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## Scams: “A Costly Subject”

Following the success of the DVD Drama Resource “A Costly Subject”, it has now been re-devised from the film resource to become a theatrical performance.

The project, funded and overseen by Derry & Strabane PCSP, is aimed at raising awareness amongst older or more vulnerable people in the community about the growing problem of scams and other elder financial abuse.

The drama, devised and performed by The Top Ten Women’s Drama Group, took an audience of over 150 older/vulnerable people across the Council area through a series of scenarios to help introduce some of the issues about scams and financial abuse and the steps to take so that fewer people become victims of these crimes. The drama looks at several types of scam and financial abuse including: an

investment scam; competition or mass market scam; a credit card scam; and family financial abuse.

Cllr. Eric McGinley, PCSP Chair said “The PCSP is delighted to support this production which will, no doubt, raise much needed awareness of elder financial abuse and give an insight into the many scams that are currently in circulation. Often, these scams target the older generation and it is fantastic to see the talented Top Ten Women’s Drama Group bring examples of these scams to life to enable older people to recognise the dangers and avoid becoming victims of financial abuse. We would hope that the project will help increase confidence in older people by tackling and reducing the fear of crime”.

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to view the film “A Costly Subject”

Included in the picture at the performance are: (seated from left) Beverley Burns, Department for the Economy, Trading Standards; Margaret McLaughlin, PCSP Vice-chair; Deputy Mayor Ald Thomas Kerrigan; PCSP Chair, Cllr. Eric McGinley; Top Ten facilitator and director Mary Fitzpatrick; and PCSP members Cllr. Maoliosa McHugh, Patsy McGonagle, Cllr Karina Carlin and Noel McCartney.

**FRONT COVER IMAGE:**  
Mayor Cllr Elisha McCallion  
pictured at the ‘Costly Subject’  
performance with Mandy Monteith,  
PSNI Crime Prevention Officer, Cllr.  
Eric McGinley, PCSP Chair, Top  
Ten facilitator and director Mary  
Fitzpatrick and Sinead Devine,  
producer and director

## Belfast PCSP presents Onus Awards

Community groups and local business from across Belfast recently availed of 'Safe Place' training delivered by ONUS and funded by Belfast PCSP. The training provided local community representatives and businesses with information to signpost people, who may be experiencing domestic violence or abuse, to local support services.

Following the completion of the training the PCSP held the ONUS Work Place Charter Awards event at Belfast City Hall, which gave Cllr Matt Garrett, PCSP Chair the opportunity to present certificates to all the community groups and local business who participated.

Highlighting Belfast PCSP's commitment to raising awareness of Domestic violence and abuse Cllr Garrett said: **"Abuse of any kind cannot be tolerated and we as a Partnership support the 'Safe Place' Campaign pledge, never to commit, condone or stay silent about domestic abuse."**

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to find out more about ONUS

**FRONT COVER IMAGE:**  
Local community groups and  
businesses from South Belfast  
pictured with their ONUS awards



Local community groups and businesses from East Belfast pictured with their ONUS awards



Local community groups and businesses from West Belfast pictured with their ONUS awards



Local community groups and businesses from North Belfast pictured with their ONUS awards

## “Legal Highs” not as legal as you thought

**New legislation has commenced (as of May 26) which makes it illegal to supply or sell New Psychoactive Substances (NPS) also called “legal highs”. This includes selling them or giving them away for free (even to friends) when they are going to be taken for their psychoactive effects. Importing them from abroad will also be a crime.**

Police will take action where they find people committing these offences. Punishments range

from a prohibition notice, which is a formal warning, to 7 years in prison. Police and other agencies also have new powers which allow them to stop and search people they think are supplying and they will seize and destroy so-called “legal highs” where they find them.

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for local help and advice on drugs

## Penalties that can be imposed under the Act

**The Psychoactive Substances Act says that possessing any psychoactive substance with intent to supply, supplying or offering to supply, producing, importing or exporting, all carry a penalty of either up to 6 months imprisonment and/ or a fine, or up to 7 years imprisonment and / or a fine.**

Offences under the Psychoactive Substances Act would be considered ‘aggravated’ if they involved supply to under 18s, were near a school or a children’s home (Local authority children’s homes etc).



