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Supporting families in times of distress

As part of the Festival of Life, Newcastle 2015 a Public Seminar and Health Fair focusing on Internet Safety was held. The event co-ordinated by Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP and Newcastle Suicide Prevention Task Group was organised to coincide with World Suicide Prevention Day.

The Seminar focused on the impact social media has on the modern family and highlighted the dangers lurking on the internet. Thought provoking and sometimes disturbing presentations on the power of the internet and impact it can have on people's lives were made by Sgt Kenny Gracey and Con. Lisa Stevenson from the PSNI. Steve McNeill from the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust also provided an overview of the various apps currently being used by our young people highlighting their dangers and encouraged parents to get to know their way around cyber space.

Conscious that at some stage every family has to deal with distress/stress the event also highlighted the key services to help in these times of crisis. Maria McMurrrough and Emma O'Neill from Down SureStart outlined their Parenting Programmes designed to enhance parenting skills. Karen Otley, South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust, advised of the support services available from the Down Sector Family Support



Pictured at the seminar are: Back Row (l-r): Malachy Kennedy, Manus Teague, Steven McNeill, Sgt. Gracey and Con. Stevenson. Front Row (l-r): Ailish Teague, Maria McMurrrough, Karen Otley, Mickey Larkin, Emma O'Neill and Janet Smith.

Hub. Ailish and Manus Teague from the 'Pop Up Art' creative rehabilitation programme presented on their project aimed at assisting those recovering from addiction with personal accounts of their experience within the project being recounted by Malachy Kennedy and Janet Smith.

The evening concluded with a question and answer session chaired by Cllr. Mickey Larkin, Chair of Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP. Cllr. Larkin thanked everyone who had contributed to the success of the seminar saying: **"This event was designed to help increase knowledge of suicide prevention,**

support services available, increase numbers seeking help and to build capacity within the community to support others in crisis. Following this excellent event I feel these objectives have been achieved. I hope that anyone experiencing stress/distress will now feel they have a variety of support services available to them and will have the strength to take that first step in asking for help."

For help or assistance contact PIPS Newcastle on **02890805850**, Lifeline on **08088088000** or The Samaritans on **08457909090**.

Induction evening for Belfast PCSP / DPCSP members

The Board recently held an induction evening to welcome the new members of Belfast PCSP and the 4 District PCSPs.

The session was opened by Board Chair Anne Connolly who emphasised the real strength of PCSPs being “their connection locally into communities, understanding the needs and issues and developing tailor-made programmes of intervention to deal with these.” Outlining the roles and responsibilities of PCSPs she also spoke of the continued need for the Belfast model.

During the event ACC Stephen Martin explained the PSNI'S role within the PCSP and DPCSPs, highlighting the real value of partnership working and how the PCSPs are now “co-producers of policing”. Anthony Harbinson DOJ spoke about the PCSPs from a Departmental perspective and Eithne McLroy, Probation Board and Geoff Sommerville, NI Fire and Rescue Service took the opportunity to outline their organisation's role as a designated body on the Belfast PCSP.

A Question and Answer session followed with a panel which consisted of Board Vice Chair Debbie Watters, ACC Martin, Anthony Harbinson, and Siobhan Toland, Belfast City Council. Issues discussed included how PCSPs would fit in with Council's Community Planning model and ways to encourage young people to engage with PCSPs.

Belfast PCSP



Some new Members of Belfast PCSP pictured at the induction session: (l-r) Eithne McLroy, Probation Board; Cllr Matt Garrett; Carmel McKinney; Ald John Hussey; Louise Toal; Debbie Hammill; Cllr JJ Magee; Cllr Janice Austin; Patricia Muldoon, Youth Justice Agency; and John Loughran.

Pictured at the induction session are panel members (l-r): Siobhan Toland, Debbie Watters, ACC Stephen Martin and Anthony Harbinson.



FRONT COVER: ACC Stephen Martin (far left) and Anthony Harbinson (2nd from right) with Board Members (l-r) Wendy Osborne, Board Chair, Anne Connolly, Deirdre Blakely and Brice Dickson.

North Belfast DPCSP



Some new Members of North Belfast DPCSP: Back Row: (l-r) Mary Clarke; Gerard O'Reilly; Gerald Solinas; Michael Murray and Cllr Pat Convery. Front Row: (l-r) Jenny Cornell; Cllr Mary Ellen Campbell; Catherine Patrick and Cllr Nuala McAllister.

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South Belfast DPCSP



Some new Members of South Belfast DPCSP: (l-r) Paul Mc Donnell; Michael Boyle; Cllr Jeffrey Dudgeon; Aleksandra Lojek; Aidan Hughes; and Richard Kennedy.

