



**Tackling Crime**

**Castlereagh Area**

# **District Policing Partnerships**

## **9 Month Report**

Figures Extracted 13 January 2009



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## Section 1) Progress Towards Achieving Targets in the Local Policing Plan for 2008/2009

<b>Domain: Tackling Crime</b>					
LPP Target	Apr-Dec 07/08	Apr-Dec 08/09	% Change (Raw Data)	Target	Comment on reasons for change in performance
3.1.2 To reduce the total number of domestic burglaries by 12	141	185	+44 (+31.2%)	✗	Burglaries have increased considerably despite ongoing attempts to tackle the problem. Proactive use has been made of the media to advise people to secure their properties. Patrols have been directed to hot spot areas identified through crime pattern analysis.
4.1.1 To increase the clearance rate by 5% points.	23.6%	15.5%	-8.1%	✗	Since the last reporting period, the Crime Controller has worked tirelessly to ensure that all potential clearances are being captured. All crimes remain under review.

### Strategy

All reported crime is reviewed on a daily basis and actions generated to ensure that incidents are thoroughly investigated. Full use is made of Analysts to identify trends/patterns and locations of crime in the Area and patrols are directed to patrol areas identified.

Each officer who is normally on administrative duties within the station is now deployed for a number of hours a week to perform a beat patrol of Forestside in order to provide high-visibility and deter shoplifting offences. In addition, a crime prevention stand was set up within the shopping complex and leaflets devised to deter shoppers from leaving their handbags in trolleys. This campaign was launched in conjunction with members of the DPP.

There have been a number of Media Campaigns advising residents how best to avoid being targeted along with Crime Prevention advice ie secure windows and doors when not at home. Neighbourhood officers have conducted proactive mobile surgeries in order to offer crime prevention advice to residents in local communities especially hot spot areas where burglaries have been increasing.

High visibility patrolling by officers especially in hotspot areas and use of Police Officers Part-Time to increase visibility. Proactive bail checks are carried out in respect of prolific offenders.

An anti-burglary operation was conducted in December involving the use of Area, District and Regional resources in order to tackle the increase in burglaries. This resulted in an increase in high visibility patrols along with the deployment of plain clothes officers. During the operation, 337 Vehicle Check Points were conducted, 72 bail checks were carried out and 25 arrests were made for various offences ranging from burglary, going equipped to steal criminal damage and drink driving offences. The number of burglaries decreased in December to 26 compared to 55 in November which is a reduction of 29 or 55%. The operation is ongoing.

## Domain: Promoting Community Safety

LPP Target	Apr-Dec 07/08	Apr-Dec 08/09	% Change (Raw Data)	Target	Comment on reasons for change in performance
5.1.2 To reduce the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour by 170.	2607	1793	-814 -31.2%	✓	Several anti-social behaviour operations conducted by Neighbourhood officers. Full use of Police Officers Part-Time for hotspot patrolling. Robust action taken with youths identified and referral to Youth Diversion Officer.
5.2.2 To reduce the total number of recorded crimes of criminal damage by 45	487	434	-53 - 10.9%	✓	High visibility patrolling of hotspot areas. House to house enquiries conducted for all reported incidents.
5.3.1 To increase the number of arrests for disorderly behaviour and breach of the peace by 10%	38	23	-15 (39.4 %)	✗	Unfortunately we are not on target for this objective at this stage. However, I believe that the decrease in the number of anti-social behaviour incidents has contributed to the decrease in arrests. Officers will continue to arrest as and when appropriate.
5.4.1 To increase the number of referrals for consumption of alcohol in a public place by 20%	41	24	-17 ( 41.4 %)	✗	Despite proactive patrols to detect alcohol offences, there has been no increase since the last reporting period. Officers are still seizing alcohol as outlined below, however the youths are running away upon police arrival and leaving the alcohol behind. Officers are constantly reminded of the need to be proactive in this area.
5.5.1 To establish a baseline figure for the number of units of alcohol seized in a public place.	N/A	1481	N/A	N/A	Officers continue to be proactive in seizing alcohol and focus patrols on identified areas in order to detect underage drinking and seize alcohol.
6.1.1 To report the number and location of community engagement meetings in line with the Partners and Community Together (PACT) model of neighbourhoods.	N/A	45	N/A	N/A	Neighbourhood officers continue to meet with community partnerships regularly.
9.1.2 To ensure that Neighbourhood Officers work at least 80% of their duty hours on neighbourhood Policing Duties.	N/A	95.7%	N/A	✓	On target

