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Do you have a project that needs funding?

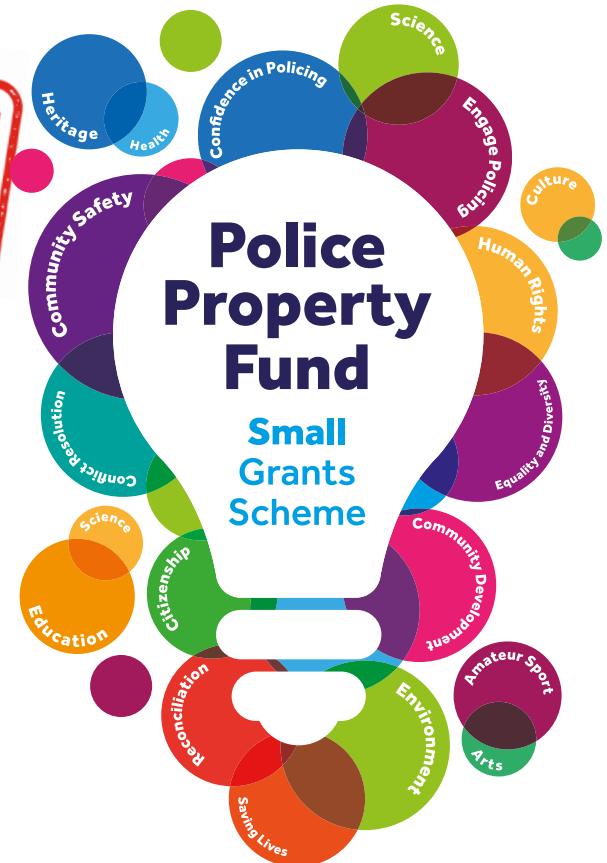
The Police Property Fund Small Grants Scheme is now open for applications, offering grants of £1000 to £10,000 for eligible projects.

The Fund is made up of assets recovered by the PSNI as a result of criminal investigations, and grants will be awarded to projects that:

- Work with local police
- Contribute to community safety and/or building confidence in policing
- Are aligned to a charitable purpose

You can find more information, including the full eligibility criteria, on the Policing Board's website:

[www.nipolicingboard.org.uk/
police-property-fund](http://www.nipolicingboard.org.uk/police-property-fund)



Hear more about the Scheme from...



Policing Board Chair
Doug Garrett



Partnership Committee Chair
Dolores Kelly



PSNI Chief Constable
Simon Byrne

CONNECTING COMMUNITIES

Derry & Strabane PCSP have been helping to empower young people in their District by funding The Whistle Project.

Funding of almost £7000 was awarded through their annual call for small project support. The Whistle Project delivers tailored interventions to young people involved with anti-social and risk taking behaviour through educational workshops, trips, and activities.

The Project worked alongside Youth Justice Agency, Community Safety Wardens, Probation Board, the Court Service and Prison Service to educate 16 young people on the risks and effects of being involved with anti-social behaviour, drugs, alcohol, and paramilitary influence. They used their time to explore crime prevention and fear of crime, giving them a much better understanding of how these issues impact their communities.

 **100% INCREASED KNOWLEDGE**

 **83% CHANGED ATTITUDE**

 **1 INTERFACE MURAL COMPLETED**

 **20 WORKSHOPS**

 **16 YOUNG PEOPLE**



The completed interface mural, designed with the help of graphic designers Peaball Artists

"I was given 120 hours for my crime. I went and did my hours and actually ended becoming a volunteer because I liked it that much. Community Service really changed my life in the last two years. It changed my life big time."

Service User who was part of the Graffiti Removal Scheme

REMOVING GRAFFITI

Graffiti is an issue in almost every community across Northern Ireland, damaging public and private property, reducing community confidence, and often increasing fear of crime due to its links to anti-social behaviour.

Working with Belfast City Council, the Probation Board have been tackling non-contentious graffiti through the use of Community Service Orders. This graffiti-removal scheme is the first in Northern Ireland, and allows people sentenced to complete a Community Service Order the opportunity to complete their allotted hours by cleaning up defaced areas of Belfast, helping to increase people's

confidence and pride in their communities and shared spaces. Community Service also helps offenders to develop practical and social skills to help them out of crime – in fact, 3 out of 4 Service Users have not gone on to reoffend.

