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The beginning of February marked Sexual Violence and Abuse Awareness week and a number of PCSPs showed their support by promoting the help available to victims.

Would you stand naked in front of a school assembly?

Over in Derry and Strabane, the PCSPs have been working with young people to educate them about the impact of sexting. Together with the Western Domestic and Sexual Violence Partnership, the PCSP asked young people to consider the impact of sending sexual texts. One of the key issues is the fact that once someone sends an intimate text, they no longer have any control over it which places them in a potentially vulnerable position. The PCSP encouraged teachers to draw the comparison with sexting and standing naked in front of a school assembly – both equally exposing even though it may not seem that way at first.

The PCSP have offered resources to schools including bespoke screen wipes for mobiles which have a range of local numbers to help with protection and support.



Pictured with the resources for schools in the areas are Derry & Strabane PCSP Managers Vanessa Russell and Dermot Harrigan (r) with PCSP Chair Cllr Gus Hastings.



At the Rowan Centre conference are (l-r): Gail Jackson Lead Nurse at the Rowan Centre, Roisin McCallion – ISVA, Victim Support NI, D/Insp Lynne Knox PSNI Rape Crime Unit, Karen Douglas Service Manager at the Rowan, Tony Stevens NHSCT Chief Executive, D/Insp Gary McDonald PSNI Public Protection Unit, Dr Olive Buckley OBE, Clinical Director of the Rowan Centre and D/C/Insp Anne Marks.

Speak Out, Speak Up

This year, Mid and East Antrim sponsored the Annual Conference at the Rowan Centre which involve a huge number of agencies and organisations working to support victims of abuse. The “Speak Out, Speak Up” Conference looked at the journey of victims and survivors through the Criminal Justice System.

Many hands make light work

Representatives from Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP went along to Keady's Enable Youth Group to talk to them about personal safety. Enable is a local voluntary organisation providing projects for people with learning disabilities and/or autism so the PCSP talked through the importance of keeping safe in the home, when out and about using cash machines or shopping and how to contact the police in an emergency.



Many hands make light work at Keady Youth Club!

Front Cover Image
Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP officers Patricia Gibson and Stephanie Rocks with some of the Youth Club members.

Internet safety day – what did you do?

Internet safety day was marked across the country in a variety of ways. In Lisburn & Castlereagh, the PCSP joined forces with local police and Lisburn YMCA to bring information to young people about the potential dangers of making friends online, grooming and sexting and the use of social media generally. They did this by showing a play to Year 8 and 9 students from Dundonald High, Breda Academy, Lagan College, St Patrick's Academy, Lisnagarvey High and Laurel Hill College where the students put some questions and, more importantly, got some answers from the PSNI, YMCA and NSPCC.

PCSP Chair Ald Michael Henderson MBE said: "There are genuine concerns to be addressed regarding online safety and protecting our young people. I hope that everyone who saw the play and was involved in the discussions have now an increased awareness of the importance of protecting their identities and knowing who they are talking to when online."



Do you have any ideas about how to keep people safer online? If so, let us know. Contact us on our Facebook page or email pcsp@nipolicingboard.org.uk.



Bar staff from the Causeway Coast & Glens area at a training session in Coleraine Council Offices.

Bar staff served up some pointers

Causeway Coast & Glens PCSP has been serving up a few pointers for bar staff across the area lately. There were a few dry mouths in Limavady, Ballycastle, Ballymoney and Coleraine while staff from several bars got up to date with new liquor licensing laws and the Responsible Retailing Code of Practice

The training, which will be rolled out to other towns over the next few months, highlights the potential

harm of drinking too much and makes staff aware of new legal duties in pubs and clubs.

PCSP Chair Ald William King stressed the vital role staff have to play in making sure that the laws aren't broken and helping people be drink aware:

"Working together we can combat the social impact of excessive alcohol consumption."

On your bike

Marking your property with your details may not be something new but it's something that definitely works when it comes to getting back stolen possessions. These days, bikes aren't cheap and the better your bike is, the higher the chance that someone else might have their eye on it. A couple of the PCSPs have been busy recently offering a bike marking service to the community.

Derry & Strabane PCSP took to the Council Offices with partners Sustrans and the PSNI to get 35 bike signed up to the Bike Registration Scheme. The PSNI say that while they are working to reduce the number of bikes stolen, having your bike registered means a better chance of getting it back if it is stolen.

PCSP Chair Cllr Gus Hastings said:

“Coming into the better weather, people will be using their bikes more and this is a way to secure the return of your bike if it is ever stolen.”

Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP have been working with the PSNI to roll out bike marking in the area. Pooling their resources, they provided marking kits and hi vis and were able to use the PSNI mobile unit to get the message out amongst the community.



At Derry & Strabane PCSP bike marking event are: (Back l-r): Matthew Plummer, Community Safety Warden; Vanessa Russell, PCSP Officer; Michele Murphy, Sustrans, PCSP Chair Cllr Hugh Hastings, Jacqueline Whorskey, Derry City and Strabane District Council and PSNI Crime Prevention Officer Mandy Monteith. At the front is Community Safety Warden Gary Dunn.



One of the local families who got their bikes marked by the PCSP and PSNI.

