



August 14th, 2024

**PCSP Policing Committee**

You are hereby requested to attend a meeting of the Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council PCSP Policing Committee to be held on **Tuesday, 18th June 2024 at 6:15 pm** in **Via Decision Time**.

Yours sincerely,

**David Burns**

**Secretary**

# Agenda

## Special Private Meeting of PCSP at 6.15pm

**1.0 Apologies**

**2.0 Declarations of Conflicts of Interest**

**3.0 Report of the Acting PCSP Manager**

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## PCSP Policing Committee - Meeting in Public at 7.00pm

**1.0 Apologies**

**2.0 Conflicts of Interest**

**3.0 PSNI Quarter Four Report on Policing of the Council Area**

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**4.0 Questions from PCSP Members and Members of the Public**

**5.0 Any other business**

## **LISBURN & CASTLEREAGH POLICING & COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

### **SPECIAL PRIVATE MEETING – 18 JUNE 2024**

#### **REPORT OF THE ACTING PCSP MANAGER**

##### **1. ANNUAL BUDGET 2024/25**

Following the Government's recent budget announcement a letter of offer from the Joint Committee was received on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024. The good news is that the PCSP budget for 2024/25 has been protected despite other competing pressures. The operational and administrative budget for Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP has been confirmed as £275,114.69 (plus £12,500 for meeting expenses) and is attached at **Appendix 1**.

##### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Partnership note the update on the financial position for 2024/25.

##### **2. PROJECT SUPPORT PROGRAMME**

The closing date for funding applications to the Project Support Programme was Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024. Attached at **Appendix 2** is a report outlining the applications considered at the Assessment Panel Meeting held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

- A total of 19 applications were received.
- All 19 applications were eligible for assessment.
- 16 applications met the threshold of 65% to qualify for funding.
- The total amount of funding recommended is £73,665.58.

A verbal update on the process will be provided at the meeting.

##### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Partnership approves the applications for funding as detailed in the Assessment Panel report.

**CATHY ADAMSON**  
**ACTING PCSP MANAGER**  
**13<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024**



## PCSP COMMUNIQUE: ISSUE NUMBER 2/2024

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Joint Committee Funding to PCSPs – 2024/25</b>
<b>Date Issued</b>	<b>7 June 2024</b>
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### PCSP Managers

#### **Joint Committee Funding to PCSPs – 2024/2025**

Following the recent budget announcement and despite other competing pressures, Joint Committee has decided to protect the overall PCSP budget for 2024/25. As a result, the total 2024/25 budget for administrative and operational spend by PCSPs remains at £4,248,649. This consists of DOJ funding of £2,859,087 (67.294%) and NIPB funding of £1,389,562 (32.706%).

The funding allocation breakdown for 2024/2025 is outlined in **Annex 1**.

The budget allocations will be reviewed regularly throughout the year via the quarterly reports and governance meetings held with the PCSP Chair and Vice Chair.

As you are aware meeting expenses are additional to administrative and operational costs. Joint Committee are currently considering the current meeting expenses budget and will seek to agree a final allocation for each PCSP which will be reflected in the Letter of Offer.

Thank you for submitting your action plans which have been approved by Joint Committee. Now that the funding has been agreed we would be grateful if, those of you who have submitted their Plans in 'Draft' form would please now resubmit in 'Final' format. Joint Committee will issue a letter of offer for the 2024/25 financial year to Council Chief Executives within the next three weeks.

Please do not hesitate to contact either Sarah Reid or Laura Jones or your Partnership Officer if you have any queries relating to the submission of the final documents, the Letters of Offer or any other queries specific to your PCSP.



**Jenny Passmore**

Partnership Director

Northern Ireland Policing Board



**Laura O'Neill**

Community Safety Division

Department of Justice

## ANNEX 1

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2024/25 Total Fund

£4,248,649

Area	Basic (30%)	Population (45%)			Deprivation (25%)			Admin & Operational Total
<b>Northern Ireland</b>	<b>£1,274,595</b>	<b>£1,911,892</b>			<b>£1,062,162</b>			<b>£4,248,649</b>
PCSP Area	Basic Funding	Area population	%	Population Based Funding	Number of SOA in top 223	%	Deprivation Based Funding	PCSP Total
Antrim and Newtownabbey	£115,872	141,032	7.57	£144,800.28	9	4.04	£42,867.53	£303,540.06
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	£115,872	210,260	11.29	£215,878.01	17	7.62	£80,972.01	£412,722.26
Belfast	£115,872	339,579	18.24	£348,652.32	76	34.08	£361,992.52	£826,517.08
Causeway Coast and Glens	£115,872	143,525	7.71	£147,359.89	21	9.42	£100,024.25	£363,256.38
Derry City and Strabane	£115,872	150,142	8.06	£154,153.69	36	16.14	£171,470.14	£441,496.08
Fermanagh and Omagh	£115,872	115,799	6.22	£118,893.07	14	6.28	£66,682.83	£301,448.15
Lisburn and Castlereagh	£115,872	141,181	7.58	£144,953.26	3	1.35	£14,289.18	£275,114.69
Mid and East Antrim	£115,872	137,821	7.40	£141,503.48	12	5.38	£57,156.71	£314,532.44
Mid Ulster	£115,872	145,389	7.81	£149,273.70	4	1.79	£19,052.24	£284,198.18
Newry, Mourne and Down	£115,872	177,816	9.55	£182,567.12	23	10.31	£109,550.37	£407,989.74
Ards and North Down	£115,872	159,593	8.57	£163,857.22	8	3.59	£38,104.48	£317,833.94
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,274,595</b>	<b>1,862,137</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>£1,911,892</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>£1,062,162</b>	<b>£4,248,649</b>



