

Armagh Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP

Annual Report

2025/26

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Chair and Vice Chair Foreword

As outgoing Chair and Vice Chair of Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP), we are pleased to present the Annual Report for 2025/26. This report reflects the Partnership's continued commitment to supporting safer, more confident and more resilient communities across the borough.

Throughout the year, the PCSP has worked closely with statutory, community, voluntary and policing partners to address local priorities and respond to the issues that matter most to residents, businesses and visitors. Our work has included crime prevention initiatives, anti-social behaviour diversionary programmes, road safety education, domestic and sexual violence awareness, online safety, drugs and alcohol awareness, and practical support for older and vulnerable people.

The Partnership has also continued to provide opportunities for local people to have their voices heard through consultation, community engagement meetings and public-facing events. These conversations are central to shaping our priorities and ensuring that PCSP activity remains responsive to local need.

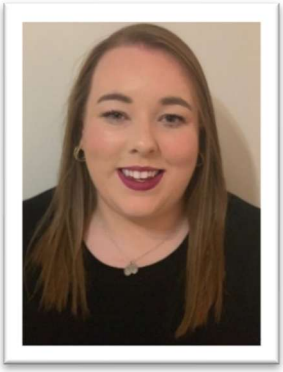
This year's report demonstrates the breadth of activity delivered across Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon, from targeted support in areas experiencing anti-social behaviour to awareness-raising programmes that help people feel safer and better informed. It also highlights the importance of partnership working in tackling complex issues and delivering practical, community-focused outcomes.

We would like to thank our PCSP Members, designated organisations, partner agencies, community and voluntary sector colleagues, local groups and residents for their continued support and engagement. We also extend our sincere thanks to the PCSP team for their hard work, professionalism and dedication throughout the year.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to building on this progress, strengthening local relationships and continuing to support communities where people respect the law, each other and feel safe in the places they live, work and visit.

Outgoing Chair Alderman Julie Flaherty & Vice Chair Caoímhe McNeill





Executive Summary

Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP works towards the shared outcome of creating a safe borough where people respect the law, respect one another and feel confident in the communities where they live, work and visit.

During 2025/26, the Partnership delivered a wide range of projects and initiatives that made a positive difference to everyday life across the Borough. This included supporting residents, working with local businesses and partners, and helping to strengthen Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon as a safe, welcoming and vibrant place to live, work and visit.

General Crime Trends

Based on PSNI statistics for the **financial year 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026** (published May 2026), crime in **Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough** continued the downward trend seen across Northern Ireland. [psni.police.uk]

Key Crime Trends

- **Recorded crime (excluding fraud)** fell to **9,009 offences** in ABC Borough during 2025/26. This represented a **10.8% decrease** compared with 2024/25 (10,103 offences).
- The reduction in ABC was greater than the Northern Ireland average, where recorded crime fell by **7.9%**, from 104,201 to 95,968 offences.
- Compared with a decade earlier (2014/15), recorded crime in the borough is now **almost 9% lower**.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

- PSNI recorded **4,986 anti-social behaviour incidents** in ABC Borough during 2025/26.
- This was a **3.6% increase** from 4,813 incidents in 2024/25.
- Despite the recent increase, ASB levels remain substantially below historic levels and are **13.9% lower than in 2014/15**.

Overall Assessment

PSNI data suggests that **overall crime in ABC Borough improved significantly during 2025/26**, with one of the largest year-on-year reductions in recent years. The main positive trend was the substantial fall in recorded crime, while the principal challenge was a modest rise in anti-social behaviour incidents. Overall, the borough remains broadly aligned with—and in some respects performing better than—the wider Northern Ireland trend for crime reduction.

Headline Figures

Indicator	2024/25	2025/26	Change
Recorded crime (excluding fraud)	10,103	9,009	**-10.8%**
Anti-social behaviour incidents	4,813	4,986	**+3.6%**

Sources: PSNI Police Recorded Crime Statistics (period ending 31 March 2026) and Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council statistical profile using PSNI data. [psni.police.uk]

PCSP Activity this year included:

- Projects aimed at reducing crime and fear of crime across rural and urban communities especially older and vulnerable people by educating and informing the community of steps that can be taken to prevent becoming a victim of crime.
- Projects that aim to reduce the damage to communities caused by anti-social behaviour in the Borough, with an emphasis on problem solving partnership working, early intervention and diversionary activity
- Projects that aim to reduce harm and raise awareness on a range of issues including hate crime, domestic and sexual violence, internet safety, personal safety, and safety on the road with a specific emphasis on young people.
- Activities that support monitoring of local police performance and ensure local accountability.
- Activities and projects that support community and police engagement.
- Activities that build community confidence in the rule of law

Delivery the Functions of the PCSP	Facilitation of PCSP private & public meetings and meaningful engagement with local people on matters of community safety and policing. Awareness raising of the work of the PCSP using traditional and social media methods.
Crime Prevention	Initiatives including the following. • Home security & scams prevention – with a particular focus older people • General crime prevention awareness raising • Increasing No cold calling zones • Text Alert Scheme • Supporting Watch Schemes • Good Morning Service • Business and agricultural Crime Prevention

Anti-social behaviour	Improving community safety and tackling ASB locally by delivering: • ASB Diversionary Programmes • Problem solving partnership working. • Intergenerational programmes • Offensive graffiti removal (including the removal of hate crime related graffiti). • Get Home Safe Bus
Reducing Harm	Initiatives aimed at reducing harm and raising awareness of support on issues including: • Domestic & Sexual Violence • Internet and personal safety – including cybercrime. • Road safety • Vulnerability and mental health • Drugs and alcohol • Hate Crime • Engagement with young people to provide early intervention awareness, support, and information available on a range of issues which negatively impact them. • Provision of Community Safety Warden service
Community Confidence in policing	Monitoring police performance Delivering activities to support community and police engagement Supporting local communities to become resilient to harmful influence and coercive control of organised crime.

Introduction

Borough Overview

Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council is one of Northern Ireland's largest local government districts, covering approximately 554 square miles and serving a population of almost 220,000 residents and over 8,000 businesses.

The Borough includes three main urban centres: Armagh City, Banbridge, and the Craigavon urban area, which includes Portadown, Central Craigavon and Lurgan. It also contains six local towns — Dromore, Rathfriland, Gilford, Tandragee, Markethill and Keady — along with 29 villages and 66 small settlements, giving it a mix of urban, rural and border communities.

The Council has 41 Elected Members and works across a broad range of services including community planning, economic development, environmental services, leisure, tourism, regeneration, community development and good relations,

Within this wider context, the PCSP contributes to the Council's ambition for a caring, safe and welcoming borough, supporting partnership working around crime prevention, anti-social behaviour, community safety, confidence in policing, and support for vulnerable residents.

Community Planning

The Council's Community Plan, **Connected**, sets out the shared long-term vision for Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough up to 2030. It is based on partnership working between the Council, statutory bodies, community and voluntary organisations, and local people to improve wellbeing and quality of life across the Borough.



The Community Plan is about helping people and organisations work together to make the Borough a better place to live, work and visit. It focuses on the major issues that affect everyday life, including health, education, employment, safety, community wellbeing and the environment.

A key theme within the plan is the ambition that people live in a caring and safe borough, where they can lead healthy, fulfilling lives and take pride in shaping and enriching community life. This links directly to the work of the PCSP, particularly through activity that supports safe and welcoming communities, reduces crime and anti-social behaviour, builds confidence in policing, and helps vulnerable residents feel safer.

Overall, the Community Plan provides the wider strategic framework for local services and partnership activity, encouraging more joined-up, people-centred public services and ensuring resources are used effectively to respond to local need.

