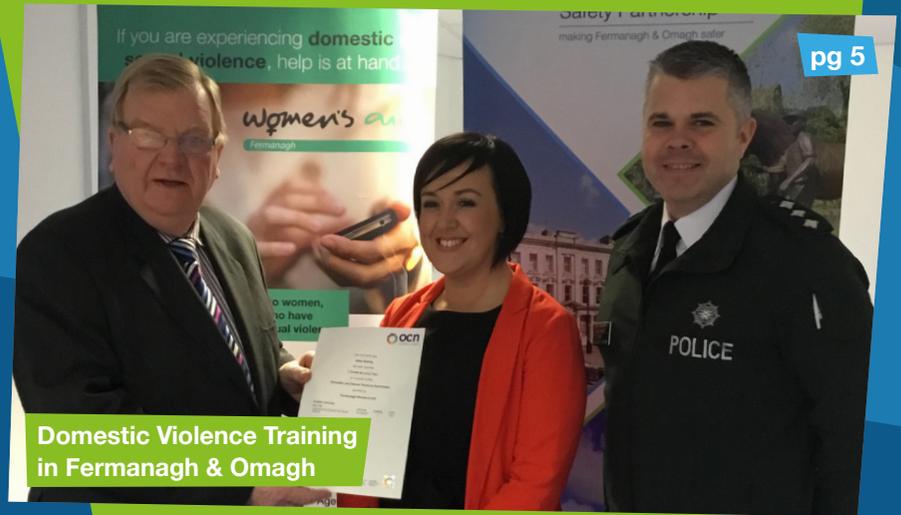


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In Case of Emergency

What would you do if you were away from home when an emergency struck with no way of telling people of any medical issues that might affect your treatment?

Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP and the local PSNI have supported the provision of In Case of Emergency cards (I.C.E.) which provide detail on medical information including any conditions or allergies you may have, medication you are taking, your blood type and next of kin.

Chair of Armagh Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP, Cllr Joe Nelson said: **“This is a very simple yet effective initiative - I think everyone should carry an I.C.E. Card. People don’t think twice about wearing a seatbelt or cycling helmet, but if you had a serious accident you’d like your next of kin to know as soon as possible and you’d want the best care possible in a medical emergency.”**

At the launch, Chief Inspector Barney O’Connor said: **“PSNI are fully supportive of this initiative which is straightforward, practical and user friendly and provides families reassurance that a loved one has personal information accessible in all emergency situations.”**

For more information on how to get an I.C.E. card, contact Billy Stewart on 02837529672 or by emailing william.stewart@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk.



(L-R) C/Insp Barney O’Connor, PCSP Project Officer Billy Stewart, Alderman Junior McCrum, PCSP Member Beverley Burns and Lee Murray NIFRS pictured with an example I.C.E. card. (Don’t worry – they’re not all that big!)

Emergency Services

In 2018, 850 accidental house fires resulted in 6 people losing their lives.

Through their ‘STOP Fire’ campaign, NIFRS want to continue to stress that even very basic fire safety measures can reduce the risk of fire:

- **Fit Smoke alarms**
- **Test them every week**
- **Look out for Obvious dangers**
- **Plan your escape routes.**

Aged 60 or older, with impaired mobility or a health condition that would affect their ability to acknowledge and respond to an emergency in the home is at higher risk from fire.

If you’re concerned about your fire safety, or that of a family member or neighbour, visit the website for details. Firefighters will visit people in their homes to provide practical fire safety advice, develop fire escape plans and check and fit smoke alarms. If you have significant impaired mobility, they will also fit an additional smoke alarm in your bedroom.

For regular fire safety updates follow NIFRS www.facebook.com/nifrsofficial and [@nifrsofficial](https://twitter.com/nifrsofficial).



Taking the message from stage and screen

Totally Banjaxed

46 productions of the edgy play *Banjaxed* have now toured a range of venues from the Ulster Hall to youth clubs and secondary schools bringing a challenging message to young people across the community. The play, by Patricia Downey and performed by Spanner in the Works Theatre Company, was supported by the Department of Justice, Tackling Paramilitarism Programme and a range of PCSPs.

The message doesn't beat around the bush, focusing on risks faced by young people when they get involved with criminal gangs and paramilitaries and the effects so-called paramilitary-style attacks, drug taking and drug dealing have on families and communities.

The young audiences also had the chance to discuss their reactions to the messages in the play with representatives of the PSNI, Youth Justice Agency, PCSP representatives and Restorative Justice organisations.

[click here](#) to find out more about #EndingtheHarm.