**Report on the meeting of the Assessment Panel for the PCSP Project Support Programme which was held on Wednesday 5 June 2024 at Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn.**

**In attendance:** Cllr Alan Givan, Chair  
 Ms Aisling Playford, Independent Member  
 Mr Gareth Walker, Independent Member  
 Ms Gina McDonald, Independent Member  
 Mr David Drysdale, Independent Member  
 Inspector Megan Rocks  
 Mrs Cathy Adamson, PCSP Manager  
 Mr James Bingham, PCSP Officer  
 Mrs Elaine White, PCSP Admin

**Apologies**

James McIntyre (DOJ)

**Declaration of conflict of interest**

Gareth Walker – Hillhall Regeneration Group & Resurgam Youth Initiative

**Consideration and results of applications**

At the commencement of the meeting James Bingham advised the panel that there were 19 applications received totalling £83,165.58. James further advised the panel that all applications were subject to a basic eligibility check prior to the panel meeting and that all 19 applications were successful in the stage 1 process.

It was agreed by the panel that each application would be subject to a pass mark of 65% in order to be eligible for funding.

At the conclusion of the assessment the panel were advised of the total recommended award of **£73,665.58 to 16 applicants representing a 84.2% success rate.**

The following is a summary of the panel's assessment of each application:

GROUP	OBJECTIVE	Passed Stage One Assessment	SCORE (PASS MARK 65%)	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT AWARDED
Logic Cafe	ASB	/	77%	£5,000.00	£5000.00
Canal Boxing Club	ASB	/	81%	£2751.92	£2751.92



Dreamscheme NI	ASB	/	87%	£5000.00	£5000.00
Ballymacash Rangers FC	ASB	/	88%	£5,000.00	£5000.00
Lisburn BMX	ASB	/	81%	£5,000.00	£5000.00
Lisburn YMCA	ASB	/	88%	£5,000.00	£5000.00
Youth Initiatives Lisburn	ASB	/	84%	£5000.00	£5000.00
Hillhall Regeneration Group	ASB	/	77%	£5000.00	£5000.00
9 <sup>th</sup> Antrim Scouts Group	ASB	/	49%	£1600.00	Nil
St John's Parish Church, Dromara	ASB	/	37%	£5000.00	Nil
Derriaghy Cricket Club	ASB	/	67%	£3175.00	£3175.00
Lisburn PSP	ASB	/	93%	£5,000.00	£5000.00
Resurgam Youth Initiative	ASB	/	98%	£4968.66	£4968.66
New Driver NI	Road Safety	/	87%	£3025.00	£3025.00
Atlas Women`s Centre	Domestic & Sexual Violence	/	80%	£5,000.00	£5000.00
Carryduff Taekwondo	Domestic & Sexual Violence	/	59%	£2900.00	Nil
ASCERT	Drugs & Alcohol	/	80%	£5,000.00	£5000.00
Moira Friendship Group	Fear of Crime	/	86%	£4950.00	£4950.00
Mazetown Rural Action Collective	Fear of Crime	/	77%	£4795.00	£4795.00
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>£83,165.58</b>	<b>£73,665.58</b>



**B District Commanders' Report PCSP Policing Committee**

1st April 2023 - 31 March 2024

**REPEAT OFFENDERS / VULNERABLE VICTIMS**



**Police Service**  
of Northern Ireland

**Report Card – Outcome 1: We have a safe community, Outcome 2: We have confidence in Policing, Outcome 3: We have engaged and supportive communities**

**Indicator 1.1 Fewer repeat victims of crime**  
**Indicator 1.2 Fewer repeat offenders of crime**  
**Indicator 1.4 Crime rates and trends showcase an effective Police response**

**Measures:**

- 1.1.1 Report on activities to reduce the number of victims of domestic violence and also violence against women and girls**
- 1.2.3 Report on the work of the Reducing Offending Unit**
- 1.4.2 Report on emerging crime trends and develop collaborative approaches to address**

**Scanning**

We have systems in place to review repeat victims, this helps us create bespoke plans on a multi-agency basis to safeguard the most vulnerable in our society. Problem solving folders may be opened to monitor progress and actions and a collaborative approach is used to deal with issues identified.

**ROU**

The Reducing Offending Unit in Lisburn continues to play an integral part in the Reducing Offending in Partnership (ROP) strategy. Other partners are PBNI, NI Prison Service, Youth Justice Agency and other statutory / voluntary agencies.

ROU managed 21 offenders during this reporting period (1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024).