Background of the PCSP

Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP is a partnership between Elected Representatives from Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council, representatives of the local community and statutory bodies that have been designated regionally by the Northern Ireland Assembly under the Justice Act (NI) 2011.

Armagh Banbridge and Craigavon PCSP has ten political members appointed by Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council reflecting the political balance of the Council as a whole at the last Local Government Election.

The NI Policing Board appoints nine independent members of the community. Together these members form the Policing Committee of the PCSP. In addition, PCSPs have representatives from seven designated bodies who all have a role to play in community safety.

- Probation Board for Northern Ireland
- Northern Ireland Housing Executive
- Youth Justice Agency
- Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service
- Southern Health and Social Services Trust
- Education Authority Northern Ireland
- Police Service of Northern Ireland

Each year Council nominates the Chairperson of the PCSP, and the Vice-Chair of the Partnership is one of the Independent Members elected by the other Independent Members of the Partnership.

The PCSP was formally reconstituted in June 2024.

In 2025/26 Armagh Banbridge and Craigavon PCSP was made up of the following members:

PCSP Membership

Elected Members	Independent Members	Designated Organisations
Alderman Mark Baxter (DUP)	Mr Gilbert Lee	Northern Ireland Probation Board
Councillor Julie Flaherty (UUP)	Mr James Camblin	Northern Ireland Housing Executive

Alderman Paul Greenfield (DUP)	Mrs Lynne McCausland	Youth Justice Agency
Councillor Keith Haughian (SF)	Mr Paul Finegan	Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service
Councillor Lavelle McIlwrath (DUP)	Mr Johnny Mercer	Southern Health and Social Services Trust
Councillor Clare McConville Walker (SF)	Mr Barry McCrory	Education Authority Northern Ireland
Councillor Kevin Savage (SF)	Mr Blaine McCartney	Police Service of Northern Ireland
Alderman Gareth Wilson (DUP)	Mrs Holly Knox	
Councillor Sarah Duffy (SF)	Miss Caoímhe McNeill (Vice Chair)	
Councillor Peter Lavery (APNI)		

Working together with our partner agencies to make our community safer

PCSP Member Meeting Attendance

	Policing Committee (4 meetings held)	PCSP Meeting (4 meetings held)
Political Members		
Alderman Mark Baxter	**4**	**4**
Councillor Julie Flaherty (Chair)	**4**	**4**
Alderman Paul Greenfield	**4**	**4**
Councillor Keith Haughian	**0**	**1**
Councillor Lavelle McIlwrath	**3**	**4**
Councillor Clare McConville Walker	**3**	**3**
Councillor Catherine Nelson	**0**	**2**
Alderman Gareth Wilson (resigned Feb 2026)	**2**	**2**
Councillor Adam Copeland (replaced Gareth Wilson)	**1**	**0**
Councillor Sarah Duffy	1	**2**
Councillor Peter Lavery	2	**1**
Councillor Kevin Savage	0	**2**
Councillor Joy Ferguson	0	**3**
Councillor Chris McCartney	2	**2**
Independent Members		
Mr Gilbert Lee	**4**	**4**
Mr James Camblin	**3**	**3**
Mrs Lynne McCausland	**4**	**4**
Mr Paul Finegan	**3**	**3**
Mr Johnny Mercer	**4**	**4**
Mr Barry McCrory	**2**	**4**
Mr Blaine McCartney	**4**	**3**
Mrs Holly Knox	**1**	**3**
Miss Caoímhe McNeill (Vice Chair)	**3**	**3**
Designated Organisations		
Probation Board for Northern Ireland	**n/a**	**4**
Northern Ireland Housing Executive	**n/a**	**4**
Youth Justice Agency	**n/a**	**4**
Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service	**n/a**	**2**
Southern Health and Social Services Trust	**n/a**	**3**
Education Authority Northern Ireland	**n/a**	**3**
Police Service of Northern Ireland	**4**	**4**

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PCSP Action Plan by theme

Action Plan theme	Operational funding allocation £
Strategic Objective 1: Form & Deliver Functions of PCSP	
Deliver PCSP Functions	5,000.00
Strategic Objective 2: Improve Commnity Safety	
Crime Prevention Initiatives & Campaigns	68,832.00
Good Morning Scheme	11,052.00
ASB Diversionary Programmes	23,378.00
Intergenerational Programmes	15,878.00
Graffiti Removal Scheme	15,878.00
Drugs & Alcohol Initiatives, Workshops & Awareness Raising	27,378.00
Get Home Safe Bus	28,878.00
Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness Raising Initiatives	27,378.00
Schools & Young Peoples Engagement	18,878.00
Road Safety Education & Awareness Initiatives	17,308.00
Community Safety Warden Service	92,878.00
Strategic Objective 3: Improve Community Confidence in Policing	
Monitor Local Police Performance	750.00
Engagement of Local Community and Police	10,000.00
Text Alert Scheme	13,878.00
Watch Schemes & No Cold Calling Zones	13,378.00
Total Operational	**384,722.00**

Year-end Financials

2025/26 Expenditure

Budget Line	***Allocated amount***	***Amount Spent***
Administration and Operational	£412,722.00	£384,722.00
Meeting Expenses	£12,500.00	£,4414.78
Total Budget (Admin, Operational and Meeting Expenses)	**£425,222.00**	**£417,138.00**

The Full Financial Statement can be found at Appendix 1

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.

through:

- *carrying out meaningful engagement in the district with the local community, relevant statutory partners / agencies, businesses and the community & voluntary sector in the development and implementation of PCSP Action Plans.*
- *ensuring ongoing two-way engagement in the district with the local community, relevant statutory partners / agencies, businesses and the community & voluntary sector to provide a problem-solving forum to identify effective solutions to local issues, ensuring sufficient flexibility to address issues as they emerge, and seeking relevant expertise from the designated organisations as appropriate;*
- *using a range of platforms, including multi-media, to communicate and promote the work of the PCSP; and*
- *increasing awareness of the work of the PCSP.*

OBA Overview

How much did we do?

- Public Consultation Survey carried out with 1025 questionnaires completed
- 8 Community Engagement Meetings held & attended by 148 participants/attendees
- 501 Facebook posts and 23 reels
- 211 Stories to Facebook and Instagram
- 81 Press Reports
- Advertising Value Equivalent of £252,692 (340% increase on last year's figures)

How well did we do it?

- 6752 Facebook followers (a 21% increase on last year)
- 437 Instagram followers (4.5% increase on last year)

Is anyone better off?

- 100% of 6752 social media users with an increased awareness of the work of PCSPs
- 100% of 148 members of the public were satisfied with the meeting/event and felt they had their voice heard

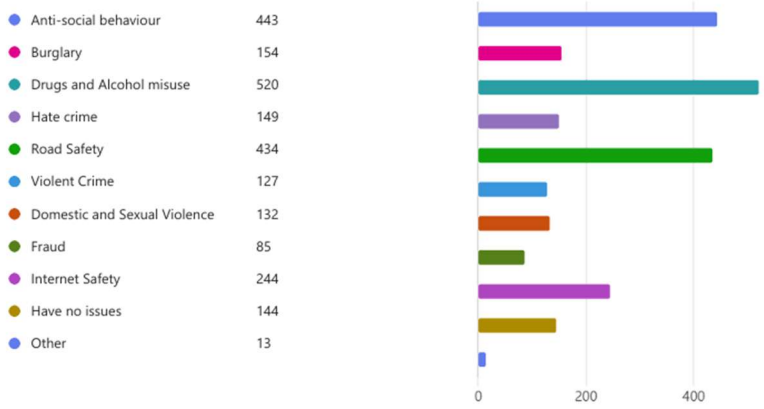
Throughout the year the views of people who attend our events or visit our information stands are gathered by asking them for the priorities the PCSP should be concentrating on.

