Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP

Annual Report

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Chair and Vice Chair Foreword



PCSP Chairperson Cllr Julie Gilmour



PCSP Vice Chairperson Noreen McClelland

Antrim and Newtownabbey Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) considers the issues which local people identify as being of great importance and works alongside partners to seek to address those issues. The Policing Committee of Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP also brings the views of local people into consideration when working alongside the police in setting local targets for the police service to achieve.

We are delighted with the projects and initiatives that the PCSP has delivered in 2025-2026 to help make sure that the aims and objectives identified within the Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP Strategic Plan 2022-2025 were achieved.

Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP has delivered some excellent projects during this past year, including the 4 Tier Security scheme, the Bee Safe event for primary 7 pupils, a series of On Street Presence projects, various awareness raising and information sharing initiatives to improve Road Safety in the Borough, and an extensive domestic violence awareness raising campaign delivered in collaboration with key organisations.

Anti-social behaviour continues to be high on the agenda and over this past year we have seen great improvements in collaborative partnership working and sharing of resources amongst PCSP funded projects and key statutory agencies. Through these types of innovative initiatives, we are building positive relationships between our community, partners and stakeholders.

We wish to acknowledge the work, guidance and support of fellow PCSP members, PCSP staff and staff of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council who have assisted our PCSP and everyone who has been involved in making Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP successful throughout 2025-2026. We also want to extend our gratitude to the Joint Committee (NI Policing Board and the Department of Justice) for its continued commitment to our work through funding, support and guidance.

We are confident that following a challenging year, the PCSP will continue, through its endeavours, to make a substantial positive impact within the local community, through collaborative working and continued delivery of a high-quality service, ultimately contributing to a safer society for all residents and visitors.

Cllr Julie Gilmour **Noreen McClelland**

Chairperson ***Vice Chairperson***

Antrim and Newtownabbey Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP)

PCSPs receive annual funding from the Joint Committee (the Department of Justice and NI Policing Board) and Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council, with a legislative aim to work with their local community to help address crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour issues.

There have been many examples of good practice highlighted to Joint Committee by PCSPs throughout the 2025-2026 year which showcase the good work being carried out on the ground. Joint Committee has also provided support to PCSPs to use an Outcomes Based Approach (OBA) as a more consistent and better means of measuring impact and improving transparency and accountability in the delivery of their work in local communities.

PCSPs routinely use all aspects of OBA in their work, with an action plan being completed using indicator and performance measure information; a project card template being used for each initiative and thematic report cards being submitted to Joint Committee every quarter to ensure impact is measured and that the right projects are being delivered to meet identified needs.

To support PCSPs, the Joint Committee developed PCSP planning guidance which incorporates the following:

- **Information on the OBA process.**
- **An action plan template which includes a review and summary synopsis to capture the rationale for continuing, amending or not progressing projects from one year to another.**
- **A set of agreed performance measures for generic projects.**
- **A project card template to be completed for each initiative.**
- **A thematic report card template to be used to help highlight impact at a more strategic level.**
- **A framework showing how the work of PCSPs and their use of OBA supports the Common Programme for Government Outcome 7 - We have a safe community where we respect the law and each other.**

Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP was established at an inaugural meeting on 22 September 2015. The membership of the partnership is comprised of elected members, independent members and representatives from statutory agencies. Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP focuses on the policing and community safety issues that matter most within the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough to help bring about a safer community.

Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP will:

- **Consult and engage with the local community on the issues of concern in relation to policing and community safety.**
- **Identify and prioritise the issues of concern and prepare plans for how these can be addressed.**
- **Monitor the performance of the police locally and work to gain public confidence and co-operation in crime prevention.**
- **Deliver a reduction in crime and improve community safety in partnership with others.**
- **Work collaboratively with key partners to identify and address issues within the Community Plan for Antrim and Newtownabbey.**

Membership of Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP, 2025-2026

Independent Members



Noreen McClelland (Vice Chairperson)



John Webster



Kathy Wolff



Roberta Browne



Karen Kerr



Michael Maguire



Amy Stewart



Jordan Greer

Elected Members



Cllr Julie Gilmour (Chairperson)



Cllr Leah Kirkpatrick



Cllr Paul Dunlop



Alderman Linda Clarke



Cllr Mark Cooper



Cllr Michael Goodman



Alderman Julian McGrath



Cllr Taylor McGrann



Cllr Helen Magill



Cllr Stewart Wilson

Statutory Members	
Education Authority for Northern Ireland	028 9056 4000
Northern Health and Social Care Trust	028 9442 4000
Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service	028 9266 4221 (999 in the case of emergency)
Northern Ireland Housing Executive	03448 920 900
Probation Board for Northern Ireland	028 2566 4998
Police Service of Northern Ireland	999 in the case of emergency 101 non-emergency
Youth Justice for Northern Ireland	028 9031 6400

PCSP Members Attendance 2025-2026

PCSP Member	Full Partnership Meetings (4)	Operational Delivery Meetings (4)	Total Attendance (8)	Total Percentage Attendance (%)
Kathy Wolff	3	4	7	87.5%
John Webster	2	3	5	62.5%
Noreen McClelland	3	4	7	87.5%
Roberta Browne	3	2	5	62.5%
Karen Kerr	4	2	6	62.5%
Michael Maguire	4	3	7	87.5%
Jordan Greer	0	1	1	12.5%
Amy Stewart	2	2	4	50%
Cllr Leah Kirkpatrick	1	1	2	25%
Cllr Paul Dunlop	4	4	8	100%
Cllr Julie Gilmour	4	4	8	100%
Cllr Helen Magill	3	4	7	87.5%
Cllr Michael Goodman	2	2	4	50%
Cllr Mark Cooper	3	2	5	62.5%
Cllr Taylor McGrann	1	1	2	25%
Ald Linda Clarke	3	3	6	62.5%
Cllr Stewart Wilson	3	4	7	87.5%
Ald Julian McGrath	3	4	7	87.5%
Average	**2**	**3**	**5**	**62.5%**
Education Authority	2	2	4	50%
Northern Health & Social Care Trust	2	0	2	25%
Youth Justice Agency	1	1	2	25%
Probation Board NI	3	0	3	37.5%
Northern Ireland Fire Rescue Service	3	0	3	37.5%
PSNI	4	1	5	62.5%
Northern Ireland Housing Executive	3	0	3	37.5%
Average	**2**	**1**	**3**	**37.5%**

Action Plan Report

This Annual Report refers to the final year of the strategic PCSP Plan for Antrim and Newtownabbey 2022-2025 and covers the period 01 April 2025 to 31 March 2026. The plan focused on local community safety issues by addressing the strategic priorities of reducing anti-social behaviour (ASB) and crime, raising awareness and educating on key community safety issues to improve outcomes in areas such as road safety, domestic abuse, fraud, scams and internet safety. The projects delivered by the Partnership during 2025-2026 period are set out in the following pages.

During the reporting period, Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP implemented its Strategic Action Plan which includes the following three strategic themes.

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.

During the reporting period Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP has consulted extensively with the public through face to face and online surveys to raise awareness and promote the work of Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP.





The Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP 2025-2026 Strategic Action Plan contains specific performance indicators and actions to guide Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP in delivering the required outcomes that reflect the community's expectations.

Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP has continued to review its implementation structures and delivery mechanisms.

In addition to its formal structures, Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP actively encourages community participation in identifying solutions to issues whenever applicable. In response to very high levels of concern in areas within Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough regarding crime and ASB, Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP invites and co-ordinates multi-agency responses wherever appropriate, including input from the community. This process promotes accountability between Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP and the community to help generate a sense of common ownership over the process which, in turn, produces an improved and more co-ordinated service delivery.