**Domestic Abuse**

Domestic recording includes reports of incidents or crimes between family members including mother, father, brother, sister, son, daughter, grandparents, in-laws or step family. 'Intimate partners' means there must have been a relationship with a degree of continuity and stability.

Lisburn & Castlereagh City 01.04.23 - 31.03.24	Total Offences Recorded			Outcomes		Outcomes Rate %			Incidents		
	PFYTD	FYTD	Change	PFYTD	FYTD	PFYTD	FYTD	Change	PFYTD	FYTD	Change
<b>Domestic Motivation</b>	1195	1039	-156	318	263	26.1%	26.6%	-1.3%	1811	1883	72

**Hate Crime**

Lisburn & Castlereagh City 17.05.23 - 15.05.24	Incidents Recorded			Offences Recorded		
	PYTD	YTD	Change	PYTD	YTD	Change
<b>Disability</b>	6	6	0	5	3	-2
<b>Religion</b>	3	6	3	1	4	3
<b>Sexual Orientation</b>	16	19	3	5	12	7
<b>Race</b>	61	74	13	34	46	12
<b>Sectarian</b>	84	65	-19	78	31	-47
<b>Transgender Identity</b>	1	2	1	0	2	2
<b>TOTAL Hate Crime</b>	171	172	1	118	94	-24

Figures based on a rolling 365 day period (17/05/23-15/05/24). At the time this report was prepared the above figures were updated on 15/05/24.\* This is not a sum of the strands as some incidents/offences may have multiple motivations

- There has been a 20.3% decrease in hate motivated crime compared to the previous rolling 365 day period. During the same time period hate motivated incidents have recorded a 0.6% increase
- This FYTD there has been a -40% decrease in the total number of hate motivated crimes. During the same time period hate motivated incidents have recorded a 0% change.

**Burglaries**

Burglaries not only rob victims of their physical possessions, it can rob people of their sense of security at home as well. It also leaves many people feeling vulnerable, frightened distressed and remains a priority across the district.

- Overall Burglaries in Lisburn and Castlereagh have increased by 24.7%, this equates to 41 more burglaries being committed in comparison to the same time last year.
- Burglary and cold calling remain a priority across our district and we continue to expand the 'No Cold Calling' zones across the district. We have a total of 18 across Lisburn and Castlereagh.
- We have 118 Neighbourhood Watch Schemes that are made up of 269 coordinators, covering 12,500 homes. One new scheme for Gardner's & Lisnastream Road, Lisburn is currently in the process of being set up.
- There are 110 Farm Watch schemes currently running across the district with further schemes progressing.
- The Text Alert scheme currently has 2200 users.
- 12 Personal Safety Presentations were facilitated by the PSNI and PCSP. This included a NHW coordinators evening and a Scambassador event. Further events such as this are scheduled and planned.



**Outcome? Result? Is the problem resolved long or short term?**

It is positive to see that there is growing engagement in NHW, No Cold Calling, Farm Watch and Text Alert Schemes. We continue to build trust and confidence to encourage reporting and support victims who are often repeat victims due to the nature of incidents or crimes carried out against them.



## Analysis

### How well did we do?

- During this reporting year ROU B District managed 21 priority offenders. Each person was reviewed and contacted on a regular basis by ROU officers to support diversion.
- We have an ASSIST NI advocate covering Lisburn and Castlereagh district and further afield. Advocates have specialised skills, knowledge and experience dealing with domestic and sexual abuse crimes. They aim to ensure that all qualifying victims of domestic and sexual abuse are safe, informed and supported throughout their involvement with the criminal justice system.

### Response - ROU & CID have achieved the following:

- 15 Priority Offenders were managed during this review period.
- 7 managed with bail conditions
- 7 offenders were charged
- 4 offenders served sentences in prison, 2 of which are still in custody.
- 1 remanded in prison with 1 still on remand in prison.
- 15 offenders arrested.

### Case Studies from ROU:

- A Priority Offender who was on Crown Court bail conditions for a serious Domestic Assault committed similar offences against another partner while on bail. He was quickly arrested, charged and remanded into custody where he has remained despite several attempts to gain bail thanks to Officers successfully objecting to his release. ROU officers have worked closely with partners in PBNI and Prosecutors in the PPS to keep the public safe from this violent individual. This offender was then sentenced to 7 years for serious domestic assault.
- A Priority Offender with a record of petty theft was arrested for shoplifting. He was charged with the offence and subsequently served a 1 month custodial sentence.
- There have been a number of detections for drugs offences involving priority offenders in this period which are being followed up. So far this has consisted of 280 tablets and 1 gram of Cannabis. These drugs have now been removed from circulation, keeping the public safe

### CID:

- In February CID arrested a male for the robbery of the Winemark located in Carryduff. He was interviewed, charged and remanded for Robbery, Possession of an Offensive Weapon and Handling Stolen Goods. The male remains in custody at this time.
- Detectives investigating a number of burglaries in the Lisburn, Moira, Castlewellan and Ballynahinch areas that occurred in February charged a male with burglary. He appeared at Court and was remanded into Custody. Following this a second male was arrested and bailed in relation to this investigation to allow further evidence to be obtained.
- In March CID arrested a male on suspicion of Attempted Grievous Bodily Harm with Intent, Wounding with Intent to do Grievous Bodily Harm, Possession of an Offensive Weapon and Threats to Kill following a serious assault on another male in the Lisburn area. The suspect was charged and remanded into Custody.
- In March a male was sentenced to five years and four months for committing robbery and burglary in the Castlereagh area. He was also sentenced to serve one year and eight months for drug related offences.



