ANNUAL REPORT 2025-2026

Mid Ulster Policing & Community Safety Partnership



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INTRODUCTION

I am delighted to introduce the Annual Report for the Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) covering the 2025-26 period. This document highlights the practical work undertaken over the last twelve months to address local safety priorities, including anti-social behaviour, domestic abuse initiatives, and vulnerability.

Throughout the year, we have focused our efforts on initiatives to tackle the issues that matter most to our residents. These outcomes are a direct result of the hard work and cooperation between our elected, independent, and statutory members. I want to express my sincere thanks to them, and to the community groups and residents whose active cooperation and hard work have been vital to delivering these programmes successfully.

Looking ahead, the PCSP remains focused on maintaining these strong working relationships, fulfilling our statutory duties, and collaborating effectively to support a safer Mid Ulster.



Cllr Anne Forde
Chairperson
Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership 2025-26

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) continued to deliver a wide-ranging programme of community safety, crime prevention and public engagement initiatives throughout 2025–26. Working in partnership with local communities, PSNI, statutory agencies and the voluntary sector, the PCSP addressed priorities identified through consultation and engagement, focusing on anti-social behaviour, vulnerability, domestic abuse, internet safety, road safety and confidence in policing.

Mid Ulster remains one of the safest districts in Northern Ireland, maintaining one of the lowest recorded crime rates across the 11 policing districts. During the year, the PCSP supported initiatives that contributed to reducing anti-social behaviour, improving community confidence, protecting vulnerable residents and strengthening relationships between communities and policing partners.

Strategic Priority 1 – Community Engagement and Awareness

The PCSP maintained a strong commitment to consultation, communication and public engagement. During 2025–26, 15 public consultation and engagement events were delivered involving 932 participants, alongside 17 awareness campaigns and more than 110 social media posts that reached almost 179,000 people. As a result, 81% of participants reported increased awareness of the PCSP and its role in addressing policing and community safety issues.

Engagement activity included domestic abuse awareness events, older people's safety initiatives, youth-focused programmes, crime prevention events and public information stands. Thematic meetings also enabled residents, members and statutory partners to identify emerging issues and shape future responses.

Strategic Priority 2 – Tackling Crime, Anti-Social Behaviour and Vulnerability

A broad range of interventions were delivered to improve community safety and address local concerns. Some examples are:

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

- Six youth diversionary projects engaged 226 young people.
- ASB awareness campaigns distributed over 1,100 educational materials.
- 99% of participants reported increased awareness of the impact of ASB.

Supporting Vulnerable People

- 445 older residents received home security assessments and installations.
- 469 home security measures were installed.
- 87% of participants reported feeling safer as a result of the scheme.
- Over 34,000 community text alerts were issued providing crime prevention and safety information.

Alcohol and Drug Awareness

- Six Rapid Bins remained operational across the district.
- More than 25,000 drug items were removed from the community.
- Three At Risk Youth Events engaged 164 young people on substance misuse awareness.

Domestic and Sexual Violence

- A district-wide awareness campaign utilised 55 advertising sites.
- Thirty-five high-risk victims received home safety interventions, including 107 security measures.
- All scheme participants reported feeling safer in their homes following support.

Internet Safety

- Thirty educational sessions were delivered across 28 schools.
- A total of 932 pupils participated.
- 97% of participants reported increased awareness and knowledge of online safety.

Road Safety

- Road safety education included a collision reconstruction event and a crash car simulator programme involving 90 students.
- Speed Indicator Devices were deployed at over 150 locations across the district.

Strategic Priority 3 – Building Confidence in Policing

The PCSP continued to support accountability and build public confidence in policing through Policing Committee meetings, public engagement events and neighbourhood-based initiatives. Four private Policing Committee meetings, one public themed meeting and 12 local meetings were held throughout the year.

A total of 3,369 residents attended engagement and themed events, while 28 Neighbourhood Watch schemes remained active across the district. Evaluation results demonstrated strong outcomes:

- 87% of participants reported increased confidence in policing.
- 79% were more likely to engage with PSNI.
- 88% were more likely to report crime.
- 100% of Neighbourhood Watch members felt their area was safer because of the scheme.

Looking Ahead

The achievements highlighted in this report demonstrate the value of partnership working in addressing local concerns and improving community safety outcomes. Through continued collaboration with residents, PSNI, statutory agencies and community organisations, Mid Ulster PCSP remains committed to delivering effective, evidence-based interventions that reduce crime, support vulnerable people, tackle anti-social behaviour and strengthen confidence in policing. The Partnership will continue to build on these successes and respond to emerging challenges to help ensure that Mid Ulster remains a safe, confident and resilient community for all.

MID ULSTER AREA PROFILE

Mid Ulster is a dynamic and growing district in Northern Ireland, characterised by a vibrant economy, a predominantly rural landscape with significant urban centres, and a distinct demographic profile. The district comprises seven District Electoral Areas (DEAs): Carntogher, Clogher Valley, Cookstown, Dungannon, Magherafelt, Moyola and Torrent.