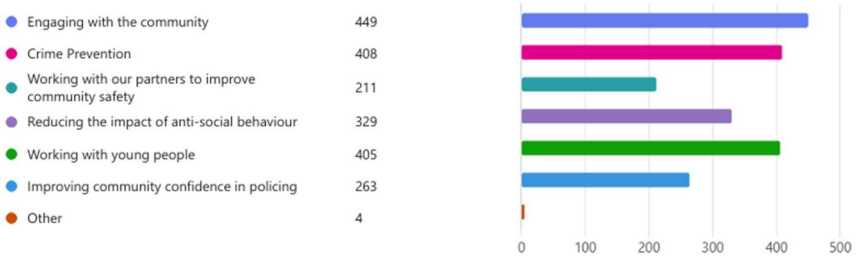
PCSP staff hold numerous engagement events and information days, including our regular Community Engagement Meetings which allow local people direct access to a local senior PSNI Officer who provides and update on policing in their local area and a forum for local people to discuss issues they are experiencing in their local community.

The partnership is regularly invited to attend events such as wellness days, fun days, information events, etc organised by statutory, voluntary and community organisations with an information stand to promote the work of the PCSP and provide advice and support.

Best practice examples

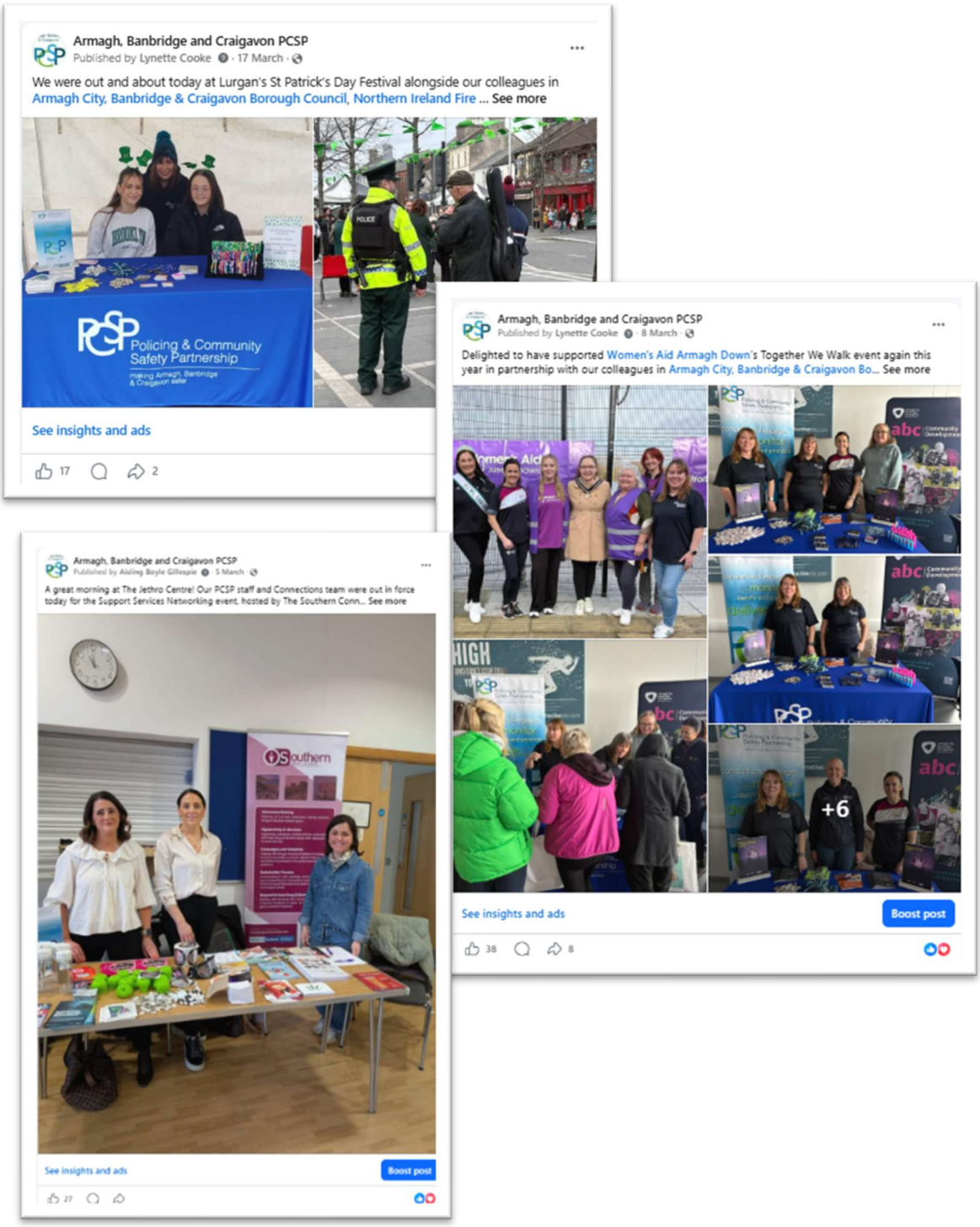
Name of engagement activity/event	Community Consultation Survey
Cost of event:	No cost – staff time only
Partners:	n/a
Description of activity/event	Questionnaires were distributed at programmes, events and information stands throughout the year and posted on our Social Media platforms throughout the 2nd and 3rd asking for views. 367 people completed the questionnaire, and a summary of the data included: Public consultation survey completed by 1025 people. **Current three biggest issues:** Most Important activities PCSP and partners should concentrate on: • Drugs and Alcohol misuse • Road Safety • Anti-social behaviour How much confidence do you have in the Police.

	• Total Confidence 34% (increase of 2% compared to previous year's figure of 32%) • Some confidence 59% (down 2% compared to previous year's figure of 61%) • No confidence 7% (remains the same as previous year)
Impact of the work	The information collected was extremely useful to sense check and provide a data to inform members when deciding on the next years Action Plan priorities. Listening and responding to issues identified enables the partnership to prioritise and deliver projects on the things that really matter to people of the borough. This information also provides baseline information to be able to measure the impact of our work over a longer period. It was pleasing to note that more people have total confidence in the police this year compared to the previous year.
OBA	**How Much Did We Do?** 1 Community Consultation conducted. **How Well Did We Do?** 1025 people provided their views on Community Safety and Policing **Is Anyone Better Off?** 100% of those who provided their views felt their voice was heard. 1. **What do you feel are the current 3 biggest issues where you live?** 

	6. **How safe do you feel where you live?**  2. **Please choose the most important activities you think the PCSP and its partners should concentrate on where you live?** 

Name of engagement activity/event	Raise awareness of the PCSP using traditional and social media methods
Funded amount	£0 – staff cost only
Partners	n/a
Description of project	ABC PCSP uses a variety of methods to let local people know about the work of the partnership and its partners. Platforms used are Facebook and Instagram. Local press coverage of events and projects is also measured using a method known as Advertising Value Equivalent.
Impact of the project	ABC PCSP has continued to excel in raising the profile of the work of the partnership and its partners. One of the highest performing social media pages amongst the PCSPs in Northern Ireland.
OBA	**How much did we do?** • 501 Facebook posts and 23 reels • 211 Stories to Facebook and Instagram • 81 Press Reports • Advertising Value Equivalent of £252,692 (340% increase on last year's figures) **How well did we do it?** • 6752 Facebook followers (a 21% increase on last year) • 437 Insta followers (4.5% increase on last year)

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Strategic Priority 2

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

Through:

