



Policing & Community
Safety Partnership

making South Belfast safer



Annual Report

2024/2025

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Welcome from the South DPCSP Chair

As Chair of South Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership (DPCSP), I am pleased to present this report for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 which details the work completed by the Partnership during this time.

During the course of this year, South Belfast DPCSP worked closely in partnership with statutory bodies and the community to focus on issues that matter to people who live here and support projects that make everyone feel safer.

I am proud to have been involved directly with a number of the initiatives in my time as PCSP Chair.

This Partnership provides financial support for work in the Wider University Lower Ormeau areas of South Belfast through a dedicated project manager. A range of short, medium and longer term actions are being coordinated and the positive impact of this work has been felt across communities, agencies and statutory bodies throughout 2024-2025.

Throughout the year, Members of the Partnership held regular meetings with the PSNI who continue to provide regular updates on the issues affecting policing across South Belfast. In particular, South Belfast DPCSP have worked together with the West Belfast DPCSP to address concerning ASB issues at the Broadway interface.

Hate Crime and fear of hate crime remains a priority for this partnership. In response to the unrest that targeted minority communities across Belfast, the 5 Belfast PCSPs approved funding for an 'Open Call' in August 2024 with 7 South specific projects awarded. 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. The partnership also supported Community Dialogues training focuses on bias, negative language, and stereotypes. Using training gained the previous year, 9 community trainers committed to deliver Community Dialogue sessions to statutory and community/voluntary groups in South and East Belfast during 2024/2025.

How we tackle ASB has been a priority for this Partnership and in response, a detached youth engagement street project was piloted with great success. Taking learning from this, the partnership will continue to develop detached youth engagement projects going into 2025/26.

Policing and community safety issues impact our young people across the city, often in ways we forget as adults or that we just didn't experience. This year, the five Belfast PCSPs worked together, and our Education Authority (EA) partners led, our citywide Safe in the City Youth Conference. I was energised by the conference and the video diary is a brilliant reflection of the day.

In a follow up piece to the Conference, South Belfast DPCSP invited the EA's Next Generation Voices group to an engagement evening. This was a great opportunity to hear directly from the young people and they had an opportunity to present their work to Members that highlighted the community safety issues directly affecting them.

The DPCSP addresses a wide range of policing and community safety issues that concern us all, I hope you enjoy reading this annual report to see the vast scope of the work.

I would encourage you to stay informed by following the Belfast PCSP on social media on Facebook – Belfast PCSP.

Funding support for DPCSPs continues to be provided by the Department of Justice and the Northern Ireland Policing Board. Furthermore, the DPCSP continues its use of the Outcomes Based Approach (OBA), which remains a consistent means of measuring impact, while providing transparency and accountability in the delivery of our work in local communities.

I would like to thank my fellow Members, especially the Independent Vice Chair, Raied Al-Wazzan, for their contributions throughout the year and for the support they have shown to me as Chair. I also thank the DPCSP staff for all the work they put in behind the scenes and in the delivery of the programmes. There are still many challenges ahead and I hope that the Partnership can move forward together and address the policing and community safety issues that matter to all who live, work and socialise in the city.

Councillor Conor McKay, South 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

The sections of the Annual Report that follow describe each of the projects funded by the Belfast PCSP and DPCSPs during 2024/2025. Each of the four District PCSPs in Belfast (North, South, East and West) have also produced Annual Reports focusing on the area specific projects which they delivered. The District PCSP annual reports are 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



Free Spring Safety event
Belfast City Hall
Friday 7 March
10am to 12.30pm

Ready to refresh your safety routine? 

Mon Mar 3, 6:42am

121.8K views, 187 likes, 2 comments, 32 shares



Your voice matters 
We're inviting Belfas...

Mon Mar 31, 2:50am

25K views, 215 likes, 35 comments, 23 shares



OPEN CALL
Restorative Practice

Applications open: Friday 11 October
Deadline: Noon, Friday 25 October
Submit your application to PCSP@belfastcity.gov.uk

Fri Oct 11, 1:00am

8.6K views, 15 likes, 2 comments, 8 shares



PCSP staff are at
Danske Bank in...

Thu Nov 28, 3:56am

4.6K views, 70 likes, 23 comments, 3 shares



Have your say on
improving student
safety
in Belfast city cent...

Mon Dec 2, 12:50am

2.8K views, 22 likes, 0 comments, 0 shares

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 –South 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.

