



Tackling Crime

Down Area

District Policing Partnerships

12 Month Report

Figures Extracted 8 May 2009



***District Policing
Partnerships***

Local people shaping local policing

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

Domain: Tackling Crime					
LPP Target	Apr-Mar 07/08	Apr-Mar 08/09	% Change (Raw Data)	Target	Comment on reasons for change in performance
3.1.2 To reduce the total number of crimes in line with service targets	4219	3986	-5.5%	✓	Stringent bail conditions and associated checks together with pro-active patrolling and targeting hotspot areas have all contributed to reduction in total crimes.
3.2.1 To reduce the level of violent crime	1120	1110	-0.9%	✓	Intelligence led policing operations and continued working in partnership with community in other agencies has delivered on this further reduction.
3.3.2 To reduce the total number of domestic burglaries in line with Service targets	360	349	-3.1%	✓	The primary focus of police in Down in addressing this signal crime.
4.2.2 To increase the number of drugs seizures	129	81	-37.2%	✗	Our focus has moved from small seizures to a strategic targeting of drug suppliers and a disruption of identified drugs gangs

Strategy

- Maximum use of District and Regional resources on both preventative and proactive intelligence lead operations.
- District wide 'Op Blitzen' aimed at covert and overt disruption of local priority offenders to tackle seasonal increase in burglary and thefts in run up to Christmas.
- Default patrolling by response officers in analysed 'hot spot' crime locations.
- Policy of intrusive monitoring of specifically identified District and Area prolific offenders including a focus on curfew bail checks.
- Policy of CID and CSI attendance at all burglaries.
- Op Converter to maximise return on FP and DNA hits.
- Daily review of all incidents/patterns of reported crime. Full use made of Analysts in order to analyse particular problems and identify trends/patterns and locations of crime. Monthly tactical assessment meeting to identify priority areas and trends and support Sector Inspectors with actioning interventions.
- Maximum use of Media to advise members of the public of recurring crime trends and to offer crime prevention advice.
- Maximise use of Neighbourhood Watch Schemes by regular updating and meeting with Co-Ordinators.

Domain: Promoting Community Safety

LPP Target	Apr-Mar 07/08	Apr-Mar 08/09	% Change (Raw Data)	Target	Comment on reasons for change in performance
5.1.1 To reduce the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour to ensure a 15% reduction by 31/03/11	3702	2845	-23.1%	✓	Use of anti-social behaviour operations conducted by all officers together with the full use of Police Officers Part-Time for hotspot patrolling has resulted in reduction of ASB incidents . Robust action taken with youths identified and referral to Youth Diversion Officer.
8.1.1 To reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on the road.	50	46	-8.0%	✓	Positive outcome of continuing our focus on road safety issues, however, we will not be complacent

Strategy

Anti-social behaviour –

- Op Snapper alcohol enforcement,
- ASB Forum with ASB and NIHE.
- Policy of ASB Collation and YDO warning letters to parents.
- Targeted ASB Specific Operations
- Maximum use of Police Officers Part Time to tackle anti-social behaviour and provide reassurance by high-visibility patrolling.
- Neighbourhood Team Diversionary Programmes.
- Very successful Area Halloween Strategy.

Road Safety –

- Down continues to focus on the known causes of road deaths and injuries such as speed, careless and dangerous driving and drink driving. Tasking RPU resources to priority locations within Area for enforcement operations.
- Pro-active Rd Traffic operations in run up to Christmas.

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-Sep 08	Target	Apr 08 - Dec 08	Target	Apr 08-Mar 09	Target
3.1.2 To reduce the total number of crimes in line with service targets	-3.8%	✓	-8.8%	✓	-7.6%	✓	-5.5%	✓
3.2.1 To reduce the level of violent crimes	-12.3%	✓	-6%	✓	+3.2%	✗	-0.9%	✓
3.3.2 To reduce the total number of domestic burglaries in line with Service targets	+27.8%	✗	+24.1%	✗	+3.9%	✗	-3.1%	✓
4.2.2 To increase the number of drugs seizures	-15 seizures	✗	+26 seizures	✓	-39 seizures	✗	-48 seizures	✗
5.1.1 To reduce the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour to ensure a 15% reduction by 31/03/11	-12.8%	✓	-27.3%	✓	-25.4	✓	-23.1%	✓
8.1.1 To reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on the road.	-30%	✓	+11%	✗	+3.7%	✗	-8.0%	✓

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 Down Area

Crime Classes	Recorded Apr-Mar 07/08	Recorded Apr-Mar 08/09	% Change	Cleared Apr-Mar 07/08	% Cleared Apr-Mar 07/08	Cleared Apr-Mar 08/09	% Cleared Apr-Mar 08/09
1. Offences against the person	1028	1025	-0.3%	391	38.0%	297	29.0%
2. Sexual Offences	66	66	0.0%	25	37.9%	22	33.3%
3. Burglary <i>(Domestic Burglary)</i>	738 360	761 349	3.1% -3.1%	76 19	10.3% 5.3%	71 34	9.3% 9.7%
4. Robbery	26	19	-26.9%	10	38.5%	5	26.3%
5. Theft	825	834	1.1%	125	15.2%	83	10.0%
6. Fraud and Forgery	82	105	28.0%	13	15.9%	12	11.4%
7. Criminal Damage	1220	985	-19.3%	177	14.5%	98	9.9%
8. Offences against the state	28	30	7.1%	21	75.0%	15	50.0%
9. Other notifiable offences	206	161	-21.8%	156	75.2%	102	63.4%
Violent Crime (1,2 & 4)	1120	1110	-0.9%	426	38.0%	324	29.2%
Total Crime	4219	3986	-5.5%	993	23.5%	705	17.7%

