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SEXUAL ABUSE & SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS WEEK 2016

During the first UK wide Sexual Abuse and Sexual Violence Awareness week, Derry and Strabane PCSP hosted a regional conference delivered by the Rowan Professional Stakeholder Forum to support victims of sexual crime.

Contributors stressed the importance of raising awareness of the services and support available to victims of sexual abuse and how to access these services.

Derry and Strabane PCSP Chair Cllr Eric McGinley welcomed the partnership work with the PCSP and the Rowan to deliver the conference, saying: **“Sexual abuse and sexual violence is an important topic and I hope this conference will provide the opportunity to disseminate information on the support services available to victims and more importantly how these services can be accessed.”**

Representatives from local organisations at the Rowan Stakeholders Forum regional conference in February.



FRONT COVER IMAGE:

Pictured at the Sexual Abuse Conference were (l-r): PCSP Chair Cllr Eric McGinley, Cara Bond, Vanessa Russell, Justice Minister David Ford MLA, Sandra Holden and Dermot Harrigan.



Pictured with Bangor Academy Students at one of the Ards and North Down senior information events are (l-r): Dorothy Beattie, Age North Down and Ards AGENDA, Johnathan Gamble NIFRS, Jane Shields PCSP Administration, Albert Sprat PCSP Member and PCSP Manager Alan McCay.

Safety in Ards and North Down

A full week's worth of engagement went on in Ards and North Down in February as the PCSP organised a series of senior safety events across the district.

Over 450 older people got advice on keeping safe, preventing distraction burglaries and how to deal with fear of crime. Pupils from one of the local schools were also there to learn more about some of the issues older people face. They also questioned some key agencies like the PSNI, NIFRS and Linking Generations on what things they need to do to keep safe and came away better equipped for their personal safety with a range of aids including personal attack alarms, timer switches and cold calling stickers.

FRONT COVER IMAGE:

Pictured at one of the Ards and North Down Senior Safety events is PCSP Manager Alan McCay with staff from AGENDA Age North Down and Ards, PSNI, Fire Service and Probation Service.

Staying Safe Online

Surviving the digital age

PCSPs recognise online safety as a key challenge and during Safer Internet Week, arranged a variety of events to promote some important messages about using the internet.

At #SSONewry, hundreds of secondary school pupils attended the first of a two day cyber safety event hosted by Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP and the PSNI on 'Surviving the Digital Age'. The second day was geared towards parents, educators and adults who work with children.

Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP Chair Cllr Mickey Larkin explained: **"Digital communication plays a large part in all of our lives and none more so than in the lives of young people."**

These two events were aimed at helping young people and adults alike understand the digital landscape, recognise risks and understand the steps they can take to keep themselves safe online."

Control Alt Delete

Newry, Mourne and Down was one of the PCSPs which hosted the play Control, Alt,



Members of the PCSP Cllr Brian Quinn, Cllr Kate Loughran, Vice -Chair Dan McEvoy with speakers Carol Todd, Laurie McCann and Anita Dennison at Staying Safe Online, Understanding the Digital Age in Newry.

Delete which has been commissioned by the Youth Justice Agency as part of their aim to prevent young people from getting caught up in the Youth Justice system.

The play is designed to challenge young people about who is behind the keyboard and how safe they actually are online as well as highlighting ways they can avoid getting into trouble online.

Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon PCSP

brought the play to local schools St Catherines College, Lismore Comprehensive, The Royal School and Dromore High School.

Lisburn and Castlereagh PCSP hosted a separate play with local police and Lisburn YMCA which portrayed the dangers of making friends



Two of the actors depicting the potential dangers of the internet in Control Alt Delete.

on line, grooming and sexting. Speaking about the impact of the play, PCSP Chair Cllr Scott Carson said: **"There are genuine concerns to be addressed regarding online safety and protecting our young people. I hope that everyone who saw the play and was involved in the discussions now have an increased awareness of the importance of protecting their identities and knowing who they are talking to when online."**



Back Row (l-r) Cllr Scott Carson Lisburn and Castlereagh PCSP Chair, Jenny Magee Lisburn YMCA and Sgt Daryl Lucas. Front Row (l-r) Orla O'Hagan NSPCC with actors from C21 Drama Company.

FRONT COVER IMAGE:
PCSP Chair Mickey Larkin addresses #SSONewry.

Night Time Gaels

240 lucky teenagers from across Newry, Mourne and Down got to hang out with their football heroes as part of the night time Gaels programme run by the PCSP and GAA.

The 3 week programme was created with the aim of increasing young people's interest in sport. It also provided an opportunity for the young people to meet and get to know their local officers whilst addressing some important issues and providing a diversion for the young people. PCSP officers worked with local Neighbourhood Policing Officers to coordinate activities which highlighted the dangers of alcohol and the importance of staying away from anti social behaviour.



Some of the Newry, Mourne and Down young people who took part in the Night Time Gaels programme pictured with PCSP Chair Mickey Larkin, Neighbourhood Police Officers and representatives from the GAA.



Pictured with Causeway Coast and Glens PCSP Members and community representatives and Foyle Women's Aid staff are front row (l-r): Catherine Taylor, Be Safe Be Well, Sgt Terry McKenna, PSNI, Lynsey Rainey, ONUS, PCSP Chair Cllr James McCorkell, Mayor Michelle Knight-McQuillan, PCSP Officer Melissa Lemon and Kelly Duggan, ONUS.

