

**Ards District Policing Partnership 6 Month Report
April - September 2007/8**



Tackling Crime

Ards District Command Unit

District Policing Partnerships 6 Month Report




(April – September 2007/8)

Figures Extracted



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Section 1) Progress towards achieving targets in the District Policing Plan for 2007/2008

Domain: Reducing Crime					
LPP Target	Qtr1-2 06/07	Qtr1-2 07/08	% Change	Target	Comment on reasons for change in performance
2.1.2 To reduce the total number of Domestic Burglaries by 5%	70	71	+1.4%		<p>Default patrolling strategy and proactive deployment of the Area Crime Team has evidently paid dividends in terms of performance.</p> <p>The Area did not experience a dramatic upsurge in this crime type over the Christmas period, as was experienced last year and would partially explain the increased performance in this area.</p> <p>There has been an overall increase in Violent Crime figures Service wide and Ards Area has mirrored this trend. The Area recorded an additional 116 violent crimes over the same recording period last year. Locally collected figures would indicate that up to 30% of such offences are domestic related and Ards Area command has expanded its Domestic Violence unit to cope with the additional demand. The newly formed Public Prosecution Service requires that all incidents are now reported to them for decision, which has increased workload.</p> <p>The Area has experienced a slight increase in this crime type. This mirrors the Service wide trend. This crime type encompasses a very wide scope of offences and by its very nature, is difficult to combat. Nevertheless, the Area Command is committed to reducing the figure and focuses its resources accordingly.</p>
2.1.4 To continue to reduce the number of Violent Crimes by 2%	637	462	-27.47%		
2.1.6 To reduce the number of Incidents of Criminal Damage offences by 2%	599	429	-28.4%		

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

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Domain: Promoting Public Safety					
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



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<p>4.1.2 To monitor the number of problem solving folders used to deal with anti-social behaviour</p>		<p>folders</p>			<p>Problem solving folders continue to be a useful tool in combating anti-social behaviour and their use will continue to be expanded. They provide an invaluable audit tool of actions taken towards a specific problem.</p>
<p>5.1.1 To reduce the number of persons killed or seriously injured on the roads</p>			<p>0%</p>		<p>Despite some success in this area the Area Command recognises that any deaths on the roads represent a death too many and have traumatic ramifications for the community. We will continue to provide sufficient resources in order to ensure road safety.</p>






Section 2) Progress towards achieving targets in the Service Wide Policing Plan for 2005 - 2008

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Domain: Reducing Crime				
APP Target	Qtr1-2 06/07	Qtr1-2 07/08	% Change	Target
2.1.1 To continue to reduce the number of crimes	1949	1427	-26.8%	
2.1.2 To reduce the number of domestic burglaries by 5%	70	71	+1.4%	
2.1.3 To reduce the total number of vehicle crimes by 5%				
2.1.4 To reduce the number of violent crimes by 2%	637	462	-27.47%	
2.1.5 To reduce the total number of violent crimes against children (under 18) by 2%	186	118	-36.56%	




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Domain: Investigating Crime					
APP Target	Qtr1-2 06/07	Qtr1-2 07/08	% Change	Target	Comment on reasons for change in performance
3.1.1 To achieve an overall clearance rate of at least 29%	20.3%	19.8%	- 0.5%		Newly introduced crime clearance rules, required by the Home Office and also the delays created by reporting all matters to the PPS for decision have made clearing crime a challenge. Nevertheless, the Area Command is aware of the drop in performance and is working toward an improvement in 07/08
3.1.2 To achieve a clearance rate of 50% for violent crimes	27.47%	26.4%	-1.1%		
3.1.3 To increase the clearance rate for sectarian crimes by 2 percent.			%		PFYTD the Area recorded 26 crimes and cleared 6. FYTD the Area recorded 26 crimes and has cleared 0. The Area will strive to improve its performance in the coming year.
3.1.4 To increase the clearance rate for race crimes by 2 percent	%	0%	%		
3.3.1 To increase the number of Persons charged / summonsed for supply offences as a proportion of those arrested	%	%	%		The Area has been more proactive in this area of performance this year with 25 persons arrested. There have been some significant successes throughout the year.





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Domain: Promoting Public Safety				
APP Target	Qtr1-2 06/07	Qtr1-2 07/08	% Change	Target
4.1.1 To deal with all identified anti-social behavior by way of partnership initiatives	N/A	N/A	N/A	
4.1.2 To monitor the number of problem solving folders used to deal with anti-social behavior		folders		
5.1.1 To reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on the road			%	
5.1.2 To reduce the number of children (under 16) killed or seriously injured on the road			%	

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APP Target	Qtr1-2 07/08	Difference from target	Target
6.3.1 To reduce average sickness levels to 12 days for Police officers and civilian staff in 2006/7 <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;"> <i>Average</i> Police Civilian </div>		<div style="text-align: center;"> days days </div>	<div style="text-align: center;">   </div>
6.4.1 To process 85% of custody cases within 90 days	%	%	
6.4.2 To process 85% of bail cases within 110 days	%	%	

