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**The PSNI and Policing Board have heard the views of over 3,500\* people so far in their consultation on the future of local policing.**

Over 1000 people turned up to public meetings hosted by PCSPs across the country to have their say on what they think policing priorities should be. Many chose to submit their comments online and completed the online simulator which gives a flavour of the challenges of delivering a good service and balancing the books

Whilst the input has yet to be independently assessed, some of the issues raised related to the need for police to have a more strategic approach to youth engagement and increasing their visibility and engagement in the community.

People also called for swifter responses to requests and more proactive communication and feedback from police. Discussion also focused on the budget available, the challenges the PSNI face and the impact this has across communities.

If you haven't had the chance to submit your views, there's still time. Here's how...

\*Figure correct at 31/10/18



Board Vice Chair Debbie Watters, and Member Wendy Osborne, with Supt Alywin Barton & T/ACC Tim Mairs of PSNI and Ards & North Down PCSP Cllr Rachel Woods and Vice Chair Louise Green at consultation meeting on local policing in Bangor's Signal Centre.

## How to have your say?

### Get online...

You can **#BeTheBoss** and take charge of what you think the priorities for policing should be on an online simulator. This gives you the chance to make decisions on how resources are allocated and give you a flavour of the complexities and challenges of policing.

[click here](#)

to have a go at the simulator and give your responses to three quick questions.

## Answer 3 Simple Questions...

We are asking for your views to the following 3 questions:

1. How have you used the PSNI?
2. What aspects of policing in your local area are important to you?
3. How do you think the PSNI could improve policing in your area?

@ Email us your response to consultation@nipolicingboard.org.uk

✉ Post your say to Policing Board Partnership Directorate, Waterside Tower, Belfast BT1 3BG.

⬇ Download the consultation documentation [www.nipolicingboard.org.uk](http://www.nipolicingboard.org.uk)



We had great engagement from students from Lagan College at our Local Policing Review.



## YOUR SERVICE, YOUR SAY



(L-R) MEA PCSP Chair Paul Sinclair and Vice Chair Ashleigh Perry, Policing Board members Brice Dickson and Paul Nolan with PSNI Supt Barton at local policing consultation event in Ballymena Braid Arts Centre.

**CONSULTATION CLOSING DATE  
FRIDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2018,  
HAVE YOUR SAY!**



(L-R) Policing Board member Brice Dickson, Supt Murdie, Belfast PCSP Vice Chair Richard Kennedy, Policing Board member Ryan Feeny and Supt Barton at local policing consultation event in Malone House.



There was a great turnout at the local policing consultation in the Burrendale Hotel, Newcastle, for the meeting hosted by Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP.

## When it comes to sexual assault, there's No Grey Zone

According to police statistics, there was a 9.3% increase last year in the number of sexual offences recorded in Northern Ireland. A new campaign hopes to challenge some of the understanding around sexual assault and the issue of consent. Quite simply, when it comes to sexual assault – there's No Grey Zone.

The PSNI in conjunction with a range of partners including Nexus, the Policing Board, the Public Prosecution Service and both University Students' Unions aims to raise awareness of what sexual assault is and what sexual consent is. The campaign wants to equip society, and in particular young people, with the knowledge and skills that will help to empower and safeguard them.

Head of the Public Protection Branch, D/Ch Supt Paula Hilman explains that the campaign is specifically targeted at 16 to 28 year olds and uses clear and factual language to illustrate the realities of sexual assault.

She said: "Over the past number of years we have seen an increase in the number of sexual crimes being reported and we wanted to develop a campaign to educate young people about sexual consent and send the clear message that there is No Grey Zone. We want people to hear and understand this message and start talking about sexual consent."

[click here](#) to find out all about the campaign.



Many voices joined together to raise awareness of sexual consent and empower people to be #ConfidentAboutConsent. Be part of the movement and start talking about sexual consent now.





Supporting the campaign to #endtheharm are (L-R) NI Children's Commissioner Koulla Yiasouma, Board Vice Chair Debbie Watters and PSNI C/Supt Raymond Murray.

