Policing & Community Safety Partnership

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Annual Report

2025/2026

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Welcome from the PCSP Chair

As Chair of the Belfast PCSP for 2025/2026, I am delighted to introduce this year's Annual Report which outlines our progress, key achievements and performance data from the past year. Guided by our strategic objectives, the report highlights the cooperative efforts of the partner organisations, communities and elected and independent members to build safer neighbourhoods.

Our focus remains on tackling crime and anti-social behaviour while building confidence in policing, and these priorities are reflected across all of our initiatives, many of which I have had the privilege to support across the City.

A particular standout moment this year was joining 180 young people at the 'Safe in the City' Youth Conference, organised in partnership with the Education Authority, providing a valuable opportunity for engagement, learning and open discussion around key community safety issues which matter most to young people across our City. During the four interactive workshops; *Choices and Consequences*, *Create Against Hate*, *Social Media and Bullying* and *Coercive Control*, young people were able to develop a greater understanding of the impact of their actions, the harms associated with hate and online behaviour, and how to recognise and respond to unhealthy relationships. Importantly, the conference created a safe and supportive environment for young people to express their views, build confidence, and develop the knowledge and skills needed to make positive choices, contributing to safer and more respectful communities.

In terms of Antisocial behaviour and engaging young people, we supported the delivery of enhanced street-based youth work across the city, which focused on key times and locations where there are increased levels of anti-social behaviour (ASB) and interface tensions. Through consistent engagement, youth workers identified and supported at-risk young people, signposting them into appropriate support services and created clear pathways into further programming. This also included opportunities to participate in diversionary activities and centre-based youth work provision which contributed to improved outcomes for young people and safer, more cohesive communities.

During 2025/2026, we were delighted to reintroduce Community Safety Grants, which supported a diverse range of initiatives aimed at addressing key community safety issues across neighbourhoods. Through this funding, community and voluntary organisations have been empowered to deliver targeted interventions that respond directly to local needs, including projects focused on tackling anti-social behaviour, supporting vulnerable individuals, promoting positive activities, and enhancing community resilience. These initiatives have played an important role in strengthening local capacity, fostering collaboration, and contributing to safer, more inclusive communities.

Tackling the complex issues associated with drug and alcohol misuse has remained a key priority for Belfast PCSP. In addition to supporting targeted outreach and intervention services such as Extern's Street Injecting Support Service and Inspire Wellbeing's Steps to Change therapeutic support, we hosted a Drug and Alcohol Service Providers Awareness Event, bringing together a wide range of organisations to showcase the support available across the city. This event provided an important opportunity to improve understanding of existing services, strengthen partnership working, and ensure individuals and communities can more easily access the help they need. By promoting collaboration and raising awareness, this work contributes to a more coordinated and effective response to substance misuse and its wider impact on community safety.

Further work related to supporting the needs of older people, tackling violence against women and girls, road safety and our work to support building confidence in policing can be found in the pages which follow. I hope this report provides a clear insight into the breadth and impact of our work over the past year, and I encourage you to stay up to date by following Belfast PCSP on Facebook.

As Chairperson, I am immensely proud of our steadfast commitment to partnership working, which remains the cornerstone of our strategy to foster safer, more resilient neighbourhoods. I would like to extend my formal and heartfelt thanks to all our statutory partners, elected and independent members, in particular Vice-Chair Paula Maskey, community partners and the staff team whose hard work have made these achievements possible over the past year.

Councillor Ian McLaughlin

Belfast PCSP Chair

Membership of Belfast (D)PCSPs

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

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

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

Introduction to Belfast (D) PCSPs

Oversight and Governance

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

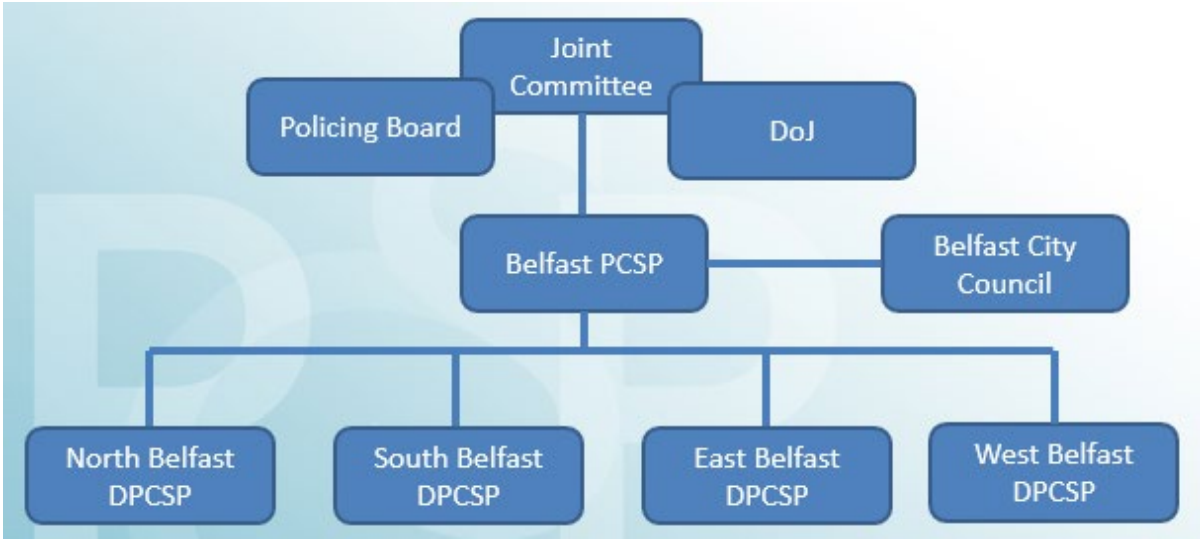
In addition to the Belfast PCSP there are four District PCSPs (DPCSPs) covering North, South, East and West of the City. The Belfast PCSP takes lead responsibility for citywide and strategic policing and community safety issues as well as the city centre; allowing the District PCSPs to focus on their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

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

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

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

www.legislation.gov.uk/nia/2011/24/part/3
www.justice-ni.gov.uk/articles/policing-and-community-safety-partnerships
https://www.justice-ni.gov.uk/community-safety-framework



Belfast (District) PCSPs Funding

PCSPs received annual funding of approximately £4.25m in 2025/2026 from the Joint Committee (the Department of Justice and NI Policing Board) with a legislative aim to work with their local community to help address crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour issues.

The Joint Committee issued Belfast PCSP with a Letter of Offer on 19th May 2025 to cover administration and operational costs associated with the delivery of the Belfast PCSP Action Plan, as well as a budget for Members expenses.

- £826,517 – Administration and Operational Budget
- £29,000 – Members meeting expenses

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

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

The Belfast Agenda

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

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

Community Planning is about developing a shared vision for the wellbeing of the city.
Community Planning is everyone working together to develop and implement a shared vision for promoting the wellbeing of the city and delivering real improvements for local people. It is about bringing decision making closer to communities and giving local people an opportunity to have their say on issues that matter to them. It means planning ahead to improve the big issues that matter to people like health, education, employment, and the environment.

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

The Belfast Agenda 2024-2028
The Belfast Agenda was updated in 2024 to reflect the current priorities of community planning partners and the public. The updated strategy and action plans outline how partners plan to support the most vulnerable in our city while growing the economy, regenerating neighbourhoods, supporting communities and achieving our climate targets.

This short video describes the key areas that partners have agreed to prioritise between 2024 and 2028.
https://youtu.be/WiLOaZzk5XI

2025/2026 Performance Overview

The sections of the Annual Report that follow describe each of the projects funded by the Belfast PCSP and DPCSPs during 2025/2026. Each of the four DPCSPs in Belfast (North, South, East and West) have also produced Annual Reports focusing on the area specific projects which they delivered. The DPCSP Annual Reports are available upon request.

Action Plan Development
Planning for the work reflected in this Annual Report started in December 2024 and involved consultation and engagement with a range of stakeholders including designated members, other partnership members and staff. The Action Plan also took into consideration results from a previous public community survey, public engagement events and the 2025-2028 Belfast PCSP Strategic Assessment, project performance and evaluation findings from the previous year, resulting in a very significant Member planning process.