A performance of the play in the Ards Arena

One New Friend isn't always a good thing

How often do you question who you're talking to online?

Starring David Rawle (Moone Boy) and Ellie McKay, *One New Friend* is a compelling educational drama which according to its producer Elaine Forde seeks to **“demonstrate the devastating consequences of cybercrime... while also focusing on means of preventing such offences in the future.”**

Teenagers from across Derry attended the film's premiere in The Playhouse, alongside representatives from the Policing Board, Youth Justice Agency, PSNI, DoJ, Education Authority and Derry & Strabane PCSP. Following the screening, there was a Q&A session led by Constable Liam Philips, a member of the PSNI's Neighbourhood Policing Team, where young people could discuss what they'd seen and learned, and how these issues affect them on a day-to-day basis.

Written by Aidan Largey and produced by The Playhouse Street Talk, the film was commissioned by the Youth Justice Agency and part-funded by Derry & Strabane PCSP.

[click here](#) to watch film.



Moone Boy's David Rawle in the short film

The Generation Game

Taking to the airwaves

Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP have hooked up with Kilkeel's Schomberg Society to produce an inter-generational radio programme.

Broadcast on FUSE FM Mourne, the project allowed a group of young people to undertake media, communications and good relations training. The radio broadcast debuted at the start of December and was replayed through the month, allowing thousands of listeners to get a new perspective on current affairs and issues in their district.

The PCSP and Schomberg Society (created to preserve and build the Ulster Scots community in Kilkeel) hope to run a second broadcast this summer.



Roberta and James from the Schomberg Society were involved in the project delivery



Participants in the project with their congratulatory certificates

Better Together

The Corcrair and Redmanville intergenerational Better Together project recently held a get together to celebrate their success.

The programme funded by the Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP allowed youths and older people to forge friendships, learn new skills, and share knowledge through creative activities.

At the celebratory event, all participants picked up a certificate marking their contribution. They also came away with some great memories and a stronger relationship with their community.

Focus on domestic abuse and violence

Domestic abuse crimes represented 15.6% of all police recorded crime between 1st October 2017 and 1st October 2018. PCSPs continue to support a variety of schemes and projects across the country to tackle issues in this area.

Training with Fermanagh PSNI

40 PSNI officers recently received OCN Level 2 qualifications in understanding domestic and sexual violence.

Training was delivered by Fermanagh Women's Aid to those who help to support victims and those who ensure that perpetrators are held accountable.



PCSP Chair Allan Rainey, Fermanagh Women's Aid Training Co-ordinator Michelle Alonso and C/Insp Clive Beatty (Also front cover image 3)

PCSP Chair Cllr Allan Rainey, who also completed the training said: **"The prevalence of domestic and sexual violence in Fermanagh and Omagh has a devastating impact on victims and their families. Fermanagh Women's Aid does sterling work to support victims, enabling them to make informed and supported decisions about their future pathways."**

Michelle Alonso, Training Co-ordinator with Fermanagh Women's Aid, said **"Fermanagh Women's Aid is delighted to have worked the Fermanagh and Omagh PCSP and the PSNI to deliver this innovative training which will ensure that PSNI officers are equipped with the tools and confidence to engage with victims offering appropriate interventions and supports"**.

The 24 hour Domestic & Sexual Violence helpline offers private and confidential phone, email and text services open to all women and men affected by domestic violence.

Call: 0808 802 1414 Email: 24hoursupport@dvshelpline.org



Challenging perceptions of domestic violence

To mark 16 Days of Action against Domestic Violence, Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP and County Down Rural Community Network supported the South Eastern Domestic and Sexual Violence Partnership conference on *Men's Leadership in Gender Based Violence – Let's End the Silence.*

The conference looked at the fact that whilst domestic violence is perpetrated by both men and women to both men and women, there is a high percentage of victims who are women and girls. It recognised that both genders have a responsibility to acknowledge and eradicate such abuse and violence.

[click here](#) to find out more about 16 Days of Action

[click here](#) to find out more about South Eastern Domestic and Sexual Violence Partnership

Focus on domestic abuse and violence

Going for gold

Causeway, Coast & Glens Borough Council received a gold award for its commitment to supporting people affected by domestic violence at the recent Onus Workplace Charter Awards.

The award recognised the creation of a workplace policy that ensures the Council will effectively respond to all disclosures of abuse and provide support for victims.

The Chair of Causeway Coast and Glens PCSP Cllr Margaret Anne McKillop said:

“It is very encouraging to receive this award again as it highlights our ongoing commitment to support those affected by domestic violence. By working in partnership with Onus, we want to create a zero tolerance approach.”