Key Outcomes

PCSP Delivery:

- 27 Community Engagements conducted with 3725 attendees
- 3 PCSP Public meetings conducted, with 230 attendees
- 201 consultations completed in 25-26
    - 91.%% of surveyed participants reported that they feel community engagement events are an effective way of improving visibility of PCSP
    - 62% of surveyed participants said they have confidence in policing in their area
    - 95% of surveyed participants reported having increased awareness of PCSP after the engagements

Raising Awareness of Social Media:

- 349 social media posts in 2025-2026 - 148% increase in social media posts for same period as last year
- 186,337 views and 2128 interactions in 2025-2026
- 36% increase in interactions compared to same period as last year
- 2529 followers

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

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

- **On Street Presence**

On Street Presence is provided through the **Community Safety Wardens** and **Street Pastors** projects, as a practical measure to address low-level ASB and fear of crime.

The Community Safety Wardens scheme comprises of qualified security operatives patrolling across the Borough in identified areas that have experienced ASB, engaging positively with young people and communities to increase community confidence. Wardens operate in teams of two, providing an on-street presence across the Borough, Thursday to Saturday. Additional patrols take place to respond to community concerns, key times such as school holidays, and where reports of anti-social behaviour have been received.

The Street Pastors are a voluntary on-street provider, who maintain a visible presence at weekends in areas that have been known to experience ASB and engage with anyone they encounter on the street.





Key Outcomes

Community Safety Wardens:

- 1974 hours of patrols delivered
- 1399 on-street engagements
- 529 business & community group engagements
- 37 operational tasks completed supporting local priorities
- 13 community events attended strengthening visibility and reassurance

Street Pastors:

- 180 hours of on-street patrols
- 415 individuals engaged across the year
- 84 business engagements

- **Youth Engagement and Diversionary Programme**

Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP has continued with its commitment to carry out effective engagement with young people to address ASB, crime and fear of crime in identified areas. As part of this strategic priority, Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP funds the Bytes project to deliver youth provision in 12 week engagements across the Borough, as well as providing educational outreach sessions and parent and carer sessions.

This programme aims to complement existing youth provision, and the school holiday intervention activities were also supported by Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council's Good Relations Department, which is funded through The Executive Office (TEO).

This youth engagement programme engaged some of the most at-risk young people in activities that addressed a range of issues including ASB; drugs, substance and alcohol abuse; bullying; healthy relationships; citizenship and employability skills. The Programme also encourages young people to consider the causes and consequences of crime and their behaviour, through mentoring and exploring core values.





Additional intervention was delivered during the summer period to address concerns around antisocial behaviour in and around the V36 park, Newtownabbey. Working collaboratively with cross sector partners, including PCSNI, Clanmill and Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council, a programme of summer provision for young people was planned to support community engagement and wellbeing. In responding to the emergence of anti-immigration protests, racially motivated hate incidents and rising community tensions, The focus is to divert young people away from ASB and to build strong community ties and interests as a means of tackling future issues.

Activities included high risk / detached youth work, and sports-based activities including boxing and football. Local statutory representatives from PSNI also engaged with the young people through the programme to improve community relations as well as providing educational information.

Key Outcomes

- 42 developmental sessions with 295 participants engaged
- 261 outreach / detached engagements
- 14 educational outreach sessions
- 1 session for parents and carers with 15 attendees
- 216 participants surveyed across all programmes
- 98% reported increased knowledge of ASB
- 96% reported improved understanding of consequences of ASB
- 100% of parents/carers reported improved awareness of ASB and consequences for young people
- 174 yung people engaged through summer youth diversionary projects

- **ASB Education Project**

The ASB Education project delivers education performance-based interventions to young people focusing on antisocial behaviour, risky decision-making and dangers behaviours.