- *utilising the partnership created by the statutory, elected and independent/ community membership of the PCSP to initiate and lead work to improve community safety and tackle ASB locally.*
- *working in partnership to develop outcome and locality focused interventions to address the most pressing crime types and behaviours impacting local community safety, as evidenced by local need, with appropriate targets and indicators so that impacts can be measured.*
- *drawing on best practice, promote early intervention and collaborating effectively to improve PCSP-supported projects and programmes that address the underlying causes of ASB, crime and the fear of crime in the community, including, where appropriate, a focus on changing behaviours.*
- *enhancing safety and feelings of safety, in particular for those who might be more vulnerable.*
- *engaging with partners in the district, to horizon scan in order to respond to and re-direct resources to respond to emerging local community safety issues.*
- *having cognisance of the Community Safety Framework in developing local plans, and providing a feedback loop to the Community Safety Board on local issues in order to inform community safety policy development – and vice versa; and*

Providing comprehensive community input into decision making processes about tackling actual and perceived anti-social behaviour and giving feedback to the community on the effectiveness of interventions on meeting outcomes.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB)

PCSP Officers have continued to build strong collaborative partnerships with local stakeholders, implementing multi-agency problem-solving approaches in identified hotspot locations such as parks, open spaces, residential and other public areas

where incidents of anti-social behaviour (ASB) had been highlighted to the PCSP or its partners, including:

- Dobbin Lane, Armagh
- Harford Place, Portadown
- Dromore Park and Rampart Street, Dromore
- Edenderry, Portadown
- Kernan Hill Manor, Portadown
- Queen's Walk, Lurgan
- Trasna Way, Lurgan
- Lurgan Park
- Loughgall Golf Club
- Former St Ronan's School site, Lurgan
- Hamiltonsbawn
- Keady
- McDonalds Lurgan

Throughout the year, an extensive programme of diversionary activities was delivered, incorporating a diverse mix of sport, music, arts, and issue-based sessions. A total of 49 sessions were held, engaging 713 participants across various parts of our Borough.

- Keady Friday Night Club
- North Lurgan Girls Programme
- Magheralin Art Programme
- Craigavon Integrated Summer Programme
- Youth Leadership Programme
- Lurgan Bowling Festival
- Skate & Create
- Taghnevan Halloween Engagement Programme
- Portadown Youth Providers Forum Craft Event
- Epicentre Halloween Event
- Girls Empowerment Programme (Lurgan Youth Annexe)
- 12th Man Programme with Glenavon FC
- Lawfulness Programme St Patrick's Youth Club Keady
- Basketball Programme St Mary's Youth Club, Portadown
- Epic Girls Programme

Other projects under the Anti-social behaviour section of the Action Plan include:

- Get Home Safe Bus
- Offensive Graffiti Removal Scheme
- Intergenerational Programmes

How much did we do?

17 ASB Hotspots monitored with problem solving/partnership working actions carried out

15 Diversionary projects delivered to * participants over 49 sessions.

52 Nights of Service - Get Home Safe Bus Lurgan with a total of 3410 service users

16 Nights of Service – Get Home Safe Bus Portadown Pilot with a total of 1492 service users

32 requests for removal of Offensive Graffiti with 299 sq m of offensive graffiti removed

5 Intergenerational Projects delivered involving 89 participants

How well did we do it

100% of 5 partners report satisfaction with ASB Hotspot partnership working

6752 (94%) of participants reporting satisfaction with diversionary activities

100% of 4902 Get Home Safe service users reported satisfaction with the service

100% of 32 people who have requested removal report satisfaction with the Offensive Graffiti Removal Scheme

Is anyone better off?

100% of 5 partners report that they have improved partnership working with key stakeholders to deal with ASB because of PCSP involvement.

693 (97%) participants with changed behaviour/circumstances because of their participation in an ASB Diversionary project or session.

100% of 3005 Get Home Safe service users felt safer because of the service.

100% of people who requested removal of offensive graffiti felt their area was improved/ felt safer because of graffiti removal.

Best practice example – ASB Diversionary

Name of Project	Youth Leadership Programme
Funded amount	£356.35
Partners	Armagh Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council Community Development Department, Clann Éireann and Scotch Street Youth Clubs
Description of project	Facilitated by the Boys & Girls Club NI and supported by the Councils Community Development Department, Clann Éireann Youth Club and Scotch Street Youth Club this cross community 6-week programme focussed on building relationships, learning new skills, team building and presentation skills. The young people also had to prepare a team session for the rest of the group. PCSP & CD staff also organised a 2 day overnight residential at Jungle/Splash NI.
Impact of the project	*Feedback from Scotch Street Youth Club Leaders:*

	All of the young people reported that they thoroughly enjoyed the programme and found it a very positive experience. Every participant successfully achieved a qualification, developed new skills, and grew in confidence. They especially valued the chance to work with a new group, building teamwork and friendships along the way. Participants expressed high levels of satisfaction with the activities delivered. Our organisation is delighted with the opportunity this programme has provided, as it enabled young people to access experiences and qualifications we would not otherwise have been able to offer. Feedback from participants: *It was very well run. Topics were good and interesting. Maybe break the book work up a bit. Residential was very good* *I feel that I have become a bit more sociable and more confident in talking to younger people*
OBA	**How Much Did We Do?** 19 young people participated in the Youth Leadership Programme – 7 from Scotch Street Youth Club and 12 from Clann Eireann Youth Club **How Well Did We Do?** 100% of 19 participants/partners reporting satisfaction with activities 100% of 3 partners reporting satisfaction with activities **Is Anyone Better Off?** 100% of 19 participants with changed behaviour/circumstances because of participation 100% of 3 partners reporting improved partnership working with other key stakeholders (because of their involvement with PCSP) **Feedback from participants:** *I learned lots about leadership styles and communication which helps with youth work. I also participated in group discussions and icebreakers which improved my social skills. The presentation I did also helped me because it made me more comfortable with public speaking.* **Feedback from parents:** *My daughter feels she is better for having attending. She identified the benefits as enhancing her CV, giving more*

	confidence in youth leadership and generally. Also beneficial with regard to mixing with other people. *It provided an opportunity to engage over the summer that my son wouldn't have had the opportunity to do. He loved the residential weekend and getting the opportunity to do something on a weekly basis. He will continue to volunteer in his youth club due to this positive experience* **Feedback from Youth Leaders:** *The programme has made a clear difference. Young people have developed stronger leadership skills, more confidence, and have gained a recognised qualification. They have shown positive changes in how they work with others, taking on responsibility and contributing ideas within the group.* *As an organisation, we feel this opportunity has given the young people experiences they would not normally have access to, helping them grow in independence, resilience, and teamwork. We can see that they are better equipped to take on leadership roles in the future, both in our projects and in their wider communities.*
	

Theme: Crime Prevention

This section of the Action Plan focused on delivering targeted projects to reduce crime and the fear of crime, while strengthening feelings of safety and security across both rural and urban communities. Particular attention was given to older and vulnerable residents, with initiatives designed to provide practical advice on how people can protect themselves, their homes and their property. During the year, 44 community and social groups received crime prevention and scams awareness presentations, covering practical home security measures, bogus callers, domestic burglary, scams prevention and signposting to relevant support agencies and services.

These activities helped address immediate community concerns while also creating valuable engagement opportunities. Feedback from residents, community groups and partner organisations continues to inform the PCSP's future planning, helping to ensure that projects remain relevant, responsive and effective in promoting safety and reducing crime.

Although burglary levels remain relatively low across the borough, burglary and fear of crime continue to be concerns within local communities. Crime prevention remains a key priority, as reflected through community feedback, and the PCSP remains committed to supporting residents through proactive engagement, information sharing and practical interventions.

