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New PCSP Members

The Policing Board has appointed new members to the network of PCSPs. Many of the new PCSP Members came to the Board at the end of June to hear more about their role in policing and community safety. Here are a few snaps of some of the PCSP Members who have been appointed to date. Appointments to the remaining 3 PCSPs – Belfast, Antrim and Newtownabbey and Lisburn and Castlereagh – are due to be completed by the end of August.



DERRY AND STRABANE

(l-r): Noel McCartney, Margaret McLaughlin, Cllr Maoliosa McHugh, Anna Murray, Linda Watson and Cllr Drew Thompson.



NEWRY, MOURNE AND DOWN

Front row: (l-r) Cllr Kate Loughran, Cllr Terry Andrews and Jude Cumiskey. Back Row: (l-r): Cllr David Taylor, Una Kelly, Cllr Harry Harvey, Audrey Byrne, Ewan Morgan and Cllr Sinead Ennis.



MID ULSTER

(l-r): Ciaran McElhone, Gillian Montgomery, Probation Board, Shirley Fiona Crawford, Martina Watson, Rosemary Hawthorne, Northern Trust and Mark Farquhar.



ARMAGH, BANBRIDGE AND CRAIGAVON

Front row: (l-r) Thomas Larkham, Saffron Lyness and Godfrey McCartney, Community and Economic Manager, Armagh, Banbridge, Craigavon Council. Back Row (l-r): Michael Heaney, Youth Justice Agency, Dáire Toner, Cllr Máire Cairns, Jill Grant, Probation Board, Eamon McNeill and Gerard Rocks, Health Trust.

You can find out more about your local PCSP here.

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Causeway Coast and Glens
Derry and Strabane
Newry Mourne and Down

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FERMANAGH AND OMAGH

Front row: (l-r): Jemma Dolan, Catherine Kelly, Monica Coyle. Standing: (l-r): Cllr Stephen Mc Cann, Vida Lake, Cllr Tommy Maguire, Pauline Treacy, Cllr Howard Thornton, Eithne Mc Anespy, Cllr Keith Elliott, Cllr Thomas O'Reilly, Cllr John Coyle and Neville Armstrong.



CAUSEWAY COAST AND GLENS

Front row (l-r): Brendan Doherty NIHE, Cllr Brenda Chivers, Caroline White and Rory Donaghy. Back Row (l-r): Sharon Burnett, SC Jason Craig NIFRS, Ashleen Schenning, C/Insp Catherine Magee, Cllr Kieran Mulholland, Leanne Abernethy, Supt John Magill, SC Kieran Doherty NIFRS and Ann McNickle.



ARDS AND NORTH DOWN

Front row: (l-r) Irene Boyd, Jean O' Neill, Probation Board, NI, Trevor Cummings and Sandra Henderson. Back Row: (l-r): Ald Ian Henry, Cllr Scott Wilson; Paula McQuade, Cllr Stephen Cooper, Cllr James Menagh, Kay Barrie, Albert Spratt, Jan Wixey, Council head of Community and Culture; Stephen Reid, Council Chief Executive, Gillian McCready, Graeme Bannister and Alan McKay.

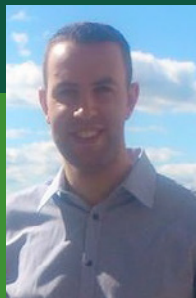


MID AND EAST ANTRIM

Front row: Mairead Myles Davies NIHE, Majorie Hawkins, Emma McIlveen, Lynn McClurg and Ashleigh Perry. Middle row: Cllr Reuben Glover, Jonathan Cooke, Ald Sam Hanna, Linda Archer, Brenda Leslie and Cllr Cheryl Johnston. Back row: Brian Collins, Chris Davies Probation Board, Cllr Paul Sinclair, District Commander Ryan Henderson, Noel Rogan and Cllr Andrew Wilson.

New Faces

A range of people have been appointed across the PCSPs, from solicitors and students to youth and charity workers. 17% of the new Members are aged between 18-25 and 15% are 26-40. Here are the thoughts of a few of them...



**Fermanagh and
Omagh**

**Simon Wiggins
Office Manager**

I will aim to be a voice for local people raising any issues they may have but also highlighting positive points when I can. I hope to provide people with a better understanding of how PCSPs work.

As someone in my mid-twenties, I would particularly like to focus on the younger generation and any issues or concerns they may have. I aim to improve young people's understanding of policing and build relationships between them and the PSNI, to prevent young people getting involved with drugs, criminality or anti-social behaviour.