Demographics

- Population: According to Census 2021, Mid Ulster's population was 150,293, representing an increase of 8.4% since 2011 (138,590). More recent ONS estimates suggest the population reached approximately 152,700 in 2024, making Mid Ulster one of the fastest-growing council areas in Northern Ireland.
- Age Profile: Mid Ulster continues to have one of the youngest populations in Northern Ireland, with a median age of 38 years, compared with 40 years for Northern Ireland overall. The district has a relatively large proportion of children and working-age residents and a lower proportion of older people than the regional average.
- Economic Activity: Mid Ulster maintains one of the highest levels of economic activity in Northern Ireland. Census 2021 showed a relatively low unemployment rate and lower levels of economic inactivity than many other council areas.

Religion and Ethnicity (Census 2021):

Religion	% of Population
Catholic	61.8%
Presbyterian	10.4%
Church of Ireland	11.1%
Methodist	0.8%
Other Christian	8.0%
Hindu	0.1%
Muslim	0.1%
Buddhist	<0.1%
Sikh	<0.1%
Jewish	<0.1%
Other Religions	<0.1%
No Religion	7.9%
Religion Not Stated	0.1%

- Mid Ulster is now the most ethnically diverse council area outside Belfast:
    - White: approximately 96%
    - Minority ethnic communities: approximately 4% of the population

- Country of Birth (Census 2021):
    - Northern Ireland: 86.1%
    - Republic of Ireland: 1.7%
    - England: 2.5%
    - Other EU countries: 6.2%
    - Other countries: remaining proportion.

    Mid Ulster has the highest proportion of residents born elsewhere in the EU of any council area in Northern Ireland.

Employment and Economy

- Economic Performance: Mid Ulster continues to be one of Northern Ireland's strongest-performing economies and remains the region's manufacturing powerhouse. The district has experienced sustained economic growth over the past decade.
- Employment Landscape: The district supports approximately 60,000 jobs and continues to have the highest proportion of private-sector employment among Northern Ireland councils.

  Key Sectors:
    - Manufacturing and Engineering: Accounts for around 30% of jobs and remains the defining feature of the local economy.
    - Construction: Significantly above the Northern Ireland average.
    - Agri-food: A major contributor to employment and exports.
    - Business and Professional Services: Continuing growth sector.
- Businesses: Mid Ulster continues to have one of the largest business bases outside Belfast, with micro-businesses forming the majority of enterprises. Exports: The district remains one of Northern Ireland's most export-intensive economies, particularly in advanced manufacturing, engineering and agri-food sectors.
- Unemployment: Mid Ulster continues to experience one of the lowest unemployment rates in Northern Ireland. Census 2021 recorded unemployment among economically active residents at 1.8%, reflecting the strength of the local economy and high levels of labour market participation. While unemployment remains low, local employers increasingly report challenges in recruiting suitably skilled workers, particularly within the manufacturing, engineering, construction and agri-food sectors.

Education

- Educational Attainment: Educational outcomes remain above the Northern Ireland average, with school leavers generally achieving strong GCSE and post-16 qualifications.
- Qualifications: Census 2021 showed increasing qualification levels across the district, with a growing proportion of residents holding degree-level or equivalent qualifications.
- Educational Deprivation: Although educational attainment is generally strong, pockets of educational deprivation remain, particularly within certain rural communities and disadvantaged areas.

Households and Housing

- Housing Demand: Demand for social housing remains significant across Mid Ulster, with housing stress continuing to affect many households throughout the district.
- Housing Affordability: Mid Ulster remains one of the most affordable housing markets in Northern Ireland, supporting population growth and inward migration.
- Median Earnings: Earnings continue to trail the Northern Ireland average despite strong employment levels, reflecting the prevalence of manufacturing and skilled trade employment.

Deprivation

- Relative Deprivation: Mid Ulster continues to experience lower levels of concentrated deprivation than many other council areas. There are no areas within the district ranked among the most deprived 10% in Northern Ireland under the latest Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measure.
- Youth Deprivation: Despite generally lower deprivation levels, some communities continue to experience child poverty and economic disadvantage, with youth services targeted towards these localities.

Crime

- Overall Crime Trends: Mid Ulster consistently records one of the lowest crime rates among the 11 policing districts in Northern Ireland. The district continues to perform favourably against the regional average for overall recorded crime. Recent PSNI statistics show overall crime levels remaining relatively stable, with reductions evident across a number of key offence categories.
- Burglary and Rural Crime: Residential burglary rates remain comparatively low. However, given the district's extensive rural geography and agricultural base, thefts

from farms, plant machinery, fuel and agricultural vehicles continue to present policing challenges.

- Motoring Offences and Road Safety: Road safety remains a significant concern due to the district's large rural road network and high levels of vehicle dependency. Enforcement activity relating to speeding, seatbelts, mobile phone use and drink/drug driving continues to be a priority for both PSNI and community safety partners.
- Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB): Reports of anti-social behaviour have generally declined over recent years, although seasonal issues continue to arise in town centres, housing estates and public open spaces.

Summary

Mid Ulster is one of Northern Ireland's fastest growing and most economically successful districts. The area benefits from a strong manufacturing, engineering and agri-food base, high levels of economic participation and a comparatively young population. Census 2021 also highlighted increasing ethnic diversity and continued population growth. While pockets of deprivation and housing need remain, Mid Ulster continues to outperform many other council areas on key economic and social indicators and remains one of the safest districts in Northern Ireland.

MEMBERS

The size of each PCSP varies across Northern Ireland. Mid Ulster PCSP has ten political members appointed by Mid Ulster District Council and nine independent members of the community who are appointed by the NI Policing Board. Together these members form the Policing Committee of the PCSP. In addition, PCSPs have representatives from seven designated bodies.