## Ending the Harm

Over the last 5 years, 417 people were the victim of what have become known as 'paramilitary style' attacks. But according to a panel speaking at the launch of a new campaign to challenge acceptance of such attacks, they are quite simply criminal abuse.

The "Ending the Harm" campaign, which is part of the Tackling Paramilitarism Programme, is aimed at highlighting the brutal reality of so-called paramilitary style attacks and showing the devastating impact on victims, their families, local communities and wider society.

Speaking at launch, Anthony Harbinson, Chair of the Tackling Paramilitarism Programme Board, said: "In 2017/2018, 87 people were victims of paramilitary style attacks. That's 22 people who were shot; and 65 people who were assaulted over a 12 month period.

"The reality is that the perpetrators of these attacks don't care about people, or justice, or solving social problems. They are only interested in exerting control and exploiting people for their own gain.

The TV, radio and online adverts tell the story of a paramilitary style shooting from the points of view of the four people involved: the victim, his mother, the paramilitary gang member and a witness.

Find out more about the campaign at [www.endingtheharm.com](http://www.endingtheharm.com).



Images from the new campaign

## Community Safety

### Stay Alert with New Text Scheme

Antrim & Newtownabbey are the latest PCSP to introduce the Text Alert Scheme, a free SMS-based Safety Information Service that will help to keep communities safe.

Community safety information is sent by the PSNI or the PCSP to registered members of the scheme via a SMS text message to their mobile phone.

The Text Alert service can keep residents up to date with a variety of information like details of break ins, bogus callers or road closures and accidents in the area to allow them to take any appropriate safety measures.

PCSP Chair, Cllr Noreen McClelland said: **“Antrim & Newtownabbey PCSP is committed to working together to improve community safety. Text Alert is an important addition to the community safety services we provide. It is a simple but very effective way of sharing information.”**

PSNI Insp Patrick Mullan added: **“Text Alert gives us the opportunity to share information quickly with a specific audience. I would really encourage local people to sign up – it’s free and the information could help prevent you from becoming the victim of a crime.”**

Text Alert is a receive-only information service. You cannot reply to a text message. If you wish to contact PSNI you should call 101 in a non-emergency or 999 in an emergency. If you live in the area and want to join the Text Alert Scheme visit [www.antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk/textalert](http://www.antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk/textalert) and sign up.



(L-R): PCSP Chair Cllr Noreen McClelland, Independent Member Kathy Wolff and Cllr Michael Maguire at the launch of the Text Alert Scheme.

### Exhibiting awareness

As part of its aim to tackle domestic and sexual violence and abuse, Derry & Strabane PCSP have partnered with local charity Men’s Action Network (M.A.N) to launch an exhibition to raise awareness of male abuse.



The charity was launched in 1984 to support the health and wellbeing of men and has helped thousands in that time. The exhibition in the Verbal Arts Centre depicts the issues and challenges surrounding male victims of abuse.

### Out on patrol



Community Safety Wardens (L-R) Samuel Gallagher and James Gallagher on patrol in Omagh.

The Community Safety Wardens’ project supported by Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP continues to help tackle anti-social behaviour and provide a reassuring presence both in the community and business sector. The Wardens work closely with local communities and agencies to provide a coordinated response to community safety issues and reduce the fear of crime. Warden’s patrols are then targeted towards hot spot areas to help deter anti-social behaviour.

## Mid & East Antrim



### Reaching a Turning Point

Mid & East Antrim PCSP have been working with Turning Point NI to raise awareness of suicide prevention and support in the area.

Young people aged between 11-18 who took part in a drug and alcohol programme worked together to design and create an eye catching wall mural that will represent Turning Point NI, Extern, Start360 and the PCSP. The mural, which was unveiled in Ballymena town centre to coincide with world suicide awareness day in September conveys the strong message that drug misuse can lead to suicide.

It is designed to help empower young people to make healthy life choices and signpost support available in the area for drug misuse and mental health problems.