This Belfast PCSP Annual Report presents projects aligned within each of the Joint Committee Strategic Priorities.

Strategic Priority 1
To ensure effective delivery in response to local need and improve the visibility and recognition of the work of the PCSP through effective consultation, communication, and engagement.

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

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

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

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

1. Engagement to build Confidence in Policing
2. Collaborative Problem Solving

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.

Effective Delivery

PCSP Meetings

The five Belfast (D)PCSPs held Private, Public and Policing Committee Meetings throughout the year with 4 Public Meetings addressing key policing and community safety topics, including drugs, alcohol, confidence in policing and ending violence against women and girls.

How much did we do?

24 Private Meetings

- PCSP – 5
- North – 6
- South – 4
- East – 5
- West – 4

4 Public Meetings

- PCSP – 1
- South – 2
- East – 1

In addition, across the Belfast (D)PCSPs 10 further briefings and partnership events were held to discuss local and citywide interface issues.



Evaluations, Planning and Development

Belfast (D)PCSPs continued to work with Ulster University to evaluate a number of projects and develop a further Action Plan for 2026/2027. During this year, 3 projects were evaluated, North and West Network Support, Home Security and ASB.

How much did we do?

- 3 Projects evaluated
- 1 All Member Workshop

How well did we do it?

- 94% (16/17) Members who responded to our survey reported satisfaction with the engagement/ planning sessions

Is anyone better off?

- 100% (17/17) participants had an increased awareness of the PCSP and its work
- 100% (17/17) Members felt confident that the PCSP is providing a policing and community safety benefit

Effective Communication, Engagement and Awareness Raising

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

How much did we do?

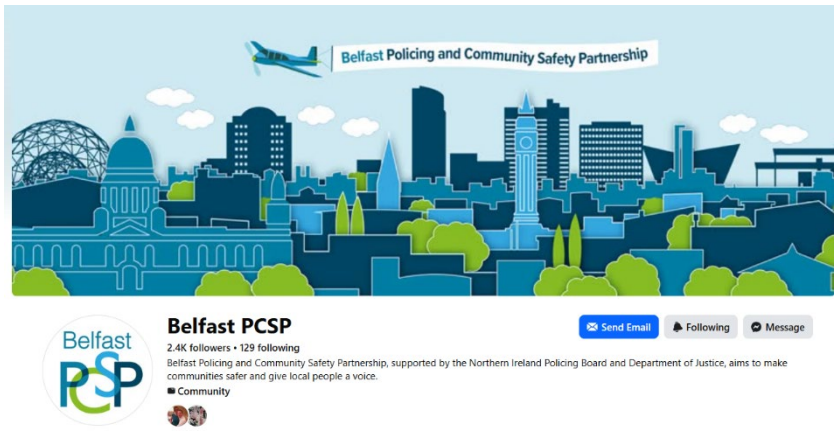
- 164 social media posts

How well did we do it?

- 1,911 content interactions, up 38.5% on 2024/2025

Is anyone better off?

- 6.5% increase in PCSP Facebook followers



Strategic Priority 2

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

Antisocial Behaviour (ASB)

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

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

To enhance the deployments in partnership with Translink, the DYE project Citywide agreed a plan to allow youth workers out on deployment to engage with youths on the Translink Metro and Glider services. DYE staff (on deployment) presented a travel pass before boarding which allowed them to engage with youths as the need arose.



For better connectivity, three Citywide engagement meetings were held with DYE groups, these proved very useful and will continue into 2026/2027.

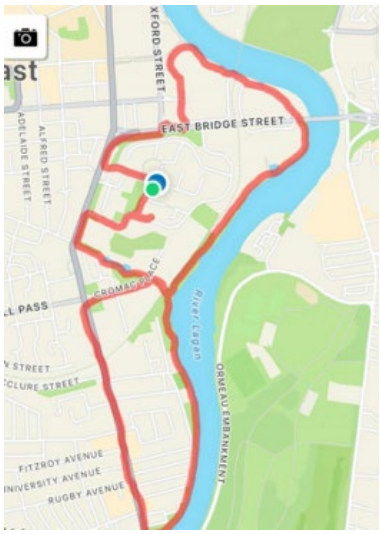
Also, as part of this year's project, jackets, torches and first aid kits were provided for groups on deployment.

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

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



Football activities to support the DYE Project were delivered in Marrowbone Park on Saturday evenings. This was completed in partnership with Belfast City Council Parks.



South Belfast

South Belfast DPCSP approved funding to support DYE deployments for Greater Village Regeneration Trust, St Malachys YC and Diverse Youth NI. Equipment to support these deployments were also provided to groups, including Translink travel passes, coats and first aid kits.



East Belfast

A form of this model was also funded by East Belfast DPCSP with DYE deployments in the east of the city delivered by Short Strand Community Forum. The detached youth teams were also supplied with branded jackets, torches, first aid kits and were facilitated by the PCSP to travel on local bus routes as a result of an arrangement worked out with Translink. These actions ensured that there were detached youth workers available to address issues across a number of interface areas and ASB hotspots locally.



West Belfast

The lead partner in West Belfast was Holy Trinity Youth Centre.

Groups deployed - Holy Trinity Youth Centre (lead), Corpus Christi Youth Centre, St Peters Youth Centre, Saints Youth Centre and Lagmore Youth Centre.

How much did we do?

- 555 Deployments (North – 164; South – 158; East – 74; West – 159)

How well did we do it?

- 33,966 young people engaged (North 6,114; South – 4,026; East 2,289; West 21,537)

Is anyone better off?

- 98% Youth workers with improved awareness of policing and community safety issues - North 95%, South – 100%, East - 100%, West 97%)
- 23% (128/555) of deployments saw young people signposted into support services - North 27% (44/164), South 42% (49/158), East 1% (1/74), West 21% (34/159)
- 44% (242/555) of deployments saw young people signposted towards diversionary activities - North 59% (97/164), South 51% (80/158) East 20% (15/74), West 31% (50/159)
- 50% (276/555) of deployments saw young people signposted towards centre-based activities - North 74% (124/164), South 48% (76/158), East 19% (14/74); West 39% (62/159)

ASB Reactive Projects – North, South & East Belfast

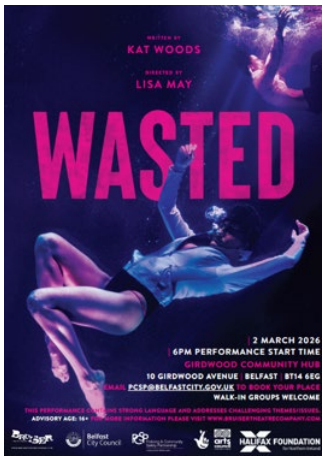
North Belfast

North Belfast DPCSP funded the delivery of 27 reactive projects across the year. Projects included sports coaching, community clean ups, diversionary activities, late night drop ins, drama workshops, team building activities and providing refreshments to help promote community inclusion.

In North Belfast, the 27 projects were delivered by Ballysillan Youth for Christ (Bluehouses), Newington Residents, Newington HA, Holy Family Youth Centre, Greater Whitewell Community Surgery, Woodvale Cricket Club, Tigers Bay LFB, Cliftonville Community Centre, Duncairn CP, North Belfast Area Project, Acting Up, Whitewell TBCS, Parkmount Residents Group, Junior Women's LOL, Peas Park group, Fairhill Music Society, Blackmountain Action Group, RCity and Ardoyne Youth Club.

As part of our Reactive Response project we delivered two plays in partnership with Girdwood Community Hub, “Runny Hunny” by Spanner in the Works Theatre Company, which addresses issues of domestic violence, drug use and sexual abuse.





Bruiser Theatre company “Wasted”, explores themes of binge drinking and sexual assault. Join Oli, Emma, and their friends on a night out drinking, flirting, and clubbing. The morning after the night before ensues and any event can only be remembered through the blurry haze of a dubious hangover. Wasted illuminates that grey area in the sexual relationship after a few too many drinks.