## Assessment

### Is anyone better off?

Domestic Violence across the district has seen an increase in reported Incidents by 72 compared to the same period last year. Overall there has been a reduction in the total offences recorded from 1195 PFYTD to 1039 FYTD which is a reduction of 156 offences recorded. While there is a reduction we are aware that incidents such as these are under reported and we continue to develop trust and confidence by encouraging reporting to ensure the voices of victims are heard.

### Womens Aid Referrals during this reporting period:

- On average 30 referrals to Women's Aid by Police in B District every month



### Update on Support Hub:

- Support Hub staff currently manage and oversee 4 Multi-Agency Support Hub (MASH) cohort members, 3 of which the PSNI are the lead agency for. There are currently a further 5 on the MASH watch-list.
- Even though there are 5 people on the MASH watch list there is an additional 8 people on the Police district watch list, with a number of persons being reviewed to see if they need to be placed on the watch list or presented to next MASH meeting as a potential member.
- 36 Multi-Agency Support Hub meetings have been conducted to date. These take place once a month.
- 1 referral to the Caring Communities Scheme (SE Trust run) which is for the over 65's only. 1 referral to the charity Connected Community Care which is for over 18's and covers the Belfast Trust area of B District.
  - 10 cohorts discharged this year up to 30.04.24, 6 of which were needs met, 2 moved to other districts and 2 due to lack of engagement or due to no further options being open.

#### Repeat Victims - 61 in total from 01/09/21 - 30/04/24:

- Under 18yrs (6+ Victim Occurrences) – 23 persons
- Over18yrs (10 + Victim Occurrences) – 32 persons
- Over 60yrs (6+ Victim Occurrences) – 6 persons

- Support Hub staff attended Domestic abuse training delivered by Rachel Williams the founder of Stand Up to Domestic Abuse and Domestic Abuse survivor, this was very impactful. Support Hub officers also attended a drug presentation from a DEA Chemist.
- Support Hub officers are completing courses via the Open University to further their training and development to best support the cohorts that they oversee, this is continuous ongoing training.
- Attended a meeting & learning morning with the Huntington's Disease Association group in March, which was extremely informative for both the Support Hub and the attendees who were a mix of family & carers as well as those with Huntington's at various stages of the disease.





**ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**Report Card – Outcome 1: We have a safe community, Outcome 2: We have confidence in Policing, Outcome 3: We have engaged and supportive communities**