### Support Hub Changing Lives

Mid & East Antrim's 'Support Hub' continues to grow and has helped change more than 100 lives for the better since it launched a year ago.

The initiative sees Mid & East Antrim Borough Council, the PCSP, Department of Justice, PSNI, NIFRS and other statutory agencies working together to help vulnerable individuals get the right support.

The hub meets regularly to help refer people and deals with a number of issues including addiction, hate crime, mental health, physical health and housing.



(L-R) Trudi Hall, Turning Point NI and Deputy Mayor of Mid & East Antrim Borough Council Cllr Cheryl Johnston unveil new suicide support benches.

### Suicide Support

The PCSP and Turning Point NI collaboration has also resulted in the provision of new benches with suicide support messaging and helpline numbers unveiled in parks across Mid & East Antrim.

The initiative is designed to encourage people to take time out and look after their emotional wellbeing.

## Mid & East Antrim

### Plays Used as Medium to Tackle Youth Issues

**Mid and East Antrim PCSP, in conjunction with the Department of Justice NI are bringing two different plays to the borough to tackle issues affecting young people.**

'Blackout' shines a light on the youth justice system and tells the story of James, a young man who wakes up in a prison cell with no idea of why he is there. As he recalls the events of his life, he reaches a point where he realises his future lies in his own hands.

The production is supported by Lyric Theatre and Hydebank Wood College and involves young people from Hydebank Wood College who have personal experience of the courts service and criminal justice system.

This year the production is visiting Carrickfergus Grammar School, Larne High School, St Louis Grammar School, Cullybackey College and Carrickfergus Academy.

You can follow the play on social media #LyricBlackout.

'Banjaxed' is a new play tackling Paramilitarism which is being performed in youth centres across the borough. 'Banjaxed' hopes to raise awareness about the danger posed to children from paramilitary and organised crime groups.

A question and answer session after the performance also allows young people to talk through any issues or questions they may have with representatives from the PSNI, Probation Board, Youth Justice Agency and Department of Justice.



### School Awareness Sessions

**Mid and East Antrim PCSP held a number of school awareness sessions across the Borough as part of a campaign to raise awareness of the dangers of Drugs and Alcohol misuse, Cyber Bullying / Safety and the possible implications of Anti-social behaviour.**

The programme has been developed following several meetings with the school principals and MEA PCSP worked with a number of different partners to deliver the sessions including PSNI, the Council, Start 360, INEQE and Theresa Mullan, a mother who lost her son to drugs.

A number of schools took part including Cambridge House, Ballymena Academy, Dunclug College, Cullybackey College, St Louis, St Patricks College, Castle Tower and Slemish Integrated. Each pupil received a support card with information and resources should they need help with any issues discussed.



### New video to help victims of sexual violence



**Mid and East Antrim PCSP have teamed up with Nexus NI to help victims of sexual violence by producing and launching an animated video explaining who Nexus are and what it does to help victims of sexual violence.**

It's hoped that by raising the profile of what Nexus NI can do to help, it will encourage more people to use their services, helping more victims of sexual violence.

## Road Safety

### Roadshow Drives Home Safety Message to Students

**The hard hitting Road Safe Roadshow visited Belfast and Armagh to bring a serious road safety message to local students as part of efforts to get drivers to take more care and responsibility on the roads.**

The international award winning roadshow was delivered by PSNI in Partnership with Belfast PCSP and Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP and attracted students from schools and colleges including St Catherine's, St Genevieve's, St Louise's, St Mary's, Ashfield Girls, Girls Model and Methodist College.

Recognising that people under 25 years of age are at greater risk of being killed or seriously injured on our roads, the aim of the road show is to drive home the importance of responsible driving as young people prepare to commence their driving career.