Commissioned by drug education charity, **DSM Foundation,** Since 2017, a Theatre in Education version of '**I Love You, Mum – I Promise I Won't Die'** adapted by playwright Mark Wheeller has been touring schools, colleges and community settings. This includes the cast delivering an interactive education workshop after performing the play, so young people are able to explore its key themes of informed decision making, risk awareness and staying safe. Tours have taken place across England, Scotland and Northern Ireland, and by January 2024, over 100,000 young people had seen a performance in this way.





Key Outcomes

- 2 Play performances, with 371 students attended sessions
- 85% feel more able to cope with negative peer influence
- 77% will use practical strategies to stay safe
- 85% know where to access support and advice
- 76% feel more confident talking to a parent/carer

- **Community Safety Grants**

The PCSP Community Safety Grants continued to support a wide range of community-led initiatives that promoted community safety, strengthened partnerships and encouraged positive engagement across the Borough. Funding enabled local organisations to deliver projects that addressed local needs, built stronger relationships between communities and statutory partners, and created opportunities for residents of all ages to participate in activities that contribute to safer communities.

Key Outcomes

- Received 22 grant applications with 19 approved
- Awarded 16 PCSP grants, supporting projects across all 6 District Electoral Areas
- 1,700 participants successfully completed funded programmes
- 100% of 650 survey respondents reported satisfaction with the programme or event

Drug and Alcohol Misuse

- **Awareness Raising Programme**

Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP has continued to deliver initiatives raising awareness of the impact of drug and alcohol misuse within our communities and promote the safe disposal of unwanted drugs.

Delivered by ASCERT, the Project focuses on providing information concerning the dangers of drugs and substances, promoting access to coping mechanisms to assist individuals to address the issues of substance abuse itself, and the impact such misuse has on families and the wider community through criminality and anti-social behaviour. This is delivered through and education awareness programme to help young people become better informed of the impact and dangers of drugs / substance misuse and dealing. Vulnerable young people impacted by drug / alcohol misuse are supported through onward referral and signposting to services. Parents are also offered support through educational sessions and onward signposting.

ASCERT also provided 'Serve Smart' training for hospitality owners, management and staff on responsible alcohol service, legal compliance and safer licensed premises.







- **RAPID Bin Initiative**

The **RAPID (Remove All Prescription and Illegal Drugs) Bin Initiative** continues to work collaboratively with the PSNI, the Public Health Agency (PHA), local Drug and Alcohol Coordination Team (DACT), local businesses and communities. RAPID was initially piloted in 2010 and due to the success of the joint health and community safety initiative, further bins have been installed throughout Northern Ireland in partnership with key statutory, community and voluntary groups. Within the Antrim and Newtownabbey borough there are 4 RAPID bins in operation, with 2 temporarily not in use due to renovations in store location. During 2025-2026, it was recorded that 3341 drugs were deposited. Location of bins needs to be evaluated to maximise impact, with consideration to more larger supermarkets with bigger footfall.



Key Outcomes

Drug and Alcohol Misuse Awareness Raising Programme:

- 16 educational sessions delivered, with 305 young people engaged
- 1 online public meeting on *Serve Smart*

- 2 parent/carer education sessions delivered, with 13 parents and carers supported
- 57 DAISY support sessions delivered, supporting 26 young people
- 70 counselling sessions delivered to young people, supporting 28 young people
- 36 young people supported through the DAISY programme
- 480 participants (100%) reported satisfaction with services

RAPID Bins:

- 6 RAPID bins – 4 currently in use
- 3341 prescription and illegal drugs collected from RAPID Bins in 2025-2026
- 100% partner reporting satisfaction with RAPID Bin Initiative

Domestic and Sexual Abuse Awareness Raising and Educational Initiatives

Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP continues to deliver a range of projects to raise awareness of domestic and sexual abuse and encourage reporting of incidents.