Section 4) Policing with the Community

Strategy and/or progress under Policing with the Community	Impact
<p>Ballynahinch Suicide Prevention Group - liaising with Community Safety Committee; Health Trusts; Councillors and volunteers in process of setting up support group; funding of £30k over three years was secured for equipment ; IT; phones; help lines; brochures etc. Group at advance stage of securing premises within Ballynahinch town centre to give support and signposts to those members of the community with needs in this and other areas.</p> <p>Windmill Estate was an area to which Police were being continually tasked to in particular at the week ends with YCA, ASB and Criminal Damage - as a result of partnership with Down District Council, Community Reps and a local Councillor the matter has now been resolved. In conjunction with the Employee Volunteering Executive, who is now responsible for arranging the recruits from Garnerville to help out in Community Events, local officers, recruits from Garnerville, members of council and the community took part in a "clean-up" project in Windmill Hill, Ballynahinch. The media coverage sparked further interest from a number of other groups within Rowallane and in March 2009 a similar project was undertaken working from Beadhams Lane-Belfast Rd Ballynahinch and covering Langley estate again involving a cross section of the community; local police; recruits; council workers and officials. Down District Council supplied a skip, Brushes, Shovels, Bin Bags and Wheelie Bins and some gifts from the Council on the day.</p>	

Dibney River Project - YCA, anti social behaviour and a lack of activities for young people was identified in the Killyleagh area. A group of volunteers from across the community working with local councillors; youth workers and police identified a project on the Dibney river which included cleaning up the river; conservation work and a fishing course. Funding was secured through PWC.

Dunwellan Residents multi-agency and residents forum this also involves the Housing Executive and District Council enforcement officers. This is meeting at a forum to discuss anti social behaviour, housing problems, social problems. It has reduced anti-social behaviour and other specific social problems such as litter, bins, landscape solutions.

Safer Mourne Partnership in relation to crime and anti-social behaviour in the Mourne. At this forum statutory agencies meet with the forestry service to plan a strategy to cope with anti social behaviour and wild fires. The partnership meets regularly and has reduced anti social behaviour and also promotes a responsible attitude when in the Mourne.

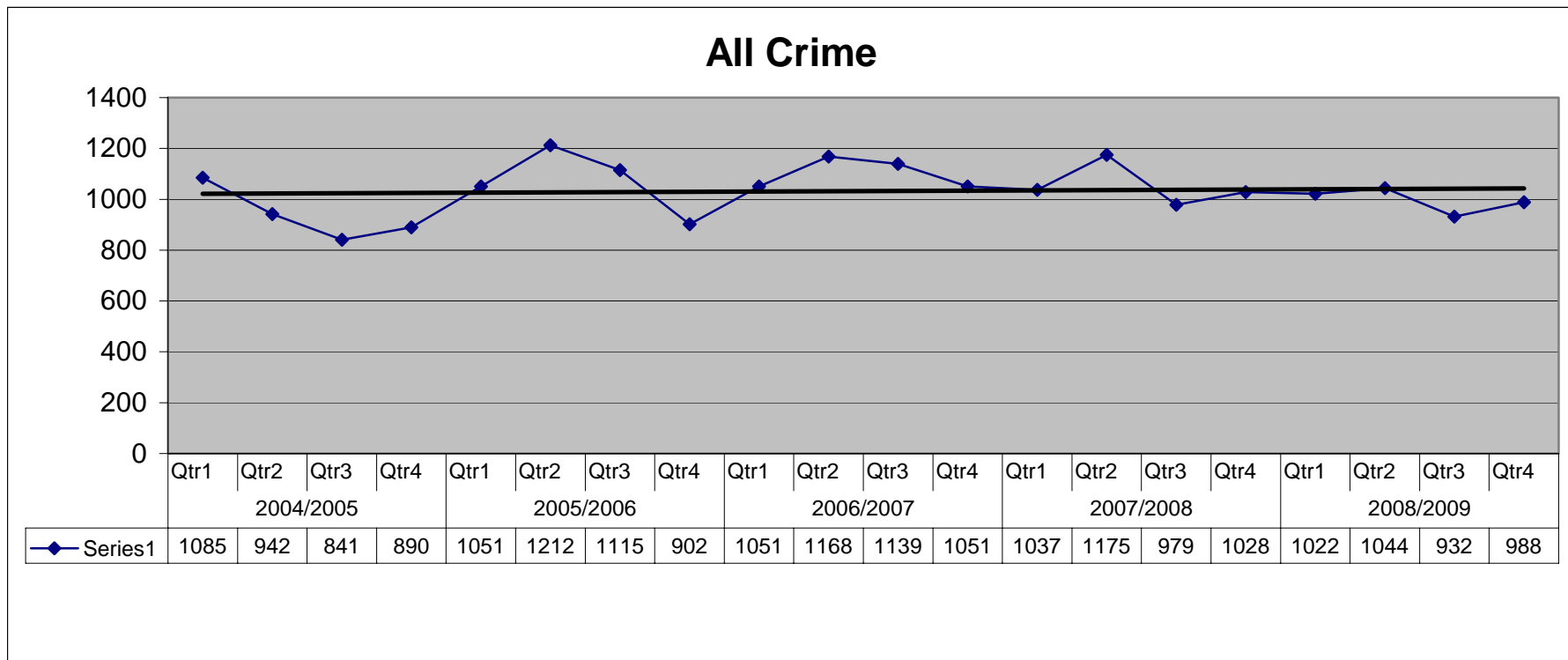
Ascertain in relation to the Proof 18 initiative to tackle underage drinking. The aim is to address underage alcohol consumption both on street and on licensed premises and it has reduced underage consumption. There are many statutory and non statutory partners such as licensees, taxi drivers, shop owners, district council, PSNI, clergy, teachers, councillors, MLAs. etc