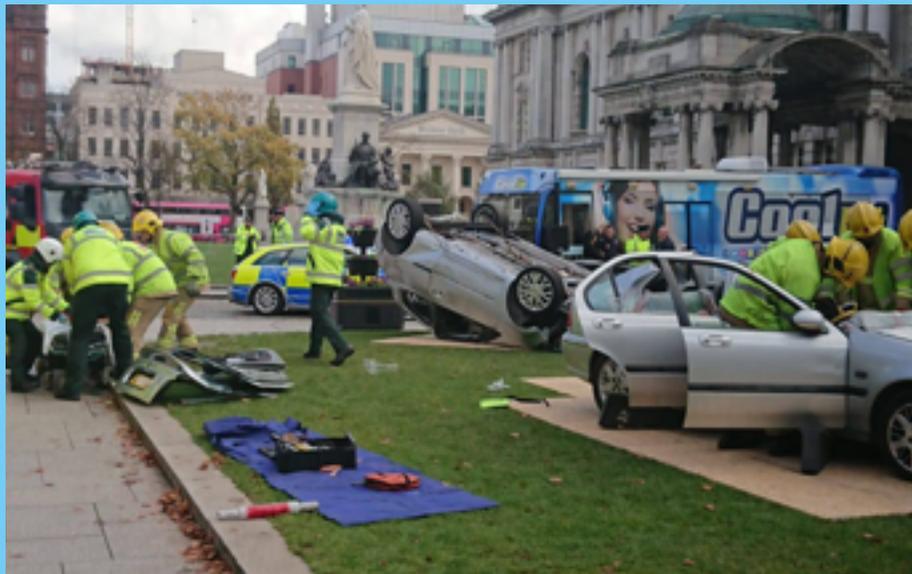
Road Safety Education Officer, Con Ciara Cassells, believes the key to reducing the number of deaths and serious injuries on the roads lies in education and says: "It is only through educating our young people about the dangers that motorists can face on the roads that we can make a difference."

The Roadshow graphically depicts how a night out can end in tragedy and permanent disability. The story is told, not by actors, but by real emergency services first responders including a police officer, a paramedic and a fire officer, and tells the tragic story of a young woman, who was paralysed following a horrific collision.



Students from St Catherine's College who attended the recent Road Safe Roadshow held in Armagh.

## Road Safety



Members of the Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service, PSNI and Ambulance Service with Sarah Reid NI Policing Board and Cllr Brian Heading, Chair of Belfast PCSP at the Road Safe Roadshow.



PCSP Members took part in the NIFRS new virtual reality programme 'YOUR CHOICE'

## Virtual Road Safety Training

**Antrim & Newtownabbey PCSP members attended a new virtual reality programme 'YOUR CHOICE' which aims to give users an immersive experience of a road traffic collision.**

The training day was delivered by the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service at the RADAR Centre in Belfast.

In the 'YOUR CHOICE' programme, the user is placed into a virtual reality road safety world where they, as a front seat passenger, experience poor decision making by the driver and other passengers. The user then witnesses a full 360° crash scene extrication with the arrival of the Emergency Services.

The virtual reality experience was followed by a hard-hitting presentation and road safety messages.

## Bin the Drugs

**The RAPID drugs project has now hit the streets of Derry and Strabane in a bid to help remove prescription and illegal drugs.**

The RAPID (Remove All Prescription and Illegal Drugs) scheme is a joint initiative between the Derry City and Strabane District Council, the PCSP, the PSNI, the Public Health Agency and the local Drug and Alcohol Coordination Team which aims to:

- remove prescription and illegal drugs;
- provide information and support to the community on the effects and risks of using/misusing drugs; and
- bring together community and statutory agencies and local stakeholders to make communities a safer place to live.

Welcoming the bins, Derry & Strabane PCSP Chair, Ald Mary Hamilton said: "I would urge the public to take advantage of the opportunity to dispose of any legally or illegally held drugs at one of the seven locations across our Council area. Items can be deposited discreetly and anonymously by anyone be it parents, young people or anyone in possession of drugs."

**For more information on existing RAPID bins and/or how to contact your local Drug and Alcohol Coordination Team (DACT) and/or PCSP to express an interest**

[click here](#)



Introducing the bins are (L-R): PCSP Vice Chair Patsy McGonagle, PCSP Officer Vanessa Russell, Charles Hamilton of Spar Castlederg, Denise McCallion of the PHA and Sgt David McIlwaine at Spar Castlederg.