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Section 4) Summary of recorded crime and clearance rates within the District Command Unit

Offences Recorded and Cleared Ards - FYTD: 01 April 2006 - 31 Mar 2007 (Last updated: 25 May 2007)								
MEASURES	FYTD Recorded	PFYTD Recorded	% Change Recorded	FYTD Cleared	PFYTD Cleared	% Change Cleared	FYTD % Cleared	PFYTD % Cleared
1. Offences against the person	1125	981	14.7%	357	559	-36.1%	31.7%	57.0%
2. Sexual offences	58	67	-13.4%	34	34	0.0%	58.6%	50.7%
3. Burglary	314	447	-29.8%	34	55	-38.2%	10.8%	12.3%
Domestic burglary	156	238	-34.5%	21	38	-44.7%	13.5%	16.0%
4. Robbery	17	21	-19.0%	5	5	0.0%	29.4%	23.8%
5. Theft	816	703	16.1%	147	114	28.9%	18.0%	16.2%
Vehicle crime*	192	158	21.5%	29	27	7.4%	15.1%	17.1%
6. Fraud and forgery	141	122	15.6%	44	45	-2.2%	31.2%	36.9%
7. Criminal damage	1143	1119	2.1%	139	157	-11.5%	12.2%	14.0%
8. Offences against the state	17	19	-10.5%	13	27	-51.9%	76.5%	142.1%
9. Other notifiable offences	103	98	5.1%	88	70	25.7%	85.4%	71.4%
Total violent crime (classes 1, 2 & 4)	1200	1069	12.3%	396	598	-33.8%	33.0%	55.9%
Total property crime (classes 3, 5 & 7)	2273	2269	0.2%	320	326	-1.8%	14.1%	14.4%
Grand total (all classes)	3734	3577	4.4%	861	1066	-19.2%	23.1%	29.8%

* Vehicle crime includes theft from motor vehicles and theft/unauthorised taking of motor vehicles.

The above table contains figures for 1st April – 31st March.
These figures were extracted from SATURN on 30th May 2007

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Section 5) Policing with the Community

Initiatives and/or progress under Policing with the Community	Impact
<p>The schools liaison officer is taking forward the good citizenship scheme, which involves taking young people on hill walking trips and with an emphasis on what it means to be a good citizen.</p> <p>Crime Prevention</p> <p>Continuing with the Joint initiative with Ards CSP and Help The Aged. 'CARELINE' panic alarms are distributed to members of the community who are elderly and either have been victims of crime or who have a fear of crime.</p> <p>Over Christmas, Crime Prevention along with members of the Community Police team worked with Ards Shopping centre providing Crime Prevention advice and high profile policing providing reassurance to the public, whilst distributing P A alarms and property marking items to them.</p> <p>Crime Prevention and Ards DPP are in the process of creating literature to be provided on a regular basis to members of the Ards community regarding various crime prevention topics.</p> <p>During 'Freshers' week at the NDAI personal safety packs were distributed to students enrolling the in college. Each pack contained a PA alarm, property marking kit and other crime prevention literature.</p>	<p>The impact of such initiatives is problematic to measure in quantitative terms. However, all of the initiatives have been well received.</p>

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Ards Community Policing Team

Is planning to establish a police surgery in the Bowtown Estate during the month of February. This will be a 4-hour surgery initially once per month. This is cooperation with the Housing Executive, who is assisting with premises. It is hoped to bring 'on board' other statutory bodies such as the Social services and the Fire and Rescue Service.

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Section 6) Community Safety Projects

Initiatives or contribution towards Community Safety Projects	Impact
The Mobile Information Centre vehicle, jointly purchased between the Council and the PSNI, is currently under construction and should be available for use by the end of February. Expressions of interest from Community Policing Teams within the DCU have already been received.	It is anticipated that the deployment of this vehicle will have a favourable impact on rural communities, making the Police Officers and Borough Inspectors more accessible to discuss both crime and non-crime issues of community concern. Further details will be available after the vehicle has been in use.
Joint funded (Council and PSNI) CCTV system (not to be confused with the town centre CCTV system is set to go ahead in the near future.	It is anticipated that this will have a significant impact in reducing crime in identified hot spots. Further details will be available after the system has been in use.
In response to road safety concerns created by the large volume of traffic and sometimes irresponsible parking in and around school premises, the CPT will be engaging with motorists and parents who deliver and collect children from schools in the area in order to educate them as to the dangers.	This will take place starting early May and will run until the end of school term in June.
<p>Message in a bottle</p> <p>Officers from Ards Area Command, in conjunction with the Ards Community Safety Partnership will be launching the message in a bottle scheme, which has been successfully piloted in Larne. The scheme, which is aimed at the elderly and the vulnerable in the community, encourages such persons to place details of their specific needs or medical condition in a specially designed container which is kept in the refrigerator (apparently this protects the container in the event of a fire). This information can then be readily accessible by the emergency services should their be an incident at the persons home, and elderly or vulnerable person is (perhaps due to unconsciousness) unable to convey this information.</p>	A report into the value of this project will become available following a suitable period of evaluation

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