## Strategy

Proactive patrolling of identified hotspot areas.

Maximum use of Police Officers Part Time to tackle anti-social behaviour and provide reassurance by high-visibility patrolling.

Robust prosecution policy through either PPS or Youth Diversion Scheme. In addition, a system has been introduced to look at young persons and adults who continually come to police attention with a view to commencing proceedings for an Anti-social behaviour contract or Anti-social behaviour order. Several anti-social behaviour initiatives were undertaken and details are attached at Section 4.

An operation was mounted in the Dundonald village area in December to deal with ongoing anti-social behaviour and criminal damage – 2 arrests were made during this operation for criminal damage.

The following PACT meetings have taken place:-

Bikesafe (with BELVOIR Youth Club),  
Continuing CABMAN meetings (including with personnel from MILLTOWN re. the 2009 BONFIRE),  
Belvoir Community Association-Housing meetings,  
NIHE Belvoir House Conceirge Meetings (with staff at NIHE),  
Community transport for Belvoir Pensioners for Christmas Functions  
Dundonald CPLC  
Ballybeen youth forum  
Tullycarnet Action Group  
Carryduff CPLC (2)  
Tullycarnet Action Group  
Tullycarnet Pensioners Group  
Joint CPLC (Castlereagh/Dundonald & Carryduff)

## Section 2) Trend Data for Local Policing Plan Targets 2008/2009

Local Policing Plan Targets for 2008/2009								
Local Policing Plan Targets for 2008 / 2009	Apr 08 - Jun 08	Target	Apr 08 - Sept 08	Target	Apr 08 - Dec 08	Target	Apr 08 - Mar 09	Target
3.1.2 To reduce the total number of domestic burglaries by 12	-7	✓	+19	✗	+44	✗		
4.1.1 To increase the clearance rate by 5% points.	-4.8%	✗	-8.3%	✗	-8.1%	✗		
5.1.2 To reduce the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour by 170.	-272	✓	-636	✓	-814	✓		
5.2.2 To reduce the total number of recorded crimes of criminal damage by 45	-19	✓	-29	✓	-53	✓		
5.3.1 To increase the number of arrests for disorderly behaviour and breach of the peace by 10%	-27.7%	✗	-48.5%	✗	-15	✗		
5.4.1 To increase the number of referrals for consumption of alcohol in a public place by 20%	-58.8%	✗	-25%	✗	-17	✗		
5.5.1 To establish a baseline figure for the number of units of alcohol seized in a public place.	715	N/A	1208	N/A	1481	N/A		

Note: The trend information is a snapshot each quarter of how the local PSNI has been performing against LPP targets during the year.