Belfast PCSP and DPCSPs are supportive of the Graffiti Removal Scheme and through the monthly updates Probation highlights how it can contribute to improving the physical environment for Belfast residents. After recent graffiti removal in South Belfast, local residents and political representatives contacted both Belfast City Council and the Probation Board to provide positive feedback.



A before and after of graffiti removal.

"You must be very proud tonight, PCSP, investing in such a brilliant project. We could not have pulled this off without your commitment and belief. Thank you so much."

Jeanette Warke, Project Coordinator with Cathedral Youth Club, Fountain Estate

SOWING SEED FOR THE FUTURE

Derry & Strabane PCSP have provided over £9000 to an initiative that delivered community allotments in the Fountain Estate, Derry, through their annual small project support funding.

The Housing Executive provided Cathedral Youth Club with some waste land, and the club worked alongside the local community to create an amazing asset for the estate. The project saw young people and older people working side by side to create walkways and plant flowers

and vegetables in what is now the Bastion Allotments (named for their proximity to the city's historic walls).

The project ran throughout the pandemic, offering young people and the community to continue to engage with each other and grow together. Alongside the flowers and veg, the allotment also contains a potting table, seating, a permanent BBQ and even a pagoda!

The project even won Best UK Community Garden from the BBC One Show, and was featured live on air.



7 PARTNERS



**OVER
£9000
IN FUNDING**



**6 GROUPS
PARTICIPATING**



COLLABORATIVELY TACKLING ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Following a rise in antisocial behaviour in their area, Antrim & Newtownabbey PCSP decided to take action.

Working alongside colleagues in the Council, PSNI, Education Authority and Housing Executive, they established a strategic approach for planned interventions across the District, creating and sharing weekly intervention plans based on information provided by all partners on hotspot areas for antisocial behaviour. The PCSP also facilitated engagement with elected representatives, and acted as a conduit for multiple projects that provide an on-street deterrent presence to work together in a way they never had before – joining together at particular hotspots, and sharing patrol routes to ensure as much ground was covered as possible.

The project has been a huge success, generating almost 5000 hours of on-street presence to tackle antisocial behaviour since November 2020, as well as educating young people about the impact, dangers, and consequences of engaging in antisocial behaviour and encourage positive choices.



**4847
HOURS OF
INTERVENTION**



5 ORGANISATIONS

SECTION 24

Derry & Strabane PCSP have provided funding to an ongoing project with The Playhouse Derry called Street Talk, which engages young people across the area to talk about the issues that affect them and has been producing a series of short educational films to explore and examine these issues.

The latest short film, Section 24 Schedule 3, tackles the controversial stop and search policing powers used across Northern Ireland. Written and produced by local artists and young people, the film was created in consultation with young people of different backgrounds, community workers, academics and PSNI officers.

Section 24, Schedule 3 was launched by the Justice Minister Naomi Long at a virtual event this month.



"Domestic Abuse should not be accepted at any level. It knows no boundaries: wives, husbands, grandmothers, fathers, brothers, sisters. Anyone can fall victim to domestic abuse and as a society we need to join together to convey a clear message: there are no circumstances where this is acceptable. I would urge all victims to come forward and seek the help and support they need and deserve. Through this campaign we want to send a clear message - 'It is Never OK'"

Cllr Jim Montgomery, Mayor of Antrim & Newtownabbey

RAISING AWARENESS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE

Antrim & Newtonabbey PCSP have rolled out a campaign developed in partnership with Nexus, Men's Action Project and Women's Aid aimed at delivering a very clear message: Domestic Abuse – It's Never OK!

The campaign was a result of the Mayor Cllr Jim Montgomery and Deputy Mayor Cllr Noreen McClelland approaching the PCSP directly as they wished to use the resources of their offices to run a comprehensive, gender neutral campaign to raise awareness of the issue.

Working with their partners, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, and the Council's Communication Department, the PCSP have created and will run a multimedia campaign making use of social media, Adshels and billboards across their District.

The campaign has touched lives directly – Men's Action Project received 3 self-referrals from men who had seen the billboards, and had 4 calls from people concerned about their family members who wanted to find out more about domestic abuse, which led to a fourth new client using their services. Of the 22 calls received by Nexus' domestic and sexual abuse helpline from people in the Antrim & Newtownabbey area, over half were as a result of the campaign.



