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## CONNECTING FOR CHANGE

**Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP have been working with the Education Authority to roll out their 'Connect for Change' online conference to student representatives from eight local post-primary schools.**

The conference focused on four main themes: the environment, safe places for young people, young people's mental health and COVID-19 awareness.

Videos on these topics were prepared by members of the Lisburn & Castlereagh

Youth Council, of which the PCSP is also an integral partner, with the members posing questions for the participants to discuss and give feedback on. Following the first session, students spent the week in school discussing the issues, and created a presentation video on their

feedback that formed the second day of the conference. A panel with members from the Education Authority, Health Trust, PSNI, PCSP, Lisburn & Castlereagh Environmental Health and even the Council's Chief Executive took questions from the young people involved!

## SUMMER CRIME PREVENTION

**Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP have been running crime prevention pop ups across their District, working with local PSNI to educate locals on the best ways to protect themselves and their home from crime.**

Crime prevention packs containing things like entry alarms, light timers, personal alarms and card blockers were handed out at the events, which were located in public areas with high footfall.

The events focused on crimes more likely to take place in the summer months – for example, burglaries to empty homes when people go away for the weekend or longer holidays.

The events help to meet the PCSP's 2021/22 Action Plan key theme of reducing fear of crime and improving crime prevention education and the event at Slieve Gullion in particular was one of the busiest the PCSP had hosted.



**500+**  
ATTENDEES



**13+**  
EVENTS



An impromptu Q&A session with PSNI and PCSP Officers and Magnet Young Adult Summer Scheme at Slieve Gullion



Cllr Leah Smyth, PCSP Chair; Andrew Millar Northern Drug and Alcohol Service; Peter Cooper, Manager of Randalstown Spar and Con Ben Joyce PSNI with one of the bins

## RAPID EXPANSION

**Antrim & Newtownabbey PCSP have doubled the amount of RAPID bins in their District, aiding the removal of prescription and illegal drugs from communities.**

The PCSP funds the installation and operation of the bins in well-used public areas like supermarkets and shops, working with the companies to help educate both them and the public on the importance of the bins. The project, which involves both PSNI and Northern Ireland Drugs and Alcohol Service, is active across the country and creates an environment where people can safely and anonymously dispose of illegal or excess prescription drugs.

As well as funding the bins, Antrim & Newtownabbey PCSP also delivered a media campaign across social media and local papers to get the word out!

*“Representatives from Life After spoke at a PCSP meeting some months ago giving us an insight into the specialised, sensitive role that the organisation has in supporting bereaved families. One thing that I will always remember is a comment from a Life After member who said ‘in Life After we are all members of the same club – a club that nobody wants to join and can never leave’. With road safety as the top priority for the PCSP we are delighted to welcome the group into the district and provide support to Life After.”*

Cllr Keith Elliot, PCSP Chair

## LAUNCHING LIFE AFTER

**After being approached by their local PSNI Family Liaison Lead to meet with representatives from Life After, Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP have put their full support behind the organisation’s launch in their District.**

Life After is a volunteer-led organisation that works with bereaved families and offers bespoke support including monthly meetings, home visits, court support and advocacy work.

The launch of the partnership will be formalised with a large-scale road safety event which has been postponed due to the pandemic – watch this space!

For further information about Life After or to avail of their services email [life.after@outlook.com](mailto:life.after@outlook.com).



Representatives from Life After [L-R] Debbie Mullan, Marie O'Brien, Christopher Sherrard, Peter Dolan and Niamh Dolan

## SIDS DEVICES

In response to community concerns about speeding, especially in rural areas and around schools, Derry & Strabane PCSP have purchased and deployed six new Speed Indicator Devices (SIDS) at hotspots around the District.

In partnership with the PSNI and Derry City & Strabane District Council, the devices stay in locations for a four week cycle before being redeployed to another hotspot.

Projects like these remind drivers to watch their speed and improve the feeling of community safety in an area, but also allow the PSNI to access in-depth data on speeding.



PCSP Chair Ald Maurice Devenney with a SID device in Strabane



Vanessa Russell, PCSP Officer, handing over water safety equipment to Community Rescue Service (Strabane) volunteers John Whisker and William McAteer for installation at Moor Lough

## WATER SAFETY EQUIPMENT

As more and more of us take to the water in the good weather, having appropriate safety equipment at key sites is more important than ever.

In response to local concerns over vandalised and missing safety equipment at Moor Lough, Derry & Strabane PCSP have been working in partnership with the Strabane unit of Community Rescue Service to replace life rings and throw lines at eight locations along the Lough.

This new safety equipment will be monitored and maintained by Community Rescue Service cadets, and the project mirrors similar PCSP investments at the Mourne and Foyle Rivers as well as Enagh Lough.



Ald Maurice Devenney, PCSP Chair assisting Community Rescue Service (Strabane) cadets Colt McCay & Corin Kelly Heron to install new life saving equipment at Moor Lough.

