



**Down Area
C District**

District Policing Partnership

12 Month Report

Figures extracted 10 May 2010



District Commander's Commentary

I am pleased to introduce the Down Area Twelve Monthly DPP Report, which outlines performance against local policing plan targets for the period of April 2009 to March 2010 and which also importantly includes an update on some of the initiatives ongoing in the area.

As District Commander, I am required to account for the patterns of crime and police activity in the District, through a process of review carried out by senior officers. In addition to this, the District Policing Partnerships monitor our performance and provide an important forum through which local people can have their say on policing issues.

Our aim is to provide a truly **professional, protective, and personal** policing service and I am totally committed to ensuring that we maximise our **visibility, responsiveness**, and ability to deliver that **personal style** of policing, because that is what local communities wish for and expect us to deliver on.

I trust that the information contained in the report is useful and informative.

Nigel Grimshaw
Chief Superintendent
'C' District Commander



Area Commander's Commentary

I am pleased to present you with the 12 month report for 2009/2010. As you can see, there has been an increase in the number of overall crimes. This is mainly due to increases in the number of thefts, offences against the person and frauds. However, I am pleased to say that the number of crimes decreased considerably in the last quarter and this has built on the decreases from the previous reporting period. The clearance rate for overall crime has increased by over 3% and it is hoped to build on this next year.

We have seen a large reduction in the number of domestic burglaries – just under 20% which effectively means there were 68 fewer victims this year compared to last year. However, we cannot afford to become complacent and my aim is to further decrease this figure in the forthcoming year. Anti-social behaviour has also decreased again in this quarter and we continue to exceed the three year target set in 2008.

My officers continue to work closely with other agencies and members of the community to work towards making Down District a safer place to live and further improve the quality of life of residents and the business community.

Deirdre Bones
Area Commander
Down



Section 1) Policing with the Community

Review of Policing with the Community activities within the [Name] Area

Down Diversity in Action Forum

The Down Diversity in Action Forum (DDIAF) is a multi agency partnership committed to respecting difference and valuing the individual regardless of background while creating opportunities that embrace diversity for the benefit of all. Whilst the Forum has made significant steps towards supporting the BME (Black, Migrant, Ethnic) communities, it wanted to extend this support to include the 'less visible' minorities (such as the LGBT community) along with helping to tackle sectarianism in general. Accordingly the DDIAF relaunched itself in December to promote the following aims:

- Adopt a strategic approach to identify real needs in respect of addressing diversity;
- Maximise resources and opportunities to promote equity, diversity and independence;
- Develop communication channels to encourage people to live, learn, work and play together;
- Embrace a partnership approach encompassing all sectors of the community to create a shared future for all residents of Down through positive action;
- Build the capacity of local groups to articulate their needs and to embrace diversity through cultural activities.

The first project the group are working on is to bring a number of agencies together within the working environments of migrants to offer support and information on services etc. The PSNI will be part of this to provide information into the Criminal Justice System and to highlight the responsibilities of persons under the law eg in relation to driving standards etc.

Down Youth IAG (Independent Advisory Group)

DYIAG continues with its 'peer research' project and consulted with the 'Newcastle, Castlewellan & Dundrum' Youth Council in December. 'On Street' surveys have been conducted in many towns and villages and 'questionnaires' have been distributed to a selection of post-primary schools throughout the Down area.

Four DYIAG representatives met with Chief Inspector Deirdre Bones in December 2009 to discuss the views and opinions of young people in relation to police efforts to tackle 'criminal damage' within the area. The representatives intend now to consult with its membership and to give the PSNI critical feedback regarding its current policy and initiatives. Likewise, the DYIAG has also given the Area Commander an undertaking that it will adopt a 'problem solving' perspective in its examination of the various issues.

On 14 December 2009 the DYIAG hosted a Youth Consultation event in St Patrick's Centre, Downpatrick. Approximately 50 young people came from Newcastle, Castlewellan, Dundrum, Ardglass, Downpatrick, Strangford, Killyleagh, Crossgar and Ballynahinch for a Christmas Party. Down DPP assisted by helping produce a quiz using Quizdom and PSNI had their Mobile Police Unit and a police car available for inspection. An evening of fun, games and food was had whilst the DYIAG were able to gather valuable views from young people in relation to policing, drugs, alcohol and antisocial behaviour. 13 new young people expressed an interest in finding out more about the work of DYIAG with PSNI and would like to come along to future meetings.

On 15 December 2009 representatives from DYIAG attended a Local Policing Plan consultation event with local councillors, DPP, PSNI and community representatives. Members are pleased that their views and opinions are being sought and that they can represent other young people from within their community.