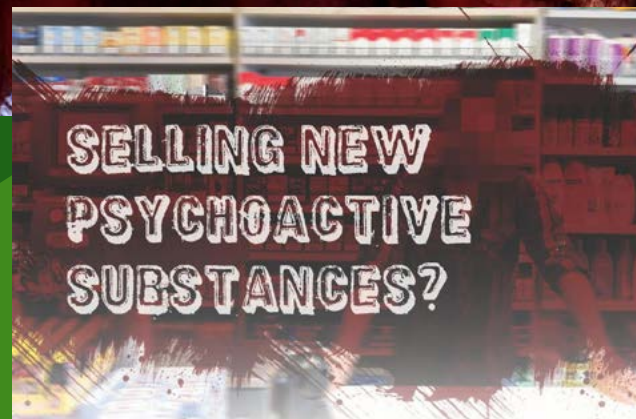
“Legal highs” you never know what you are giving your mates.

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for more information on the new legislation

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to view the New Psychoactive Substances Act 2016



## Exemptions

**Nicotine, alcohol, caffeine and “Poppers” or alkyl nitrites will be exempt from being classed as psychoactive substances. Medicinal products as defined by the Human Medicines Regulations (2012) and drugs already controlled by the Misuse of Drugs Act (1971) will also be exempt.**

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Pictured at the reconstruction are: (l-r) Ciaran McElhone, PCSP Vice Chair, Mickey McAleer and Elaine Quinn, St Patricks GFC, Rock, and Cllr Phelim Gildernew, PCSP Chair.

## Road Safety in Mid Ulster

**St Patrick's Gaelic Football Club (GFC), Rock recently hosted a Mid Ulster PCSP Emergency Services Road Traffic Collision Reconstruction in an effort to raise awareness of road safety and reduce the numbers of people killed and seriously injured on the road.**

The reconstruction, which took place in the club grounds was a very hard-hitting and realistic portrayal in real time of what happens immediately after a collision. This included the arrival of the first police car, to the ambulance personnel treating the casualty, fire service cutting the roof off the vehicle to release the trapped and fatally injured passenger, and the final removal of the deceased from the scene by a local undertaker.

PCSP Chair, Cllr Phelim Gildernew, said: "We want to bring the road safety message to young people who are at the highest risk of being killed or seriously injured on the road. We believe that showing realistically just what happens in a road traffic collision will have a lasting impact on the students who attend. They will realise that they are not indestructible and must respect the roads and other users."



Pictured at the launch are (l-r): Pamela Mullan, Housing Services Manager, NIHE, C/Insp Catherine Magee, PSNI and PCSP Chair Cllr James McCorkell.

## ASB Leaflet launched

**Causeway Coast & Glens PCSP has produced a leaflet offering advice and signposting for anyone affected by Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in the borough.**

Working in partnership with Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, PSNI and Northern Ireland Housing Executive, the PCSP leaflet explains what ASB is and who to contact if you believe you are a victim of it.

The leaflets have been made available for collection at Council Offices in Ballycastle, Ballymoney, Coleraine and Limavady as well as police station reception areas and also at Housing Executive district offices.

Launching the leaflet, PCSP Chair Cllr James McCorkell re-enforced the message that collaborative working between Council, Housing Executive and PSNI ensures that complaints are fully investigated and issues resolved as quickly as possible. He added: "Anti-Social Behaviour remains a priority for Causeway Coast & Glens PCSP and this leaflet aims to provide practical assistance to those whose lives are blighted by it".



Breakthru staff and children from Killyman Primary School, Dungannon pictured with Ciaran McElhone, PCSP Vice Chair, Bernadette McHugh, Breakthru Manager and Cllr Phelim Gildernew, PCSP Chair.

## PCSP Supports Breakthru Workshops

Mid Ulster PCSP has shown its support for the work of local alcohol and drug awareness organisation, Breakthru's annual workshops for Primary 7 pupils.

Over 400 pupils from 11 local schools took part in the workshops running over 4 days, which dealt with issues such as smoking, alcohol and medicines; provided information on drugs and body image; and also explored how pressure to conform can negatively affect self-esteem and confidence.