The **Domestic Sexual Violence Community Toolkit** was developed and launched June 2025 by Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP and PSNI to provide comprehensive, practical, and accessible information for community-focused individuals and organisations to recognise the signs of domestic and sexual abuse, respond appropriately and refer individuals to the necessary support and services. The Toolkit was named runner-up in the Best Policing and Community Safety Partnerships category in the PSNI Problem Solving Awards.

A number of events have been held to continue to raise awareness and increase understanding of domestic and sexual abuse. A **REAL (Reference Engagement and Listening) event** to tackle domestic and sexual abuse, an promote the Domestic and Sexual Abuse Community Toolkit was held in October 2025 with 80 people in attendance.

A domestic and sexual abuse awareness session was delivered in Fairview Primary School in December 2025.

In February 2026, the **Pathways to Protection** event was hosted by Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council alongside The Rowan (Northern Ireland's only Sexual Assault Referral Centre).The full-day event brought together nearly 140 professionals from the NHS, Police (PSNI), Probation, Social Services, and Women's Aid. The event included:

- The launch of a new booklet compiled by journalist Kathryn Torney, designed to guide professionals on trauma-informed referral pathways for victims of sexual abuse.
- Sessions and discussions covered child sexual abuse, non-fatal strangulation, and adult service referral pathways.
- Preliminary findings on experiences of non-fatal strangulation during consensual sexual activity in Northern Ireland.

A billboard campaign was delivered with key stakeholders and organisations to raise awareness of domestic and sexual abuse and encourage reporting. Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP continues to work collaboratively with other agencies including the Northern Domestic Sexual Violence Partnership (NDSVP).

Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP continues to support **Ending Violence Against Women and Girls** (EVAWG) activities. Two Ending Violence Against Women and Girls Conference were delivered in Q1. Additionally, 2 Survivors Training sessions with Racel Williams were delivered on 11th and 12th June.

Key Outcomes

- 6000 copies of the Domestic and Sexual Violence Community Toolkit circulated
- Online Domestic and Sexual Violence Community Toolkit accessed 23,000 times
- 15000 Helpline cards distributed
- 15000 QR code cards
- 1000 posters promoting toolkit displayed across council buildings, centres, NHSCT and other partner organisations.
- Digital toolkit accessed 23,000 times averaging 1,000 downloads per week.
- 5000 Toolkit discrete stickers distributed to Trust and maternity services.









Road Safety

- **Road Safety Initiatives**

Road safety continued to be a key priority for Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP during 2025–2026, reflecting ongoing community concerns identified through the annual PCSP Community Consultation. Working with a range of partners, PCSP delivered a programme of education, engagement and awareness initiatives to encourage safer behaviours among road users of all ages.

During Quarter 1, PCSP delivered a Road Safety Event alongside the popular **Kids Court** initiative, providing young people with an engaging opportunity to learn about the consequences of speeding and unsafe driving behaviours.

To coincide with the new school term, PCSP delivered its annual **Back to School, Be Bright, Be Seen** social media campaign throughout September, promoting road safety awareness and encouraging motorists, pedestrians and cyclists to take extra care during the darker months.

In partnership with Magowan Tyres, PCSP delivered three Road Safety and Car Knowledge information events, engaging approximately 60 participants. These practical sessions provided advice on vehicle safety, routine maintenance and responsible driving, helping to improve road safety knowledge within the local community.

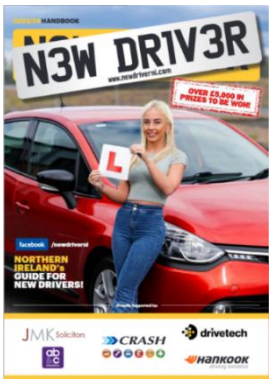
PCSP continued to support young drivers through the distribution of **Road Safe NI New Driver Road Safety** booklets to sixth form students across secondary schools throughout the Borough. The resource encourages safer driving behaviours and highlights the risks associated with speeding, distraction, drink and drug driving, fatigue and failure to wear seatbelts.