South Belfast

South Belfast DPCSP funded the delivery of 20 reactive projects across the year. Projects included, community clean ups, diversionary activities, visits to Stormont, team building activities and providing refreshments to help promote community inclusion.
In South Belfast, the 20 projects were delivered by Kelvin OB, Dreamscheme, St Malachys YC, BSCR, GVRT, Annadale Residents, Happy Women NI, Bahá’í Group, Diverse Youth NI, LORAG and Stranmillis Residents.

East Belfast

The East Belfast DPCSP funded 30 ASB Reactive projects in this reporting period, engaging 2,518 participants in these small-scale projects to enhance community safety locally. Funded activities included diversionary sport's sessions at key times of community tensions, workshops on ASB & racial tensions, SOS Bus provision to safeguard vulnerable young people, arts and crafts sessions and fire-work safety instruction.

Another component of the ASB Reactive work in East Belfast, are the Tension Monitoring Meetings which are co-chaired by Short Strand CC and EBCDA with attendees drawn from various statutory and voluntary groups in East Belfast. The aim of these meetings is to realise a collective response to local interface and community tensions in East Belfast. Venue hire and catering costs were covered through East Belfast DPCSP funding.

How much did we do?

- North – 1,621 participants across 37 sessions + 3000 leaflets
- South – 771 participants across 25 sessions
- East – 2,630 participants across 39 sessions

How well did we do it?

Participants who report satisfaction with activities

- North – 99% (1,499/1504)
- South – 100% (568/568)
- East – 98.3% (2,165/2,202)

Is anyone better off?

Participants with improved awareness of policing and community safety issues

- North – 78% (1,170/1,504)
- South – 99.8% (411/412)
- East – 94.9% (1,709/1,802)

Network Support Project (NSP) – North Belfast

The pilot NSP commenced in North Belfast in October 2025, to provide a Community Safety Network Support service working with police and all relevant statutory agencies and community and voluntary groups to respond to the following community safety issues within North Belfast. The purpose of the project is to:

- To work in partnership with North Belfast DPCSP, PSNI and other statutory partners to attempt to resolve contentious issues relating to community safety.
- Prepare for and attend DPCSP informal meetings and reflect the emerging issues being addressed across North Belfast.
- Deliver presentations, when required, at North Belfast DPCSP meetings, as agreed at monthly contract management meetings.
- Provide monthly area updates to contract manager to be shared with North Belfast DPCSP Members.

- Engage North Belfast communities to raise awareness of North Belfast DCPSP, strengthen working relationships between Members and the community, and promote uptake of relevant DPCSP projects and programs across the district.

How much did we do?

- 8 Members Updates
- 355 consultation & engagement events attended
- 5 Policing and Community Safety priority issues addressed

Is anyone better off?

- 100% of Community safety groups report that they have better working relationships with North Belfast DPCSP
- 100% of Community safety groups report that there is better information coordination and sharing
- 99% of projects which provided a policing/community safety benefit to communities/residents

Network Support Project (NSP) – West Belfast

The NSP has been operating in West Belfast for several years. The purpose of the project is to:

- Facilitate and administer West Belfast Community Safety Forum and lead critical incident meetings where appropriate.
- Review and report on ongoing and emerging themes across West Belfast Community Safety
- Attend PCSP informal meetings and reflect the emerging issues being addressed across West Belfast
- Coordinate and manage community responses

How much did we do?

- 12 Members Updates
- 4 DPCSP meetings attended
- 6 Policing and Community Safety priority issues addressed

Is anyone better off?

- 100% of Community safety groups report that they have better working relationships with West Belfast DPCSP
- 100% of Community safety groups report that there is better information coordination and sharing
- 100% of projects which provided a policing/community safety benefit to communities/residents

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

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

How much did we do?

- 61 partners
- 13 programmes/services commissioned/delivered

How well did we do it?

- 61/61 (100%) participants/partners effectively engaged
- 13/13 (100%) activities completed on time

Is anyone better off?

- 46/46 (100%) partners reporting improved partnership working with other key stakeholders
- 203/203 (100%) partners reporting increased ability to engage with wider WULO community
- 480/480 (100%) participants with improved awareness/knowledge/understanding of community safety issues in WULO area
- 126/180 (70%) participants feeling safer as a result of activity

Alcohol and Drugs Misuse

Support Programme for Adults

Belfast PCSP continued to support Inspire Addiction Services to provide additional treatment and support for adults who are dependent on alcohol or drugs, beyond that currently funded by the Public Health Agency (PHA). The service offers tailor-made treatment programmes delivered in community settings as well as providing social support services and recovery groups to help people connect and prevent relapse. The PCSP funding specifically addresses referrals from the Criminal Justice Sector, most often from the Probation Board.

How much did we do?

- 85 participants/clients
- 624 sessions

How well did we do it?

- 71/83 (86%) participants report satisfaction with activities

Is anyone better off?

- 80/83 (96%) participants with improved personal circumstances and changed behaviours towards alcohol and drugs usage

Children & Young Persons Programme

Belfast PCSP and the North, South and East Belfast DPCSPs supported the delivery of the awareness play "I love you, mum – I promise I won't die" between the 4th and 27th March 2026.

During this time, the play was shown to pupils and staff in Campbell College, St Louise's College, Breda Academy, Ashfield Boys, St Joseph's College, Belfast Royal Academy, Hunter House College and Dominican College. There was also a community performance held in Girdwood Community Hub with youth groups from across the City. The bespoke drug education piece is based on the DSM Foundation's director, Fiona's, experience of losing her 16-year-old son, Daniel, to drugs.

How much did we do?

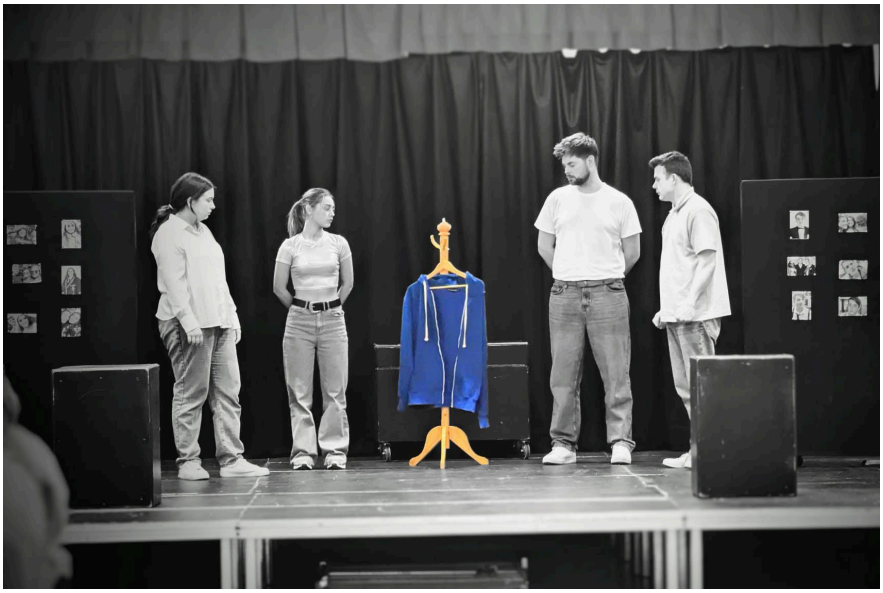
- 1,130 Participants
- 9 Performances

How well did we do it?

- 143/143 (100%) participants who report satisfaction with activities

Is anyone better off?

- 137/143 (96%) participants with improved awareness, knowledge and understanding of drug misuse



Drug and Alcohol Support Services- Awareness Event

On the 2nd October 2025, in partnership with the Public Health Agency, we held a half day conference in the Stormont Hotel, Belfast. The conference was a public awareness event around the topic of drug and alcohol support services.