The Onus is on us all

Causeway Coast and Glens PCSP has been working in partnership with Onus to raise awareness of the support available to victims of domestic abuse.

The PCSP is supporting the Safe Place project which highlights safe areas in local businesses and organisations. The scheme acknowledges the fact there is no typical victim of domestic abuse

and promotes zero tolerance towards abuse.

The project will deliver Safe Employers which promotes the message that the organisation is a safe place to seek help about domestic abuse. It also helps organisations to recognise when domestic abuse is affecting an employee and, in partnership with support organisations, offer appropriate responses.

Drug Dealers Don't Care...do you?

PCSPs, the Policing Board, the PSNI and Crimestoppers have all put their weight behind the **Drug Dealers Don't Care...do you?** campaign in an effort to encourage people to report their suspicions about drugs.

The message is fairly simple: drugs have a negative effect on our community, they can cause damage and death and the only way to prevent it, is to stop it. Last year, there were 5,104 drug seizure incidents in Northern Ireland with 2875 people arrested by the PSNI and processed through custody for drug offences.

The police cannot tackle this issue alone though. It is often the case that communities hold the key to taking drug dealers off the streets and PCSPs and the police are calling for local people to report any suspicions they may have.

Policing Board Vice-Chair Debbie Watters said: **"There is no**

doubt that drugs cause damage on our streets and throughout our society. PCSPs work hard across our community to tackle issues such as drug abuse by educating young people and highlighting the negative effects of drugs on society as a whole.

The police have a key role in taking drugs off our streets and recent activity shows they will take action against those selling drugs. However, the police cannot do this alone; many drug dealers are stopped because people have reported their suspicions. By acting, people can help take drugs off the streets and prevent potential deaths. It's as simple as that."

Belfast PCSP Chair Cllr Matt Garrett said: **"Local knowledge is crucial in our fight to tackle the scourge of drugs in communities. Today we are once again renewing the campaign and I hope it will be supported by communities across Northern Ireland, and that we see many more successful prosecutions."**



Pictured at the Drug dealers don't care launch - PCSP Belfast Chair Matt Garrett, Sue Brew Crimestoppers, Justice Minister David Ford, C/Supt Andrea McMullan and Policing Board Vice Chair Debbie Watters.

PSNI D/Supt Andrea McMullan said: **"We will continue to disrupt and arrest those involved in the sale and supply of drugs, bring individuals before the courts and work with communities and partner agencies to reduce the threat of harmful and illegal activity. We would continue to ask communities to provide us with information about illegal**

drugs. If you tell us, we will act on it."

Promotional material is available for PCSPs to support the campaign.

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

[click here](#) to see a short film on Drug Dealers Don't Care.

LIFE Scheme

Derry and Strabane PCSP lent their support to NIFRS to deliver the LIFE (Local Intervention Fire Education) Scheme in the area. Local young people completed the Scheme at Northland Road Fire Station.

Students from Lurgan also took part in the 5 day programme which aims to help young people get a real understanding of the work firefighters do for their local community, develop team work, personal responsibility, leadership skills and confidence.



Pictured with the NIFRS trainers and participants of the LIFE Scheme at Northland Road Fire Station are PCSP Chair Cllr Eric McGinley, Linda Watson, PCSP Independent Member, Station Commander Kieran Doherty, PCSP Designated Member and PCSP Managers Vanessa Russell and Dermot Harrigan.

Play your part

The Education Authority got schools involved in Safer Internet Day by inviting students to submit short films on what they can do to make the internet a safer place to be. Play your part for a better Internet' involved 62 schools who all submitted some pretty creative ideas to the competition.



Pictured at the Education Authority's first e-safety competition 'Play your part for a better internet' supporting Safer Internet Day are back row (l-r): Emma Louise Johnston TV Presenter, Rachel Shields Safeguarding Board NI eSafety Forum, Paddy Mackey Education Authority SEO, Sharon O'Connor Education Authority Chair and Barry Mulholland Education Authority Regional Managing Director. Front row (l-r) Junior Minister Jennifer McCann MLA and Wendy Radcliffe and pupils from Killicomaine Junior High School who won first prize.

Chip pan left
unattended?
NEVER!



Getting chips off the menu

NIFRS are no fans of home chip pans and are warning homeowners to either stay clear of them or make sure they use them with care by following some common sense safety tips. Last year, the fire and rescue service were called out to 81 homes affected by chip pans fires and say these appliances are one of the most common causes of fire in the home.

[click here](#) for more information.

Chip pan fire campaign by the NIFRS.

Creating solutions

Following an attack on a woman out walking in Derry, the local PCSP teamed up with Galliagh Women's Group to provide personal attack alarms to female residents living in the area. This is a great example of the PCSP working with the local community to help create solutions to local safety issues.



Derry and Strabane PCSP Chair Cllr Eric McGinley presents personal attack alarms to Rosie Doherty and Marie Gillespie of Galliagh Women's Group. Also included in the photo is Derry and Strabane PCSP Officer Sandra Holden.

Text your opinion

If you have been a victim of crime, you may be one of the people getting a text asking for your opinion on how the PSNI dealt with you.

This is a good way to give PSNI feedback so that they can keep improving their service. It will also help to inform the Policing Board as to how well the PSNI is performing in terms of victim satisfaction as part of the 2016-17 Annual Policing Plan.

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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