South Belfast

South Belfast DPCSP funded 5 deployments towards the end of the year with Greater Village Regeneration Trust acting as the lead organisation during the pilot scheme. The deployments took place on St Patricks Day in areas in and around Donegal Road and Broadway.

Groups deployed – GVRT (lead) and South Belfast Alternatives.



How much did we do?

- 402 Deployments (North – 116, East – 147, West – 134, South – 5)
- 25,076 young people engaged (North 4,937; East 7,996; West 15,918)

How well did we do it?

- 95% Youth workers who report satisfaction with deployments (North 95%, East 94% West 97%)

Is anyone better off?

- 90% Youth workers with improved awareness of policing and community safety issues (North 90%, East 86% West 95%)
- 38% (149/397) of deployments saw young people signposted into support services (North 33% 38/116, East 52% 76/147; West 26% 35/134)

- 59% (233/397) of deployments saw young people signposted towards diversionary activities
(North 57% 66/116, East 75% 110/147; West 42% 57/134)
- 61% (243/397) of deployments saw young people signposted towards centre-based activities
(North 74% 86/116, East 71% 104/147; West 39% 53/134)

Diversionary Activities

ASB Reactive Projects – South Belfast

South Belfast

South Belfast DPCSP funded 3 projects; these were centred around capacity building workshops for all participants. In one project the aim was to upskill participants to enable them to establish a detached street team and another used sport to bring together young people to take part in good relations and coaching sessions.

The 3 projects were delivered by GVRT and Rangers Soccer Academy.

How much did we do?

- South – 67 participants across 14 sessions

How well did we do it?

- South – 100% (64/64)

Is anyone better off?

- South – 100% (63/63)



Wider University and Lower Ormeau Intervention Project (WULO) - South Belfast

This project delivers an integrated inter-agency approach to neighbourhood regeneration in the Holyland area to address societal issues around crime, anti-social behaviour, community cohesion and wellbeing of residents.

How much did we do?

- 82 partners
- 59 programmes/services commissioned/delivered

How well did we do it?

- 403/403 (100%) participants/partners effectively engaged
- 147/147 (100%) activities completed on time

Is anyone better off?

- 19/100% partners reporting improved partnership working with other key stakeholders
- 19/100% partners reporting increased ability to engage with wider WULO community (Q3-Q4)
- 39/100% participants with improved awareness/knowledge/understanding of community safety issues in WULO area (Q3-Q4)
- 39/100% participants feeling safer as a result of activity (Q4)

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South Belfast DPCSP has supported Queen's University Belfast Neighbourhood Engagement team to purchase a limited number of Hollie Guard Extra subscriptions.

Hollie Guard is a personal safety smartphone app that includes an alert system, location sharing and evidence capturing when an alarm is raised.

This is a Queen's and a Wider University & Lower Ormeau Intervention Initiative, partnering with PSNI and South Belfast DPCSP.

End Violence against Women and Girls.

[@Police South Belfast Queen's University Belfast](#)



Responding to Local Need Project – North, South & East 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
- South – 3300 participants. 2 sessions
- East (Tension Monitoring) – 90 participants. 7 sessions
- East (Survivors of Suicide) – 24 participants, 6 sessions
- East (Restorative Practice Projects) – 102 cases opened. 87 closed.

How well did we do it?

- North – 46/46 (100%) participants reporting satisfaction with activities
- South – 1,520/1520 (100%) participants report satisfaction with activities
- East (Tension Monitoring) – 18/21 (86%) participants report satisfaction with activities
- East (Survivors of Suicide) – 24/24 (100%) participants report satisfaction with activities
- East (Restorative Practice Projects) – Number of different issues addressed this quarter.
 - ASB & Crime; 34
 - Hate Crime; 21
 - Fear of Crime; 21
 - Inter- Community tensions; 14
 - Intra- Community tensions; 22
 - Suspected threats; 43

Is anyone better off?

- North – 46/46 (100%) participants with improved awareness, knowledge or understanding of policing and community safety issues.
- South – 1,520/1520 (100%) participants report improved awareness, knowledge or understanding of policing and community safety issues.
- East (Tension Monitoring) – 21/21 (100%) participants report improved awareness, knowledge or understanding of policing and community safety issues
- East (Survivors of Suicide) – 20/24 (83%) participants report improved awareness, knowledge or understanding of policing and community safety issues
- East (Restorative Practice Projects) – 93/100 (93%) participants who feel their policing/community safety issue has improved

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 (BADSVP) and their members to provide information, capacity building and services that address domestic and sexual violence and abuse in Belfast.