Cllr Phelim Gildernew, PCSP Chair, said: "The PCSP is very pleased to support Breakthru's annual P7 workshops. This is a very important stage in the childrens' lives as they move on to new schools. I have no doubt that they benefitted greatly from receiving such valuable information, delivered in a safe, supportive and fun environment."

[click here](#) for more information about Breakthru



Representatives from the PCSP, PSNI, YJA and Education Authority with the participants of YEP 2016 and the Peer Mentors.

## Celebrating the Youth Engagement Partnership

Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon PCSP joined the PSNI, Youth Justice Agency and SELB Youth Service to facilitate the Youth Engagement Partnership (YEP). The programme encourages young people aged 12-16 to consider the consequences of their behaviour and the effect it may have on both themselves and others as well as exploring respect, communication and team work.

This is the sixth year of the YEP and to celebrate the end of the programme an 'I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here' style bushtucker challenge and quiz was organised for the young people.

As part of the initiative the young people took part in a number of sessions including team building activities such as drumming, snow tubing, a trip to the RADAR Centre as well as participation in interactive sessions on personal safety and risk taking behaviour. This was followed by a 2 day residential where the young people learned new skills including kayaking, canoeing and speed boating.

Four peer mentors from local youth groups, who also took part in the programme, supported the young people with advice and guidance.

## Focusing on police performance

With the PSNI recently publishing its annual crime figures, PCSPs across the Districts have been monitoring police performance in their areas against the targets set in the Local Policing Plans 2015/16.

For a full breakdown of the statistics for Northern Ireland and for each District,

[click here](#)



The Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP public meeting in full flow.

### Ards & North Down PCSP



Ards & North Down PCSP recently held a public Policing Committee meeting focusing on the end of year police performance 2015/16. DCC Harris also took the opportunity to attend and is pictured with new Board Chief Executive, Amanda Stewart, Ards & North Down District Commander Supt. Brian Kee and Cllr Trevor Cummings, PCSP Chair

### Lisburn and Castlereagh PCSP

To give members of the public an opportunity to question the police on the end of year performance figures in the District, Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP held a public meeting in Carryduff.

Attended by PSNI Deputy Chief Constable, Drew Harris, there was also input from the PSNI Road Policing Unit who detailed statistics relating to fatalities on the roads and the number of people seriously injured.

During the meeting, attended by over 80 members of the public, the PCSP noted the outstanding crime outcome rate of 37.2% for the District, over 5% increase compared to last year. Disappointingly, there were areas where targets had not been met, specifically incidences of domestic burglary. During the past 12 months there have been 639 burglaries across the District, an increase of 108 for the same period last year.

The level of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) demonstrated an increase over the last 12 months as did the number of violent crimes where alcohol is a contributory factor. Those in attendance at the meeting were able to highlight

specific locations which caused concern regarding ASB and requested additional resources to be deployed to such areas.

Commenting on the meeting, Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP Chair Cllr Scott Carson said: **“The turnout at the meeting was very impressive which illustrates the importance of policing in this area. The PCSP works tirelessly to ensure it engages with the community on policing and community safety issues and on this occasion it was a great success. There are a number of areas of concern that the PCSP and the police have noted and we want to see these addressed to reduce in particularly the incidences of domestic burglary and ASB.”**

#### FRONT COVER IMAGE:

Pictured at the Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP public meeting are: (l-r) C/Insp Derek McCamley, Cllr Scott Carson, Chair Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP, DCC Drew Harris, Director of Corporate Services Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council, Adrian Donaldson and C/Insp John Wilson.



East Belfast DPCSP Member, Cllr Aileen Graham gets up close to the replica Spitfire.

## “Bomber’s Moon”

East Belfast DPCSP alongside PSNI, NIFRS and other partners recently supported “Bomber’s Moon” which was hosted by the Glentoran Community Trust. The event involved an evening of reflection and nostalgia to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Belfast Blitz that took place on the 4th May 1941.

There is legacy with this event as Glentoran Community Trust have agreed to facilitate a ‘mural’ within their grounds, involving two local youth groups, Youth Initiatives and the Ballymac Friendship Trust. The ‘mural’ will provide focus on community safety related issues, namely that of hate crime. Additionally the Ulster Historical Foundation will engage young people on issues of race, migration and population change in order to build cohesion between and within the community.

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## 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](#)

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