The Chair of each PCSP is a Councillor and the Vice Chair is an Independent Member.

In 2025-26 Mid Ulster PCSP consisted of the following members:

Elected Members	Meetings Held	Meetings Attended	Attendance Percentage
Councillor Anne Forde (Chair)	5	4	80%
Councillor Eva Cahoon	5	4	80%
Councillor Eimear Carney	5	1	20%
Councillor Clement Cuthbertson	5	4	80%
Councillor Donna Mullin	5	3	60%
Councillor Brian McGuigan	5	5	100%
Councillor Christine McFlynn	5	3	60%
Councillor John McNamee	5	3	60%
Councillor Sean McPeake	5	5	100%
Councillor Deirdre Varsani	5	3	60%
Independent Members			
Grace Meerbeek (Vice Chair)	5	4	80%
Sulakashana Chada	5	3	60%
Robert Colvin	5	4	80%
Niamh Doris	5	3	60%
Ian Irwin	5	4	80%
Christopher Hillcox	4	4	100%
Martin Logan	5	4	80%
Ciaran McElhone	5	4	80%
Pearse McFlynn	5	0	0%

Designated Members			
Education Authority	5	4	80%
Health & Social Care Trusts	5	0	0%
NI Fire & Rescue	5	3	60%
NI Housing Executive	5	4	80%
Probation Board NI	5	4	80%
Police Service of Northern Ireland	5	5	100%
Youth Justice Agency	5	3	60%

Action Plan theme	Operational funding breakdown
Awareness raising and engagement	£27,480.11
ASB Driving	£12,735.23
ASB Youth Engagement	£28,735.00
ASB Educational	£10,735.23
Domestic and sexual abuse	£39,735.23
Internet Safety	£13,396.73
Vulnerable Persons Initiatives	£27,480.11
Confidence in policing	£21,830.46
Drugs Misuse & Crime	£13,735.23
PCSP Delivery, Engagement & Awareness	£12,735.00
Nighttime Economy Training	£10,735.23
Safe Night out	£14,735.23

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

MID ULSTER PCSP FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026

Budget Category	Budget agreed Apr 25-Mar 26 £	Changes to budget less than 25% £	Revised Budget Apr 25-Mar 26 £	Actual Expenditure 2025/26 £	Expenditure Accrued £	Total Expenditure to date £	Q1 Payment Apr - Jun £	Q2 Payment Jul - Sep £	Q3 Payment Oct - Dec £	Q4 Payment Jan - Mar £	Total Payments to date £
Salaries	**46,733.58**	-	**46,733.58**	46,733.58	-	**46,733.58**	12,428.39	13,297.29	12,860.81	8,149.09	**46,733.58**
Running Costs											
Staff Mileage (inc. essential car allowance)	**5,000.00**	60.22	**5,060.22**	4,957.63	106.81	**5,064.44**	785.50	1,096.42	1,468.77	1,743.75	**5,064.44**
Members Mileage	**900.00**	-225.00	**675.00**	532.16	138.62	**670.78**	40.31	59.50	286.45	285.52	**670.78**
Printing & Stationery/Staff Mobiles	**1,500.00**	164.78	**1,664.78**	1,664.78	0.00	**1,664.78**	179.19	310.40	329.26	845.93	**1,664.78**
Internal Audit	**1,000.00**	0.00	**1,000.00**	1,000.00	0.00	**1,000.00**	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	**1,000.00**
Sub-total running costs	**8,400.00**	-	**8,400.00**	8,154.57	245.43	**8,400.00**	1,005.00	1,435.32	3,084.48	2,875.20	**8,400.00**
Total Administration	**55,133.58**	-	**55,133.58**	54,888.15	245.43	**55,133.58**	13,431.39	14,732.61	15,945.29	11,024.29	**55,133.58**
OPERATIONAL											
Strategic Objective 1: Form & Deliver functions of PCSP											
PCSP Delivery	4,245.00	74.05	4,319.05	4,319.05	0.00	**4,319.05**	903.71	962.30	1,031.43	1,421.61	**4,319.05**
PCSP Awareness	4,245.00	(74.05)	4,170.95	4,170.95	0.00	**4,170.95**	903.71	962.30	932.88	1,372.06	**4,170.95**
PCSP Engagement	4,245.00	-	4,245.00	4,245.00	0.00	**4,245.00**	903.72	962.31	932.88	1,446.09	**4,245.00**
Strategic Objective 2: Improve Community Safety											
Anti/Social Driving	12,735.23	-	12,735.23	12,735.23	0.00	**12,735.23**	5,225.14	2,886.91	2,796.65	1,824.53	**12,735.23**
Youth Engagement	28,735.00	-	28,735.00	28,735.00	0.00	**28,735.00**	4,929.87	2,886.91	3,275.65	17,639.57	**28,735.00**
ASB Educational	10,735.23	-	10,735.23	10,735.23	0.00	**10,735.23**	2,711.14	2,886.91	3,608.65	1,528.53	**10,735.23**
NTE Training	10,735.23	-	10,735.23	10,735.23	0.00	**10,735.23**	2,711.14	2,886.91	2,796.65	2,338.53	**10,735.23**
Safe Night Out	14,735.23	-	14,735.23	14,735.23	0.00	**14,735.23**	3,357.00	2,886.91	2,803.62	5,687.70	**14,735.23**
Drugs Misuse & Crime	13,735.23	-	13,735.23	13,735.23	0.00	**13,735.23**	2,711.14	2,886.91	2,796.65	5,338.53	**13,735.23**
Internet Safety	13,396.73	-	13,396.73	13,396.73	0.00	**13,396.73**	3,402.81	2,956.85	2,796.65	4,238.42	**13,396.73**
Domestic Violence	30,735.23	-	30,735.23	30,735.23	0.00	**30,735.23**	2,711.14	3,164.92	6,038.57	18,820.60	**30,735.23**
Vulnerable Persons Initiatives	30,835.23	-	30,835.23	27,536.23	3,299.00	**30,835.23**	2,711.14	3,811.92	18,884.65	5,427.52	**30,835.23**
Awareness Raising	27,480.11	-	27,480.11	27,480.11	0.00	**27,480.11**	2,711.14	2,886.92	7,536.66	14,345.39	**27,480.11**
Strategic Objective 3: Improve Community Confidence in Policing											
Policing Committee Monitoring	8,735.23	-	8,735.23	8,735.23	0.00	**8,735.23**	2,711.14	2,886.92	2,796.66	338.51	**8,735.23**
Community and Police Engagement	13,735.23	-	13,735.23	13,095.23	640.00	**13,735.23**	3,872.77	4,035.05	3,972.11	1,855.30	**13,735.23**
Total Operational	**229,063.91**	-	**229,063.91**	225,124.91	3,939.00	**229,063.91**	42,479.71	39,950.95	63,013.36	83,622.89	**229,063.91**
TOTAL ADMIN & OPERATIONAL	**284,197.49**	-	**284,197.49**	280,013.06	4,184.43	**284,197.49**	55,908.10	54,683.56	78,958.65	94,647.18	**284,197.49**
Meeting Expenses	**14,000.00**	-	**14,000.00**	11,340.13	1,320.00	**12,660.13**	629.98	1,289.63	5,768.98	4,871.54	**12,560.13**
OVERALL TOTAL	**298,197.49**	-	**298,197.49**	291,353.19	5,504.43	**296,757.62**	56,538.08	55,973.19	84,727.63	99,518.72	**296,757.62**