The aims of event included:

- To enable participants to have a better understanding of the breadth of substance use services and interconnecting support services available across the city.
- Support the sector to strengthen relationships and partnership working to meet the needs of our population in Belfast.
- Work collaboratively to identify emerging needs and areas of focus to inform the Belfast PCSP Action Plan and Connections service priorities for 2026/2027 in Belfast.
- Scope out a service provider network model for Belfast.



How much did we do?

- 124 participants
- 9 stall holders

How well did we do it?

- 100% (50/50) participants reported satisfaction with the event

Is anyone better off?

- 100% (50/50) participants had increased awareness of the PCSP and the issues discussed

Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse

Information and capacity building programme

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



BADSVAP in consultation with Belfast PCSP delivered the following in 2025/2026:

- Criminal Justice Worker costs
- Admin Support costs
- App Maintenance costs Haven: Belfast
- Resources including lip balms, mirrors etc
- Domestic Homicide Timeline Training Seminar
- Domestic Abuse and Older People Awareness Event
- Domestic Homicide Reviews – Dissemination of Learning
- Men's Advisory Project - Conference
- Sexual Abuse Awareness Week – Awareness Seminar
- Domestic Abuse and Impact on Children and Young People Seminar
- Legal Remedies Workshops
- Responding to emerging issues - PCSP Public Meeting

How much did we do?

- 661 Participants (10 sessions)
- 34,755 resources developed/disseminated

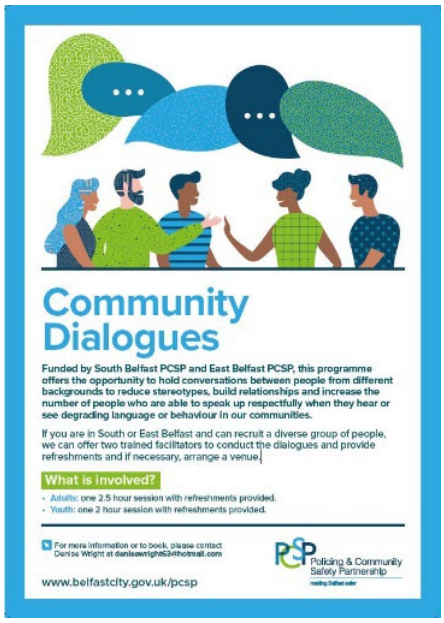
How well did we do it?

- 278/299 (93%) participants who report satisfaction with activities

Is anyone better off?

- 282/299 (94%) participants with improved level of awareness, knowledge and understanding
- 264/299 (88%) participants who are more likely to report to appropriate organisations

Hate Crime and Fear of Hate Crime



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

Community Dialogues Training

Community Dialogues training focuses on bias, negative language, and stereotypes and sessions were delivered to statutory and community/voluntary groups in North, South and East Belfast during 2025/2026.

How much did we do?

- 131 participants
- 11 sessions

How well did we do it?

- 124/124 (100%) participants report satisfaction with activities

Is anyone better off?

- 124/124 (100%) participants/partners with improved awareness, knowledge and understanding of hate crime



Hate Crime Conference – 'Don't Hate, Debate!'

Belfast PCSP once again worked closely with the Hate Crime Advocacy Service (HCAS) to deliver a conference 'Don't Hate, Debate!' on 16th October 2025 during National Hate Crime Awareness Week.

The event involved the launch of the 'We stand Together- Mini Manifesto', key speakers from PSNI and QUB, with debates on topics such as 'Hate Crime Legislation is Not Fit for Purpose' and 'Communities Address Hate Crime Better than the Criminal Justice System'.

How much did we do?

- 101 participants
- 1 session

How well did we do it?

- 40/40 (100%) participants report satisfaction with activities



Is anyone better off?

- 40/40 (100%) participants with increased knowledge, awareness and/or understanding of hate crime related topics

Feel Safe

Home Security Service

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

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

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

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

During the 2025/2026 year, £15,000 was secured from the Community Recovery Fund (CRF) which enabled the delivery of the Keeping Safe Hate Crime programme which involved a community dialogue session and the provision and installation of personal and home security devices/equipment for victims of hate crime.

How much did we do?

- 190 referrals
- 165 home visits
- 145 homes fitted with security equipment
- 2,276 items of security equipment fitted



How well did we do it?

- 138/138 (100%) participants who report satisfaction with the home security service

Is anyone better off?

- 138/138 (100%) participants who report they feel safer due to the home security service

Safe, Well & Connected Event

Belfast PCSP held a 'Safe, Well & Connected' Event in City Hall on 13th March 2026. Working with Council's Age Friendly Team and Community Services, the event included a wider focus than in previous years, with the addition of a 'health hub' providing wellness advice/referrals and connectivity to services and agencies of particular interest to older citizens. 40 stallholders were present including PSNI, NIFRS, Belfast HSCT, Active Belfast, NI Chest, Heart & Stroke, Victim Support, Danske Bank and Land & Property Services Outreach Team.



"We thought the event was fantastic- very well organised, on the day everyone was really helpful and we got great footfall and were able to pass information/ signpost to other support services and refer into services. Thanks for having us."- **Carer Support Service**

"We were delighted to be part of the event again this year – it is always so well attended, it's a great opportunity to engage with older people and other organisations." **– Age Friendly**

How much did we do?

- 335 participants
- 40 stallholders



How well did we do it?

- 75/77 (97%) participants reporting satisfaction with event

Is anyone better off?

- 73/77 (95%) of participants with an increased awareness of the PCSP and its work to address policing and community safety issues
- 71/77 (92%) of attendees reported feeling safer as a result of the information provided
- 73/77 (95%) of attendees reported an increased awareness of Council activities
- 74/77 (96%) of attendees reported benefitting from wellness advice and/or referrals

The East Belfast DPCSP funded the following projects to enhance the safety of **older residents:**



East Senior Safety & Tea Dance: Held on 19th February 2026 this event attracted 78 seniors from across East Belfast for a Tea Dance with stalls from a range of organisations available for support including Age Friendly, Deafblind UK, Women's Aid, PSNI Neighbourhood Teams and Crime Prevention Officers.

How much did we do?

- 78 participants

How well did we do it?

- 48/48 (100%) participants reporting satisfaction with the event

Is anyone better off?

- 44/48 (92%) of participants with an increased awareness of the EBDPCSP and its work to address policing and community safety issues

Knocknagoney Seniors' Safety Event: Organised by the Safer City Co-Ordinator and local Community Development Officer; this event was held on 10th December 2025 in Knocknagoney Community Centre. The aim was to reduce the fear of crime among older residents living close to the community centre and enhance local community safety.



How much did we do?

- 40 participants

How well did we do it?

- 22/22 (100%) participants reporting satisfaction with the event

Is anyone better off?

- 22/22 (100%) of participants with an increased awareness of the EBDPCSP and its work to address policing and community safety issues

Ledley Hall Late Night Drop In: Operating on Saturday nights between 8pm-1am; this project provided young people with a safe supportive space. The project engaged young people by offering them accessible and positive activities at times of peak vulnerability to risk taking behaviours, ASB and social isolation

How much did we do?

- 60 participants
- 14 sessions

How well did we do it?

- 60/60 (100%) participants reporting satisfaction with the activities

Is anyone better off?

- 60/60 (100%) of participants with an increased awareness of policing and community safety issues
- 60/60 (100%) of participants reporting project has improved their relationship with local youth providers
- 6/60 (10%) of participants engaged had no previous involvement with youth services

Youth Empowerment

SPARC Reflection & Renewal Day 2026: Held on 28th March 2026 this event brought together approximately 30 staff and volunteers from four community organisations at the forefront of addressing community safety issues in East Belfast for a one-day event focused on reflection, evaluation, relationship-building and wellbeing. The organisations involved were Ledley Hall Youth Club, Walkway Community Association, Phoenix Education Centre and Oasis caring in Action.

How much did we do?
- 17 participants

How well did we do it?
- 17/17 (100%) participants reporting satisfaction with the activities

Is anyone better off?
- 17/17 (100%) of participants with an increased awareness of policing and community safety issues
- 17/17 (100%) of participants reporting project has improved their relationship with the East Belfast DPCSP

South Belfast - Education Authority Next Generation Voices

The Next Generation Voice group engaged in sessions focusing on local issues and identified the priorities that should be addressed within their community. These fed into the Citywide Youth Conference funded by PCSP.