The group are investigating ways in which they can develop their own skills and abilities and looking at the possibility of being peer educators around a number of issues including drugs; anti-social behaviour and driving standards.

Dealing with Difference

A number of young people from across C District have signed up to a programme aimed at dealing with difference. The programme will consist of 5 day modules to include teambuilding, historical talks, sports training and true life stories including a meeting with an 81 yr old holocaust survivor.



Neighbourhood Watch Schemes

Down District now has 84 accredited schemes within the area . Neighbourhood Watch schemes have now been fully embedded into each of the Neighbourhood Policing Teams and local beat officers will have responsibility for maintaining contact with each co-ordinator in their area.

A text alert and E-mail system is now established within the district giving immediate contact with all co-ordinators within C District and the Text alert is also working well in that it provides the opportunity to highlight crime trends to co-ordinators. For example, this has recently been used to advise members of the community burglaries, thefts from vehicles and requested people to report suspicious vehicles.

Local Newsletters have been completed - advertising the mobile phone numbers of the local neighbourhood officers, distributing crime prevention information and informing the local NW co-ordinators of some of the community safety initiatives in the area. These newsletters and other crime prevention alerts were delivered by local neighbourhood officers before Christmas.

8 talks have been delivered to various NW groups within the area including DPP and CSP events, both Castlewellan and Kilcoo areas have received information, the product of which is a NW scheme presently with the NIO for accreditation (1st in the Castlewellan area) .

Local contact within "hard to reach" communities has been increased and will hopefully be enhanced in the future.

Newcastle

Dunwellan / Burrendale Interagency Forum - multi-agency partnership approach to resolving local problems in the estates ranging from anti-social behaviour to issues surrounding refuse bins.

Woodgrove residents, Castlewellan - meeting with residents to resolve anti-social behaviour in the playground behind Woodgrove.

Niteline Initiative - working in partnership with licensees both in Castlewellan and Newcastle to resolve criminal damage, anti-social behaviour and violent crime associated with the night time economy.

Work is ongoing to encourage the caravan parks within the area to develop a ring - around, early alert system re troublesome customers/visitors/criminals or suspicious activity. Trying to involve CSP in the provision of a network of radios.

Following the publication of the NIHE report on Dunwellan and Burrendale estates, the Area Commander wrote to the Community Safety Partnership requesting that the estates be considered for an action plan. This was accepted by the partnership and work is ongoing to progress this with the Council, Housing Executive and community groups.

Downpatrick

Town centre High visibility patrolling

Downpatrick Neighbourhood Team have increased visibility in order to reassure the local business community following their increased involvement with the Downpatrick Business Forum. Police have received several positive comments from the business community, shoppers and visitors to the town.



Drugs

A leaflet drop campaign has taken place in areas known to be frequented/inhabited by dealers in Downpatrick encouraging information to be supplied to police or crimestoppers regarding drugs activities.

Surgeries/bicycles

Officers have provided surgeries with the use of the mobile police station and bicycles and community based venues to allow for greater accessibility particularly to rural and outlying areas

Get home safe operations

Roving patrols have been used to target hot food outlets and give attention to those walking home, especially rowdy groups who are potential troublemakers. Pro-active policing and partnership working (joint council enforcement officer patrolling) has made a significant improvement to the safety of people working and socialising in Down at the weekends.

Freshers fair

South Eastern Regional College

To encourage pupils to consider a career in the police and to provide a means by which college pupils can get to know their local neighbourhood officers.

Model Farm /Flying Horse and New Model Farm local NPT drove forward an initiative to help address the rising number of boiler thefts in the area. Headed coding took place of all boilers owned by the NIHE. NPT officers worked with the Council/NIHE/local councillors / community groups and Community Safety Partnership. Leaflets were designed which were given out to all households in the area providing advice on how to prevent their boilers being stolen. There has been a large decrease in the number of thefts in this area.

Neighbourhood Officers held a general information evening for local children in the Strangford Community Group on the role of police within the community as well as a drug/alcohol awareness night.

NPT officers have worked with the local Patrician Youth Club and managed to secure funding to cover the cost of the club opening later at weekends in order to keep youths off the street thus attempting to reduce anti-social behaviour in the Downpatrick town area.

NPT officers have introduced an initiative in the Ardglass/Killough area in an attempt to build up lines of communication with minority groups living/working in the area. This is still being progressed.

Rowallane Sector

The biggest success for the Rowallane Team in the past year has been the training of the team in the use of and the deployment of the mobile police station. It has received favourable media coverage throughout the sector and has enhanced the visibility and adaptability of the officers. Whilst the station is deployed in a specific area, officers are also able to deploy on cycles and on foot.