<p><b>Indicator 1.4 Crime rates and trends showcase as effective police response</b>  <b>Indicator 2.1 The level of public confidence in policing</b>  <b>Indicator 3.1 Police in partnership with local communities and partner agencies, including PCSP's, identify and deliver local solutions to local problems</b></p>	<p><b>Measures:</b>  <b>1.4.1 Report on the annual crime and ASB statistics relevant to Lisburn and Castlereagh</b>  <b>2.1.1 Provide an overview of Neighbourhood Policing activity conducted across B District</b>  <b>3.1.2 Report on the work of B District multiagency Support Hub</b></p>						
<p><b>Scanning</b></p> <p>Tackling anti-social behaviour is a priority across Lisburn and Castlereagh district. The PSNI is often the first point of contact for anyone reporting anti-social behaviour. We work in partnership with other statutory and voluntary agencies recognising that the solution for many community issues lies not just with the police but with a range of organisations that are specially skilled and resourced. The local community also has a role to play as they are often best placed as they may know the victims and perpetrators.</p> <p>Between the period of 1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024 there have been 3018 reports of anti-social behavior to Police.          There has been a 3.0% increase in ASB reports to Police in comparison to the previous financial year, this equates to an additional 87 reports of ASB.</p> <p>Anti-social Behavior can be categorised as Environmental, Nuisance or personal.          See examples from each category below:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>Environmental</u></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>Nuisance</u></th> <th style="text-align: center;"><u>Personal</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Littering and illegal dumping</li> <li>• Disputes about hedges/gardens</li> <li>• Dog fouling</li> <li>• Stray dogs</li> <li>• Abandoned vehicles</li> </ul> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drunk or rowdy behaviour</li> <li>• Neighbour disputes</li> <li>• Excessive noise</li> </ul> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graffiti</li> <li>• Assaults</li> <li>• Criminal damage</li> <li>• Theft</li> <li>• Intimidation</li> </ul> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>Analysis</b>  <b>How well did we do?</b>          Both our local policing team (LPT) and neighbourhood policing teams (NPT) patrol hotspot areas. This includes vehicle patrols, high visibility foot patrols and bicycle patrols. Engagement in schools has continued this quarter and continues to be a valuable means of meeting and speaking to young people in our community. Talks have included road safety, dangers of drugs and alcohol and internet safety. We also work closely along side Northern Ireland Housing Executive and Housing Associations regarding ASB involving tenants, this includes the likes of neighbour disputes. ASB is not specific to young people and can take many forms.</p> <p><b>Response</b></p> <p>Some of the messaging on social media focused on our colleagues in neighbourhood teams and what they were involved in throughout the course of their duties. Our social media messaging during this quarter has included anti-social behaviour when a spike has been identified to tackle ASB in local communities.</p>	<u>Environmental</u>	<u>Nuisance</u>	<u>Personal</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Littering and illegal dumping</li> <li>• Disputes about hedges/gardens</li> <li>• Dog fouling</li> <li>• Stray dogs</li> <li>• Abandoned vehicles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drunk or rowdy behaviour</li> <li>• Neighbour disputes</li> <li>• Excessive noise</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graffiti</li> <li>• Assaults</li> <li>• Criminal damage</li> <li>• Theft</li> <li>• Intimidation</li> </ul>	<p>Outreach work continues with PCSP, Lisburn SAFE, Street pastors, EA, Dreamscheme. YMCA, Damask, Ballybeen Educational and Cultural Heritage Hub, Brooklands Youth Centre, Resurgam Youth Initiative, community groups and Street Pastors who continue to work in both Lisburn and Castlereagh. The PSNI in partnership with other agencies will continue to address ASB at hotspot locations and continue to reduce risk taking behaviour. The PSNI continues to support the Lisburn and Castlereagh Youth Council whose aim is to tackle concerns about ASB across the district. It provides a forum for the PCSP, PSNI, Council and other agencies to work in partnership with young people, involving them in the development of policy and services, giving young people in the community a voice. There is continued attendance by PSNI at the ASB Forum along with PCSP and EA to identify and respond to trends.</p> <p><b>Is anyone better off?</b></p> <p>During this reporting phase, there has been an increase in ASB of 3.0% compared to the same period last year. Officers in LPT and NPT are committed to pro-active patrolling throughout the district. Providing pro-active hi-visibility Policing will provide residents with the re-assurance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our Neighbourhood officers continue to make use of social media and engage with young people and other members of the public leading to education opportunities.</li> <li>• Engagement via NEXT DOOR app and other social media platforms around the dangers of drugs and promotion of the drugs bins available in communities.</li> <li>• High visibility vehicle and foot patrols of hot spot areas diverting young first time offenders to non-criminal justice solutions by issuing Community Resolution Notices, drugs awareness courses and making referrals to our Youth Diversion Officers.</li> <li>• Educating young people about the dangers of drugs during anti-social behaviour patrols.</li> <li>• Intelligence submissions and sightings of drug suspects progressed.</li> <li>• NPT liaise with outreach workers prior to them going out into the local area to update them in relation to any areas that may have caused concerns. The outreach workers provide a neutral and reassuring presence in the local community. They are led by local coordinators and have support from local churches, community groups, PSNI, local council and other statutory agencies</li> </ul> <p><b>Outcome? Result? Is the problem resolved long or short term?</b></p> <p>ASB has always been a concern across the district. We continue to look for solutions to ASB and engage with our partners, young people and adults across the district to tackle the issue through education and enforcement in order to promote the safety of persons, families and communities.</p>
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## Assessment Problem Solving Case Studies

### City NPT:

During this reporting period, City NPT attended a number of schools to engage with pupils at both primary and post primary level on topics such as road safety, internet safety, bullying and vaping. Some of the schools attended were Ballymacash, Largymore, Central, Killowen and Old Warren Primary Schools.

City NPT are committed to acting on information received in relation to drugs. Four proactive warrant searches were conducted during the quarter in relation to drugs. As well as proactive steps, the team have emptied the RAPID drugs bins situated throughout Lisburn with assistance from Ascertain. Drugs education also plays a major role in our talks with youth groups. City NPT have engaged with a number of youth clubs such as Old Warren, Ballymacash, YMCA and a new club at Knockmore during this quarter. These visits are important in breaking down barriers and allows Police to highlight the dangers of substances.

City NPT routinely come in to contact with vulnerable people. During this reporting period, they visited the Cedar Foundation to introduce themselves to staff and service users. Work has been ongoing this quarter to establish a Neighbourhood Watch scheme and No Cold Calling scheme in the Monaville Park, Lisburn. This has only been possible with collaboration from PCSP and our Crime Prevention Officer. Other areas are also being considered by the team.

### Castlereagh NPT:

The team continues to address and combat recent burglaries in the area by increasing high visibility patrols, especially in the Four Winds and Newtownbreda areas. They also completed a number of engagements in order to provide local residents with crime prevention advice on how to keep themselves and their properties safe, promoting Neighbourhood Watch. These engagements include holding a crime prevention stall at Four Winds Community Fair and the Castlereagh East Grand Choice event, along with talks and drops in at Salvation Army Dundonald, Saintfield Road Presbyterian Church, Breda community Café and Connection Youth event Moneyreagh. Castlereagh NPT also completed Training with Street Pastors in March to tell newly recruited Street Pastor about the Police, provide safety tips and discuss how each organisation can help each other and also help the community. With the continued rise in retail thefts the team continue to provide high visibility foot and mobile patrols in our retail areas. Along with the CPO have signed businesses in Forestside, Drumkeen Retail Park, Carryduff and Dundonald to Business Watch. Castlereagh NPT continue to be pro-active in relation to drugs. An Intelligence lead search at a property in March was positive and a number of other positive proactive stop searches by the team took place. The team have more drug related proactive work planned for the next quarter.