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

10/07/2026
Date

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.*

Throughout the year, the Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) actively engaged with the public at a variety of events, demonstrating our commitment to community safety and well-being. These events included:

Domestic Violence Awareness Events: We organised and participated in numerous events aimed at raising awareness about domestic violence. These events provided crucial information on recognising signs of abuse, available support services, and legal protections for victims. Our goal was to empower individuals to seek help and to educate the community on how to support those affected by domestic violence.

Older Person Safety Events: Recognising the unique vulnerabilities of older adults, we held events focused on their safety. These sessions covered topics such as fraud prevention, personal safety, and how to access local resources. We collaborated with various organisations to ensure that our older residents feel secure and supported.

Youth Engagement Activities: Engaging with young people is vital for fostering a safe and inclusive community. We hosted youth events and projects that included workshops on cyber safety, antisocial behaviour, and discussions on the importance of community involvement. These activities aimed to build trust between young people and agencies, encouraging positive relationships.

Crime Prevention Events: Our crime prevention initiatives included a series of events designed to educate the public on how to protect themselves and their property. Topics ranged from home security tips to neighbourhood watch programs.

Public Information Engagement Stands: To ensure that we reached a broad audience, we hold crime prevention and engagement stands at various public locations throughout the year. These stands provided valuable resources on a wide range of topics, including crime reporting, community safety programs, and crime prevention. They provide a direct line of communication between the PCSP and the community.

In addition to these events, the PCSP held thematic meetings to address and assess issues reported by the public and raised by PCSP members. These meetings were crucial for:

- **Identifying Key Issues**: By discussing the concerns brought forward by community members and PCSP representatives, we were able to identify the most pressing safety and security issues within our community.
- **Developing Targeted Strategies**: The insights gained from these meetings informed our planning, allowing us to develop targeted interventions and allocate resources effectively.
- **Fostering Collaboration**: These meetings provided a platform for collaboration between stakeholders.
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OBA Overview

How much did we do?

- 15 public consultation and engagement events held
- 932 participants/attendees
- 110 social media posts
- 17 campaigns/PR events

How well did we do it?

- 178,839 social media reach

Is anyone better off?

- 81% of people with an increased awareness of the PCSP and its work to address policing and community safety issues

Best Practice

Name of Project/Initiative/Event	Older Crime Prevention Event
Funded amount	£900
Partners	PSNI, Agewell, NIFRS, Council
Description of project/initiative/event	A crime prevention event was held for seniors to increase engagement with PSNI and raise awareness of crime prevention and home safety
OBA	**How Much Did We Do?** • 81 participants. **How Well Did We Do?** • 93% assessed their participation as positive **Is Anyone Better Off?** • 86% of participants with increased confidence in the PSNI • 99% of participants with increased awareness of crime prevention • 91% of participants more likely to report crime

Name of Project	At Risk Events for Youth
Funded amount	£1200
Partners	EA Youth
Description of project	The At Risk Events aims to educate young people on the topical issues that matter to them. Drugs and Alcohol was highlighted by the young people as issues of concern and the PCSP in partnership with EA Youth sought to address this through the engagement and educational event.
OBA	**How Much Did We Do?** 3 At Risk Youth Events with 164 participants **How Well Did We Do?** 100% found it beneficial **Is Anyone Better Off?** 100% increased awareness of Drugs and Alcohol



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.