How much did we do?
- 15 participants
- 9 sessions

How well did we do it?
- 15/15 (100%) participants reporting satisfaction with activities

Is anyone better off?
- 15/15 (100%) participants with improved awareness, knowledge and understanding

Citywide Youth Conference

In partnership with the Education Authority, the (D)PCSPs delivered a Citywide Youth Conference on 12th February 2026 in Belfast Metropolitan College - Titanic Campus. Young people participated in 4 workshops; choices and consequences, create against hate, social media and bullying and coercive control and had an opportunity to engage with a range of organisations such as NIFRS, PSNI and Women's Aid in a marketplace over lunch.

How much did we do?

- 180 participants

How well did we do it?

- 174/180 (97%) reported satisfaction with activities

Is anyone better off?

- 4/4 (100%) stakeholders are confident that they are improving community safety locally
- 180/180 (100%) participants reporting improved awareness, knowledge or understanding of the topics discussed



Feel Safe – City Centre

City Centre Tasking

This is a multi-agency group that meets fortnightly to coordinate and share resources to respond to reports of anti-social behaviour, rough sleeping and drug use in the city centre. The group aims to secure a safer city for members of the public (people living and working in Belfast City Centre) by monitoring locations in the City Centre that require urgent responses and includes representatives from government departments, statutory agencies, Business Improvement Districts and charities. Belfast Community Safety staff chair the meeting and the PCSP supports the group with refreshments.



How much did we do?

- 7-14 fortnightly participants on average
- 23 meetings

How well did we do it?

- 3/3 (100%) partners reporting satisfaction with activities

Is anyone better off?

- 3/3 (100%) partners feeling supported, confident and equipped to deliver their objectives

One Stop Shop- City Centre

One Stop Shop (OSS) is a multi-agency drop-in service within 2 Royal Avenue providing free, immediate and confidential access to legal, benefits, safety and housing advice, plus Women's Aid services. The OSS supports women who are experiencing physical, emotional, financial or sexual abuse, or coercive control and additional services for refugee/asylum seeking women.

How much did we do?

- 77 participants
- 21 sessions

How well did we do it?

- 7/7 (100%) partners reported satisfaction with activities

Is anyone better off?

- 77/77 (100%) participants reported satisfaction with activities



Safer Belfast Network

The Safer Belfast Network (SBN), chaired by Denise Hayward, CEO of Volunteer Now, continued to grow in membership throughout 2025/2026, with 16 organisations actively participating in events and steering group meetings. On the 7th May, SBN Members attended an event in City Hall and had the opportunity to hear presentations on Purple Flag, drug and alcohol trends and crime trends. Members also availed of various training opportunities during the year such as 'Managing Potentially Violent Situations' – whereby 10 individuals were accredited. Resources were purchased to support the work of volunteers on the ground such as water, foil blankets, bandages, gloves and first aid kits.



How much did we do?

- 54 participants
- 6 sessions

How well did we do it?

- 4/4 (100%) participants reporting satisfaction with activities

Is anyone better off?

- 4/4 (100%) partners feeling supported, confident and equipped to deliver their objectives

Additional Safer Neighbourhood Officer Deployments

Council's Safer Neighbourhood Officers (SNOs) are a frontline engagement and enforcement team. Their key role is the help address anti-social behaviour (ASB) and other community safety concerns. The team offer a visible and accessible presence offering support, guidance and advice alongside their work to tackle ASB.



Belfast PCSP supported some enhanced deployments in the city centre between November 2025 and March 2026 to respond to identified need.

How much did we do?

- 28 deployments
- 349 engagements

How well did we do it?

- 81 onward referrals for support

Is anyone better off?

- 100% partners feeling supported, confident and equipped to deliver their objectives

Complex Lives

The Belfast Complex Lives model has been developed to provide an integrated and effective whole system response to support people in Belfast caught in a cycle of homelessness/rough sleeping, substance use/misuse, offending behaviour, and poor physical and mental health. The vulnerability and risk of this client base is not static, it changes daily, so the need to review, co-ordinate, support and deliver appropriate resources and to share information in a timely way between partners is crucial. The majority clients discussed have extreme serious health care issues, so knowing where they are, encouraging them to access vital medical support such as registering with a GP, accompanying and encouraging them to attend appointments, or linking in with the inclusion health service is often a priority. Partners are pictured here at Homeless Awareness Week.

How much did we do?

- Staff work with between 101–135 clients across the year
- 215 partnership meetings were held



Street Injecting Support Service (SISS)

This project is jointly funded in partnership with PHA/Belfast Trust and Extern as part of an overall Drug and Alcohol Support Service strategy, which sees essential support services delivered to those most vulnerable across Belfast.

SISS once again targeted the impact of discarded injecting equipment within the city limits, with a focus on the city centre. SISS also continued to deliver proactive outreach in Belfast city centre to provide a flexible response to need including sign posting to other support services; as well as providing highly visible reassurance to the public and City Centre business owners.

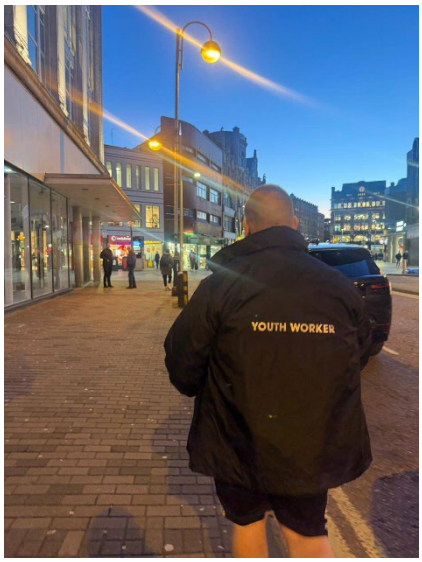
How much did we do?

- 3,319 exchanges/engagements
- 17,904 discarded sharps removed
- 215 naloxone supplied and 8 administered
- 179 signposts to other agencies



Detached Youth Engagement - City Centre

St Malachy's Youth Centre provided much needed detached youth work provision within the City Centre. Staff were able to build relationships with young people who were congregating and engaging in anti-social behaviour in hotspot areas, aiding the reduction of ASB and signpost at-risk young people into support services or further programming.



How much did we do?

- 71 deployments

How well did we do it?

- 1,720 young people engaged

Is anyone better off?

- 6/6 (100%) Youth workers reported improved awareness of policing and community safety issues
- 8/71 (11%) deployments involved sign posting young people into support services
- 23/71 (32%) deployments involved sign posting young people towards diversionary activities
- 42/71 (59%) deployments involved sign posting young people towards centre-based youth work activities

Road Safety

Speed Indicator Devices

Belfast DPCSPs support the provision and maintenance of 6 branded Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) across the City; 3 in West Belfast and 1 each across North, South and East Belfast. Information gathered by each SID is collated by the PCSP and used to guide road safety work in each of the DPCSPs.



How much did we do?

- 6 SIDS in operation

How well did we do it?

Number of vehicles recorded by each SID:

- SID 01 (West) 795,812 records
- SID 02 (West) 430,983 records
- SID 03 (East) 509,086 records
- SID 04 (South) 763,671 records
- SID 05 (North) 236,245 records
- SID 06 (West) 368,087records

Is anyone better off?

12-month average performance:

- SID 01 (West) 3.7% speed decrease
- SID 02 (West) 5.4% speed decrease
- SID 03 (East) 5.6% speed decrease
- SID 04 (South) 4.2% speed decrease
- SID 05 (North) 6.2% speed decrease
- SID 06 (West) 1.2% speed decrease

Street Smart Road Safe Booklets

The PCSP, along with South and East Belfast DPCSPs funded the printing and distribution of Roadsafe NI's Street Smart Road Safe booklet to all Primary Five pupils in Belfast to educate young people on how to keep themselves safe.



How much did we do?