Killyleagh Road Safety Event

In response to a number of fatal RTCs involving local people, an event was arranged to support relatives of victims and to offer all motorists advice regarding road safety issues. Representatives from the Council, Roads Policing, Neighbourhood Policing Team, Fire Service, Ambulance attended and it was an opportunity to meet with local people discuss issues/concerns and provide reassurance and distribute leaflets etc



Killyleagh Young Persons Event

Due to an increase in reports of Anti-Social Behaviour in the Killyleagh area, NPT officers spoke to a number of the youths to establish what action could be taken to avoid them becoming involved in this behaviour and to stop them annoying the local community. The youths indicated they had no facilities apart from the Leisure Centre. As a result, an event was arranged in the Leisure Centre to provide the youths with the opportunity to outline what exactly they wanted. Youth Services attended along with Community Safety Representatives, Youth Club Leaders, Local Councillors and PSNI. This will be progressed further.

Officers from Rowallane NPT organized an event in conjunction with Good Morning Down to bring together over 100 elderly persons and nine agency stalls (NIFRS/HAP/YJA etc) for a light lunch and presentation in Market House Ballynahinch. The aim was to identify elderly and vulnerable people in the community so that NPT officers could call and give reassurance and to ensure that these people were able to identify their local NPT officer in order to reduce fear of crime. As a result of the initiative, 38 new contacts were made and PSNI are now represented on the HSSB Safe and Well project. Positive feedback has been received from local councillors and at a localised inter-agency group



Section 2) Progress towards achieving targets in the Local Policing Plan for 2009/2010^{1,2}

Objective 1: In partnership with the community and other agencies, to make communities and neighbourhoods safe and feel safe					
Local Policing Plan Target	Apr - March 2009	Apr - March 2010	Variation from last year	Target on course to be met	Area Commander's comment on reasons for change in performance
1.1.2 To reduce the number of crimes recorded in line with service targets	3986	4220	5.9%	✗	Although we have not achieved the target, there has been a steady decrease in the number of crimes since the end of September and crime for the last period was at its lowest level in 5 years.
1.3.1 To reduce the number of domestic burglaries in line with service targets (1)	349	281	-19.5%	✓	Burglaries are now at an all time low due to ongoing proactive anti-burglary operations and a focus on prolific offenders and robust policing of bail conditions.
1.4.1 To increase the number of drugs supply gangs frustrated, disrupted or dismantled (2_				✗	No figures available
1.5.1 To reduce the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour to ensure a 15% reduction by 31/3/2011 (3)	3702	2795	-24.5%	✓	This is a three year target and we are still exceeding the target. Figures continue to decrease due to ongoing initiatives and positive enforcement action.
1.7.1 To contribute to reducing the number of people killed or seriously injured on the road (4)	38	34	-4	✓	Figures available from 1 April 09 to 31 December 09 only. Despite a number of fatal road traffic collisions we are still seeing a decrease and road traffic operations continue.



Additional comments, including any 'control strategies' and their impact on Local Policing Plan targets					

Burglary

- Maximum use of Area, District and Regional resources to conduct preventative and proactive intelligence led operations.
- Default patrolling by response officers in analysed 'hot spot' locations.
- Intrusive monitoring of specifically identified District and Area offenders and proactive policing of bail conditions.
- Robust forensic policy and attendance of CSIs at scenes of crimes.
- Maximum use of media to inform members of the public of crime trends and to offer crime prevention advice.
- NPT officers call in with business premises to offer crime prevention advice.
- Alerting of NW co-ordinators to make them aware of crime trends.
- High profile deterrent operations ie Op Blitzzen and Op Seasons Greetings
- 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 Area and District tactical assessment meetings to identify priority areas and trends and support Sector Inspectors with actioning interventions.
- NPT officers call with all victims of burglaries to provide reassurance and crime prevention advice and leaflet drops are carried out with neighbourhoods.

Anti-Social Behaviour/Criminal Damage:

- Op Snapper alcohol enforcement,
- ASB Partnership Forum with ABC and NIHE to focus multi-agency strategy at all aspects of ASB
- Stringent Enforcement Policy ASB Collation and YDO warning letters to parents
- Maximum use of Police Officers Part Time to tackle anti-social behaviour and provide reassurance by high-visibility patrolling.
- Neighbourhood Team Diversionary Programmes with partners
- Meeting with Licensees throughout the District
- Implementation of surgeries and use of mobile police station to offer reassurance/crime prevention advice.
- NPT officers are using anti-social behaviour contracts and ASBOs to deal with youths who come to the attention of police on a regular basis.