The PCSP operates with an overarching main body and two thematic groups, each dedicated to delivering on specific action plans. These thematic groups are:

- **Anti-Social Behaviour & Night-time Economy Group**
- **Vulnerable Victims of Crime Group**

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

ASB remains a significant concern for our community. The Mid Ulster PCSP has developed a long-term strategy focused on targeted initiatives to engage with individuals involved in anti-social behaviour and foster positive change. The goals are to reduce the fear of crime and lower the risk of victimisation, particularly among older residents.

Night-Time Economy

Mid Ulster boasts a vibrant night-time economy. The PCSP collaborates with various stakeholders to enhance the safety and attractiveness of the night-time economy. This coordinated approach aims to create a secure environment for patrons, encouraging more people to enjoy the local nightlife safely.

Vulnerable Victims of Crime

The PCSP is dedicated to supporting vulnerable victims of crime through targeted initiatives. These efforts are designed to provide the necessary support and resources to those most at risk, ensuring their safety and well-being.

Projects have been developed or funded by the PCSP in response to priorities identified through community consultation. These activities not only address immediate concerns but also provide valuable engagement opportunities that inform the PCSP's future work. By continuously engaging with the community and stakeholders, the PCSP ensures that its initiatives remain relevant and effective in promoting safety and reducing crime in Mid Ulster.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB)

Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) has been actively addressing anti-social behaviour (ASB) through various initiatives aimed at prevention, education, and community engagement. Our efforts focus on reducing ASB incidents and promoting a safer environment for all residents.

Youth Diversionary Projects:

We implemented six youth diversionary projects throughout the year. These projects successfully engaged 226 young people, providing them with constructive activities and support. The projects aimed to divert young people from engaging in anti-social behaviour by offering alternative activities, such as sports, arts, and educational workshops. Participants reported improved social skills, increased self-esteem, and a greater sense of community involvement. The projects also contributed to a reduction in ASB incidents among the youth.

Awareness Campaigns:

We created ASB awareness with the materials providing information on the consequences of ASB, ways to report incidents, and available support services. The campaigns reached a wide audience, raising awareness about ASB and encouraging community members to take proactive steps in preventing such behaviour.



Mid Ulster PCSP remains dedicated to tackling anti-social behaviour through targeted initiatives and community engagement. Our youth diversionary projects and awareness campaigns have made a significant impact on reducing ASB incidents and promoting a safer, more cohesive community. We will continue to work collaboratively with local organisations, agencies, and residents to address these critical issues and ensure a safer environment for all.

OBA Overview

How much did we do?

- 6 youth diversionary projects, engaging 226 young people
- 2 posts and 1100 leaflets distributed

How well did we do it?

- 100% of participants satisfied with the project
- 100% assessed their participation as positive

Is anyone better off?

- 223/99% of participants with increased knowledge and awareness of the impact of ASB
- 1% ASB reduction in population during initiative

Best Practice

Name of Project	Dungannon Engage 4 Change Project

Funded amount	£5000
Partners	EA Youth, PSNI
Description of project	To engage with young people in the Dungannon area to address the issues of ASB through education and personal development. Also to increase engagement with agencies.
OBA	**How Much Did We Do?** 1 Project delivered with 18 young people **How Well Did We Do?** 100% of the participants found it beneficial **Is Anyone Better Off?** 100% with increased awareness of drugs and alcohol 100% with increased awareness of one punch 100% with increased awareness of fire safety 100% with increased awareness of impact of ASB



Fear of Crime, Vulnerability, and Home Security Programmes

Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) has implemented several initiatives to address the fear of crime, support vulnerable individuals, and enhance home security. These efforts aim to create a safer and more secure environment for all residents, particularly the elderly and those at higher risk.

Home Security for Older People:

We received 445 referrals for our home security program, resulting in home visits to assess the security needs of older residents. A total of 445 homes were equipped with security measures, including 469 items such as door locks, window alarms, and security cameras. These measures have significantly improved the safety and peace of mind for older residents, reducing their vulnerability to crime.

Awareness Raising Campaigns:

We organised 14 awareness-raising campaigns throughout the year. These campaigns aimed to educate the community about crime prevention, personal safety, and available support services. The campaigns successfully engaged a wide audience, increasing awareness and encouraging proactive measures to enhance security.

Community Events

PCSP organised or exhibited at 33 events, engaging with 4,119 members of the public. These events included workshops, seminars, community events, and interactive sessions on topics such as home security, personal safety, and crime prevention. Participants reported a greater understanding of safety measures and a stronger sense of community support.

Text Alert Messages:

We issued 34,435 text alert messages to residents, farmers and business. These messages provided timely information on crime trends, safety tips, and emergency alerts. The text alert system has been an effective tool in keeping the community informed and engaged, enhancing overall safety and security.

Mid Ulster PCSP remains dedicated to addressing the fear of crime, supporting vulnerable individuals, and enhancing home security through targeted initiatives and community engagement. Our efforts have made a significant impact on improving safety and reducing vulnerability within the community. We will continue to work collaboratively with local organisations, law enforcement, and residents to ensure a safer environment for all.