- 98 schools in Belfast received the Booklets
- 4,200 booklets printed and distributed

How well did we do it?

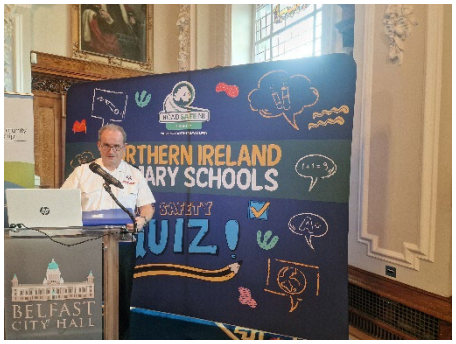
- 92/94 (98%) schools reported satisfaction with the materials provided

Is anyone better off?

- 94/94 (100%) schools reported their pupils had improved awareness, knowledge and understanding of road safety

Road Safe NI Quiz

To promote road safety awareness among young people the East Belfast DPCSP funded and hosted the Belfast regional heat of the Roadsafe NI Quiz in the City Hall on 29th January 2026.



How much did we do?

- 34 participants at the event

How well did we do it?

- 19/20 (95%) of participants reported that the event taught them about road safety

Is anyone better off?

- 19/20 (95%) participants reported that the project

has enhanced their road safety awareness

North Belfast – Road Safety Signs

North Belfast DPCSP members agreed to provide 3 SEN Schools across North Belfast with signs to remind drivers that the area near to school patrols and drop offs are no parking zones, to be aware of children in the area and to reduce their speed. There was a total of 12 signs delivered.

How much did we do?

- 3 schools
- 12 signs developed/disseminated



How well did we do it?

- 3/3 (100%) participants reporting satisfaction with activities

Is anyone better off?

- To be reported in 2026/2027

East Belfast – Road Safety Signs

East Belfast DPCSP Members agreed to enhance the safety of local pupils by providing 23 East Belfast schools with signs to remind drivers that the area around the schools are no parking zones and reminding drivers to be aware of children in the area and to reduce their speed.

How much did we do?

- 23 schools provided with signs
- 80 signs provided

How well did we do it?

- 15/15 (100%) school reporting satisfaction with signs

Is anyone better off?

- 15/15(100%) schools who report a positive change in road safety awareness

Bike Safe Sessions

Belfast PCSP funded 2 BikeSafe workshops which provided information and practical advice on how riders become safer, more competent and help avoid some of the most common causes of collisions. The workshops included a two hour classroom session looking at the key aspects of Motorcycle Roadcraft, followed by a two hour, on the road assessment by an advanced police motorcyclist.





How much did we do?

- 25 participants
- 2 sessions

How well did we do it?

- 25/25 (100%) participants reported satisfaction with activities

Is anyone better off?

- 25/25 (100%) participants with improved awareness, knowledge and understanding of road safety

Improving Community Safety

Belfast (D)PCSP Grants



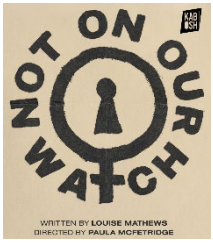
Belfast (D)PCSPs offered grants to support Belfast based community voluntary sector groups to deliver projects to improve community safety locally. Groups were awarded a minimum of £1,000 to a maximum of £3,500 to address one of the following issues:

- Drug and alcohol related antisocial behaviour, offending or reoffending.
- Positive use of time or activities to divert people away from antisocial behaviour, offending or reoffending.
- Empowerment activities to build resilience and prevent antisocial behaviour, offending or reoffending.
- Practical support or services for victims of antisocial behaviour or crime, or people who are vulnerable to harm.



City Centre/Citywide PCSP Grants

Voicing the Void - A week-long Restorative Storytelling Festival across Belfast during Hate Crime Awareness Week 2025. This innovative programme engaged marginalised communities, survivors of hate crime, and the wider public in a series of creative and restorative events designed to challenge prejudice, foster empathy, and build safer, more inclusive communities.



Kabosh - A performance of *Not on Our Watch*, followed by a facilitated workshop to explore themes of gender-based violence, mental health challenges, substance abuse, human trafficking and community resilience.

SOS NI - Female-led night-time initiative offering on-the-ground safeguarding and support for young women and students.

Street Pastors- Resources to support staff on weekend patrols dealing with individuals who would be vulnerable due to alcohol, drug use, homelessness, or personal crisis.

How much did we do?

- 377 participants
- 18 sessions
- 4 Grants awarded

How well did we do it?

- 377/377 (100%) participants report satisfaction with activities



Is anyone better off?

- 100% stakeholders are confident that they are improving community safety locally
- 100% participants reporting improved community safety from participating in the project

North Belfast DPCSP Grants

Ardoyne Youth Enterprise - Positive use of time through structured sessions with end of project trip.

Ballysillan YFC Bluehouses - Empowerment activities to build resilience and prevent ASB, offending or reoffending. Drop-in sessions for young people based on community safety themes.

Cliftonville Community Centre - 2 night residential for young people with interactive sessions focused on community safety themes.

Diverse Youth NI - Community Safety workshops for statutory and community/voluntary groups for young people to help improve community safety.

Dunlewey Addiction Service - Drugs & Alcohol addiction workshops delivered.

Ligoniel Imp Association - Community safety workshops delivered to young people with end of project trip.

RCity - Community safety workshops and social action projects delivered with end of project trip.

St Pauls & St Barnabas - Community Safety & Advice clinics on a weekly basis with drop-in support provided.

Westland Community Group - Residential for young people to provide opportunity for positive use of time.

McDonald Centre - Positive use of time through structured sessions with young people.

How much did we do?

- 689 participants

- 10 programmes
- 20 sessions

How well did we do it?

- 586/589 (99%) participants report satisfaction with activities

Is anyone better off?

- 8/9 (89%) stakeholders are confident that they are improving community safety locally
- 583/589 (98%) participants reporting improved community safety from participating in the project

South Belfast DPCSP Grants

Belfast South Community Resource – upskilling of an established ASB steering group in South Belfast with knowledge/tools to address growing trends in the area.

Kelvin Old Boys FC – twilight soccer project to divert young people away during 'high-risk' weekend hours.



Greater Village Regeneration Trust – targeted workshops with young people to divert them away from the criminal justice system.

Wheel Works – empowerment project targeting women and young people that may be vulnerable to hate incidents, cultural prejudice or ASB.

Happy Women NI – safe space project for young women exploring a range of community safety topics.

How much did we do?

- 102 Participants
- 5 Grants awarded
- 40 Sessions

How well did we do it?

- 102/102 (100%) participants who report satisfaction with activities

Is anyone better off?

- 9/9 (100%) stakeholders are confident that they are improving community safety locally
- 102/102 (100%) participants reporting improved community safety from participating in the project

East Belfast DPCSP Grants

Ulster Tower Street CDA: A structured Friday evening project for 9–16-year-olds. Participants engaged in workshops and coached football sessions to build personal resilience, community pride and life skills.

Nettlefield Multi- Sport: Weekly football sessions on both Friday and Saturday nights to divert young people from ASB, promote positive relationships with police and help integrate young people from other cultures and countries into the local community.

Walkway Community Association: Interactive workshops educating young people on online safety and the laws around online behaviour. This work is complemented by empowerment activities and challenging behaviours that promote violence against women and girls.

Dreamscheme: Delivered positive diversionary activities for young people in the Braniel area. The weekly evening sessions provided a safe space for structured diversionary work during the Winter months.

Rumble: Funded the Regular Joe's Men's Conference to bring together hundreds of men for teaching, workshops and conversation on themes such as family, mental health, and respect. A range of factors impacting male identity and their consequences for the safety of the wider community were explored.

Young Life International: Project utilised the interest in football to divert young people from ASB and engage them in structured relationship building sessions to promote positive behaviours and community safety awareness.

How much did we do?

- 10 applications received
- 6 Grants awarded
- 551 participants
- 6 programmes
- 117 sessions

How well did we do it?

- 362/366 (99%) participants report satisfaction with activities

Is anyone better off?