Older residents benefited from PCSP support for the Good Morning Telephone Service and the delivery of the Older Persons Home Security Scheme. The scheme is available to residents aged 65 and over in the ABC area who have experienced domestic burglary or doorstep crime, or who live with a genuine fear of such incidents. It provides a home security assessment and tailored recommendations to improve safety and reassurance.

Hate crime awareness remains an important element of the PCSP's crime prevention work. Activity during the year included engagement with young people and partner organisations to increase understanding of hate crime, its impact on victims and the importance of reporting concerns and accessing support.

How much did we do?
19 referrals to Home Security Scheme
14 Home Security Home Assessments carried out
78 Items of Home Security Equipment provided
8 Onward referrals to other agencies
44 Crime Prevention. /Scams talks given to 1171 people
6678 RFID card protectors and 5152 Ice Cards distributed
3 Keep Safe Keep Well conferences attended by 404 older people
231 Older people receiving regular Good Morning Scheme Calls per quarter
44 Keyless car theft Faraday Pouches
7 'Speak Up' Play performances attended by 14 Post Primary Schools and 832 young people

How well did we do it?
100% of 14 Home Security Visit recipients satisfied with the service
100% of 1171 people who received a Crime Prevention/Scam presentation satisfied with the information provided.
91% of Good Morning scheme clients satisfied with the service
100% of 404 attendees at the Keep Safe Keep Well conferences found the event very useful and enjoyable.
100% of 832 attendees at the Speak Up Play were happy with the event

Is anyone better off?
14 Older people felt safer in their own home because of a home security visit.
231 Older people being supported because of the Good Morning Scheme Calls
832 Young people have improved awareness about hate crime
404 attendees at the Keep Safe Keep Well Conferences have improved knowledge and awareness of how to keep themselves safe.
100% of 832 attendees at the Speak Up Play have improved knowledge and awareness of hate crime and its consequences.

Best practice example – Crime & Fear of Crime

Name of Project	Keep Safe Keep Well Conferences
Funded amount	£7,422.75
Partners	ABC Council Age Friendly, PSNI, NIFRS, Southern Health and Social Services Trust
Description of project	Three Keep Safe Keep Well events were organised by Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Policing and Community Safety Partnership, in partnership with Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council's Age Friendly Officer. These free to attend events were aimed at residents aged 60 and over and focused on practical ways to stay safe and well. A range of information stands was available, giving partner agencies the opportunity to share advice, promote services and provide information on issues affecting older people. Speakers from partner agencies, including the PSNI, Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service and the Health Trust, delivered presentations on topics such as scams awareness, fire safety, road safety, access to services and general wellbeing. The events also included interactive activities to encourage people to keep active, followed by a free lunch, creating a welcoming environment for older residents to meet others, have a chat and receive useful advice. The events took place at:

	Lough Neagh Discovery Centre – 11 February 2026 **Bannville Hotel, Banbridge – 25 February 2026** **Armagh City Hotel – 11 March 2026**
Impact of the project	At the first event held at Lough Neagh Discovery Centre Siobhan Casey, The Commissioner for Older People for Northern Ireland, was among the guest speakers she said "I'm delighted to be invited to come along and speak at your conference. This sort of event is so important to older members of our community. In a recent survey I commissioned the 2nd biggest worry for older people was safety in their home and in their lives. Events like this really do make a difference and keep people safe in their own homes". *Feedback from participants:* "Just wanted to congratulate you and your team on yesterday's conference at the Discovery Centre. There was a lot of information on hand and all of it useful but the one that stood out for me was Access and Information and I noted you had need of it in the past and how efficient it was." "Thank you very much for a great morning in Armagh. We enjoyed all the information at the stands. The Speakers were really good, and we enjoyed our coffee and scone plus Stew. We enjoyed the whole event."
OBA	**How Much Did We Do?** 3 Keep Safe Keep Well conferences attended by 404 older people **How Well Did We Do?** 100% of the 404 participants **Is Anyone Better Off?** 404 attendees at the Keep Safe Keep Well Conferences have improved knowledge and awareness of how to keep themselves safe.



Best practice example – Hate Crime

Name of Project	Speak Up – Hate Crime Awareness Play
Funded amount	£3,313.17
Partners	PSNI, Victims Support Hate Crime Advocacy Service, Armagh City Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council Good Relations Team, Ark Housing, Southern Regional College, Community Arts Partnership and NIHE
Description of project	Southern Regional College Performing Arts students wrote and delivered their Theatre in Education production, *Speak Up*, which explored the issue of hate

	crime by encouraging young audiences to consider the experiences of others and understand the serious impact that hate crime can have on individuals and communities. Commissioned by the Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) and the PSNI, the production addressed themes of race, disability, religion and sectarianism, while promoting kindness, respect and inclusion. The project was delivered through collaborative partnership working between ABC PCSP, PSNI, ABC Community Development, Community Arts, Ark Housing, The Executive Office and Southern Regional College. Together, partners aimed to encourage empathy and understanding, and to amplify the community voice in speaking up against hate crime. SRC's Performing Arts Level 3 Extended Diploma students, supported by Creative Music and Audio Production Foundation Degree students, developed and delivered *Speak Up* as a powerful Theatre in Education performance with a strong message for young audiences. The production toured primary schools across the Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council area and included a special performance at Armagh City Hotel on Tuesday 21 October. Through the performance, students encouraged primary school pupils to stand up and speak up against hate crime, not only for themselves but also for friends, family members and others who may not have the confidence or ability to do so. Commissioned as part of the school's affiliation programme, the production used drama to educate pupils on a topical issue. This year's chosen theme was *Speak Up*, with second year Performing Arts students writing age-appropriate content for a target audience of Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils. While the PSNI monitors six strands of hate crime, the students focused on four: race, disability, religion and sectarianism. They drew on their own experiences of growing up in an increasingly multicultural society, alongside research into hate crime, to bring an authentic young person's perspective to the play. The performance was further enhanced by the College's Creative Music and Audio Production Foundation Degree students, who contributed their lighting and sound expertise to create an immersive experience for audiences. The project provided an important opportunity for people to come together, share experiences, and access advice

	and support from organisations on identifying and reporting hate crime. SRC students did an excellent job of bringing the hard-hitting impact of hate crime to life in a way that was accessible and meaningful for young audiences. Through this original performance primary school children were encouraged to reflect on acceptance and inclusion. The play reinforced the message that differences in skin colour, religion or ability should never divide communities, and that kindness, respect and compassion should guide how people treat one another. A total of thirteen Primary Schools (PS) attended this year's performances which included pupils from Christian Brothers' PS, Armagh; Mount St Catherine's PS, Armagh; St Patricks PS, Armagh, Edenderry PS, Banbridge; Drumadonnell PS, Moneyslane; Bridge PS, Banbridge; St Colman's PS, Lawerence; St John the Baptist PS, Portadown; Edenderry PS, Portadown; Hart Memorial, Portadown; St Teresa's PS, Lurgan; St Brendan's PS, Moyraverty; St Anthony's PS, Craigavon.
Impact of the project	ABC PCP was delighted to work in partnership with SRC Performing Arts Department again this year for their tour of an amazing production to raise awareness of hate crime. 'Speak Up' was written and performed by Teresa McBride and her students and has received tremendous reviews from right across the Borough. Teresa McBride, Co-ordinator for the Performing Arts Extended Diploma said: *"Performing arts students handled the challenging topic of hate crime with real thought and creativity. They spent time researching what hate crime means and how it affects people's lives, then worked together to find ways to share that message through performance."* Teresa continued. *"By using physical theatre and comedy, students found a clever way to keep children in the audience engaged while still getting across the important message of kindness, respect, and understanding."* *We hope that the children take these lessons home and share them with their parents and grandparents, who may have grown up in Northern Ireland at a time when prejudice and division were more common. By encouraging open conversations across generations, we wanted to inspire understanding and help build a more inclusive and united community."*

OBA	**How much did we do?** 7 'Speak Up' Play performances attended by 14 Primary Schools and 832 young people 1 community/public performance event **How well did we do it?** 100% of 4 partners reporting satisfaction with activities/service. **Is anyone better off?** 100% of 832 audience members had increased awareness of Hate Crime and how to speak against it.