I am not normally someone who stands on the side-lines; I feel it's important to get involved and play my part. We all care for our families, our homes and the wider area we live in yet all of these can be affected by criminality or a breakdown in policing. That is why I feel it's important to play my part on my local PCSP.



Mid and East Antrim

**Ashleigh Perry
PhD Researcher at
Ulster University**

I applied to become a member of the PCSP in order to help promote both policing and community safety issues within my local community. I felt that the PCSP would provide me with the support necessary to make a meaningful contribution to my local community.

Outside of the PCSP, I am involved with groups that work with young people and older people and due to this I am particularly interested in helping to promote community safety around these sections of the community.

I think it is important to become involved in order to help shape your community for the better. Change can only be achieved if we actively seek to make it and I believe that the PCSP is an excellent organisation to help promote change at a community level.



**Causeway Coast and
Glens**

**Róisín Brown
Policy, Public Relations
and Communications
staff to an MLA**

My interest in community has been complemented by my passion for politics and civil society, which is the sector in which I currently work. I am an advocate for community cohesion, breaking down barriers and working together to achieve shared goals. When I heard that the PCSP were recruiting for Independent Members, I saw it as a way of advocating for those with Police or Community Safety concerns, and ensuring that their voices are heard.

For me it is vital that people have a say in all aspects of their communities, not least in issues relating to policing and community safety. I have long held the view that engagement at grassroots is a large part of what it means to be a democratic society; people should have a say in decisions which impact upon them directly.

Policing and community safety is at the heart of community life. People on the ground know the issues best, and are impacted by them most. They should be encouraged to voice their opinions and concerns constructively so that solutions can be reached through meaningful discussions.

New Faces



**Armagh, Banbridge
and Craigavon**

**Thomas Larkham (29)
Theatre Technician**

I applied to become a member of the PCSP mainly to ensure the voice of local people is heard on community safety issues and policing matters. I like many others want to make sure that our community is always a safe place for everyone.

I feel it is important for people to get involved in local policing and community safety for a number of reasons - by working together and playing an active role you have the opportunities through the PSNI and various agencies to make a real difference within your community and build up good relations right across the borough to promote a peaceful and shared society.

In my time as a member of the PCSP I hope to do my very best by working constructively and reaching out to all sections of our community to ensure that community confidence in local policing is constantly improved. I am up for the challenges that lie ahead and I am looking forward to working alongside my colleagues on your behalf.

Quarry Dangers

Before the summer holidays began, Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council and the local police spoke to schools to highlight the dangers associated with swimming in quarries, reservoirs and lakes.

This is part of a Northern Ireland wide campaign, launched by the DOE, DOJ and the Quarry Products Association, following the deaths of 8 people in and around quarries in recent years.

Lisburn and Castlereagh PCSP Chair Cllr Scott Carson said: "This is an important and timely reminder of the dangers of frequenting quarries, reservoirs and lakes. Lisburn and Castlereagh have some of the best leisure facilities on offer and I would strongly recommend that these are the safest and most enjoyable methods to enjoy a swim with friends not only during the summer months but throughout the entire year."

The dangers in brief:

1. As the water in quarries doesn't circulate, it is much colder than rivers, lakes and the sea which can cause the muscles to cramp and result in drowning, even in very strong swimmers.
2. Quarry water has a pH balance similar to ammonia and bleach.
3. It can contain dead animals.
4. Machinery may also be submerged below the surface of the water.
5. The bottom of the quarry may not be flat and likely to have a number of steps which pose danger to anyone jumping or diving into quarries.

You can find out more about quarry safety and dangers on the [DOE website](#).



Pictured (l-r) are: Chair of Lisburn and Castlereagh PCSP Cllr Scott Carson with Principal of Lisburn's Forthill Integrated College Mrs Getty and students of the school.

Boost for wardens

Mid and East Antrim PCSP has welcomed a Housing Executive funding boost to the Rural Community Safety Warden Scheme in the area. The scheme, on the go since 2012 and paid for by PCSP and Council, means that wardens can address issues such as graffiti, dog fouling and litter.



William Rae (r), Community Safety Warden pictured with Trevor Park (l), Development Manager for Ballymena Retailers Against Crime and warden scheme manager.



Launching the 'Peace of mind while you're away' campaign are (l-r): C/Insp Paul Reid with Alison Clenaghan, Amanda Mulholland and Patricia Gibson from Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon PCSP.

While You're Away

Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon PCSP have been working with the PSNI and local travel agents to raise awareness about keeping your home secure when you're on holiday.