### Section 3) Summary of Recorded Crime and Clearance Rates within the Castlereagh Area

Crime Classes	Recorded Apr-Dec 07/08	Recorded Apr-Dec 08/09	% Change	Cleared Apr-Dec 07/08	% Cleared Apr-Dec 07/08	Cleared Apr-Dec 08/09	% Cleared Apr-Dec 08/09
1. Offences against the person	286	327	14.3%	138	48.3%	92	28.1%
2. Sexual Offences	16	38	127.5%	3	18.8%	7	18.4%
3. Burglary <i>(inc Domestic Burglary)</i>	210 141	324 185	54.3% 31.2%	11 5	5.2% 3.5%	14 4	4.3% 2.2%
4. Robbery	18	20	11.1%	8	44.4%	2	10.0%
5. Theft <i>(inc Theft from vehicles)</i> <i>(inc Theft of Vehicles)</i>	359 41 52	411 63 38	14.5% 53.7% -26.9%	88 0 7	24.5% 0.0% 13.5%	89 0 6	21.7% 0.0% 15.5%
6. Fraud and Forgery	62	79	27.4%	15	24.2%	4	5.1%
7. Criminal Damage	487	434	-10.9%	40	8.2%	29	6.7%
8. Offences against the state	6	4	-33.3%	5	83.3%	1	25.0%
9. Other notifiable offences	52	53	1.9%	45	86.5%	25	47.2%
Total not yet assigned to offence category	0	2	0	0	0	0	0.0%
<b>Violent Crime (1,2 &amp; 4)</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>20.3%</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>46.6%</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>26.2%</b>
<b>Total Crime</b>	<b>1496</b>	<b>1692</b>	<b>13.1%</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>23.6%</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>15.5%</b>
Crime Undercount for Apr-Dec 07-08	0	84	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total Crime including undercount</b>	<b>1496</b>	<b>1776</b>	<b>18.7%</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>

Note: As there is (up to) a 4 day time lag between a crime being recorded and it appearing on the PSNI's recorded crime system, the crime undercount should be stated clearly beneath the table. This is the number of crimes that have still to be recorded within the DCU and is only available at a Total Crime Level.

A Breakdown of Crime Types as Shown in the Table Above		
<p><b>Offences against the person (class 1)</b>  Murder                      Manslaughter  Infanticide                Attempted murder  Threat or conspiracy to murder  Causing death/GBH by dangerous driving or aggravated vehicle taking  Wounding with intent/GBH with intent  Wounding/GBH  AOABH  Common assault/aggravated assault  Assault on police  Intimidation  Harassment  Explosives offences endangering life  Firearms offences endangering life  Other offences against the person</p>	<p><b>Sexual offences (class 2)</b>  Rape  Attempted rape  Unlawful carnal knowledge of a girl under 14 years  Unlawful carnal knowledge of a girl 14 and under 17 years  Indecent assault on a female  Indecent assault on a female child  Indecent assault on a male  Indecent assault on a male child  Indecency between males  Indecent exposure  Indecent conduct towards a child  Other sexual offences</p>	<p><b>Burglary (class 3)</b>  Domestic burglary  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Burglary in a dwelling</li> <li>• Aggravated burglary in a dwelling</li> </ul> Non domestic burglary  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Burglary in a building other than in a dwelling</li> <li>• Aggravated burglary other than in a dwelling</li> </ul> Going equipped</p>
<p><b>Robbery (class 4)</b>  Robbery  Armed robbery  Hijacking</p>	<p><b>Theft (class 5)</b>  Theft, one person from another  Theft in a dwelling  Theft by an employee  Theft of pedal cycles  Shoplifting  Vehicle crime  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theft from motor vehicles</li> <li>• Theft or unauthorised taking of motor vehicles</li> </ul> Vehicle tampering/interference  Handling of stolen goods  Other thefts</p>	<p><b>Fraud and forgery (class 6)</b>  Deception  Forgery and counterfeiting  Making off without payment  Other frauds</p>

<b>Criminal damage (class 7)</b>	<b>Offences against the state (class 8)</b>	<b>Other notifiable offences (class 9)</b>
Arson Petrol bombing offences Explosive offences Criminal damage/malicious damage offences Other criminal damage offences	Offences under anti-terrorism legislation Firearms offences Offences under Public Order (NI) Order Other offences against the public order	Blackmail Kidnapping and false imprisonment Drug offences – trafficking and non-trafficking offences Dangerous driving Breach of orders Other notifiable offences

**Anti-Social Behaviour**

**ASB Incidents** are a group of non-crime incidents that are reported to the police (i.e. they do not result in a notifiable offence). These are recorded by the PSNI on their Command & Control system and are classified as ASB in accordance with the National Standard for Incident Recording (NSIR).