Antrim & Newtownabbey Mayor Cllr Jim Montgomery, Antrim & Newtownabbey Deputy Mayor Cllr Noreen McClelland, Antrim & Newtownabbey PCSP Chair Cllr Leah Smyth, Women's Aid's Arlene Creighton, MAP NI's Jean Winter and Nexus' Emma Nelson at the launch.

BEESAFE

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, PCSPs across Northern Ireland were unable to deliver their usual BeeSafe Safety Programme to P7 pupils - but that didn't deter Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP! Working with the other PCSPs and Home Safety Officers across Northern Ireland, they've produced a suite of seven videos that cover the BeeSafe curriculum.

P7s are a very important target audience. They're about to transition into a more grown up world where they'll be challenged and expected to take responsibility for their behaviour in a way they haven't been before. Kids listen to other kids, so the videos take the form of "interviews" with experts on the subjects of:

- Road safety (PSNI)
- Farm safety (Health & Safety Executive)
- Water safety (RNLI)
- Home safety (Home Safety Officers Group)
- Internet safety (PSNI)
- Mental health (Prof Siobhan O'Neill, Mental Health Champion)
- Fire safety (NIFRS)

PCSP 11 PCSPs



7 PARTNERS



7 VIDEOS

SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES

Excess speed is a major contributory factor in road traffic collisions, which is why Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP is ensuring their District is kitted out with 11 new Speed Indicating Devices.

The 7 semi-permanent and 4 portable devices will be deployed across the District to help keep residents safe on the roads.

Chairman of Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP, Cllr Paul Duffy said:

"Over the past number of years we have seen too many people lose their lives on the roads in Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough. Road Safety remains one of the highest priorities for the PCSP and we will continue to work in partnership with local communities, PSNI, DFI (Roads) and elected representatives, to promote Road Safety initiatives to help reduce deaths on our roads."



PCSP Project Officer Billy Stewart and Chair Councillor Paul Duffy pictured with one of the SIDs

ROAD SAFETY RULES

Following a Road Safe NI survey where 85% of schools felt they do not have adequate resources to deliver quality road safety education, Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP have worked with the Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon Road Safety Committee, Road Safe NI and local primary schools to help get key stage 2 children involved in road safety.

The PCSP provided funding to Road Safe NI to print and distribute copies of their new workbook project, 'Street Smart Road Safe' to primary schools in the area. The workbook is similar to the Highway Code, but designed in an engaging and informative way to help children engage with and understand the rules.



Moyallon Primary School received copies of the book

STAY VIGILANT AGAINST IMPERSONATION SCAMS

PSNI and the Commissioner for Older People have launched a campaign to urge the public to be vigilant of people impersonating police officers.

Criminals are using a plethora of scenarios to dupe people into not only giving them money, but also passing their bank details to them.

Fraudsters have asked victims to withdraw and transfer money, as well as handing over bank cards, jewellery and other valuables.

PSNI's message is simple – never disclose your personal or banking details to anyone over the phone or online no matter how convincing they seem.

Impersonation Scams

Be aware of criminals impersonating police officers

 we care . we listen . we act



Police Service of Northern Ireland

"The training was pitched at just the right level and great that links were shared during the session and that info will be e-mailed on afterwards too. That's always really useful. Fantastic to have the PSNI and someone from the banking sector involved RE: sharing their expertise. Thanks for the opportunity!"

Scambassador in training

SCAMBASSADORS

Scams are an increasing issue, and Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP noticed that they were often being asked for advice at crime prevention events and engagement sessions. With COVID-19 preventing face-to-face interaction, the PCSP had been circulating scam information via online formats, however this often meant people who were older or vulnerable that didn't have internet access or social media were often missing out.

To help combat this, Newry, Mourne & Down PCSP decided to train Scambassadors – people who were active in local communities who could

disseminate information on being scam aware to vulnerable members of the community and ensure it was reaching those who do not have access to it online.

The Scambassador Training was delivered by a PSNI Crime Prevention Officer. Each session also featured guest speakers, who were either a representative from Ulster Bank or Bank of Ireland, or a representative from the Trading Standards Industry. This meant that expert knowledge on scams was being presented to those attending the sessions. All sessions were developed and coordinated by the PCSP, who carried out the advertisement, registration, and evaluation of the training.



75 PARTICIPANTS



100% SATISFACTION

SCAMBASSADOR

Would you like to help protect your community from Scams?