### Rural NPT:

During this reporting period Lisburn Rural neighbourhood policing team carried out a number of engagements in line with the district policing plan. The team carried out a number of road safety operations throughout the quarter and worked collaboratively with our partners in the DVA targeting unroadworthy vehicles within the rural sector. This involved both education and enforcement. The team were part of the annual wider district schools engagement initiative "Bee Safe" in conjunction with LCCC PCSP. This initiative was supported by our colleagues in the fire service, ambulance service and translink. The team delivered an internet safety presentation to a number of P7 students as part of the schools "students moving on" programme. Following a large drugs seizure at the port, the team were involved in assisting with a number of follow up searches within the rural sector. Retail crime featured in our district priorities over the quarter and the team were involved in a number of retail crime operations in conjunction with our crime prevention officer around the Sprucefield estate. Rural crime continues to be a priority for the team with several rural anti burglary operations carried out. There were joint visits to farms and rural businesses alongside our crime prevention officer. Trailer marking events were organised with several more planned. Moving forward into Q1, the annual Balmoral show is always a busy period for the team with community engagement in and around the venue and being on hand within the show at our PSNI stand for support and guidance for our rural community.

### Crime Prevention:

- Through the 2023/2024 over 250 referrals have been made to CPO. These have been from local police following a report of a crime or incident or from an outside partner agency e.g. PCSP, Age Well Partnership, advocacy agency, HAP, Womens aid and many more. Each incident has been dealt with either via phone or in person and a triage service put in place to determine a plan of action. 73 victims were eligible for the PCSP Tier four scheme with a spend of £13,110.25. This enabled enhanced security to be fitted into the homes of a wide range of victims to help reduce crime and reduce the fear of crime in the community. Crimes included Burglary, criminal damage, sexual offences and domestic related incidents.
- During this period the CPO completed a number of training sessions to help support those most vulnerable in the community and offering support to the Business community. These include Safe Shop Training, Lone worker training and Problem solving training.
- The CPO has been involved in and hosted a number of Crime Prevention presentations to a wide range of vulnerable groups including Chest Heart and Stroke, Hate advocacy's, Lisburn Library over 60's, St Johns Parish and many local church & community groups.
- There has been a number of Domestic related reports during this period. The CPO attended the homes of the most vulnerable victims and has helped put extra security measures in their home. This reduced the fear of crime and the chances of becoming a repeat victim.
- The CPO attended the Retailers Against Crime NI conference. They maintained contact with our business community providing support and guidance such as product placement, surveillance and shop lifting prevention. The safe shop scheme was delivered to a number of businesses. The CPO delivered a Business prevention Masterclass to businesses outside NI.
- The CPO assists LPT and NPT officers daily with ASB, criminal damage and neighbourhood disputes. The CPO also attended several meetings with outside partners to consult on matters which require designing out crime knowledge. This included Billy Neill playing fields, Aspire Retail Park and Moira Demense.
- Rural crime initiative which was launched in partnership with the PCSP and Track Kit NI aims to reduce theft in the rural community. This scheme will allow the rural community to purchase tracking devices for their machinery at a 50% discount for a period of 3 years. DATATAG marking was launched across Northern Ireland and is funded by NFU with the aim of preventing the theft of agricultural machinery. A free information event was held encourage farmers to mark their machinery. This is still being promoted throughout the district and has been supported for 3 years and continues to grow.
- A Neighbourhood watch event was held with over 80 people in attendance. The CPO delivered a presentation on home security and personal safety along with other departments within the police. This event provided our elderly and most vulnerable people with lots of useful tips on to stay safe in their homes and also on how to better protect themselves online. A Scambassador event was also held to prevent scams. The CPO spoke to the groups on all types of scams. This was a worthwhile event and very much welcomed from those attending.

### Youth Diversion Officers:

- 1716 referrals of young people coming to police attention
- 269 resulted in files to PPS
- None offence incidents totaling 1447
- 96 CRN referrals to YJA
- 84 youth engagement clinics
- 23 Court ordered youth conferences
- 55 diversionary youth conferences





**DRUGS**

**Report Card – Outcome 1: We have a safe community, Outcome 2: We have confidence in Policing, Outcome 3: We have engaged and supportive communities**

**Indicator 1.3 People in all communities feel safe**  
**Indicator 2.2 The level of satisfaction with the service received**  
**Indicator 2.4 Delivery of effective crime outcomes**

**Measures:**

- 1.3.1 Report on the activities conducted to reduce the harm that illegal drugs are causing to communities across B District**
- 2.2.2 Monitor and report on victim contact**
- 2.4.1 Report on Criminal Justice Performance across B District**

**Scanning**

The use of drugs across Lisburn and Castlereagh impacts communities. We work closely with our partner agencies, both statutory and voluntary such as ASCERT, PHA, LCCC, SEHSCT and PBNi to keep people safe by targeting those who import and supply drugs and utilise various methods, diversions and support for drug users, outside of prosecution.