BADSVP 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.

Community Dialogues Training

Community Dialogues training focuses on bias, negative language, and stereotypes. Using training gained the previous year, 9 community trainers committed to deliver Community Dialogue sessions to statutory and community/voluntary groups in South and East Belfast during 2024/2025.

How much did we do?

- 166 participants
- 12 sessions

How well did we do it?

- 116/116 (100%) participants report satisfaction with activities

Is anyone better off?

- 116/116 (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.



Community Dialogues

Funded by South Belfast PCSP and East Belfast PCSP, this programme offers the opportunity to hold conversations between people from different backgrounds to reduce stereotypes, build relationships and increase the number of people who are able to speak up respectfully when they hear or see degrading language or behaviour in our communities.

If you are in South or East Belfast and can recruit a diverse group of people, we can offer two trained facilitators to conduct the dialogues and provide refreshments and if necessary, arrange a venue.

What is involved?

- Adults: one 2.5 hour session with refreshments provided.
- Youth: one 2 hour session with refreshments provided.

For more information or to book, please contact Denise Wright at denisewright8@hotmail.com

www.belfastcity.gov.uk/pcsp

PSP Policing & Community Safety Partnership
making Belfast safer

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



South Belfast DPCSP Funded Projects:

Belfast Islamic Centre – hosted two workshops and a community event. Workshop one focused on what hate crime is and the reporting process, assisted by PSNI officers. Workshop two was around career advice. The community event brought together stakeholders from the sector, local politicians and community groups.



IFA – ‘Football Tackling Hate’, a football tournament, educational outings and hate crime-related workshops targeting ‘hard to reach’ groups and minority groups in South Belfast.

Wheelworks – Re-ACT, design and delivery of theatre and drama forum techniques to 93 young people in 3 post-primary schools, designed to increase awareness of anti-social behaviour linked to hate related actions and activities.

Belfast Asian Womens Association – ‘Know US’, monthly workshops whereby a member of a minority ethnic or indigenous group is invited to attend in cultural dress, share food, cultural practices and lived experience to engage with attendees, with the goal of helping to foster a community where diversity is celebrated.

Donegal Pass Community Enterprise – a series of consultations with minority ethnic residents in Donegall Pass, to create a better understanding of need for the Good Relations Hub and produce a report detailing required next steps to distribute to stakeholders.

Greater Village Regeneration Trust – workshops conducted in primary schools to address topics such as equality, respect, discrimination and hate crime through a range of techniques including music, art, drama, dance, photography, film, Lego and animation.

How much did we do?

531 participants

38 sessions

How well did we do it?

405/426 (95%) participants report satisfaction with activities

Is anyone better off?

402/425 (95%) participants with increased empathy, understanding, and positive changes in perceptions of different communities

5/5 (100%) participants who report they are more likely to report hate incidents to the police

Belfast Islamic Centre in partnership with Policing and Community Safety Partnership is please to organise

“Community Safety Workshop: Addressing Hate Crime”

22- Nov- 2024, 02:15pm

Belfast Islamic Centre
13 - 19 University Road, BT7 1NA



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

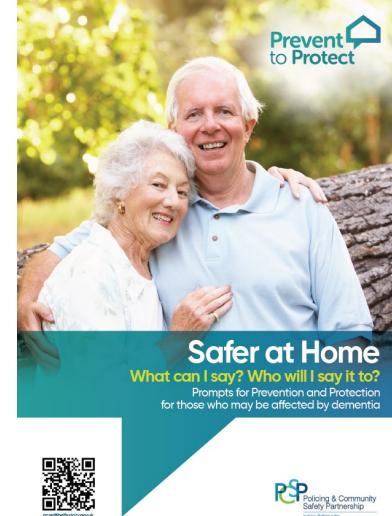


Safer at Home – North, South, East and West Belfast

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 – South Belfast

Education Authority Next Generation Voices

The group worked to add develop a plan of work to completed across 2024/25, their key priorities were:

1. A baseline survey
2. Commence and complete an OCN
3. Complete youth information posters
4. Small grants application process
5. PSNI Engagement
6. South DPCSP Member engagement
7. Plan a consultation
8. Begin planning for Safe in City
9. A Day in the life of a Councillor Event
10. Study Visits to Dublin and London
11. Teambuilding Event

How much did we do?

46 participants

20 sessions

How well did we do it?

43/46 (93%) participants reporting satisfaction with activities

Is anyone better off?