Attend one of our 'Scambassador' online training courses to find out about scams, how to protect yourself and pass this information to vulnerable members of the community

- Presented by PSNI Crime Prevention Officer
- Guest speakers

Open to everyone within the Newry Mourne and Down Council area

Booking essential through Eventbrite
<https://scambassador.eventbrite.co.uk>
Limited places available

DATES

Wednesday 24th March 2021 @ 10.30 - 12.00
Wednesday 24th March 2021 @ 2.00 - 3.30
Wednesday 24th March 2021 @ 7.00pm - 8.30pm

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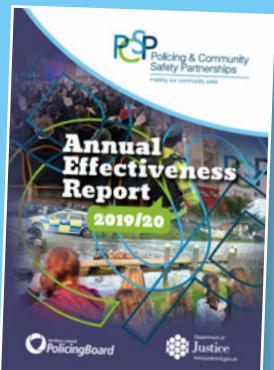
Thursday 25th March 2021 @ 10.30 - 12.00
Thursday 25th March 2021 @ 2.00 - 3.30

**IF YOU CAN SPOT A SCAM,
YOU CAN STOP A SCAM**

PSP Policing & Community Safety Partnerships
Northern Ireland, Mourne & Down area



Publications



PCSP Annual Effectiveness Report 2019/20

This report from the Joint Committee, made up of Department of Justice and Northern Ireland Policing Board provides information on the effectiveness of PCSPs in line with the requirements of Section 34 of the Justice Act (NI) 2011.

[to read the report](#)



PSNI Performance Report: Serious & Organised Crime Jan-Mar 2021

This report summarises the performance and activity of PSNI as they seek to disrupt Organised Crime Groups.

[to read the report](#)



CJINI Business Plan 2021/22

This plan outlines the work the Inspectorate intends to undertake during the incoming financial year.

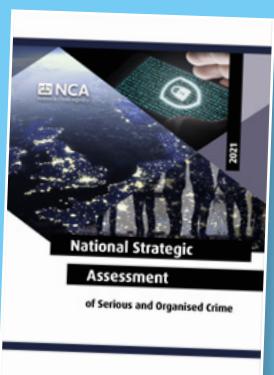
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Progress on Domestic and Sexual Abuse Action Plan

Ministers for Health, Justice, Communities, Education and Finance have published an action plan for year six of the seven year domestic and sexual abuse strategy as well as a progress report for 2020/21.

[to read the report](#)



National Strategic Assessment of Serious and Organised Crime

The National Crime Agency uses intelligence from across law enforcement, government, the third sector and private industry to set out the UK's understanding of the threat posed by organised criminals.

[to read the report](#)



Modern Slavery Strategy 2021-2022

The Strategy reinforces the commitment of DOJ and its partner organisations to identify and eradicate modern slavery and human trafficking.

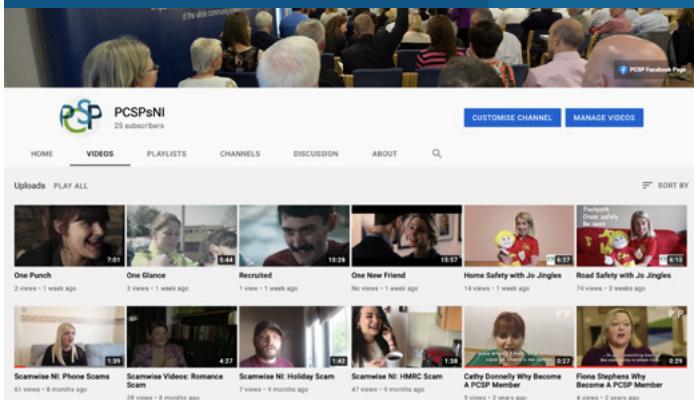
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PCSP VIDEO REPOSITORY

Did you know PCSPs across Northern Ireland have been making videos to help educate and spread awareness? Don't miss out!



ENDING THE HARM

Department of Justice has announced an extension of funding to the cross-Executive Tackling Paramilitarism, Criminality and organised Crime Programme. This £13 million of continued funding will allow vulnerable individuals and communities to receive continued support from groups like PSNI, Support Hubs, and specialist services to end the harm done by paramilitary control and violence.



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



PCSPs work with a number of designated partners.



Housing
Executive



PBNI Probation Board
for Northern Ireland



ea
Education Authority



**Health and Social
Care Board**



**Northern Ireland
Fire & Rescue Service**