Travel agents have agreed to distribute 'Peace of Mind While You're Away' leaflets to their customers with practical information and advice on keeping homes safe.

ABC to prioritise rural crime

Rural crime will be a key issue of the Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon PCSP with plans to engage with local rural and farming communities to help address their concerns about crime.

At a recent meeting with the Ulster Farmers Union, the PSNI and the Young Farmers Clubs of Ulster, the PCSP emphasised their awareness of the impact crime can have on rural communities and stressed they are keen to work with local people make the countryside in the area safer to live, work and do business in.



Pictured are (l-r): Amanda Mulholland on behalf of the Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon PCSP team, Roberta Simmons, Chair of the Young Farmers Clubs of Ulster, Insp Leslie Badger, PSNI and Barclay Bell, Deputy President of the Ulster Farmers Union with a few local sheep.



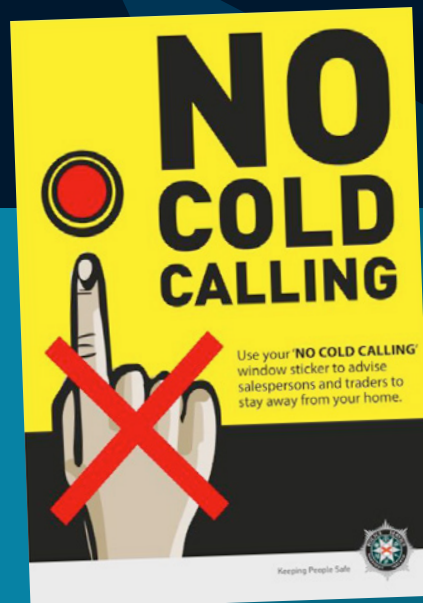
Some of the older people from Dungannon pictured with the Gillygooley Players.

Keeping safe in your home

We hear a lot about the importance of keeping safe in our own homes and the fact that older people – as they are likely to be in the house more – could become targets for cold callers. Mid Ulster PCSP took this up by staging a drama for local older people, playing out the type of scenarios and the sneaky tactics some bogus callers and burglars have up their sleeves.

Hooking up with Agewell and the PSNI, 40 local people got the message to always question people who knock and not to be behind the door (sorry) about asking for ID.

Everyone got kitted out with bogus caller packs, No cold Calling window stickers and information leaflets devised by the police and Trading Standards.



If you want No Cold Callers, you can pick them up from your local police station. Look up your local PSNI on facebook for information.

Getting fit in East Belfast

East Belfast DPCSP has helped fund a health and fitness programme for 30 East Belfast teenagers over the summer.

Delivered by the Hanwood Trust, a community enterprise which provides support facilities and services to the community, the project is a way to divert young people away from anti-social behaviour which has been identified as a problem in the area. Its main aim however is to educate young people on the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

Mentors with experience of the Youth Justice System work with the young people to discuss the negative impact drugs, alcohol and smoking can have.

Speaking about the project, East Belfast Safer City Co-ordinator Glenn Thomas said: "This project is a demonstration of the hard work that community groups and communities themselves are doing throughout East Belfast. This project is making a difference to, not only the young people involved, but to the wider community as a whole."



Some of the young people in East Belfast get put through their paces.



Pictured at the Bee Safe event in Dungannon are:
Back row (l-r)- Rachele Walker, NIE, Con Marty Allen PSNI, Con Trevor Kirke PSNI, Robin Walker and Margaret Ferguson Breakthru, Deirdre Goan Health and Safety Executive NI, Kevin Wallace Translink, Mark McQuaid NI Fire and Rescue Service, Con Sue Wright PSNI. Front row: Sue O'Neill Translink with children from St John's Primary School, Moy.

Bee Safe in Dungannon

Earlier in the summer, before the schools were out, the Bee Safe initiative reached P6 and 7 pupils in the Dungannon area. The Bee Safe initiative brings information to young people so they can anticipate danger where they may not otherwise expect it. More than 600 primary 6 and 7 pupils attended the community safety initiative over 4 days, when they took part in a series of scenarios highlighting how to avoid danger, prevent accidents at home and be aware of the need to be careful on farms, on roads, on buses and when using the internet. In addition, they also had a good introduction to building and maintaining self esteem from Breakthru.

The training is a good basic way to equip young people to be able to deal with accidents and dangerous situations by thinking for themselves.

Proud to be at Pride



Pictured at Pride are staff from the Policing Board, PSNI, Youth Justice Agency and Probation Board with Justice Minister David Ford.

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



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