Causeway Coast and Glens PCSP Chair cllr Margaret-Anne McKillop with PCSP Officer Melissa Lemon receiving the award.

Helping victims get support

Mid & East Antrim PCSP are working alongside the Northern Domestic and Sexual Violence Partnership to increase awareness of the range of support options for domestic violence victims.

Everyday things like lip balms and highlighters have been printed with the Northern Ireland 24 Hour Domestic Violence Helpline contact number, and will be available at domestic violence information points, as well as being given directly to victims when appropriate.

[click here](#) to find out more about the Northern Domestic and Sexual Violence Partnership.



An example of the available resources.

Meet an Independent PCSP member

Fiona Stephens, Vice Chair Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP



Fundraising Consultant Fiona Stephens has worked in the voluntary sector for over 20 years, which has allowed her to forge links with businesses, community groups, PSNI and political parties. A PCSP Independent Member since 2015, Fiona joined because she wanted to contribute to safety, and address the important issues in her community especially those relating to young people.

Challenges?

The biggest challenge has been raising awareness about what our PCSP does and educating people about our community approach to monitoring policing and community safety issues within our district.

There's still a need to increase the profile of PCSPs, which can be done through harnessing PR opportunities from the positive work we do.

What are the top achievements with your PCSP?

Engaging the community through Neighbourhood Watch. This has taken hard work and dedication, and I was delighted to be part of an engagement event designed to advise walkers on keeping safe during dark evenings which included handing out hi-vis vests. We're doing a wonderful job with community engagement at events from Freshers Days to Agricultural Shows.

Our Council have included us in their strategic planning for the District and through this and inter-agency involvement we always have well attended, very constructive meetings.

Our PCSP has been working across the community to strive for safety, and we hear the views of all people on issues like bonfires, anti-social behaviour and crime. I'm very proud to have been able to play a part in this important work.

Personal highlights?

Getting to work with statutory bodies and a range of political parties to find out more about their efforts to keep our community safe has been a highlight. I've also enjoyed getting greater insight into what the PSNI do at a strategic level.

Find out more on the work of Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP

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an indepth look at the work of our PCSPs

Who is your Chair?

Cllr Robert Burgess

What are the current and emerging issues?

Within our district, reported incidents of anti-social behaviour have the greatest impact on residents and our PCSP is continuing to focus our energies on addressing these issues through partnership working.

We've seen scamming become more prevalent within the district, which especially worries our most vulnerable residents. We educate residents on the dangers of scamming, and how important it is to be careful with personal details.

We also prioritise working with partners on programmes that assist young people and their parents in making smarter decisions online and via social media, educating them on the dangers that exist.



A great turn out for the Local Policing Consultation meeting hosted by Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP

Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP

What area is covered by the PCSP?

Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP covers the areas that were covered by the former Down District Council and Newry & Mourne District Council. We cover from Saintfield to Crossmaglen.

Who are your members?

Councillors

Robert Burgess UUP (Chair)
Harry Harvey DUP
Terry Andrews SDLP
Brian Quinn SDLP
Kate Loughran SDLP
Michael Savage SDLP
Michael Ruane SF
Mickey Larkin SF
Willie Clarke SF
Sean Doran SF

Independent Members

Fiona Stephens (Vice Chair)
Declan Murphy
Una Kelly
Audrey Byrne
Jude McNeill
Grace McQuiston
Ewan Morgan
Amy Ward



(L-R) Con Boyd and Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP member attending the Model Farm Community Association fun day

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Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP

What delivery themes have been progressed?

Issue: Anti-social Behaviour

Action: We currently operate an anti-social behaviour sub-group, which oversees various activities that are being delivered in the name of the PCSP and through partnership work. The main activities centre on community safety action plans in areas identified as having high levels of anti-social behaviour by PSNI statistics.

Issue: Drugs and Alcohol

Action: We continue to work with partner agencies to address concerns around both of these areas. In September 2018 we installed our first RAPID bin, providing a facility for local people to dispose of unwanted prescription medication. We have plans to install a further 6 bins in the next 12-24 months.

Other areas

Action: We have seen progression across reducing fear of crime, rural crime, and hate crime, and through improving road safety awareness. Our delivery plan ensures we provide the most suitable support we can within our resources which includes supporting a very active Neighbourhood Watch Network and expanding our recently launched No Cold Calling Zones campaign.

What impacts have been achieved?