Pictured at the launch of the RAPID Drug Bin at the Gasyard Centre, Derry are (L to R). Tina Burke, Triax Neighbourhood Management Team. Vanessa Russell, Derry & Strabane PCSP. Seamus Ward, Bogside and Brandywell Health Forum. Sean Collins, Community Restorative Justice coordinator Triax area. Linda Mc Kinney, Gasyard Centre Manager and Donna Mc Closkey Bogside and Brandywell Initiative.

## One Pill Can Kill

Causeway Coast & Glens PCSP has been working with PSNI and Crimestoppers to pose the question 'Drug dealers don't care, do you?'

Following a meeting with Coleraine's Millburn Community Association which highlighted the fact that one pill can kill, the PCSP agreed to run a campaign to highlight the dangers of drugs. At the meeting, Belfast man William Burns recalled the trauma of the death of his son who died four days after taking a pill.

Causeway Coast & Glens PCSP, Chair Cllr Margaret-Anne McKillop said:

"The main message of this campaign is that drugs tear lives and families apart, and it is our priority to educate young people on the dangers and ultimately make our towns a safer place for everyone."

"We work hard with young people, schools and the general public to highlight the dangers of drugs and while the PSNI is committed to tackling the issue, they need co-operation from the wider community. Don't let drug dealers destroy lives - call Crimestoppers now and help us stop them."



## The Drugs Don't Work

Mid and East Antrim PCSP is continuing to tackle the issue of drugs with a campaign to raise awareness of some of the projects it is running throughout the area. The campaign will focus on the RAPID (Removal of Prescription and Illegal Drugs) bin initiative which was installed at Tesco Ballymena and the Prescription Misuse Campaign #Stopectrend. Both campaigns will feature on advertising across the borough including on Buses, Billboards and washrooms as well as across digital media.



Prescription drug misuse affects all ages

Call (028) 2568 9306 for impartial help and advice

#stopectrend



## Meet an Independent PCSP member

### Liam Duggan Vice Chair Mid Ulster PCSP



Liam Duggan has been a PCSP member since 2015. He is a policy advisor and had been quite active in his local community and youth groups. He decided to become involved in the PCSP as he felt he could use his experience of working in the community and ensure young people had a voice. He was also drawn to the fact that the PCSP had a lot of the agencies that could make a real difference in the community around the one table.

#### Challenges?

As there are usually multiagency partners working together, one of the key challenges is often getting swift agreement and progress to issues. Another challenge is managing budgets and getting used to outcomes based accountability.

#### How is the PCSP dealing with the challenges?

The PCSP has provided training and assistance to help tackle the challenges which has enabled us to develop and implement our action plan.

#### Achievements?

The PCSP has achieved quite a bit, some of the key achievements include helping prevent young people from getting a criminal record through drink awareness programmes. Another is supporting local groups with small pots of funding to get on with work which genuinely makes a difference such as road safety.

It's a real achievement being able to hold the relevant agencies to account on local needs and challenging them when a community feels let down.

#### Personal highlights?

The highlights for me have been the small differences we have made that have genuinely made an impact in the community such as the anti-social diversion schemes at Halloween and the high visibility vests for road safety. Also to be able to use my experience of working in the community to give young people a voice.

#### What is the benefit of the PCSP locally?

The PCSP is valuable to the community as it provides local representatives with the opportunity to work with statutory bodies to address and resolve issues in our local communities. The PCSP also provides the community with a voice on how policing operates in the area.

**Find out more on the work of Mid Ulster PCSP**

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an indepth look at the work of our PCSPs

## Mid Ulster PCSP

### Who is your Chair?

Cllr Denise Mullen

### What area is covered by the PCSP?

It covers the Mid Ulster Council area that stretches from Swatragh to Fivemiletown

### What are the current and emerging issues?

The key priorities for the PCSP are anti-social behaviour, violent crime (which includes domestic violence) and fear of crime. However rural theft, including theft from park and rides has recently increased in the district and the PCSP is working to raise awareness amongst the public to deter further theft.