East Belfast DPCSP



Some new Members of East Belfast DPCSP: (l-r) Cllr Tommy Sandford; Lisa McMaster; Steven McMillen; Cllr Sonia Copeland; Jonny Currie; Michele Bryans; David Geddis; and Cllr Aileen Graham.

West Belfast DPCSP



Some new Members of West Belfast DPCSP: (l-r); Cllr. Stephen Magennis; Elizabeth Groves; Claire Canavan; Cllr. Matt Garrett; and Eoin McShane.

Belfast PCSP embraces Social Media



Belfast PCSP Chair, Cllr Matt Garrett and Partnership Support Officer Alyson Crompton launching the Facebook Page.

Belfast's PCSP is embracing social media and recently launched its official Facebook page and its online magazine Community Safety Matters.

Officially launching the page and magazine Cllr Matt Garrett Belfast PCSP Chair said: "Social media is everywhere now, and used by organisations across the city, so we're hoping this will give communities the opportunity of engaging more, as well as keeping up to date with news and issues affecting their community."

Belfast PCSP will continue to look for and develop new and innovative ways to connect with all members of the community and by finally embracing social media we feel that this will assist not only members to communicate with the community but also the community to engage directly with us through these platforms."

[click here](#) if you would like to register for a copy of the e-zine Community Safety Matters.

[click here](#) to view the new Facebook page.

Keep in touch with other PCSPs via Facebook

Armagh Banbridge and Craigavon

Causeway Coast and Glens

Derry and Strabane

Lisburn and Castlereagh

Newry Mourne and Down

You can find out about all PCSPs by visiting the **PCSP Facebook Page** or following them on **Twitter**.

Youth projects to the fore

'Scavenger Hunt' in Newry, Mourne and Down

Killyleagh Youth Club members recently took part in a 'Scavenger Hunt' organised by Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP as part of their Summer Diversionary Programme.

The event, opened by Cllr. Micky Larkin, PCSP Chair, involved 8 teams being despatched to find and return 10 different items widely available locally. Thankfully the weather was kind and participants enjoyed their search in the evening sunshine.

The event was rounded off with a BBQ and the winning team won two Eclipse Cinema passes.

Speaking about the event Cllr Larkin said "I have been impressed to learn that the Youth Club was established as a result of a PCSP Action Plan just last year and commend those volunteers I have met on their dedication and excellent work to date."

For any additional information or enquiries about the Programme please contact the PCSP on **028 44610857**.



Cllrs. Walker and Larkin, Chris and Michelle Hagan, and Brian and Patricia Osborne pictured with some of the young people who enjoyed the Scavenger Hunt.



The completed artwork

Engaging young people through art

Garvaghy Road Youth Project is a programme for 10-12 young people aged 14-17 developed in partnership with Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon PCSP, the Southern Education Authority and the Good Relations Department within the Council. The project evolved from the much larger Youth Engagement Partnership (YEP) which aimed to give young people something positive to do within their own community and introduce them to youth facilities and workers in their area.

The group started by meeting every Tuesday to discuss different issues and came up with the idea to re-design a piece of artwork in their neighbourhood which had been defaced with sectarian slogans.

The PCSP gained permission from residents in Craigavon and over 8 weeks the young people looked at the design for the piece and within 5 weeks the artwork was complete.

The young people are now attending some of the programmes provided by St. Mary's Youth Club and it is hoped they will continue to engage.

Dermot McConaghy was the artist who facilitated the artwork which was partly funded by the local Council's Arts Department.

FRONT COVER: Dermot McConaghy, the artist, with some of the young people from the Garvaghy Road Youth Project.

PCSP Members participate in Young Leaders Programme

Thirteen PCSP members from across Northern Ireland have visited the United States as part of an innovative leadership development program to nurture future leaders within local communities.

The Transformation, Advocacy, Leadership, Knowledge (TALK) program, running for a second year, aims to support emerging young leaders with the help of a number of partners. This year's participants have all recently been appointed as Independent Members to the new PCSPs. The twelve-month initiative will focus on developing their skills in negotiation, conflict resolution, and civic leadership.

The initiative is a partnership between the U.S. Consulate, the Policing Board, and the PSNI. Funding for the program has been provided by the Secretary's Office of Global Partnerships at the U.S. Department of State.

The international component to the program was provided by the U.S. Institute of Peace (USIP), a non-partisan institution that provides training and support for those working for peace.

Speaking about the programme U.S. Consul General, Daniel J Lawton said:

"The U.S. Government is delighted to support this initiative designed to empower young people with a proven capacity to bring positive change to their communities. I very much appreciate the support of the Policing



The Talk participants pictured with Board Member Dolores Kelly MLA, T/C/Supt. Tim Mairs, PSNI (3rd left) and C/Insp. Emma Bond, PSNI (2nd right) outside Capitol Hill during the US study visit.