We continue to monitor and evaluate our work in each of the areas within which we operate through the completion of evaluation sheets and PCSP questionnaires by members of the local community. PSNI crime statistics are perhaps most useful to gauge the impact our programmes have on the communities we work with.

Success in reducing the fear of crime is hard to measure, but many Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators will give feedback on the reactions and opinions of local communities on a wide range of issues and it is through this forum that we can assess if particular initiatives are indeed having a positive impact in the district.

What are the priorities for the PCSP going forward?

- Internet safety & scamming
- Rural crime
- Anti-social behaviour

What initiatives are planned to deal with these?

Internet safety & scamming

Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP plans to continue to work in the areas of internet safety and scamming, and we hope to reduce the number of victims in our district. Key to this is working in partnership with all our stakeholders and continued support from central government, which allows our work to continue.

We'll also be continuing to utilise our Community Safety Wardens to reduce fear of crime and anti-social behaviour, especially in our town centres. Their presence provides reassurance and assists in ensuring we maintain a lively and safe night time economy.

Rural Crime

We'll be expanding our No Cold Calling Zones and Neighbourhood Watch, and hope that both of these schemes will help reduce rural crime.

Anti-social behaviour

Delivering focused local community safety action plans continues to be an effective method of addressing persistent anti-social behaviour and we hope to continue to operate these plans in the future in areas identified as having issues.



Pete Snodden, presenter of PCSP Youth Awards 2019 and PCSP Chair
Cllr Noreen McClelland.

It's all about the Youth Awards

Do you know an inspirational young person who lives in Antrim & Newtownabbey?

Do you fancy nominating them for an award? If you know someone between 11-18 who has made a real impact in areas such as voluntary work, creativity and sport, you have until the end of February to put them forward for the Antrim & Newtownabbey Youth Awards.

PCSP Chair, Cllr Noreen McClelland explained: **"As well as recognising young people who have excelled and had success in various fields, the PCSP Youth Awards will equally recognise young people who have given a lot to their community or who have overcome adversity, difficulty or challenge."**

We look forward to raising the profile of young people within the borough, I would encourage everyone to take a few minutes to fill out a nomination form. It might just help someone to get the recognition they deserve."

[click here](#) to find out what you need to do.



Bytes Youth Workers Connor Keenan, Sarah Geddis and Mark Clegg modelling the new jackets.

Bytes Project gets a makeover

The Detached Youth workers of Mid & East Antrim PCSP's Bytes Project have been given a makeover this month. Now they hit the streets in branded jackets, making it easier for both young people and the general public to identify them, and interact with their services.

The Bytes Project provides a consistent programme targeted at high-risk young people and aims to transform relationships through developmental group work, including work with the PSNI and Community Wardens, encouraging young people to build connections with their community, and value their citizenship.

Due to run until 2020, the project is funded through Mid and East Antrim PCSP, NI Housing Executive and Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's Good Relations Department.

[click here](#) to find out more about the Bytes Project.

Want to **help** your community have a voice on **policing** and **community safety**?

The May local elections will trigger the reconstitution of all 11 Policing and Community Safety Partnerships and we are gearing up for the lengthy appointment process. Applications for PCSP Independent Members will open shortly. The reconstitution process will be fully completed and new Independent Members appointed and ready to take up their positions in April 2020.

The Northern Ireland Policing Board is responsible for making the independent member appointments so if this is something you might be interested in, here's a quick overview:

- You must live in, or be able to demonstrate a close connection and active interest to, the Council area for which you are making an application;
- This is a voluntary role and does not attract any allowance. However, members are eligible to claim a general expenses payment;
- Full training will be provided to all members.

If the PCSP is something you think you or someone you know would like to get involved in, register your interest by visiting pcsp.org/recruitment or emailing pcsp@nipolicingboard.org.uk.

Want a chance to make a difference in your community?

Become a PCSP Independent member

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policing

reporting

partnership

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solutions

monitoring

community

confidence

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interventions



Representatives from PCSP, RAPID and PSNI launching the bin in Tesco Lurgan

RAPID expansion

Two additional RAPID bins have been added in Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon, helping to keep prescription drugs off our streets.

The bins have been placed at Tesco superstores in Lurgan and Craigavon, providing plenty of opportunities for them to be used.

Successful community consultations

Antrim & Newtownabbey PCSP have been taking to local supermarkets to run their annual consultations and engage with local people throughout the district.

The six events gave the PCSP members the opportunity to talk to the public about community safety and policing issues that concern them, and to gather public opinion in advance of developing the PCSP Strategic Plan and Action Plan.

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

www.pcsp.org

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PCSPs work with a number of designated partners.