ASB incidents consist of the following incident types:

- Abandoned Vehicles - (Not Stolen Or Causing An Obstruction)
- Animal Problems
- Begging / Vagrancy
- Hoax Calls To Emergency Services
- Inappropriate Use / Sale / Possession Of Fireworks
- Noise
- Malicious Communications
- Prostitution Related Activity
- Rowdy / Nuisance - Environmental Damage / Littering
- Rowdy / Nuisance - Neighbours
- Rowdy / Nuisance - Rowdy or Inconsiderate Behaviour
- Street Drinking
- Substance Misuse
- Trespass
- Vehicle Nuisance / Inappropriate Vehicle Use

**Sanction / Non-Sanction Clearance rates**

Sanction clearance refers to clearances where a 'sanction' is taken against the accused person as opposed to clearances that result in 'no further police action'. Sanction clearances include the following types; charge/summons, TIC, adult caution, adult informed warning, juvenile restorative caution, juvenile informed warning and juvenile prosecutorial diversion

## Section 4) Policing with the Community

### Strategy and/or progress under Policing with the Community

There are '14' **Neighbourhood Watch** schemes in operation in the Area with 2 more in the consultation process at present.

1 Glenhugh Park, Castlereagh  
42 Glenhugh Park, Castlereagh  
Sunderland Road / Stirling Avenue, Castlereagh  
Ballyhanwood, Dundonald  
Ballyrussell Road, Dundonald  
Manns Road, Dundonald  
Oakwood Avenue, Carryduff  
The Crescent, Carryduff  
Wynchurch Avenue, Castlereagh  
Peartree Hill, Dundonald  
Downshire Road  
Willowbank Drive  
Millars Forge  
Lenaghan Park

The Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator works closely with local councillors to encourage new schemes.

A joint neighbourhood Co-ordinators and members event was held at a local hotel. There were presentations given from the Crimestoppers, Roads Policing and Fire service. Information stands were then provided on a range of issues including crime prevention and senior safety.

There has been positive feedback from those involved in Neighbourhood Watch schemes. Information on crime prevention is passed on to members of the schemes who educate residents on basic steps they can take.

**Clean the Been**

Neighbourhood Police worked with young people within the Ballybeen estate in Dundonald, to target littering and to create a more pleasant environment for the residents within the estate. It also helped Local Neighbourhood Police build up a rapport with the local young persons.

**Joint CPLC Meeting**

All the Neighbourhood policing teams within the Castlereagh area held a joint CPLC meeting for their members in December. Presentations were given on Current Community safety initiatives, School liaison, Roads Policing and Hate Crime

**Operation SNAPPER**

Castlereagh Police were involved in 'OP Snapper ' with seizures of alcohol in various locations. This aimed to target drinking issues and also the knock on effect it has on anti-social behaviour.

**Underage Drinking**

Police at Castlereagh identified anti-social behaviour hotspots with the assistance of the Analyst. This information was taken to Castlereagh Borough Council and a joint approach patrol was developed, where officers from the Council Environmental Department and Police carried out patrols in targeted areas, with specific agenda to target alcohol consumption.

**OP HABIT**

This was run in the month of December and was an operation to target unattended vehicles with personal belongings on display. Letters were then sent to vehicle owners to give them advice re: crime prevention measures.

**Christmas Campaign**

Police worked with partner agencies the DPP and Community Safety Partnership to target burglaries within the local area through advertisements, information stands at local supermarkets and a local Poster campaign. A crime prevention trailer also displayed the anti burglary message within different locations within the area.

**Halloween Campaign**

Police worked with partner agencies the DPP and Community safety Partnership to target the dangers of fireworks within the local area through advertisements, information stands at local supermarkets and a local Poster campaign. This was backed up by the workshops within local schools highlighting the dangers of fireworks

**Mobile Police Station**

The Castlereagh Mobile Community Police station will be located at Moneyreagh NSC car park and Carryduff shopping centre on a number of dates in throughout the Year. The mobile vehicle provides services for those communities without easy access to a local police station.