Theme: Reducing Harm

Included under this sub-heading of our Action Plan were activities that sought to address:

- Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness Raising Support and signposting
- Engagement with Young People to raise awareness of the support and information available on a range of emerging issues
- Road Safety Education and Awareness (including SIDs)
- Community Safety Wardens

- Drugs and Alcohol Initiatives, workshops and awareness raising (including RAPID bins)

How much did we do?

16 men supported through Men's Advisory Project NI Male Domestic Violence Counselling and support sessions.

17 Children supported by Women's Aid Armagh through the SAHRA Project.

42 young women took part the Banbridge Girls Night In Project

20 Holieguard App Codes made available to PSNI for victims of stalking behaviour

57 Primary Schools and 1876 P7 pupils took part in our Bee Safe Programme

500 Further Education students engaged with at Southern Regional College Freshers Fairs.

7 Halloween Spooktacular sessions involving 426 participants

130 people engaged with at Edenderry Primary School Fair

10 ABC Road Safety Partnership meetings facilitated.

60 Road Safety Talks delivered to 4150 people

1 Basic Car Maintenance session delivered to 12 people

170 people engaged with at 4 Road Safety Information Stands

11 Semi-permanent Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) deployed across the Borough

3 Neighbourhood Policing Teams deployed temporary SIDs

2 Road Safe Road Shows delivered to 1800 post primary school students

1522 Community Safety Patrols carried out – totalling 3576 hours of active patrolling

997 Post Primary School students at 10 schools received a drugs talk from Theresa Burke

46,684 items removed from 12 RAPID drugs bins

6 performances of 'I Love You Mum – I don't want to die" delivered to 823 students.

How well did we do it?

97% of 16 Male Domestic Violence support were satisfied with the service

100% of 17 Children supported by the SAHRA project satisfied with the service

100% of 42 participants in the Banbridge Girls Night In Project

9 Hollieguard codes redeemed with 43 logins and 5 alerts registered

100% of 1876 Bee Safe participants satisfied with the event

100% of 231 participants (who filled out the evaluation form) were happy with the events.

An average of 17 people attended the ABC Road Safety Meetings

100% of4150 recipients of a road safety talk were satisfied with the content

100% of 12 participants in the Basic Car Maintenance session were satisfied with the content

75% of Neighbourhood Teams were provided with a SID

99% of recipients of the Theresa Burke talks were satisfied with the content

95% of audience members at the 'I Love You Mum' Play had given them useful information and advice

Is anyone better off?

80% of 13 men who received Domestic Violence/Counselling had move awareness of support available and felt safer as a result of the service

17 Children who have experienced Domestic Violence are better supported and have improved awareness/knowledge on how to keep themselves safe

42 participants in the Banbridge Girls Night in have an increase knowledge on how to keep themselves safe

9 recipients of the Hollieguard App code have access to a safety device on their phone

100% of 1876 P7 students have a greater awareness/knowledge on a range of ways to keep themselves safe

100% of 500 students at SRC Freshers Fairs have a greater awareness/knowledge on a range of community safety issues.

100% of 231 participants (who completed the evaluation) had improved engagement with PCSP and partners.

4150 people who received a road safety talk have increased awareness of road safety actions they can take to keep themselves and others safe on the road.

100% of 1800 post primary school students have a greater understanding of the consequences of a road traffic collision

100% of 994 students who received the Theresa Burke Drugs Talk were more aware of the dangers of misuse of drugs.

95% of 823 audience members at the 'I Love You Mum' Drugs play learned about the consequences of taking drugs and its impact on self and others, 77% said they would use some of the practical learning to stay safe and 85% said they'd be able to cope with negative peer influence better.

Best practice example – Engagement with Young People

Name of Project	Halloween Spooktacular Events
Funded amount	£1,347.14
Partners	ABC Council Community Development, Parks and Outdoor Leisure and PSNI
Description of project	3 days of Halloween Spectacular events with a total of 7 sessions. Included storytelling, spooky trail, Halloween characters, bushcraft, spooky animals and creatures, pumpkin carving, blind boxes, garden games and potions. In partnership with PCSP, Community Development, Parks, Outdoor Leisure and Conservation. PSNI also attended some of the sessions.
Impact of the project	The events held in Dromore, Portadown and Lurgan were designed to increase engagement of young people and local services and well as bring the community together to promote good relations. Participants praised the trail and the pumpkin carving and were very impressed that the trail was lit up as this was very good for children with additional needs. There was no negative feedback, the low cost was also highlighted and the hope that this will be run again. Comments from participants **Edenvilla Park.** *Brilliant, very well run, lots of activities, fun.* *Halloween fun day at a reasonable price for working class families, very good indeed* *Excellent community focussed event – really well organised! The kids had so much fun!* *I liked the clues and I liked the characters* **Dromore Town Park.** *Super fun* *Very well run, plenty to do and lots of fun. Thank you!* *Very good trail was good fun* *Very well organised* **Lurgan Park.** *A great event for our family, so close to home and not overpriced* *The dress up man was good* *Great interactive play*

	So well organised, I hope this runs every year, kids really loved meeting different people
OBA	**How Much Did We Do?** 126 children – Dromore – 2 x sessions 120 children – Portadown – 2 x sessions 180 children – Lurgan Park – 3 x sessions **How Well Did We Do?** 100% of 231 participants who completed the evaluations reporting satisfaction with activities **Is Anyone Better Off?** **Is anyone better off?** 100% of 231 participants who completed the evaluations had improved engagement with PCSP and partners
	

Best practice example – Road Safety

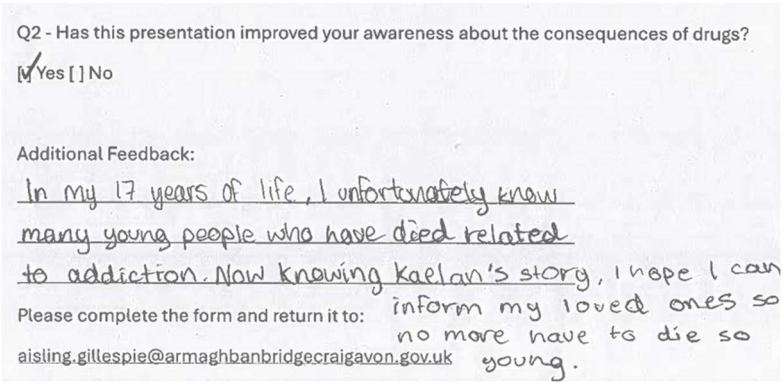
Name of Project	RoadSafe RoadShow
Funded amount	£1,210
Partners	PSNI, NIFRS, NI Ambulance Service, Cool FM
Description of project	Year 13 and 14 pupils in the Borough were invited to attend the international award winning PSNI Road Safe Roadshow, delivered at the Marketplace Armagh