*“Thanks to the PCSP for facilitating this workshop it is so important that we take every opportunity to inform people on water safety.”*

Peter Scott, RNLI

## OPEN SWIMMING SAFETY WORKSHOP

Open swimming (swimming anywhere that isn't a swimming pool) has become increasingly popular across all age groups in Fermanagh & Omagh thanks to the District's amazing natural beauty spots and bodies of water.

To help ensure open swimmers could stay as safe as possible, Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP worked with Swim Ulster, PSNI, RNLI, Waterways Ireland and the local Council to host a workshop filled with practical tips and solutions to improve open swimming preparedness and help swimmers manage risks, including a first aid demonstration.

Free tow floats and whistles were also given out to attendees to make sure their next dip was a safe one!



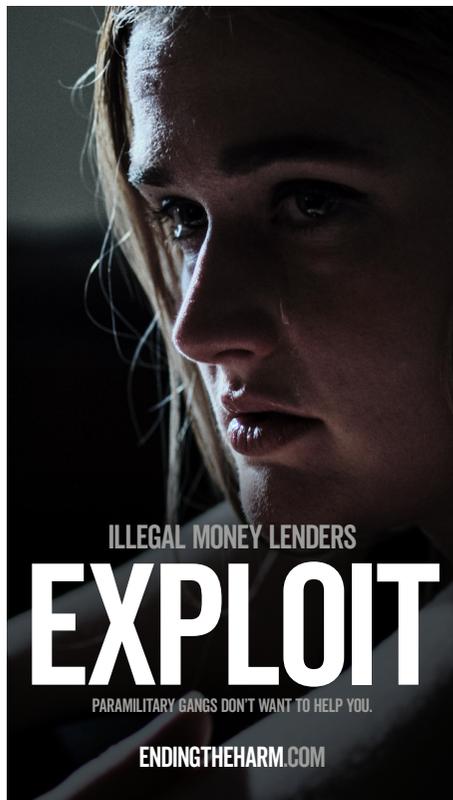
**45**  
ATTENDEES



**100%**  
SATISFACTION  
AND INCREASED  
KNOWLEDGE



Representatives from RNLI and PSNI speaking at the event



The Northern Ireland Executive Programme to Tackle Paramilitary Activity, Criminality and Organised Crime has launched its latest 'Ending the Harm' public awareness campaign, focusing on how paramilitary gangs use illegal money lending as a means to control and exploit vulnerable people.

The campaign tells the story of how a young single mother's situation deteriorates rapidly once she borrows money from an illegal lender.

Speaking at the launch, Naomi Long, Justice Minister said:

"Illegal money lending is an under-reported crime, but one that is commonplace across communities in Northern Ireland and is a practice which is closely linked to paramilitary gangs. But support and help is available. Advice NI, the Independent Advice Network, runs a free and

confidential, debt service offering practical advice and support to people dealing with debt of any description. Furthermore, I would encourage all victims of criminal behaviour like this to contact the police."

Visit [www.endingtheharm.com](http://www.endingtheharm.com) to find out more.

## PSNI SOCIAL MEDIA SURVEY

PSNI have launched a survey on their social media, which aims to help understand the views of the public and those who view and interact with PSNI social media accounts to help them learn and improve.

What do you think of our social media feeds?

We want to hear your feedback

You can tell us by filling in our survey



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## ADAPTING PRACTICE

The Probation Board for Northern Ireland has been adapting its practice during COVID-19 to ensure that it is able to deliver essential services and continue its work rehabilitating and resettling people to make communities safer.

Assistant Director for Programmes and Interventions Jill Grant said: "We know that domestic abuse is an area of concern and is often discussed at PCSP meetings. Recorded crime has shown a rise in reported incidents during the pandemic and we therefore put in place additional safeguards to manage domestic abuse perpetrators and those with a history of domestic abuse. Throughout 2020 we maintained our normal face-to-face contact

with those who presented as a significant risk of serious harm, and remote contact with people who were assessed as low risk of harm or reoffending. We continued to deliver programmes and interventions to perpetrators and our partner support workers continued to work with partners and ex-partners. Probation's liaison with partner organisations increased including the police and social services."

She added: "We also introduced a new screening tool, which all probation officers use to identify concerns in any case in respect of domestic violence or child protection. This tool flags up any concerns in a case at the earliest stage and enable us to put measures in to keep people safer."



An example of COVID-style supervision

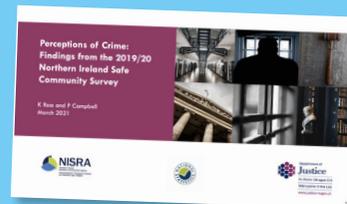
## Publications



### ICV Annual Report

This report for the period April 2020-March 2021 gives a statistical overview of the work of Independent Custody Visitors as well as information about detainees in custody and custody records.

[to read the report](#)



### NI Safe Community Survey Results

A National Statistics Publication, this bulletin focuses on key issues like confidence in policing, community engagement and confidence in the criminal justice system.

[to read the report](#)



### Northern Ireland Policing Board Annual Report and Accounts

A detailed overview of the Board's work from April 2020-March 2021.

[to read the report](#)



### Northern Ireland Policing Board Committee Reports

This report provides an overview of the work of the Board's four committees during the last year.

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