**Prince Regent Road Business Initiative**

Due to an increase in the number of burglaries within the Prince Regent Road, which, consists solely of Business premises, a meeting was held for local managers or their representatives. The Fraud Team gave presentations on card skimming, employee theft and recent trends. The crime prevention officer gave advice on security measures. Information was given on the current ongoing consultation for a Business Watch scheme and contacts were then built up with the local Neighbourhood Policing and community safety team. The aims of the meeting was to help businesses protect themselves and their property, and to reduce the occurrence of future business crime.

## Section 5) Community Safety Projects

Strategy and/or contribution towards Community Safety Projects
<p><b>Anti theft of handbags –</b></p> <p>Handbag lanyards were created featuring joint agency logos. These attached the handbag to a trolley to stoop the opportunist thief from taking the item. To target the increase of the theft of handbags from trolleys, handbags shaped leaflets were also designed, as these are more eye-catching than the usual leaflet. These were then distributed throughout supermarkets within the area.</p>
<p><b>Trolley Signage –</b></p> <p>As a long-term crime prevention tool, trolley signage was created and piloted within the Castlereagh area. This signage was fitted to trolleys within local supermarkets and is currently featuring the Anti Theft of Handbag message. This signage can be then changed throughout the year to correlate with any current Police campaigns.</p>
<p><b>Safety Wristbands</b></p> <p>This project was piloted within Castlereagh district and distributed within Forest-side shopping centre and local nursery schools. This was a joint initiative with NSPCC. The aim is to re-unite children with their parents should they become lost. The safety wristband, which the child wears, displays key contact information.</p>
<p><b>Beam Halloween Workshop For Youth</b></p> <p>Police along with The Education and Media centre worked within local secondary schools to engage young people in workshops, highlighting the dangers of fireworks to them. A total of 600 year 13 pupils attended these workshops.</p>

**Bee Safe**

This is a multi agency event targeted at P7's; it aims to prepare young people for the transition to senior school and includes safety workshops and involvement from DRD, Castlereagh Borough Council, Fire and Rescue Service, Trans-link, The Blind centre and Home Accident prevention society. This year 500 pupils were involved.

**Case Programme**

This is an ongoing scheme. The citizenship and safety education programme is continually run within all local schools to encourage personal safety, positive citizenship and the prevention of crime. Some of the issues covered include Alcohol awareness, Drug awareness and Youths causing annoyance

**Work Experience**

Several schools have benefited from a scheduled programme, which permits them to gain a good insight into the different departments with the District including C.I.D, Neighbourhood Policing, Training and Dog unit.

**Noise and disorderly behaviour.**

Neighbourhood and Community Safety Officers visited with local shopkeepers and Off Licences in particular with regard to the sale of alcohol to persons under age and adults suspected of supplying alcohol to juveniles. Shop owners and employees were educated as to the action to be taken and a leaflet campaign was organised in conjunction with them. The Schools Liaison Officer conducted a series of educational programmes in senior schools in the area, highlighting the effects of criminal damage and anti-social behaviour on the local environment

**Midnight Soccer**

Neighbourhood officers worked with the council in assisting with Midnight Soccer project funded by the Community Safety Partnership. The project targeted young males from across the borough aged between 14 and 17 years who had issues with Drink, Drugs and Anti-social behaviour. It was held on Friday and Saturday Nights over blocks of 10 week periods at Cregagh all weather pitches.