Board and the PSNI for this program and look forward to hearing from the participants on their return from the United States."

Welcoming the participation of PCSP members in the programme, Policing Board Chair Anne Connolly said:

"The Board is delighted that funding has been secured for this programme for a second year and that the focus is on young people who have been appointed to serve on PCSPs. The next year will provide the opportunity to share experiences, build relationships and develop both professional and personal skills which we hope will assist them in their new roles as Independent PCSP Members."

Welcoming the initiative, Chief Constable George Hamilton said:

"The PSNI is extremely pleased to be involved in this the second TALK programme. This initiative presents not only a learning experience for those involved but also an opportunity for them to share their views and engage with other organisations and groups in the US to explore ways of improving policing with the community from different perspectives."

FRONT COVER: Some of the TALK programme participants pictured with Board Member Dolores Kelly MLA in Washington.

First meetings for new PCSPs



Causeway Coast and Glens PCSP

Pictured at the first PCSP meeting recently held Coleraine are (l-r) Janet McClinton, PBNI, Grainne Keane, YJA, Ashleen Schenning, Cllr. William King, Roisin Brown, Anthony McPeake, Cllr. Gerry Mullin, Nigel Freeburn (Education Authority NI), Cllr. Sam Cole, Cllr. Tom McKeown, Cllr. Sandra Hunter, Cllr. James McCorkell, PCSP Chair, Sharon Burnett, Cllr. Brenda Chivers, Leanne Abernethy, Caroline White, Catherine Magee, PSNI, Rory Donaghy, Jason Balmer, Jason Craig, NIFRS and Melissa Lemon, PCSP Officer.



Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP

Pictured at the first meeting held in Newcastle are: Front Row (l-r): Shirley Burden, DOJ, Cllrs Willie Clarke and Mickey Larkin, Grace McQuiston and Fiona Stephens Independent Members (IM), Paddy Rooney-White, NIHE. Back Row: (l-r) Sheila Simons, South Eastern Trust, Dan McEvoy, Ferghal O'Brien Southern Health and Social Care Trust, Jude Cumiskey, Roising Lecky, PBNI, Cllr Kate Loughran, C/Insp. Andrew Freeburn, Audrey Byrne, Supt Simon Walls, Martin Fahy, Cllrs Harry Harvey and Brian Quinn.

"We are establishing a new Partnership at a time of even more cutbacks, rationalisation and general uncertainty around budgets and resources – for these reasons we need to make sure we think and plan smart."

- Cllr. Mickey Larkin, Chair Newry, Mourne and Down PCSP.

"PCSPs give us a unique opportunity, to bring services closer to communities and with the introduction of the new Community Planning powers PCSPs can help to tackle societal issues and to reduce crime."

– Cllr Ald. Gregg, Chair Mid and East Antrim PCSP.



Mid and East Antrim PCSP

Pictured at the first meeting are (l-r) Anne Donaghy Chief Executive Mid and East Antrim Borough Council, PCSP Chair Ald. Gregg McKeen, Vice Chair Wendy Kerr, and Area Commander Supt Ryan Henderson.



Derry and Strabane PCSP Manager Dermot Harrigan (3rd right) is pictured at the training event with (l-r) Shivaranjani Tetali, Agnieszka Luczak from the Migrant Centre NI, Karen Tracey, Good Relations team, Karen Scrivens, Active Citizens Engaged, John McCartney, Loughs Agency, facilitator and Jyoti Suri.

Training for Black and Minority Ethnic Groups

Local Black and Minority Ethnic groups from across the Derry City and Strabane District recently undertook training in self protection. The training which provided helpful tips for protecting yourself at home and whilst out and about was delivered by John McCartney, Loughs Agency. The 20 participants who took part also received their own personal alarm, donated by Derry and Strabane PCSP.

FRONT COVER: Derry and Strabane PCSP Manager Dermot Harrigan pictured with Agnieszka Luczak from the Migrant Centre NI receiving personal attack alarms from the PCSP.



Pictured attending a recent meeting of Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators in the Newry, Mourne and Down area are: Back Row (l-r) Dan McEvoy, NHW Coordinator and PCSP Member and Supt Simon Walls, PSNI Area Commander. Front Row: (l-r) Fiona Vettiankal, NHW Coordinator, Cllr Mickey Larkin, Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP Chair, and PCSP members Jude Comiskey & Fiona Stephens.

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](#)

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



PCSPs work with a number of designated partners.



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Care Board

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