Lisburn & Castlereagh City 01/04/23 - 31/03/24	Drug-related arrests			Drug seizure incidents		
	PFYTD	FYTD <sup>2</sup>	Change	PFYTD	FYTD <sup>2</sup>	Change
<b>Totals</b>	237	216	<b>-21</b>	767	635	<b>-132</b>

Our RAPID drug bins located in Old Warren, Seymour Hill, Flush Park and Glenavy are routinely checked. Any drugs recovered from these are then documented and destroyed. This is a secure and effective way for people to dispose of any found or unwanted drugs or medication.

Lisburn & Castlereagh City 01/04/23 - 31/03/24	PFYTD	FYTD	Change
Trafficking of drugs	89	73	<b>-16</b>
Possession of drugs	704	561	<b>-143</b>
Drug Offences Recorded	793	634	<b>-159</b>
Drug Sanction Outcomes <sup>2</sup>	661	566	<b>-95</b>
Drugs Sanctions Outcome Rate (%) <sup>3</sup>	83.4%	89.3%	<b>5.9%</b>

1 Note that in-year figures are provisional and subject to change.

2 Outcomes covers all sanction outcomes, including Charge, Summons, Out of court formal (adult & juvenile caution, PND) and out of Court, informal (CRN) that were administered during the time periods requested.

3 The outcome rate is the number of outcomes shown as a percentage of the number of recorded drug offences.

The Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 divides drugs into three categories, Class A, B and C, according to the harmfulness they cause to the user or to society when they are misused. Class A drugs are considered to be the most harmful.



Lisburn DST Officers carried out a search of a residential address in Lisburn this evening resulting in Class A (MDMA and Psilocybin) and a substantial quantity of Class B controlled drugs (herbal Cannabis, Cannabis resin, Cannabis edibles and THC oil) being located. Male resident of the address was arrested, interviewed and has been charged to Court.



Lisburn and Castlereagh District Support Team (DST) along with City NPT officers have conducted a proactive operation in the Lisburn area targeting drug dealing. As a result one arrest has been made for supply offences with a significant amount of Class A drugs removed from the streets, along with Class B and C.



**Analysis - How well did we do?**

**District Support Team:**

During this quarter the District Support Team have continued to act on intelligence received in relation to drug activity. Targeted patrols including collaboration with other internal partners have disrupted drug dealing, and there have been notable arrests made that are currently progressing through the criminal justice system.

Assisted by the targeted activity of DST the heroin supply still remains interrupted in the district.

As well as developing intelligence and proactively targeting areas and known offenders the team also have a number of planned operations in the pipeline. Some of these will employ the use of partners within the organisation and are targeting medium scale drug related criminal enterprise.

DST has continued to work closely with NPT's and CID to action intelligence with a focus on the prescription drug trade which may be a contributor to a number of drug deaths within the District. Work is ongoing to monitor activity in the area. A general observation is that there is less overt activity with the inference that drugs are being increasingly supplied through the mail.

As such DST have continued to target drugs being supplied through courier services, and are conducting proactive operations in relation to same. These are leading to arrests and premises searches. DST have increased collaboration with Border Force to target such activity and are seeing a notable increase in seizures. These however are international importations. Domestic courier services involving smaller amounts is an area of focus for DST and ongoing collaboration with partners will increase, including advancements in proving cases against receiving suspects through cyber analysis.

The team have also been focusing on the growing trend of 'Spice' vaping incidents. This is a two pronged approach with DST developing an enforcement approach with a number of cases progressed through the Youth Justice Agency, while NPT's are delivering an educational package at school level in conjunction with the Youth Justice Agency.

**During this quarter DST have been involved in the seizure of the following:**

- Class A 1.304Kg including Cocaine, MDMA
- Class B – 33.350kg of Herbal Cannabis, 60 Cannabis plants, 3.250Kg of THC/Cannabis Oil, 572 cannabis vapes, 25g of Cannabis resin and 5g amphetamines
- Class C – 27607 tablets, various types
- Premises searches 64
- Investigations on going 27
- CRNs/Cautions issued 50
- Report files 51
- Charge Files 2
- Throughout the district 896 persons stopped under Misuse of Drugs Act









**Assessment**

**Is anyone better off?**

- 896 persons were stopped under Misuse Of Drugs Act in B District during this quarter.
- In comparison to this time last year there has been a decrease in detections of possession of drugs offences by 143, from 704 to 561. Reported trafficking of drugs has seen a decrease of 16 from the same time last year.
- By restricting the supply of gateway drugs, such as Cannabis - Including vapes containing THC and prescription medication people will be deterred from becoming dependent and addicted to drugs long term.
- As a result there will be less money in the pockets of drug dealers and in turn less money flowing to paramilitary gangs.
- Our social media messaging aims to raise awareness of our proactive approach to drugs and highlight the dangers of taking drugs highlighting proactive work.