	(October 2025) and Banbridge Leisure Centre (December 2025) Ryan A, from Cool FM presented the Roadshow. The Roadshow followed the story of Craig's car crash. Students heard from a Police Officer, Paramedic, Fire Fighter and people involved in a Road Traffic Collision. The story was told about how the crash happened and the experiences of each of the people at the scene, at the hospital, delivering a devasting message to a family and life after the RTC. Thanks to the NI Road Policing and Safety for working in partnership with the PCSP to bring this very important event to young people in our Borough.
Impact of the project	The roadshow, devised by the Police Service of Northern Ireland Road Policing Unit and supported by AXA Insurance and Northern Ireland Road safety Partnership, was performed to 1800 potential young drivers in two locations in the Borough in 2025. Recognising that young people aged 25 and under are one of the age groups most at risk of being killed or seriously injured on our roads each year, the roadshow aimed to bring its message to those about to start out on what will, hopefully, be a long and safe motoring career. The roadshow, which so far has been seen by tens of thousands of teenagers across Northern Ireland, depicts graphically how a night out can end in tragedy and permanent disability. The story is told by a police officer, a paramedic, a fire officer, a young man who was jailed following a serious road traffic collision he was involved in, and a young person, who was paralysed following a horrific collision. The narrative is interspersed with music, video clips and television and cinema advertisements. The Roadsafe Roadshow has been a major success and brings an important road safety message to young people in the highest risk group. Showing realistically just what can happen on the road has a profound impact on the students who attend. Our hope is that after seeing the roadshow they realise that they are not indestructible; that they are as vulnerable on the roads as the next person and that they must respect the roads and other users.

	The hard-hitting and emotional content is an effective way of amplifying the risks of dangerous and careless driving to this impressionable age group. Shocking though it may be, this Roadshow really does re-enforce to our young people that while they may feel completely in control, they are most at risk of becoming involved in a road traffic collision at the start of their motoring life.
OBA	**How Much Did We Do?** 1800 young people were in attendance 2 Road shows held (4 sessions in total) **How Well Did We Do?** 100% of the 1800 audience were satisfied with the event **Is Anyone Better Off?** 100% of 1800 participant had a greater awareness/knowledge of road safety



Best practice example - Alcohol, drug and substance misuse

Name of Project	Theresa Burke Drugs Talks
Funded amount	£1,400
Partners	Local schools, PSNI, Connections Service
Description of project	Theresa Burke has worked with ABC PCSP for many years to bring her family's powerful story about the devastating impact of drugs and substance misuse. Theresa speaks from the heart about her own experiences of addiction, from a mother's point of view, and shares some very hard-hitting pictures and videos of her Son Kaelan's battle with drug addiction and how it ended up taking his life. Following the heartbreaking loss of her son, Kealan, at just 22 years old, Theresa has devoted herself to educating others about the dangers of drug use, turning personal tragedy into an inspiring mission to protect and inform young people.
Impact of the project	Feedback from SRC staff: *Last week our Lurgan and Portadown students had the privilege of hearing from the inspiring Theresa Burke, who shared her family's powerful story about the devastating impact of drugs and substance misuse. We're incredibly grateful to Theresa for her honesty, courage and compassion in speaking with our students.* Feedback from Facebook post: *An amazing lady. I have heard Theresa tell her story many times. Her drive to educate young people on dangers of drugs is inspirational.* Feedback from young people:  Q2 - Has this presentation improved your awareness about the consequences of drugs? [✓] Yes [ ] No Additional Feedback: In my 17 years of life, I unfortunately know many young people who have died related to addiction. Now knowing Kaelan's story, I hope I can inform my loved ones so no more have to die so young. Please complete the form and return it to: aisling.gillespie@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk

	Q2 - Has this presentation improved your awareness about the consequences of drugs? [✓] Yes [ ] No Additional Feedback: My Cousin died ~~about~~ due to overdose, spreading awarness about drugs means a lot to me.
OBA	**How Much Did We Do?** 997 Young People received the Theresa Burke Drugs Talk 10 sessions delivered **How Well Did We Do?** 99% of 997 young people who received the talk were satisfied with its content **Is Anyone Better Off?** 99% of young people who received the talk said they had improved awareness/knowledge of the consequences of drugs misuse.
	

Strategic Priority 3

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

through:

- *ensuring local accountability through the Policing Committee's role in monitoring police performance.*
- *identifying priorities from the PCSP Plan for consideration in the development of the local Policing Plan which are consistent with the Northern Ireland Policing Plan.*
- *providing views to the District Commander through the Policing Committee and supporting the PSNI to engage with the community to identify and address local problems.*
- *delivering initiatives that link to identified local problems that impact confidence in policing.*
- *carrying out meaningful local events aimed at increasing PSNI engagement with local communities to build and strengthen public confidence in policing.*
- *delivering PCSP initiatives in the hardest to reach communities.*
- *providing a platform for the PCSP and PSNI to engage with young people, including on the themes of upholding the rule of law, and of ways of increasing confidence in policing; and*
- *building community confidence in the rule of law by helping mitigate the harm caused to people and communities by paramilitarism, criminality and organised crime consistent with wider Programme for Government objectives and through use of co-design principles, where appropriate.*

OBA Overview

How much did we do?

4 Policing Committee Meetings held
20 Police Engagement programmes involving 1160 participants
1923 registered Text Alert Users
173 Neighbourhood Watch Schemes, 200 NHW Coordinators supported

726 registered Farm Watch premises and 123 Cold Calling Zones in place.

How well did we do it?
68% attendance by PCSP Members per Policing Committee Meeting
99% of 1160 participants in engagement activities were satisfied with the event/programme
Text Alert registrations increased by 0.5%.
79% of Watch Schemes felt more supported

Is anyone better off?
68% of PCSP members had a better understanding of local policing issues
83% of 1160 participants in engagement activities more likely to engage with police or had greater knowledge/understanding of the issues discussed.
95% of 95 text alert users (who replied to a survey) felt more engaged, 88% had increased community confidence in policing and 94% were felt informed.
79% of NHW Coordinators believe their area is safer
92% of Farm Watch premises owners have increased knowledge of crime prevention measures.
70% of NHW participants more likely to report crime or engage with police.

Local community engagement with the PSNI

In 2025/26 the PCSP facilitated a range of engagement opportunities for local geographic and thematic communities with the police, including provision of the Text Alert Service and support for Neighbourhood Watch schemes and their Coordinators.

Encouraging engagement between the police and young people was seen as a priority and therefore most of the activity delivered involved young people at risk of being influenced by organised crime gangs and supporting the empowerment of young women and girls. Neighbourhood Policing Teams were encouraged to submit proposals for engagement initiatives which included:

YMCA Portadown Lawfulness Programme - YMCA programme that contributes to embedding a culture of lawfulness with young people from Portadown SRC and Portadown NPT

Police Engagement with Armagh NPT and Vibe Church Youth Group – two weekly sessions with NPT covering online safety and drugs awareness, followed by a team building session with NPT, staff and young people.

Family Fun Day Portadown People's Park - Information Stand with Portadown NPT who brought quad and livered car. Over 2,000 residents from all backgrounds were at the family fun day – first big event since the riots in the town. Lots of activities including inflatables, games, farm animals, food trucks, rides and Exploris. Four of the young people volunteered from the Youth Leadership Programme.

Culture in the Park - Information Stand with Lurgan NPT, CPO and Support Hub staff at Culture in the Park in Lurgan. Over 1,000 residents attended – actively engaged with approximately 250.

Laurelvale FC - Armagh NPT, PCSP and White Ribbon facilitated a workshop with ABC Council regarding EVAWG and personal safety.

PSNI Work Experience - A two-day work experience programme aimed at students aged 16 to 17 from across the ABC Council area who are interested in pursuing a career in policing. Held on 20 and 21 November, the programme provided participants with taster sessions from a range of PSNI departments, including the Local Policing Team, Neighbourhood Policing Team, CID, Armed Response Unit, Crime Scene Investigation, Tactical Support Group, and Roads Policing.