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Pictured at the bike marking event in Banbridge, are Mr and Mrs Dean (left and right) with (l-r): Sgt Billy Stewart, Crime Prevention Officer Lisa Sherman and PCSP Manager Patricia Gibson.



Supporting the North West Regional College Glow Run are (l-r): Nicholas Mullan and Danny Lyttle from North West Regional College, Con Lynsey Elliott, PCSP Manager Dermot Harrigan, Con Sam McFarland, student Ethan Kelly and North West Regional College Lecturer Thomas Moore.



PCSP Vice Chair Monica Coyle pictured with Park Run participants and volunteers in Omagh.

Be seen, be safe

So...there's a stretch in the day...but don't let that fool you into letting your guard down when you are out running, walking or cycling. There's some simple ways to make sure you don't make yourself a target out on the roads. It's not rocket science – if you're seen, you're more likely to stay safe.

Derry & Strabane PCSP have hooked up with North West Regional College to support the 5k Glow Run in March which, unsurprisingly, gives the added bonus of glow sticks to runners and walkers to make sure they are staying safe as they are staying fit.

Meanwhile, in **Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP** members caught up with Parkrunners in Omagh and Enniskillen to give them hi vis gear. Simple but effective.

PCSP Chair Ollr Keith Elliott said the PCSP attended the Parkrun events to raise road safety awareness among runners and walkers after concerns were raised at recent meeting of the PCSP's Road Safety Working Group.

He said they wanted to remind drivers to be cautious **"...when driving in dark or poorly lit areas and for pedestrians and runners to ensure they are always highly visible to other road users."**

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Pictured promoting the Glow Run are (l-r): Nicholas Mullan from North West Regional College, student Ethan Kelly, Neighbourhood Officer Con Sam McFarland, PCSP Manager Dermot Harrigan, Neighbourhood Officer Con Lynsey Elliott, North West Regional College Lecturer Thomas Moore and Students Liaison and Events Officer Danny Lyttle.

Clampdown on off road bikes

A new campaign designed to clamp down on the use of off-road vehicles in public spaces has been launched by Belfast PCSP. Report any concerns you might have to the police or Crimestoppers.

[click here](#) to find out more about Crimestoppers.

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Pictured at the launch in Alexandra Park are
PSNI Superintendent Melanie Jones and Belfast City
Council Park Manager Fintan Grant.

ARE OFF-ROAD BIKES CAUSING A NUISANCE IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD?



The off road vehicles campaign.

We're a partner in the RAPID Initiative.

Bin the drugs

It's all about teamwork when it comes to getting illegal drugs off the streets. Recently, PCSPs have been working with the Public Health Agency, the PSNI and local Drug and Alcohol Coordination Teams (DACTs) to relaunch an initiative know as RAPID. The project, which stand for Remove All Prescription and Illegal Drugs, was first piloted in 2010 and managed to get over 65,000 tablets out of circulation by putting drug bins in accessible places for people to dispose of drugs.

The plan now is to extend drug bins throughout all the Health and Social Care Trust areas so that more people and communities can learn about the risks and dangers of drug misuse and dispose of unwanted drugs easily and discreetly.

[click here](#) to find out more about the project.



Text alert

Mid & East Antrim PCSP are currently running a pilot text alert scheme which they hope to roll out across the district during the rest of the year. The idea is to streamline how the PCSP and PSNI communicate relevant community safety information. It's currently open to Neighbourhood Watch members but the PCSP hope to extend the scheme to community groups, community safety wardens retailers, publicans and public representatives.

PCSP Chair Cllr Andrew Wilson explained that many of the groups they speak to don't always get the chance to pick up information on email or social media straight away and the current information sharing scheme is not immediate enough for the PSNI. So, he says: **"The new initiative allows the PSNI to immediately text members of the community as well as statutory partners to tell them about particular community safety issue in their area."**

To find out more about the scheme or to register, contact Mid & East Antrim PCSP on **028 2826 2461** or **pcsp@midandeastantrimboroughcouncil.gov.uk**.



Pictured (l-r) are: Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators Mary Watson, Mary Magill, Cllr Robert Logan and Bridget Milliken along with Inspector Martin Ruddy Carrickfergus Neighbourhood Policing Team and Sgt Helen Hargy Ballymena PSNI Community Planning Sergeant.





BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Domestic Violence is a Crime.

The Belfast PCSP campaign behind closed doors.

Behind closed doors

Many of us will be aware that the police respond to a domestic abuse call every 19 minutes. What we may not know is that 1 in 4 women and 1 in 6 men will, in their lifetime, be a victim of domestic abuse.

North and East Belfast DPCSPs have teamed up to promote the help there is for people who feel they could be victims of abuse, those who know they are but feel they have nowhere to turn and those who may not realise that they don't have to put up with abuse. What is really significant is the focus that the effect abuse has on the whole family.

Anyone looking for help or advice can either phone the police on 999, Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111** or the 24-hour domestic and sexual violence helpline on **080 8802 1414**.

What's happening in your PCSP?

PCSPs hold a variety of meetings and events each month.

For details on what is coming up in your local PCSP [click here](#)

PCSPs are funded and supported by the Policing Board and Department of Justice.



PCSPs work with a number of designated partners.



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