### Who are your members?

#### Councillors

Councillor Denise Mullen (Chair)  
Councillor Phelim Gildernew  
Councillor Sean McPeake  
Councillor Peter Bateson  
Councillor Cathal Mallaghan  
Councillor Catherine Elattar  
Councillor Frances Burton  
Councillor Clement Cuthbertson  
Councillor Derek McKinney  
Councillor Kenneth Reid

#### Independent Members

Liam Duggan (Vice Chair)  
Ursula Marshall  
Hannah Su O'Callaghan  
Mark Farquhar  
Martina Watson  
Emma Sheerin  
Ciaran McElhone  
Fiona Crawford



Dungannon Youth Education Project

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## Mid Ulster PCSP

### What delivery themes have been progressed?

The PCSP has three thematic groups: Antisocial Behaviours, Night-time Economy, and Vulnerable Persons. All three groups are delivering on their action plans and impacts from their projects are very positive.

Recorded crime figures over the last two years have shown reductions in the relevant areas.

#### Issue: Antisocial Behaviour

**Action:** The PCSP is focussed on reducing Antisocial Behaviour and has seen successive reductions each year since 2015 through initiatives such as the Youth Engagement Programme.

#### Issue: Vulnerable Persons

**Action:** The PCSP are focused on protecting the most vulnerable in our community and we have a number of themes which we're working on within the vulnerable persons sub group including Internet Safety, Domestic Violence and the Vulnerable Person Initiatives.

#### Issue: Night-time Economy

**Action:** The PCSP has been focussed on improving the safety in the Night Time Economy (NTE) and welcoming more visitors. Mid Ulster has the second biggest night-time economy outside of Belfast and PCSP members have been working closely with coach companies and local vintners to reduce the number of people being dropped off in the town who have been drinking to excess. The impact of this is that PSNI recently announced that the crime profile for the NTE has changed from violent crime to low level crime.



Where is your child campaign

### What are the priorities for the PCSP going forward?

PCSP is committed to delivering on its core priorities of reducing crime, fear of crime, and antisocial behaviour.

### What projects are planned to deal with these?

#### Anti-Social Behaviour

- PCSP is continuing with its Youth Engagement Programme to keep reducing incidents of anti-social behaviour.
- The PCSP has a successful Domestic Violence Education programme in post primary school called Positive Relationships. This has already been delivered to 1,558 Year 10 pupils.
- To address and educate about anti-social driving, the PCSP has been implementing the crash car simulator and road traffic collision reconstructions.
- The Youth Alcohol Engagement Programme, delivered by the PSNI, is an alternative for those caught drinking underage. So far this financial year, 42 young people have attended the Alcohol Awareness Programme.
- The PCSP are currently developing new programmes to deliver co-ordinated approaches to drugs and alcohol awareness and internet safety education in schools.

#### Reducing Crime

- The PCSP is focused on reducing crime in the community by tackling issues like theft from Park and Rides working with the Department for Infrastructure to install security cameras.

#### Fear of Crime

- The PCSP is working on a number of projects to deal with fear of crime including the Ageing Well Initiative, Scams awareness and Crime Prevention events.



Pictured are (L-R): Cllr Allan Rainey PCSP Chairperson presenting Stephen Mulligan Erne East Community First Responder Scheme along with PSNI Chief Inspector Clive Beatty.

## Seven Projects Funded Through Community Cash

Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP have awarded seven community projects a share of £3,500 for local projects in Lisnaskea. The PCSP held a Community Cash event for the first time to allocate the funds. Community Cash is a Participatory Budgeting (PB) initiative giving local people the opportunity to make democratic decisions about funding for their areas. A number of great projects got a slice of the dough including the Erne East Community Partnership who run a first responder scheme.

Follow us on social media and find out more about PCSPs.

[www.pcsp.org](http://www.pcsp.org)

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PCSPs work with a number of designated partners.