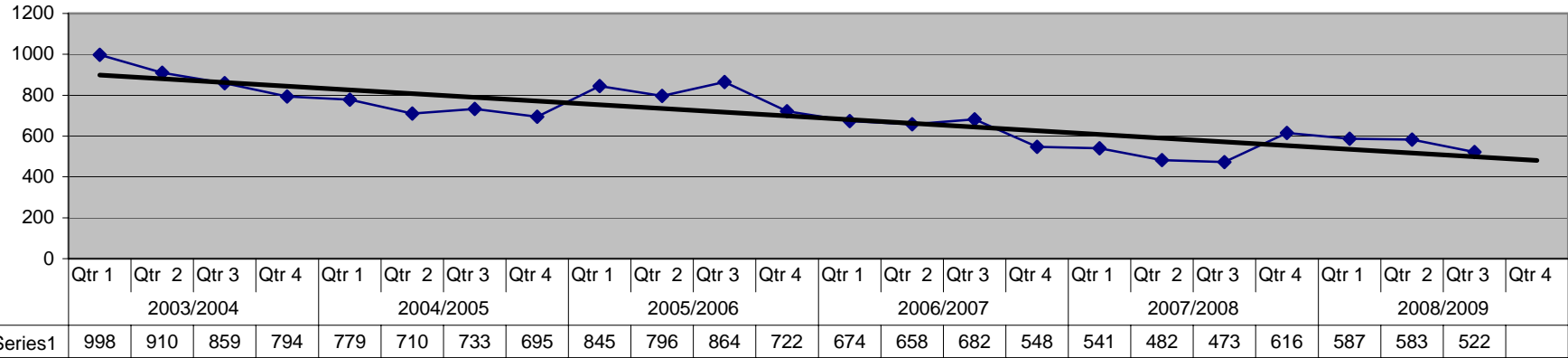
**Outreach Programme**

This involved bringing together young people from Ballybeen and Tullycarnet. This was to address attitudes towards crime, how to avoid crime and anti-social behaviour and most important of all the implications of becoming involved in such. This was the all-encompassing theme and various vehicles are being used to deliver this. For example a trip to Crumlin Road Prison which gives an insight into the size of cells etc and what prison conditions are like.

