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## Every 17 minutes, PSNI officers respond to an incident of domestic abuse

**Domestic abuse is often a hidden crime, happening behind closed doors and so embedded in the lives of victims and perpetrators that they may not even realise behaviour is abusive.**

From the 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019, there were 31,682 domestic abuse incidents recorded by PSNI. This is an increase of 5.9% (1,769 incidents) from the previous year. These figures are the highest of any 12-month period since PSNI started recording data in 2004/05.

To tackle this issue, PSNI has launched its summer domestic abuse campaign, featuring a hard-hitting animated look at what goes on Behind Closed Doors.

Detective Superintendent Anthony McNally from PSNI's Public Protection Branch said during summer months, incidents of domestic abuse increase. He hopes the

campaign will encourage anyone who is a victim of domestic abuse to report it:

**"If someone watching this video is a victim of domestic abuse, I hope it will help give them the courage to pick up the phone and tell us what they are going through. I also hope it will help raise awareness about how to recognise domestic abuse, and where to access support and help.**

**"These are stark statistics, and we must never forget behind each statistic is a victim with a harrowing story of abuse.**

**"Very often people who are being abused don't know where to turn, but I want to encourage all victims - regardless of age, race, gender or sexual orientation - to come forward and report the matter to us. Speak out to stop it and we will help you."**

Anyone suffering from domestic abuse should contact police on the non-emergency 101, or in an emergency call 999. A 24-hour Domestic and Sexual Abuse Helpline is available to anyone who has concerns about domestic or sexual abuse, now or in the past on 0808 802 1414.

Anthony Harbinson, Safer Communities Director, Department of Justice said:

**"The Department of Justice, which is committed to tackling domestic and sexual violence and abuse through its cross-departmental strategy, is pleased to support this important initiative. We hope this video will help raise public awareness of the often hidden nature of domestic abuse within our community and encourage people to come forward to seek help."**

If you are or have been a victim of domestic abuse, help is out there. You will be heard, you will be believed.

Contact PSNI on the non-emergency **101**

Contact the 24-hour Domestic and Sexual Abuse helpline on 0808 802 1414, by emailing **help@dsahelpline.org** or visiting **dsahelpline.org**

Check if your partner has a history of abuse here

**In an emergency, always call 999.**



**24 HOUR  
DOMESTIC &  
SEXUAL ABUSE  
HELPLINE  
0808 802 1414**

If you, or someone else, is in immediate danger, **ring 999**, otherwise you can reach the police 24/7 on **101** or at **www.psni.police.uk**

## Changing Communities

*"By allowing the public to dispose of prescription and illegal drugs in these accessible bins, we hope to substantially reduce the amount of drugs available on our streets."*

### RAPID Comes To Antrim

**Antrim & Newtownabbey PCSP and PSNI have been working closely with the Public Health Agency and the local Drug and Alcohol Coordination Team to deliver the first ever RAPID bins in their district.**

Speaking about the initiative, PCSP Chair, Cllr Paul Dunlop said: "We are delighted with the installation of the RAPID bin in the Old Courthouse, Antrim.

The PSNI District Commander for Antrim and Newtownabbey, Supt Steen added: "The drug disposal bins provides an effective way for drugs and harmful substances to be removed from our community.

By working together, we are giving a clear indication that we do not want drugs on our streets. This initiative provides a real opportunity to reduce the availability of drugs and criminal activity often associated with drug use."



L-R PCSP Vice Chair Kathy Wolff, Ch/Insp Moore and PCSP Chair Cllr Paul Dunlop



### Fancy Some Instant Feedback?

**How many times have you encountered a smiley face kiosk when leaving a shop – and how much more likely are you to tap a button than fill out a survey? Causeway, Coast & Glens PCSP are getting in on the act to collect fresh and instant feedback about their events so that they can work smarter.**

It's important to know what kind of impact all the PCSPs hard work has and, from just a quick tap of a button, this little device can produce breakdowns and handy graphs of what people got out of the event when it's still fresh in their minds.



## Changing Communities



Getting together to watch out for the neighbourhood in Killeter.

### New Kids on the Block

Killeter is a little safer this month thanks to their brand new Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Derry & Strabane PCSP have been working with the PSNI to create fourteen new co-ordinator roles, working to reduce fear of crime after a spate of burglaries in the remote area. The Neighbourhood Watch scheme has empowered the local community to come together to prevent crime and protect vulnerable people, especially elderly residents.

Speaking at the launch of the new scheme, PCSP Vice Chair Patsy McGonagle said: **“This community has come together to establish this Neighbourhood Watch scheme which will strengthen the link between local residents and local police. It means that suspicious activities will be reported to police and co-ordinators will know more about incidents likely to affect the local area. These could be about burglars operating in the area, reports of bogus callers or car thieves at work. It means that neighbours look out for each other, particularly those who are most vulnerable.”**



**14**  
New Roles  
Created



The Art Cart's hitting the road

### Big Wheel Keep on Turning...

Ooh...it's time to get on board the gaming bus again. This year, young people in Carrickfergus and Whitehead can zone out and zone in with virtual reality headsets, gaming laptops, AV equipment, DJ decks and visual art supplies on Carrick Connect's Wheelworks Cart.

This Mid & East Antrim PCSP funded project is designed to get young people channelling their energies into creative projects and away from anti-social behaviour over the summer, as well as opening up communication between young people, Carrick Connect's youth workers, and the PSNI.