- 6/6 (100%) stakeholders are confident that they are improving community safety locally
- 364/366 (99%) participants reporting improved community safety from participating in the project

West Belfast DPCSP Grants

Community Restorative Justice Ireland- the project focused on improving the safety of 14 women and girls, within and outside their West Belfast community of Divis. It supported young women and girls to recognise signs and respond appropriately to coercive controlling behaviour and potential gender crime.

Falls Residents Association- A programme that supported 18 young women to make positive use of their time, strengthen resilience, and reduce vulnerability to antisocial behaviour and harm. The programme delivered weekly strength-building sessions, agency workshops with key stakeholders and concluded with a project celebration event.

Footprints Women's Centre- the project focused on improving community safety by equipping 10 women vulnerable to crime and antisocial behaviour with the knowledge and skills to stay safe online. The project delivered workshops and two one-to-one digital safety clinics and also produced and distributed a digital safety toolkit to participants and partner organisations.

St Peters Immaculata- the project involved a six-week programme and a residential element for 16 young people which helped the young people to design a response to interface violence and sectarianism. It supported young people to build relationships, develop friendships and reduce the violence and sectarianism on the interfaces.

How much did we do?

- 58 participants
- 45 sessions
- 4 Grants awarded

How well did we do it?

- 58/58 (100%) participants report satisfaction with activities

Is anyone better off?

- 100% stakeholders are confident that they are improving community safety locally
- 100% participants reporting improved community safety from participating in the project

Strategic Priority 3

Confidence in Policing

(D)PCSP Policing Committees

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

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

How much did we do?
19 policing committee meetings

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

Safe Shop Training and Animations

Belfast PCSP supported the PSNI in the delivery of a Safe Shop 'Train the Trainer' session on the 3rd October for 20 Officers across the City. The Safe Shop initiative provides retail and security staff with the knowledge and confidence to prevent crime and antisocial behaviour in their workplace via police-led workshops. In order to enhance the current workshops delivered and enable the roll out the training remotely, we also part funded 8 animated resources on topics such as thieves working in groups, shoplifter indicators, price switching and piling items.

Selecta DNA







Belfast PCSP supported the purchase and roll out of Selecta DNA, a property marking system that holds secured by Design accreditation and can enable Police to identify property and link criminals to crime.

In total, 172 kits were purchased and will be distributed to participating businesses in 2026/2027, allowing them to mark assets, add their details to a secure database, with an aim of eventually seeing a reduction in theft and burglaries.

Collaborative Problem Solving

Crime Prevention Equipment and Engagement Events

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



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

How much did we do?

- 7,982 total items purchased
- 737 participants across the events
- 50+ sessions delivered across the City



How well did we do it?

- 303/307 (99%) participants who report satisfaction with activities

Is anyone better off?

- 243/246 (99%) participants who have improved knowledge & understanding of policing and community safety issues
- 346/351 (99%) participants with improved confidence in policing

North Belfast DPCSP

Confidence in Policing (CIP) Applications

North Belfast DPCSP funded 26 projects in conjunction with Castle, Oldpark, Court North Neighbourhood Policing Teams. Working with North Belfast Alternatives, White City Senior Ladies Group, Westland Community Group, Ashton Centre, Grove Housing Association, Highfield Community Centre, Anchor Boys Shankill, VOYPIC, St John Ambulance Cadets, Benview Community Centre, Grove Seniors, Mountcollyer Youth Centre, Diverse Youth NI, 78th Cavehill Scouts, ACT/Woodvale Resident's Group, RCity, Education Authority, Seaview Seniors Group and Glandore Children's Home.

The projects ranged from Pizza and Peeler style events which included ASB /scrambler/ drug/ cyber engagement to gaming buses and personal, home safety and fraud awareness. The themes allowed for engagement and dialogue with both adults and children to help improve confidence in policing.

The CIP funding also supported several further engagement events:

Greater Shankill Community Safety Network

The Partnership supported and covered the meeting costs/venue hire for the GSCSN meetings for 2025/2026. There were 8 meetings held by the group across the year.

North Belfast DPCSP in partnership with Girdwood Community Hub delivered a **Seniors' Safety Event and Tea Dance** to 130 older people on the theme of scams and staying safe for older people.



Pastoral ALC Day – North Belfast Post Primary Schools & Police
North DPCSP provided refreshments and facilitated PSNI engagement at a pastoral day, to 58 participants.

How much did we do?

- Cip App - 1,029 participants
- CIP Engagement - 255 participants
- CIP APP - 26 activities/sessions
- CIP Engagement - 9 activities/sessions

How well did we do it?

- CIP APP - 979/979 (100%) participants who report satisfaction with activities
- CIP Engagement - 127/128 (99%) participants who report satisfaction with activities

Is anyone better off?

- CIP APP - 979/979 (100%) participants with improved confidence in policing

- CIP Engagement - 128/128 (100%) participants with improved confidence in policing
- CIP APP - 979/979 (100%) participants reporting improved knowledge and understanding of the community safety issue discussed with the police
- CIP Engagement - 125/128 (97%) participants reporting improved knowledge and understanding of the community safety issue discussed with the police

South Belfast DPCSP

Confidence in Policing (CIP) Applications

South Belfast DPCSP funded 15 projects in conjunction with South Belfast Neighbourhood Policing Teams. Working with Forward South, Bahai Community, MACS, Morton Community Centre, Womens Aid, Belfast Islamic Centre, Belvoir, Finmonagh, GVRT and Belvoir YC. The projects were varied throughout, Pizza and Peeler style events, art based projects, and Christmas projects.

The CIP funding also supported several further engagement events:

Behind the Smile Event

A workshop led by the PSNI with a focus on violence against women and girls was held in Malone House which targeted owners/workers within the beauty industry across Belfast to spot potential signs of domestic violence amongst their clients. The event showcased safe steps workers could take to support anyone impacted.





GVRT Boxing Project
This programme worked as a diversionary measure under the Broadway Action Plan. Twenty young people from the Sandy Row, Village and Donegall Pass areas were recruited to take part in a 5 week boxing programme based at the GVRT Fit4Life gym. There was a specific focus to attracting those who have been involved in anti-social behaviour and crime as well as those who are at risk of being involved in same.

CiP Engagement Event
South Belfast DPCSP supported South Belfast Neighbourhood Policing Team to host an engagement event between community/statutory stakeholders in the area to establish and build on relationships with the Policing team. It was agreed during the event that this would be the first of many to continue to work collaboratively moving forward.



How much did we do?
- 812 participants
- 34 activities/sessions

How well did we do it?
- 793/793 (100%) participants who report satisfaction with activities

Is anyone better off?
- 793/793 (100%) participants with improved confidence in policing
- 684/684 (100%) participants reporting improved knowledge and understanding of the community safety issue discussed with the police

East Belfast DPCSP

Confidence in Policing (CIP) Applications:

The East Belfast DPCSP funded 18 of these small-scale events enabling 745 local people to engage positively with members of their local Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT). Activities in this reporting period were successful in improving relationships between the police and the community they serve in East Belfast. All events funded had a clear community safety theme and included Pizza with a Peeler, diversionary street BBQs at times of increase interface tensions, drug safety events and work to keep young people safe around bonfires and fireworks.

How much did we do?

- 745 participants
- 18 sessions

How well did we do it?

- 635/645 (98**%**) participants who report satisfaction with engagement activities

Is anyone better off?