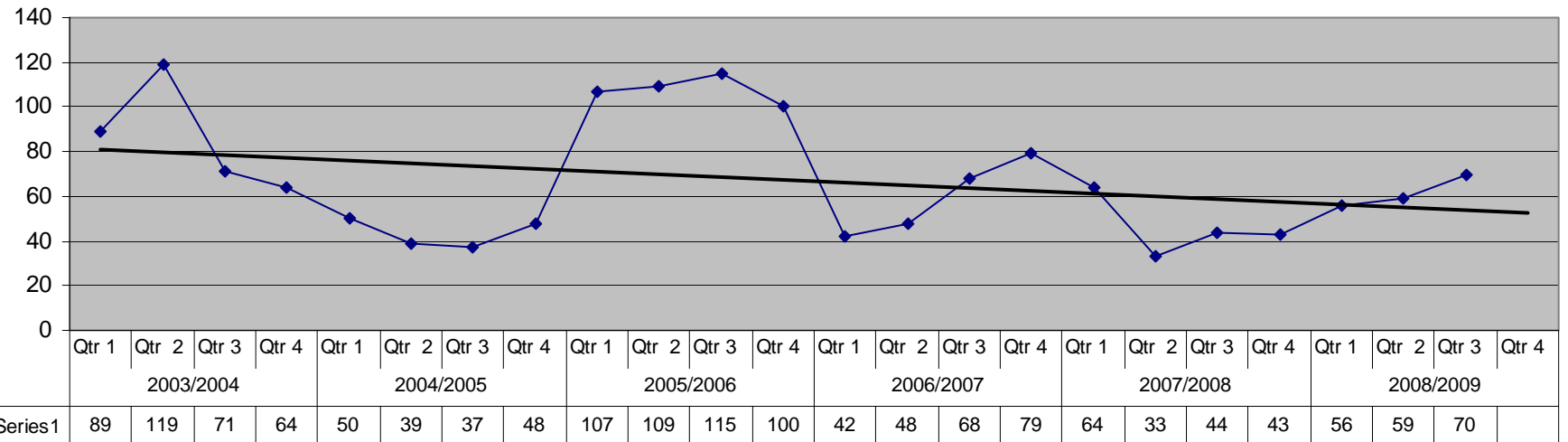
## Glossary of Terms

ABC	Acceptable Behaviour Contract	NIACRO	Northern Ireland Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders
ABH	Actual Bodily Harm	NICCY	Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People
ANPR	Automatic Number Plate Recognition	NIHRC	Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission
ARA	Asset Recovery Agency	NIM	National Intelligence Model
ASB(O)	Anti-Social Behaviour (Order)	NIO	Northern Ireland Office
CID	Criminal Investigation Department	NIPB	Northern Ireland Policing Board
CJI(NI)	Criminal Justice Inspectorate (NI)	NISRA	Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency
CPLC	Community Police Liaison Committee	NSIR	National Standard for Incident Recording
CRO	Criminal Records Office	OCTF	Organised Crime Task Force
CSI	Crime Scene Investigator	OCU	Operational Command Unit
CSP	Community Safety Partnership	OPONI	The Office of the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland
CSU	Community Safety Unit (NIO)	PACE	Police and Criminal Evidence (Act)
CSU	Central Statistics Unit, PSNI	PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
DCU	District Command Unit	PFNI	Police Federation for Northern Ireland
DPP	District Policing Partnership	PSNI	Police Service of Northern Ireland
FTC	Fatal Traffic Collision	PTR	Part Time Reserve
FTR	Full Time Reserve	RTC	Road Traffic Collision
GBH	Grievous Bodily Harm	SNEN	Single Non-Emergency Number
GIS	Geographical Information System	SOC	Scene of Crime
HVP	High Visibility Patrol	TSG	Tactical Support Group
KPI	Key Performance Indicator	VFM	Value for Money
KSI	Killed or Seriously Injured	YCA	Youths Causing Annoyance
LGBT	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender	YDO	Youth Diversion Officer
MLO	Minority Liaison Officer		
NAO	National Audit Office		
NCIS	National Criminal Intelligence Service		

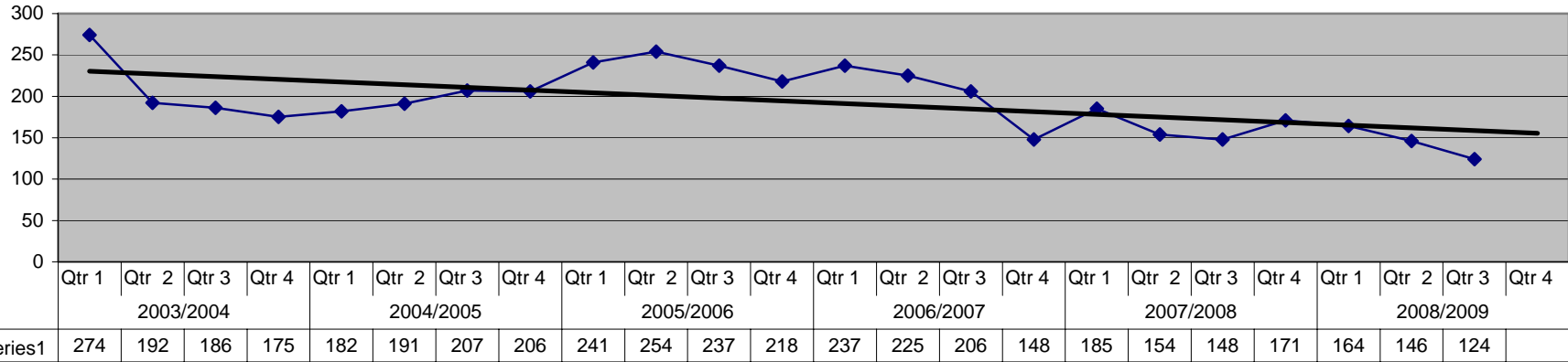
### All Crime



### Domestic Burglary



### Criminal Damage



### Anti Social Behaviour