**Outcome? Result? Is the problem resolved long or short term?**


The consequences of illegally taking or supplying drugs is still affecting our communities. Tackling drug use remains a priority and this is evidenced in our local policing plan as it is one of the key performance indicators. People are motivated to commit crime to fund drug use and drug use in itself can drive criminal behaviour and as a result we will continue to conduct robust investigations to bring those responsible before the court.

**PCSP:**

The PCSP Road Safety Sub Group met on the 26 January and approved the relocation of 6 Speed Indication devices to locations where speed was a concern. The overall data for the district showed that 50.4% of drivers were adhering to speed restrictions, 40.2% were exceeding speed limits and 52.7% reduced their speed leaving SID's. PSNI sit on this Sub Group and share their local knowledge with the group to ensure SID's are positioned in the most appropriate locations.


**Police Lisburn & Castlereagh**  
21 Jan

The Rural Neighbourhood Policing team have been conducting Road Safety Ops including speed checks throughout the rural sector today. Speed is the major contributing factor to road traffic collisions resulting in serious injuries and death. A number of fixed penalty notices have been issued and we will continue to conduct these checks and deal with any offending robustly.



**Police Lisburn & Castlereagh**  
11 Mar

On Saturday some of our officers from Castlereagh Neighbourhood Team attended the Grand Choice event in St Mary's Parish Church Ballybeen. It was great to hear about all the projects that local groups and organisations were promoting, hoping to be successful in receiving the Grand Choice Funding. The support from local residents who attended to cast their votes was fantastic. Thanks to Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP for inviting us along to be part of this event and thank you to everyone who took the time to visit our crime prevention stand and talk to us. Good luck to all the groups and organisations, we'll look forward to hearing the outcome of the votes.




**Police Lisburn & Castlereagh**  
26 Jan

Today Lisburn City Neighbourhood Team attended Largymore Primary School assembly to discuss the role of Police officers with all the pupils. We also had the pleasure of handing out Pupil of the Week.

The students were amazing at listening and asked some excellent questions.

Thanks to Largymore Primary school for having us and best of luck to all P7's getting their results tomorrow.

#NeighbourhoodPolicingWeek



**Good News Stories:**

- Local Policing Teams assisted a 7 year old boy who woke up on New Years morning to find that his presents from Santa had been stolen during a burglary at his home while he and his family slept. The boys Playstation 5, three games, a wireless headset and his controllers were all stolen. Along with these a mobile phone and handbag were also missing from the home. Following a swift and through Police response the male responsible was located, arrested and charged. A female was also reported to the PPS in relation to the incident. After dealing with the suspects all of the stolen items were returned to the young boy and his family on the same day that the crime was reported to Police. As you can imagine they were all delighted, especially the young boy.
- In April 2021 Castlereagh NPT received a complaint from an archaeologist officer with the department for communities historic environment division in respect of a protected monument being destroyed. This was the beginning of an unique and challenging investigation that spanned two years and resulted in a prosecution file being prepared. This resulted in a builder being prosecuted for damaging protected monuments without consent. He was found to have levelled land without receiving any prior consent, destroying lime kiln structures that had been in position for many years. The defendant was sentenced to pay a fine of £50,000, reduced from £75,000 due to an early guilty plea. This is the first conviction for such a serious heritage offence in N. Ireland; there also appears to be no such successful convictions on record in England or Wales either. This case is a legal landmark and its success was due to the excellent, lengthy and thorough investigation carried out by Constable Murray of Castlereagh NPT. This case also has a significant positive impact for the public and Departments for Communities.
- During this reporting period City NPT engaged with a vulnerable person in the community who misuses the emergency systems and struggles with drug addiction. By starting at the lowest available method of Criminal Justice disposal, the team were able to manage the offending, whilst working with our partner agencies such as NIAS and NIFRS who were also receiving calls from this individual. As well as this, excellent contacts in the community allowed the team to put the individual in contact with community based groups who can assist with addictions and offer them support. This is not only beneficial in terms of addressing the initial problem of misuse of emergency systems, it has longer term benefits by it providing the individual with the right tools and support to better themselves through multi agency collaborative working.
- A 12 year old male in the Lisburn area was frequently being reported to police for ASB and low level crime. The Youth Diversion Officers spoke with his parents and sought their agreement for a referral to the Children's Diversion Forum. This young person was accepted at the forum in order to receive support from the Youth Justice Agency on a voluntary basis. The reports to Police slowed for a time but began increase again. The YDO encouraged a robust approach from attending officers when dealing with this young person and a number of Youth Engagement files were later submitted to PPS. The PPS were in agreement with the YDO that these matters were suitable for Youth Engagement. The Young Person was issued with Informed Warnings and Restorative Cautions at Youth Engagement Clinics. In early 2024 the YDO partook in a number of Diversionary Youth Conferences with this Young Person, his parents and various injured parties. He engaged extremely well and was apologetic to the victims and clearly remorseful for his actions. As a result, this young person is now engaging well with external agencies who are providing him and his family with support. He has increased his school attendance, he now has aspirations to become a mechanic and was actively seeking casual work experience to help him with this. He is no longer coming to police attention and his parents report a positive improvement in his behaviour and their home life. He progressed so much that the Youth Justice Agency have decided that their involvement with him is no longer required.