OBA Overview

How much did we do?

- Home Security for Older People - 445 referrals and home visits, 445 homes in receipt of equipment, 469 items of home security measures provided
- 12 awareness raising campaigns
- 33 events with 4,253 members of the public
- 34,435 text alert messages issued

How well did we do it?

- Home Security for Older People - 100% of participants satisfied with the scheme
- 100% of participants who report their participation as positive/beneficial

Is anyone better off?

- Home Security for Older People - 87% of participants who feel safer as a result of engaging with the service
- 98% participants improved their level of awareness of information, resources or support available in relation to topic
- 87% of participants with increased confidence in police
- 79% participants more likely to engage with PSNI following event
- 88% participants more likely to report crime following event.

Best Practice

Name of Project	Home Security Project
Funded amount	£15,000
Partners	Agewell, PSNI, Council, NHSCT, SHSCT, NIHE
Description of project	To increase the safety of older people in the district through the evaluation and installation of security devices in their homes. They also received a daily call to check on their wellbeing.
OBA	**How Much Did We Do?** 445 referrals and home visits 445 homes in receipt of equipment

	469 items of home security measures provided **How Well Did We Do?** 100% of participants satisfied with the scheme **Is Anyone Better Off?** 87% of participants who feel safer as a result of engaging with the service

Alcohol, drug and substance abuse awareness

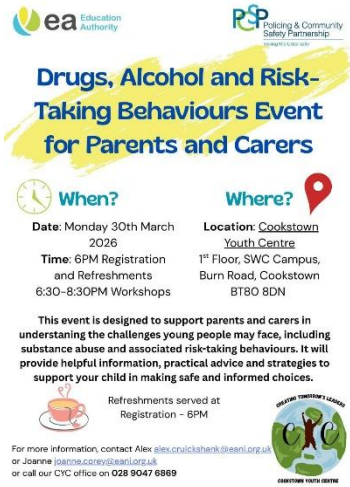
Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) has been actively addressing alcohol, drug, and substance abuse through various initiatives aimed at raising awareness, providing support, and implementing preventive measures.

Rapid Bins Deployment
We have six Rapid Bins across strategic locations in Mid Ulster. Rapid Bins are designed to provide a safe and anonymous way for individuals to dispose of illegal drugs and substances. This initiative helps reduce the availability of harmful substances in the community. The deployment of Rapid Bins has contributed to a decrease in drug-related incidents and has provided a valuable resource for community members to safely dispose of substances. Three campaigns were launched to promote the use of Rapid Bins. These campaigns aimed to raise awareness about the availability and benefits of Rapid Bins.

At Risk Youth Event:
PCSP held three At Risk Youth Events, which was attended by 164 participants. The events aimed to educate at-risk youth about the dangers of alcohol, drug, and substance abuse. It included interactive sessions, workshops, and discussions led by experts. The events provided valuable insights into the consequences of substance abuse and offered practical advice on making healthier choices. Participants reported a heightened awareness of the risks associated with substance abuse and a greater understanding of available support resources.

Mid Ulster PCSP remains committed to tackling alcohol, drug, and substance abuse through targeted initiatives and community engagement. Our efforts have made a significant impact on raising awareness, reducing the availability of harmful substances, and supporting at-risk youth. We will continue to work collaboratively with local organisations, law enforcement, and the community to address these critical issues and ensure a safer environment for all residents.





OBA Overview

How much did we do?

- 6 Rapid Bins
- 2 campaigns promoting Bins
- 3 At Risk Youth Event with 164 participants

How well did we do it?

- 100% of partners reporting satisfaction with Bins
- At Risk Event – 100% found it beneficial

Is anyone better off?

- 25,639 drug items removed from the community.
- At Risk Event – 100% increased awareness if Drugs and Alcohol

Best Practice

Name of Project	Drugs Play
Funded amount	£1500
Partners	EA Youth
Description of project	Deliver three performances and workshops of “I Love You, Mum – I Promise I Won't Die” to schools across Mid Ulster. This was delivered by the DSM Foundation.
OBA	**How Much Did We Do?** 3 performances to 655 participants in 3 schools

	How Well Did We Do? 95% said the workshop had given them useful information and advice. **Is Anyone Better Off?** 85% of young people said they'll be able to cope with negative peer influence better. 77% said they'll use some of the practical strategies you learned to stay safe. 85% know where to go for more information and advice. 76% feel more able to talk to a parent or carer about these issues. 95% had learned more about the possible consequences of taking drugs. 96% had learned more about the impact of drug use on others.

Domestic and Sexual Violence Initiatives

Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) has been actively working to address and reduce domestic and sexual violence within the community. Our initiatives focus on raising awareness, providing support to victims, and implementing preventive measures. With recent EVAWG funding from the Executive Office to Mid Ulster Council, the PCSP worked in partnership with the Council in developing initiatives to address EVAWG.

Awareness Raising Events

We organised an awareness-raising event in partnership with Womens Aid and PSNI to educate the community about the signs of domestic and sexual violence, the resources available for victims, and the importance of reporting incidents. Participants reported increased awareness and understanding of domestic and sexual violence, as well as a greater willingness to support victims and report incidents.