As a result of the work police saw a reduction in ASB etc; locals had their river cleaned up and the young people have continued with their new hobby!.

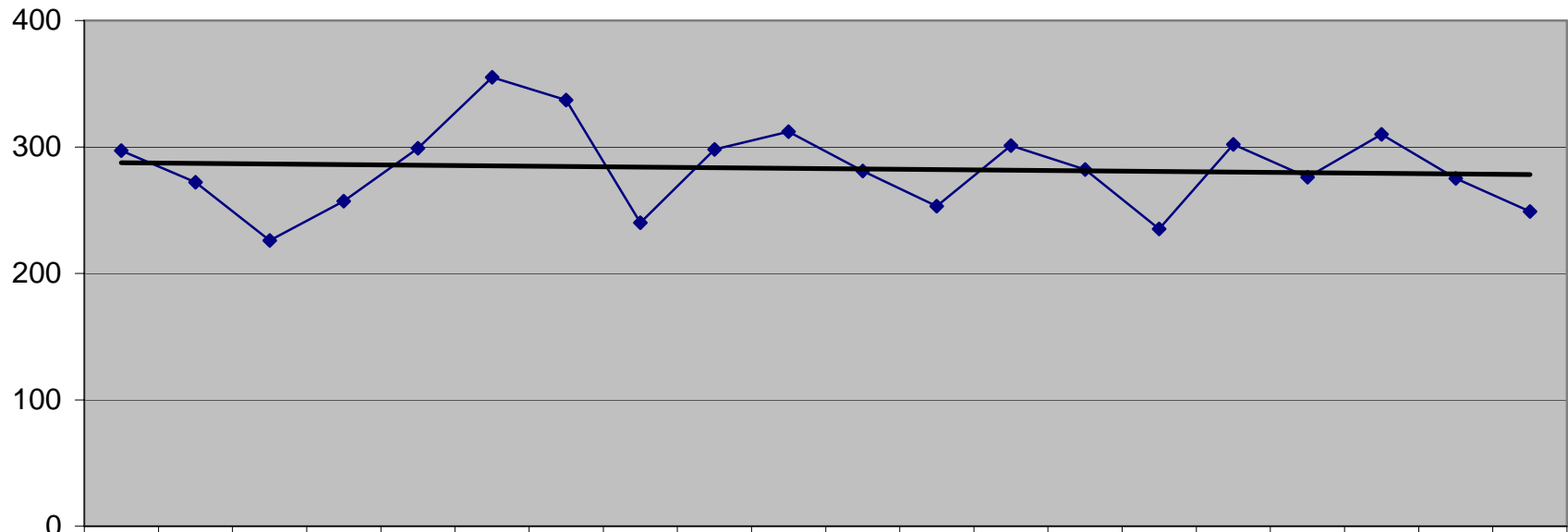
Section 5) Community Safety Projects

Strategy and/or contribution towards Community Safety Projects	Impact
<p>KEEP SAFE initiative began with a consultation with local DPP members assessing the feasibility of the project working within the Ballymote area, Downpatrick. It entailed CASE trained officers heightening Drug Awareness with the co-operation of local schools, Parents and Teachers. It evolved then to the establishing of a committee, involving Down District Council, Community Safety partnership, NIHE, PSNI, and Community representatives from the pre-existing Flying Horse Forum. This group facilitated the appropriate resources, funding, to facilitate the promotional launch and maintenance of the program. A secure drop safe was then placed in a local community centre, in which local people were encouraged to dispose of unwanted prescription drugs and illegal drugs.</p>	<p>This coincided with a media/ Press release and a local leaflet drop in order to highlight the project. It is a work in progress but is a perfect example of what partnership working can achieve.</p>

5 year trend graphs



Violent Crime



◆ Series1	297	272	226	257	299	355	337	240	298	312	281	253	301	282	235	302	276	310	275	249
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