,000.00	-	49,000.00	26,850.88	24,663.57	61,514.45	0.00	7,646.53	18,204.35	25,663.57	61,514.45
Children & Young Peoples Programme	4,000.00	-	4,000.00	1,000.00	3,466.00	4,466.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,466.00	4,466.00
Domestic & Sexual Violence & Abuse Project	40,000.00	-	40,000.00	25,629.45	20,066.85	45,696.30	0.00	4,509.00	4,288.75	38,898.55	45,696.30
Talking About Sexual Consent	12,325.00	-	12,325.00	14,062.50	0.00	14,062.50	0.00	3,450.00	5,537.50	5,075.00	14,062.50
Citywide Hate Crime Action Plan	48,000.00	-	48,000.00	46,397.67	9,202.33	55,600.00	0.00	1,100.00	28,584.50	25,915.50	55,600.00
Primary School Cyber Safety	4,600.00	-	4,600.00	5,100.00	0.00	5,100.00	0.00	5,100.00	0.00	0.00	5,100.00
Older Adults Cyber Safety	16,500.00	-	16,500.00	18,461.70	800.00	19,261.70	0.00	4,447.29	8,301.53	6,512.88	19,261.70
Home Security Service	22,000.00	-	22,000.00	16,288.42	9,703.18	25,991.60	0.00	5,902.53	4,973.33	15,113.74	25,991.60
Spring Safety Event	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	8,125.51	3,529.87	11,655.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,655.38	11,655.38
Safer at Home	11,145.00	-	11,145.00	11,580.00	1,615.00	13,195.00	0.00	5,775.00	4,015.00	3,405.00	13,195.00
Feel Safe Young People	32,600.00	-	32,600.00	19,692.52	4,883.54	24,576.06	0.00	750.00	8,000.00	15,826.06	24,576.06
Belfast City Centre	16,888.00	-	16,888.00	7,507.70	10,757.90	18,265.60	100.25	2,622.25	2,335.20	13,207.90	18,265.60
Street Injecting Support Services - SISS	45,000.00	-	45,000.00	40,516.67	9,483.33	50,000.00	0.00	0.00	14,827.18	35,172.82	50,000.00
Complex Lives	35,000.00	-	35,000.00	26,250.00	8,750.00	37,000.00	0.00	9,750.00	9,750.00	17,500.00	37,000.00
Road Safety	17,520.00	-	17,520.00	5,389.25	12,130.75	17,520.00	683.13	1,110.52	0.00	15,746.35	17,520.00
Strategic Objective 3: Improve Community Confidence in Policing											
Neighbourhood Watch	760.00	-	760.00	310.00	0.00	310.00	310.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	310.00
Confidence in Policing	42,693.00	-	42,693.00	39,069.98	6,653.34	45,726.32	2,371.50	5,320.93	13,275.98	24,756.91	45,726.32
Community Safety Initiative - CSI (West)	38,992.00	-	38,992.00	24,996.00	10,998.00	38,994.00	0.00	11,998.00	11,998.00	11,998.00	38,994.00
Total Operational	681,213.00	-	681,213.00	634,228.24	146,986.76	681,213.00	19,554.68	113,497.92	205,753.39	342,407.03	681,213.00
TOTAL ADMIN & OPERATIONAL	846,517.00	-	846,517.00	699,530.24	146,986.76	846,517.00	60,880.66	164,823.92	247,079.39	383,733.03	846,517.00
Meeting Expenses	29,000.00	-	29,000.00	23,213.34	4,200.00	27,413.34	1,936.12	4,797.79	9,616.79	11,062.64	27,413.34
OVERALL TOTAL	875,517.00	-	875,517.00	722,743.58	161,186.76	873,930.34	62,816.78	169,621.71	256,696.18	394,795.67	873,930.34

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

Date

09/09/25

Thank You!

We would like to thank all our delivery partners for their hard work and commitment to #Making Belfast Safer throughout 2024/2025.

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