39/43 (91%) participants with improved awareness, knowledge and understanding

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.

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**



South Belfast – Road Safety Signs

South DPCSP members agreed to provide primary schools across South 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. The following schools benefited from this initiative.

1. Botanic Primary School	7. St Anne's Primary School
2. Belvoir Park Primary school	8. St Bride's Primary School
3. Cranmore Integrated Primary School	9. St Malachy's Primary School
4. Finaghy Primary School	10. Stranmillis Primary School
5. Holy Rosary Primary School	11. Taughmonagh Primary School
6. Scoil an Droichid	

How much did we do?

11 schools provided with signs

39 signs provided

How well did we do it?

5/5 (100%) schools reporting satisfaction with signs

Is anyone better off?

4/5 (80%) schools who report a change in parking behaviour



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



South Belfast DPCSP

Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Workshop

A workshop led by the PSNI with a focus on VAWG was held on 28th June at Riddel Hall. Presentations from the PSNI, Women's Aid and White Ribbon NI took place to discuss the issue of VAWG. A total of 25 people from various sectors attended such as the Belfast Lord Mayor, local schools, faith groups, community groups, Queen's University and the Night Time Tzar.

South Belfast Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Project

South DPCSP approved an enhancement to the BADSVAP contract in collaboration with Belfast PCSP for additional workshops to be delivered in South Belfast.

Migrant Forum Engagement

South DPCSP supported follow up engagements alongside Good Relations colleagues to assist work of the BCC led Migrant Forum.

Taughmonagh Community Forum

Taughmonagh Community Forum delivered a sports project for a group of young people over 10 weeks for engagement alongside diversionary work between South Belfast DPCSP/ PSNI and the young people.

Equipment Purchase

The Walkie Talkie Group (from WULO area) organised a number of activities along with PSNI to highlight their work in ending violence against women and girls. As part of this, South DPCSP supported the purchase of pink Hi-Viz jackets along with personal safety alarms for events throughout winter months. In addition to this, an information event was held in QUB on 6th November for Migrant and Minority Ethnic Communities. South DPCSP and PSNI hosted an information stand, with equipment will also be distributed at this event.

How much did we do?

595 participants

48 activities

How well did we do it?

551/582 (95%) participants who report satisfaction with activities

Is anyone better off?

499/552 (90%) participants with improved confidence in policing



Queens University march for women's safety at Belfast City Hall

Around 500 people took part in the march which was organised by a Queen's University society called Walkie Talkie Girlies.

The event was aimed at highlighting violence against women and girls.

Financial Statement

BELFAST PCSP FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Budget Category	Budget agreed	Changes to budget less than 20%	Revised Budget	Actual Expenditure	Expenditure Accrued	Total Expenditure to date	Q1 Payment	Q2 Payment	Q3 Payment	Q4 Payment	Total Payments to date
	Apr 24-Mar 25	£	£	Apr 24-Mar 25	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Salaries	165,304.00	-	165,304.00	165,304.00	0.00	165,304.00	41,328.00	41,326.00	41,326.00	41,326.00	165,304.00
Total Administration	165,304.00	-	165,304.00	165,304.00	-	165,304.00	41,326.00	41,326.00	41,326.00	41,326.00	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	2,828.60	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	10,393.00	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	15,000.00	-	15,000.00	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	7,946.53	18,204.35	25,683.57	51,614.45
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	36,698.55	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	6,100.00	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	25,989.60	0.00	5,902.53	4,973.33	15,113.74	25,989.60
Spring Safety Event	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	8,125.51	3,529.87	11,665.38	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	24,576.08	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	28,250.00	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	750.00	-	750.00	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	6,655.34	45,726.32	2,371.50	5,320.93	13,275.88	24,756.81	45,726.32
Community Safety Initiative - CSI (West)	38,992.00	-	38,992.00	24,996.00	10,998.00	35,994.00	0.00	11,998.00	11,998.00	11,998.00	35,994.00
Total Operational	681,213.00	-	681,213.00	534,226.24	146,986.76	681,213.00	19,554.68	113,497.92	205,763.39	342,407.03	681,213.00
TOTAL ADMIN & OPERATIONAL	846,517.00	-	846,517.00	699,530.24	146,986.76	846,517.00	60,880.68	154,823.92	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	875,617.00	-	875,617.00	722,743.58	151,186.76	873,930.34	62,816.78	159,621.71	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 Civil Committee is in accordance with the regulations and conditions applicable.

Chief Executive Officer

09/09/25
Date

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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