Domestic Violence Awareness Campaign:

We delivered a Domestic Violence Awareness Campaign, Behind Closed Doors, utilising 55 advertising sites across Mid Ulster. These sites included billboards, bus shelters, and digital screens in high-traffic areas to maximise visibility. The campaign focused on the theme "Behind Closed Doors", encouraging both male and female victims to seek help and the community to stand against domestic violence. The campaign successfully reached a broad audience, raising awareness and prompting discussions on the issue.



High Risk Domestic Violence Victim Scheme:

We received 35 referrals to the High Risk Domestic Violence Victim Scheme. Home visits were carried out by the PSNI Crime Prevention Officer to assess the needs of each high-risk victim and provide immediate support. We provided 35 homes with security equipment, including 107 items such as door locks, window alarms, and security cameras. These measures aimed to enhance the safety and security of victims, giving them peace of mind and reducing the risk of repeat incidents.

Mid Ulster PCSP remains committed to tackling domestic and sexual violence through comprehensive awareness campaigns, direct support to high-risk victims, and preventive measures. Our efforts have made a significant impact on raising awareness, improving victim support, and enhancing community safety. We will continue to work collaboratively with local organisations, law enforcement, and the community to address these critical issues and ensure a safer environment for all residents.

OBA Overview

How much did we do?

- Awareness raising events attended by 30 participants
- Domestic Violence Awareness Campaign delivered with 55 advertising sites
- 35 referrals to High Risk Domestic Violence Victim Scheme, 35 home visits, 35 homes in receipt of equipment, 107 items of home security measures provided

How well did we do it?

- 100% of participants satisfied with the Awareness event
- Domestic Violence Awareness Campaign - 100% of advertising sites within high population areas
- High Risk DV Victim Scheme 100% of referrals satisfied with the service. 100% of referrals feel that the service is useful. 100% of equipment provided within 2 weeks of referral

Is anyone better off?

- 100% of participants more confident in accessing support service for domestic and sexual violence
- Domestic Violence Awareness Campaign - 4.2% decrease in reports in DV incidents/crimes during campaign compared to previous year.
- High Risk Domestic Violence Victim Scheme - 100% of referrals who feel safer in their homes as a result

Best Practice

Name of Project	High Risk DV Victims Home Safety Scheme
Funded amount	£3,000
Partners	Agewell, PSNI
Description of project	The aim of the project is to provide security for high risk domestic violence victims that enables them to stay in their own home safely.
OBA	**How Much Did We Do?** • 35 referrals to High Risk DV Victim Scheme • 35 home visits • 35 homes in receipt of equipment • 107 items of home security measures provided **How Well Did We Do?** 100% of referrals satisfied **Is Anyone Better Off?** 100% of referrals who feel safer in their homes as a result

Internet Safety

Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) has been proactive in addressing internet safety, recognising the growing importance of educating young people about the risks and responsible use of the internet. Our initiatives focus on raising awareness, providing education, and promoting safe online practices.

Awareness Raising Events:

We engaged with Beam to deliver 30 internet safety awareness events across 28 schools in the Mid Ulster area. These events were attended by a total of 932 pupils. The primary goal of these events was to educate students about the potential dangers of the internet, including cyberbullying, online predators, and the importance of protecting personal information. The sessions included interactive presentations, discussions, and activities designed to engage students and reinforce key messages about internet safety. The

feedback from both students and teachers was overwhelmingly positive. Participants reported a better understanding of internet safety practices and felt more confident in their ability to navigate the online world safely.

The Mid Ulster PCSP remains committed to promoting internet safety through targeted educational initiatives. Our awareness-raising events have made a significant impact on increasing knowledge and understanding of safe online practices among young people. We will continue to work collaboratively with schools and local organisations to ensure that our community is well-equipped to handle the challenges of the digital age.

OBA Overview

How much did we do?

- 30 awareness raising events in 28 schools attended by 932 pupils

How well did we do it?

- 99% of participants satisfied with events delivered

Is anyone better off?

- 97% of participants in each initiative with increased awareness and knowledge of internet safety
- 98% of participants in initiative more confident in accessing support services

Best Practice

Name of Project	Who's At the Door?
Funded amount	£6,000
Partners	Beam, PSNI
Description of project	The project delivers to pupils and internet safety workshop to raise their awareness and also actions that they should take to improve their internet safety
OBA	**How Much Did We Do?** • 30 awareness raising events in 28 schools attended by 932 pupils **How Well Did We Do?** • 99% of participants satisfied with events delivered **Is Anyone Better Off?** • 97% of participants in each initiative with increased awareness and knowledge of internet safety • 98% of participants in initiative more confident in accessing support services

<u>Road Safety</u>

Emergency Services Road Traffic Collisions Reconstruction.

This year, we organised a road traffic collision reconstruction event in collaboration with the emergency services. The event aimed to educate the community about the dangers of reckless driving and the importance of road safety. The reconstruction demonstrated the immediate response of emergency services to a simulated road traffic collision, showcasing the critical roles of police, fire, and medical personnel. The event provided valuable insights into the consequences of road traffic collisions and emphasised the importance of adhering to road safety regulations.

Crash Car Simulator

The Crash Car simulator engaged 90 participants from post primary schools. This initiative aimed to provide students with a realistic experience of the impact of road traffic collisions. The simulator allowed participants to understand the physical and emotional consequences of such incidents. Students reported a heightened awareness of road safety and the importance of responsible driving. The interactive nature of the simulator made the learning experience impactful and memorable.