Road safety education also remained a priority for younger pupils. **Street Smart Road Safety** booklets were distributed to all Primary 5 pupils across the Borough, helping children to develop safe pedestrian habits and improve their awareness of road safety from an early age.

The annual **Primary 7 Road Safety Quiz** was successfully delivered in January 2026, engaging pupils in an interactive and enjoyable way while reinforcing important road safety messages as they prepare for the transition to post-primary education.

The **Safe Road Show** was delivered in March 2026, providing Year 13 and 14 students with a powerful and impactful presentation on the consequences of dangerous driving. Through real-life experiences and partner agency contributions, the event challenged attitudes towards risk-taking and encouraged young people to make safe and responsible choices on the road.







- **Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)**



Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP continued to address road safety through the delivery of the Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) project across the rural villages and hamlets within the Borough. 13 devices are managed by local groups and village committees. These provide an immediate deterrent, with positive driver behavioural modification evident through the data gathered by the devices as they monitor speed reductions.

This project also increases community engagement and strengthens relationships with local Neighbourhood Policing Teams, maintaining a

high focus on road safety in the Borough and influencing the deployment of police resources to areas where issues are apparent.

In addition, two mobile trailer mounted Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) are managed and deployed by PSNI to address road safety concerns within both urban and rural areas of the Borough. These devices are flexible in where they can be positioned and allow both PSNI and PCSP to respond in an agile and very visible way, to address issues regarding speed when they arise.

Data captured from mobile SIDs showed that the SID had an overall reduction of 8% on drivers speed, when comparing their approaching speed to the SID to the speed when passing the SID.

Key Outcomes

- 6 road safety events/engagements delivered in 2025-2026
- 3 Road Safety knowledge events delivered in Magowan Tyres in 2025-2026
- 800 people attended the Road Safe Road Show in Q4.
- 60 people engaged in Road Safety engagements in Q4.
- 1173 people engaged through PCSP road safety events and engagements in 2025-2026.
- 100% / of 913 surveyed participants stated they had increased awareness about road safety after the event.
- 13 SIDs and 2 mobile SIDs
- Mobile SIDs showed that the SID had an overall reduction of 8% on drivers speed, when compared with their approaching speed to the SID

Crime Involving Vulnerable People

Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP has shown its commitment to developing and overseeing the delivery of a programme of activities to improve community safety by tackling crime and anti-social behaviour affecting the most vulnerable in society.

- **4 Tier Security Scheme**

Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP has continued funding of the 4 Tier Home Security Scheme. The scheme which provides support through advice and security equipment to victims of crime or those in fear of crime within the Borough.

- **Bee Safe**

Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP once again delivered the annual 'Bee Safe' primary school events. Bee Safe adopts a multi-agency approach to promoting public safety by raising community awareness and preparing school children for the transition into secondary education. All Primary Schools in the Borough are invited to attend. Primary 7 pupils received important messages on anti-social behaviour, road safety, the dangers of drug and alcohol misuse, inclusion and diversity and mental health.



- **Hate Crime**

Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP continued to work closely with the Council's Good Relations team and statutory partners to respond to community relations issues across the Borough. During 2025–2026, an increase in racial hate crime, particularly incidents of racist graffiti, required a coordinated multi-agency response to support affected residents and promote community safety, working alongside PSNI, the Northern Ireland Housing Executive and Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council's Good Relations Team. Financial support was provided for the removal of 5 incidents of racist graffiti across the Borough.

- **Rural Crime**

Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP continued to support rural communities by promoting crime prevention initiatives and increasing awareness of schemes designed to improve community safety.

This has included attending Greenmount Campus to deliver a community safety engagement and awareness event, which engaged approximately 100 people.



- **Multi-Agency Support Hub (MASH)**

Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP continues to support the **Multi-Agency Support Hub (MASH)**, which plays a vital role in supporting vulnerable individuals across the Borough. The Hub brings together statutory partners to share information, coordinate interventions and deliver timely support to those most in need. Through collaborative working, the Hub enables agencies to respond effectively to complex community safety issues while improving outcomes for individuals and families.