- 624/645 (97%) participants who report improved knowledge understanding & awareness of the community safety issue
- 627/645 (97%) participants with improved confidence in police

East Belfast DPCSP Confidence in Policing Projects:

Women's Aid One-Stop Shop

This was the continuation of a fortnightly advice clinic for Women and Girls who are experiencing domestic violence or need advice on leaving an abusive relationship. It ran alongside established 'One Stop Shop' service currently operated by Women's Aid in the city centre and South Belfast. Each week there were a range of several advice desks available for people to move around as necessary to gain the appropriate advice with the provision of a private room for confidential discussions

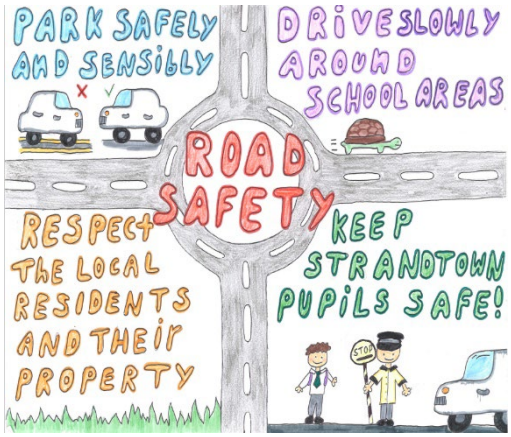
PSNI & Community Collaboration Event

This project aims to develop and strengthen relationships between the PSNI in East Belfast and those working and living in the community they serve by bringing community workers together with police and PCSP staff in a facilitated engagement day the PSNI were funded to host. This event took place on 5th March 2026 and explored the experience of policing in East Belfast, facilitating discussion around current community safety priorities and exploring opportunities for greater community-police collaborative working.









Strandtown Primary School Road Safety Banners
The aim of this project was to involve pupils and their parents in the campaign for safer, more responsible driving and parking in the vicinity of Strandtown Primary School. Pupils of the school were invited to submit their own artwork for inclusion on a road safety banner that was made and placed at appropriate locations in the school vicinity.

Pop-Up Football Project:
The East Belfast DPCSP agreed to fund a set of football nets for the local Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) for their use when engaging with local young people through sport. Having a dedicated set of nets available to the NPTs increased opportunities for positive police engagements.

Drug Testing Kits
In response to an increase in the use of synthetic cannabinoids in East Belfast and across the city the DPCSP funded 50 drug testing kits for use by NPT. These were used by officers and community groups working with them to protect young people from the harmful consumption of synthetic cannabinoids and associated intoxicants.

How much did we do?
- 275 participants
- 25 sessions

How well did we do it?
- 58/61 (95%) participants who report satisfaction with engagement activities/equipment

Is anyone better off?
- 100/105 (95%) participants who report improved knowledge understanding & awareness of policing/East Belfast DPCSP/community safety issue

Community Safety Initiative – West Belfast

This project builds confidence in policing by collaboratively problem solving with residents and supporting them to participate directly in the criminal justice processes.

The Community Safety Initiative supports and encourages the community to develop actionable information to drive the progress of a case file.



How much did we do?

- 1,249 resources distributed
- 32 workshops and events
- 2 steering group meetings
- 42 different issues addressed



Is anyone better off?

- 14 participants who have improved confidence to address policing & community safety issues
- 13 participants more likely to report crime directly to PSNI and other statutory agencies
- 15 participants who feel that their policing/community safety issue has improved

Financial Statement

Total Administration	**165,304.00**	**165,304.00**	**165,304.00**	**-**	**165,304.00**	**41,326.00**	**41,326.00**	**41,326.00**	**41,326.00**	**165,304.00**
OPERATIONAL										
Strategic Objective 1: Form & Deliver functions of PCSP										
Effective Delivery - Meetings	16,000.00	16,000.00	15,466.31	433.70	15,900.01	1,771.59	2,750.75	9,326.17	2,051.50	15,900.01
Action Planning/External Evaluations	26,000.00	26,000.00	0.00	19,946.95	19,946.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,946.95	19,946.95
(D)PCSPs Awareness Raising	-	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Strategic Objective 2: Improve Community Safety										
Detached Youth Engagement - DYE	58,800.00	58,800.00	64,299.09	4,716.00	69,015.09	16,498.00	22,468.00	11,423.00	18,630.09	69,015.09
Reactive Projects	23,000.00	23,000.00	22,546.91	2,299.79	24,846.70	2,490.00	7,281.86	5,877.16	9,197.68	24,846.70
Schools Awareness Projects	-	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Community/Network Support Projects	58,500.00	58,500.00	53,300.00	8,200.00	61,500.00	0.00	12,100.00	22,000.00	27,400.00	61,500.00
Wider University & Lower Ormeau Intervention Project - WULO (South)	15,500.00	15,500.00	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	2,000.00	5,000.00	12,000.00
Support Programme	38,000.00	38,000.00	39,397.30	5,805.00	45,202.30	0.00	10,978.84	15,727.84	18,495.62	45,202.30
Domestic & Sexual Violence & Abuse Project	39,000.00	39,000.00	31,206.17	0.00	31,206.17	0.00	2,000.00	12,043.70	17,162.47	31,206.17
Citywide Hate Crime Action Plan	4,000.00	4,000.00	3,773.00	1,227.00	5,000.00	0.00	2,273.00	0.00	2,727.00	5,000.00
Home Security Service	32,050.00	32,050.00	30,072.72	0.00	30,072.72	0.00	6,424.12	13,277.66	10,370.94	30,072.72
Spring Safety Event	11,000.00	11,000.00	10,576.95	1,352.53	11,929.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,929.48	11,929.48
Prevent to Protect	2,625.00	2,625.00	2,778.30	0.00	2,778.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,778.30	2,778.30
Older Adults Cyber Safety	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,431.85	0.00	1,431.85	0.00	1,323.36	108.49	0.00	1,431.85
Youth Empowerment Programme - YEP	17,000.00	17,000.00	11,902.00	0.00	11,902.00	0.00	0.00	1,797.00	10,105.00	11,902.00
Belfast City Centre Initiatives	22,000.00	22,000.00	25,154.62	1,232.50	26,387.12	141.50	4,562.95	2,060.17	19,622.50	26,387.12
Street Injecting Support Services - SISS	50,500.00	50,500.00	49,820.66	0.00	49,820.66	0.00	17,866.28	14,839.01	17,115.37	49,820.66
Complex Lives/MASH	36,000.00	36,000.00	28,250.00	12,304.30	40,554.30	0.00	8,750.00	9,750.00	22,054.30	40,554.30
Road Safety	20,000.00	20,000.00	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	0.00	574.50	4,333.50	20,092.00	25,000.00
(D)PCSP Grants	97,816.00	97,816.00	72,394.12	11,388.71	83,782.83	0.00	41,358.15	25,801.97	16,622.71	83,782.83
Strategic Objective 3: Improve Community Confidence in Policing										
Neighbourhood Watch	500.00	500.00	360.00	0.00	360.00	0.00	360.00	0.00	0.00	360.00
Confidence in Policing	44,722.00	44,722.00	44,420.33	1,578.35	45,998.68	3,477.50	8,902.96	8,306.53	25,311.69	45,998.68
Community Safety Initiative - CSI (West)	47,000.00	47,000.00	35,177.84	11,400.00	46,577.84	0.00	0.00	24,179.84	22,398.00	46,577.84
Total Operational	**661,213.00**	**661,213.00**	**579,328.17**	**81,884.83**	**661,213.00**	**24,376.59**	**154,972.57**	**182,852.04**	**299,011.80**	**661,213.00**
TOTAL ADMIN & OPERATIONAL	**826,517.00**	**826,517.00**	**744,632.17**	**81,884.83**	**826,517.00**	**65,702.59**	**196,298.57**	**224,178.04**	**340,337.80**	**826,517.00**
Meeting Expenses	**29,000.00**	**29,000.00**	**15,863.58**	**4,260.00**	**20,123.58**	**2,547.01**	**4,831.47**	**6,685.95**	**6,059.15**	**20,123.58**
OVERALL TOTAL	**855,517.00**	**855,517.00**	**760,495.75**	**86,144.83**	**846,640.58**	**68,249.60**	**201,130.04**	**230,863.99**	**346,396.95**	**846,640.58**

Certificate of Chief Executive Officer

I am satisfied that the expenditure shown has been wholly, exclusively and necessarily incurred by the Council on the local Policing and Community Safety Partnership and that the grant receivable from the Joint Committee is in accordance with the regulations and conditions applicable.

Chief Executive Officer

10/9/26
Date

Thank You!

We would like to thank all our delivery partners for their hard work and commitment to #Making Belfast Safer throughout 2025/2026.

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