Speed Indicator Devices

Speed indicator devices were strategically deployed at 158 sites throughout Mid Ulster. These devices serve to remind drivers of their current speed and encourage adherence to speed limits. By providing real-time feedback, they help reduce speeding and enhance road safety. The deployment of speed indicator devices has contributed to a noticeable reduction in speeding incidents in the targeted areas. Continuous monitoring and data collection from these devices help inform future road safety strategies.

These road safety initiatives reflect our commitment to reducing road traffic collisions and enhancing community safety. Through educational events, interactive simulations, and strategic deployments, we aim to foster a culture of responsible driving and awareness. The positive feedback and measurable impact of these programs underscore their importance in our ongoing efforts to make Mid Ulster a safer place for all residents.

OBA Overview

How much did we do?

- Emergency Services Road Traffic Collisions Reconstruction – 1 event
- Crash Car Simulator – 1 event with 90 participants.
- Speed Indicator Devices – deployed at 152 sites

How well did we do it?

- Emergency Services Road Traffic Collisions Reconstructions – 100% assessed their participation as positive
- Crash Car Simulator – 100% assessed their participation as positive
- Speed Indicator Devices – SIDs deployed 6-8 weeks each

Is anyone better off?

- Emergency Services Road Traffic Collisions Reconstructions- 90% of participants with increased knowledge and awareness of anti-social driving
- Crash Car Simulator – 100% of participants with increased knowledge and awareness of the impact of anti-social driving
- Speed Indicator Devices – Average reduction in speed across all sites was 4 mph.

Best Practice

Name of Project	Speed Indicator Devices
Funded amount	£2000
Partners	PSNI, Council
Description of project	Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)are placed throughout the district to help drivers keep to the speed limit in areas of concern. The SIDs are rotated across the district every 6-8 weeks and the results are published on the PCSP facebook page.
OBA	**How Much Did We Do?** Deployed at 136 sites **How Well Did We Do?** Deployed for 6-8 weeks **Is Anyone Better Off?** Average reduction in speed across all sites was 4 mph

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.*

The PCSP is committed to fostering strong relationships between the community and the police through a variety of initiatives designed to promote engagement and build trust. Here's an expanded overview of our efforts:

Inclusive Project Design

The PCSP ensures that all its projects incorporate police engagement whenever possible. This approach is aimed at enhancing community-police relations and ensuring that the police are seen as approachable and supportive members of the community.

Youth Engagement

Our youth projects are specifically designed to promote interaction between young people and local Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) Officers. These projects focus on relationship building, helping to break down barriers and foster mutual respect and understanding. By engaging with the youth, we aim to create a positive perception of the police from an early age.

Addressing Domestic Violence

The PCSP actively engages with the community on domestic violence issues through various events. These events provide a platform for raising awareness, offering support, and encouraging victims to seek help. Police involvement in these events is crucial for demonstrating their commitment to tackling domestic violence and supporting affected individuals.

Community Events

We organise local events that cater to diverse demographics across Mid Ulster, including older adults, rural communities, and youth. These events are designed to address specific concerns such as rural crime and to build confidence in the police. By engaging with different segments of the population, the PCSP aims ensures that the needs and concerns of the community are addressed.

Building Confidence in Police

Through these varied initiatives, the PCSP aims to build and maintain public confidence in the police. By being present and actively involved in projects and events, the police can increase their engagement which helps to create a safer and more cohesive community.

These efforts reflect the PCSP's commitment to creating a collaborative environment where the police and the community work together to address issues and improve overall safety and quality of life in Mid Ulster.





OBA Overview

How much did we do?

- 4 private Policing Committee meeting held.
- One public themed Policing Meeting
- 7 members of public attending public meetings
- 12 local meetings.
- 10 public engagement/themed events held
- 30 engagement activities
- 28 Neighbourhood Watch Schemes

How well did we do it?

- 3,369 members of the public attending engagement/themed events
- 97% of members of the public satisfied with engagement/themed events
- 100% of members of the Neighbourhood Watch who feel satisfied with meetings/events

Is anyone better off?

- 87% of participants with increased confidence in police
- 79% participants more likely to engage with PSNI following event
- 88% participants more likely to report crime following event.
- 100% of members of the NH Watch who feel their area feels safer because of the scheme.

Best Practice

Name of Project/Initiative/Event	Maghera Beesafe Event
Funded amount	£700
Partners	PSNI, NIFRS, RNLI
Description of project/initiative/event	Engage with young people in Magherafelt in addressing personal safety.
OBA	**How Much Did We Do?** 1 event with 141 participants **How Well Did We Do?** 99% found the event beneficial **Is Anyone Better Off?** 90% increased awareness of Internet Safety 96% increased awareness of Bus Safety 92% increased awareness of Water Safety 85% increased awareness of Road Safety 75% increased awareness of Fire Safety 85% increased confidence in Police

Name of Project/Initiative/Event	Schools Crash Car Simulator
Funded amount	£0
Partners	PSNI, Local Post Primary Schools
Description of project/initiative/event	Engage pupils in local schools on road safety through the use of the Crash Car Simulator. Local NPT Officers engage with pupils before and after the simulator
OBA	**How much did we do?** • 1 school with 90 participants. **How well did we do it?** • 90% assessed their participation as positive **Is anyone better off?** • 83% of participants with increased confidence in police • 100% of participants with increased awareness of Distracted Driving and Road Safety