Additionally, Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP contributed £1,500 towards the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council Health and Wellbeing Dementia Safeguarding Initiative.

Key Outcomes

Bee Safe:

- 1800 pupils attended Bee Safe from 47 schools

4 Tier Security Scheme:

- Level 1: 3725 people supported
- Level 2-3: 185 people supported
- Level 4: 48 people supported
- 48 home visits / contracted work conducted

Multi-Agency Support Hub (MASH):

- 12 meetings, with an additional 4 emergency meetings, facilitated with 281 actions identified
- Supported 20 active cases at the end of 2025–2026
- 28 cohorts successfully exited the Hub during 2025–2026

Hate Crime:

- Removal of 5 incidents of racist graffiti across the Borough
- 100% of those supported reported feeling safer as a result of the intervention

Rural Crime:

- 91 new members to the Farm Watch scheme
- Increased Text Alert membership to 1173 registered users

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

Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP's Policing Committee held quarterly meetings during the year with the District Commander for the Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough, to monitor police performance. These meetings also gave PCSP members the opportunity to discuss policing performance issues that were raised with them by the community.

During this year PSNI have continued to promote the message that all incidents are to be reported via 101 as this is vital for them to retain and gain more resources in areas that are in need and to help residents throughout the Borough to feel safe.

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme continued to play an important role in supporting community safety across the Borough by encouraging residents to work together with PCSP and PSNI to prevent crime, share information and increase vigilance within their local areas. Throughout 2025–2026, PCSP continued to strengthen existing schemes while supporting the establishment of a new scheme in Toome and receiving expressions of interest to develop a scheme in Merville. This has promoted community resilience and increasing opportunities for residents to engage with local policing initiatives.





Interventions

PSNI Neighbourhood Policing Teams have been availing of the engagement fund available through the PCSP Action Plan where they access funding to develop and deliver on a broad range of engagement projects with local young people and residents on a number of platforms to build strong relationships and increase visibility within local communities. Examples of this have included a Seniors Engagement Event and youth projects across the Borough.





Activities have included a Seniors Engagement event, pizza with the peelers and engagement activities such as football, climbing and karting. There has been a great response from both police and the communities in relation to the initiatives and it has created numerous opportunities police to engage with residents and identify key needs in a range of areas.

Policing Committee and Public Meetings

The PCSP Policing Committee continued to provide effective governance and oversight of local policing throughout 2025–2026. Through regular committee meetings, operational delivery meetings and public engagement events, Members scrutinised policing performance, monitored local priorities and provided opportunities for residents to raise issues directly with the PSNI. These meetings helped ensure that local policing remained accountable, transparent and responsive to the needs of communities across the Borough.

Key Outcomes

Neighbourhood Watch Schemes

- Supported 35 Neighbourhood Watch schemes, covering 4241 households, with 37 volunteer Coordinators
- Delivered 8 Neighbourhood Watch engagement initiatives, including public meetings, leaflet drops and support to establish new schemes
- Distributed crime prevention information to 250 households
- Registered 91 new members to the Text Alert scheme, increasing membership to 1173

Interventions

- Delivered 13 community engagement programmes throughout the year
- Engaged approximately 294 people through activities including sports, youth events and community engagement initiatives
- Strengthened relationships between PSNI and local communities while encouraging positive participation and improving community confidence

Policing Committee and Public Meetings

- Held 4 Policing Committee Meetings, 4 Operational Delivery Meetings and 3 public meetings during 2025–2026
- Achieved an overall Partnership Member attendance rate of 67.1% across governance meetings

Financial Statement 2025-2026

An audit of Antrim and Newtownabbey PCSP was completed in May 2026. The report concluded that overall, there is a satisfactory system of governance, risk management and control.