Pizza with the Peelers Reach Youth Group - The session was attended by 22 young people and covered a range of important issues, including safe use of social media, sharing personal information online, awareness of scammers and child sexual exploitation, the risks of sending intimate images, and the legal age requirements for different social media platforms. The discussion also explored the consequences of alcohol use and the risks associated with various classes of drugs.

Girls Empowerment Programme Taghnevan - A five-week programme for young woman aged 13–15 which aimed to build confidence, promote positive body image, encourage healthy relationships, and strengthen engagement with local police. Participants took part in four weeks of sessions with a make-up artist, four weeks delivered by Common Youth focusing on body image, healthy relationships and confidence, one week of internet safety input with the police, and five weeks of ongoing police engagement throughout the programme.

Girls Night In with Lurgan NPT – A 6-week programme encompassing a number of useful workshops from different agencies. Every session included an introduction, wellbeing input, core contribution from an agency, art making, closing thoughts.

Police Engagement with Bolster Autism Group – Neighbourhood Police officers informally chatted with the group about safer driving as they were all around 16, 17. Keeping safe when out and answered question about what police really do.

Empowering through Education IncredAble Adult Group – a four-week programme for adults with additional needs to help them make sense of a range of issues including navigating the digital world safely, dangers of social media, understanding the risks associated with substance misuse, recognising the signs of an unhealthy relationship.

Girls Night In with Lurgan NPT and Drumgor Detached Youth Work Project - As part of wider programme facilitated by Drumgor Detached, Lurgan Neighbourhood Team organised a Girls Night In which focused on mental health and well-being including pampering session. The NPT also spoke to the girls about dangers of drugs and healthy relationships in a conversational manner.

NPT Engagement Programme – Portadown and Clanrye - A three-week programme with Portadown NPT, PCSP Officers and young people aged 16-21 with learning difficulties/not in employment. Topics discussed included Drugs and Alcohol, Road Safety and Internet Safety.

NPT Engagement Programme – Lurgan & McDonalds – Following ongoing ASB issues at the Lurgan McDonalds franchise a three-session football programme facilitated at South Lake Leisure Centre with Drumgor Detached Youth, Lurgan NPT and McDonalds staff was held for 15 young people to increase their awareness of the impact of ASB on others.

Best practice examples – PSNI engaging with young people.

Name of Project/Initiative/Event	Girls Night In Lurgan NPT
Funded amount	£133.99
Partners	PSNI, Women's Aid, Invisible Traffic, PIPS, YMCA Lurgan, Jethro Centre (part funded by TEO EVWAG Change Fund)
Description of project/initiative/event	A 6-week programme encompassing a number of useful workshops from different agencies. Every session included an introduction, wellbeing input, core contribution from an agency, art making, close. Agencies included: • Women's Aid: gave their EVAWG presentation. Good foundation into this theme explaining terms, context, themes, appropriate/inappropriate behaviours, control, etc. • PSNI Power to Change: PSNI Officers used material to highlight inappropriate behaviours, what bystanders can do in these contexts, need to speak up, where support is available, etc • Invisible Traffic: Human trafficking awareness, grooming, drug use/abuse, coercive/threatening control • PIPS: issues relating to mental health and suicide. These were really open sessions as participants shared their own or peer experiences of these issues. • Start 360: Drug awareness and education The design for this project came from an earlier piece of work developed by PSNI Officer, Linzi Reid. Unfortunately, Linzi is no longer in the Lurgan area but her colleague Laura Carthcart and later Abbie Swann stepped in as co-facilitators. Additionally, Laura also made a significant contribution to the set-up of the GNI and wider EVAWG project organised by the Jethro Centre. We are very grateful for her support in this way and help from both officers in delivery.
Impact of the project/initiative/event	Direct feedback from staff and participants was very positive and they welcomed this approach to address these really important issues. Staff also expressed that it is hard to measure the impact for this age group as the material will help to shape perspectives of relationships from this point on i.e. calling out what is and what is not acceptable, naming coercive control, signposting where help is available, etc. YMCA staff attended each session and continued facilitating conversations on this theme outside of the sessions.

	Feedback from NPT Officer Constable Laura Cathcart: “I just wanted to better equip the girls with the knowledge and understanding that should they require in the future that they are readily informed. I also loved the opportunity to engage and speak with young girls. I truly think it has allowed me to adapt how I interact and better understand the issues they face in today’s society.”
OBA	**How Much Did We Do?** 22 participants – 14 Clann Eireann and 8 Lurgan YMCA **How Well Did We Do?** 100% of 22 participants reporting satisfaction with activity **Is Anyone Better Off?** 100% of 22 participants more likely to engage with police and have increased community confidence in policing. Community co-facilitation between community workers and PSNI officers worked well on many levels and would be a welcome approach for future engagement. In the first couple of sessions participants in both groups had brave questions to ask the PSNI Officers i.e. they asked about their jobs, roles in the community, justice issues, security, aspects of their uniform/equipment, how their work relates to their personal lives, etc. The officers were open, transparent and informative in their answers. It was clear that this engagement built genuine community relationships, particularly in North Lurgan where the Police is still viewed with caution in the wider community. (At one point the officers were asked to not come in a marked car but they were of course very welcome). Young persons feedback: *We all would love to do something like this again.* *I really learned a lot and think the senior boys would get lots out of it too* *We would absolutely work with the police team again; they taught us so much!*

	I am more confident now to report things and am not worried about being made fun of or judged



Appendix 1 – Financial Statement

ARMAGH CITY, BANBRIDGE AND CRAIGAVON PCSP FINANCIAL STATEMENT
1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026

Budget Category	Budget agreed	Total claimed from Joint Committee Apr 25-Mar 26
	£	£
Salaries	**27,000.00**	**27,000.00**
Running Costs		
Internal Audit	**1,000.00**	**1,000.00**
Sub-total running costs	**1,000.00**	**1,000.00**
Total Administration	**28,000.00**	**28,000.00**
OPERATIONAL		
Strategic Objective 1: Form & Deliver functions of PCSP		
Deliver PCSP Functions	5,000.00	**4,799.09**
Strategic Objective 2: Improve Community Safety		
Crime Prevention Initiatives & Campaigns	68,832.00	**68,420.50**
Good Morning Scheme	11,052.00	**11,052.00**
ASB Diversionary Programmes	23,378.00	**23,050.41**
Intergenerational Programmes	15,878.00	**15,583.38**
Graffiti Removal Scheme	15,878.00	**15,878.00**
Drugs & Alcohol Initiatives, Workshops & Awareness Raising	21,378.00	**20,803.10**
Get Home Safe Bus	28,878.00	**32,803.00**

Domestic & Sexual Violence Awareness Raising Initiatives	27,378.00	**27,091.88**
Schools & Young Peoples Engagement	18,878.00	**18,989.28**
Road Safety Education & Awareness Initiatives	17,308.00	**17,013.75**
Community Safety Warden Service	92,878.00	**95,270.78**
Strategic Objective 3: Improve Community Confidence in Policing		
Monitor Local Police Performance	750.00	**364.59**
Engagement of Local Community and Police	10,000.00	**9,793.64**
Text Alert Scheme	13,878.00	**10,378.00**
Watch Schemes & No Cold Calling Zones	13,378.00	**13,430.60**
Total Operational	**384,722.00**	**384,722.00**
TOTAL ADMIN & OPERATIONAL	**412,722.00**	**412,722.00**
Meeting Expenses	**12,500.00**	**4,414.78**
OVERALL TOTAL	**425,222.00**	**417,136.78**

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



5th August 2026