## Engaging With Young People

*"We hope to use our 'Tree of Trust' to help us motivate others to make better choices."*

### From Little Acorns...

Pupils at Enniskillen Integrated Primary School are being encouraged to express their feelings by hanging their words on a 'Tree of Trust' at the school. The Tree is part of a series of student led anti-bullying initiatives and is funded by Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP and created by the Lisnaskea Men's Shed.

Other projects rolled out by the school's Anti-Bullying Ambassador Team include the 'Be an Upstander, not a Bystander' campaign and input into the school's Anti-Bullying Policy. The team have also decided to distribute PCSP personal safety alarms to pupils who walk, scoot or cycle to school.

Lorcan Sreenivasan, Anti-Bullying Lead pupil said: **"Having been trained by The Diana Award Anti-Bullying training team, we want to promote our anti-bullying messages around our school**

**and community to help empower children to take positive action against bullying behaviours and to help those who need to overcome their bullying behaviours. We hope to use our 'Tree of Trust' to help us motivate others to make better choices."**

Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP Chair Cllr Thomas O'Reilly said: **"The PCSP is very pleased to support this initiative which had been driven from the outset by the pupils themselves. As a school project the Tree of Trust is an uplifting way to help foster kind, supportive relationships amongst pupils and teachers. Watching the tree come to life creates positive and uplifting feelings and behaviour, making it a highly effective way to build character and promote more positive behaviour."**



Great atmosphere, great craic, and some great questions

### It's Fun To Work With The...

In Mid and East Antrim, the PCSP have been working with partners to educate young people on the impacts of using addictive substances and not focusing on their mental health.

To get this information to the right people, they funded a quiz hosted by Carrick YMCA and Mid & East Antrim Neighbourhood Policing Team. The idea was not only to educate but to empower the 65 young people who identified as potentially at risk of mental health issues, drug and alcohol abuse, or involvement in crime, so the questions covered a range of areas with some light hearted banter thrown in.

**65**

Young  
People  
attended  
the quiz



Pupils and staff from Enniskillen Integrated School with PCSP Chair Cllr Thomas O'Reilly and members of the Lisnaskea Men's Shed

## Keeping Kids Safer

*“Many organisations have given their time and expertise to highlight accident prevention and safety messages which could potentially save a child’s life.”*

### Beesafe Lands in Enniskillen

Over 80 primary school children learned all about accident prevention and how to deal with dangerous situations at a mini Beesafe Initiative with Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP.

The PSNI, RNLI and Fire and Rescue Services talked the children through online, road, fire and water safety, and the pupils took part in simulated scenarios which gave them hands on experience in accident prevention – but from a safe distance!

PCSP Chair Cllr Thomas O'Reilly said: “We are delighted to bring mini Beesafe to Willowbridge. The key to the success of ‘Beesafe’ is the partnership approach in the delivery of accident prevention messages. Many organisations have given their time and expertise to highlight accident prevention and safety messages which could potentially save a child’s life. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those organisations for their time and input into the worthwhile event.”

**80**

Primary school children took part in simulated scenarios.



The Translink safety bus made an appearance!

### Buzzing About Community Safety

And over in Antrim and Newtownabbey, 1900 P7s took part in the Beesafe programme thanks to a multi-agency approach to safety.

The programme, delivered by Antrim & Newtownabbey PCSP, uses roleplay and real-life scenarios to help young people learn how to stay safe and make good decisions, as well as exploring topics like anti-social behaviour, drug and alcohol awareness, mental health and inclusion and diversity.

The pupils heard tips from Antrim and Newtownabbey Home Accident Prevention Group, Translink, PSNI Youth Diversion Officers, Antrim Youth Information Counselling Centre, ‘Take 5’ by Antrim and Newtownabbey Community Planning, Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service and Antrim and Newtownabbey Good Relations – and 96% of pupils agreed that it increased their knowledge of community safety issues.



Pupils from Willowbridge School with PCSP Chair Cllr Thomas O'Reilly

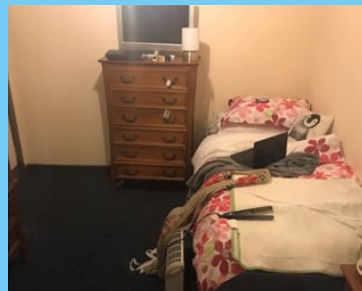
## Keeping Kids Safer

### RADAR Revisited

Over 60 P7s from Carrickfergus and Larne visited the RADAR centre over the last few months, bringing lessons on road and internet safety, anti-social behaviour and stranger danger to life.

The trips, funded by Mid & East Antrim PCSP were designed to strengthen relationships between the PSNI and local schools, encouraging young people to engage more with the police.

Find out more about the RADAR centre here:  
[www.radarni.co.uk](http://www.radarni.co.uk)



Children from West Winds Play Club in Newtownards attended the first cycle safety workshop

### Cycle Safer

Thanks to a series of workshops delivered by the PSNI Local Policing Team, kids in Ards & North Down are cycling safer. The workshops talked about every day hazards and how to avoid them, and every child involved was sent on their way with a free set of bike lights and a hi-viz vest to keep them safe on their travels.

Vice Chair of Ards & North Down PCSP, Irene Boyd said: "It's great to see these young children participating and benefiting from this scheme. Now with this good weather hopefully they will get outside and enjoy riding their bikes. The PCSP is delighted to support this scheme and hope that the leaders will be encouraged by seeing more groups wanting to be involved."



## Fun Days

Armagh Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP has been out and about visiting local primary school Fun Days to engage with the kids and promote safety messages including road safety, stranger danger and internet safety.



Pupils learned to work out the safest way home and how best to spot dangers on their commute

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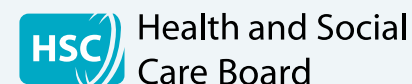
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