Road Safety –

- Focus on the known causes of road deaths and injuries, tasking RPU resources to priority locations within Area for enforcement operations.
- Review of Collision Remedial Schemes ongoing
- Road Safety Education with Schools - Corporate Road Safety Awareness Media Campaigns
- Use of road safety camera van
- Event held at Killyleagh in response to a number of serious road traffic collisions, representatives from CSP, NIFRS, Council, NIAS and local councillors



to provide advice to motorists. Families of victims of fatal RTCs also attended to offer advice and support.

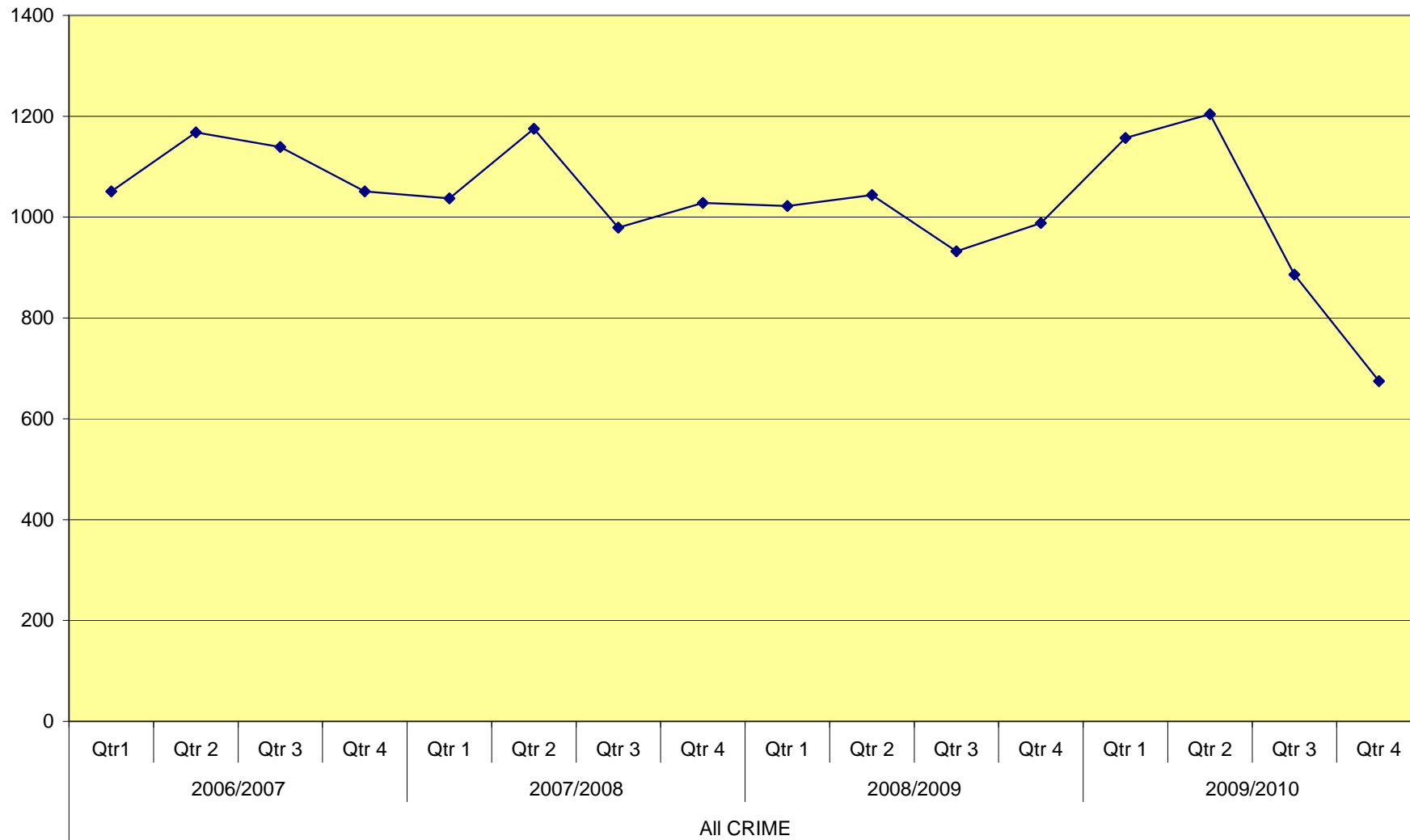
- Proactive operations to prevent and detect 'boy racers' and prosecution of offences.



Section 4) Trend data for Local Policing Plan targets 2009/2010³

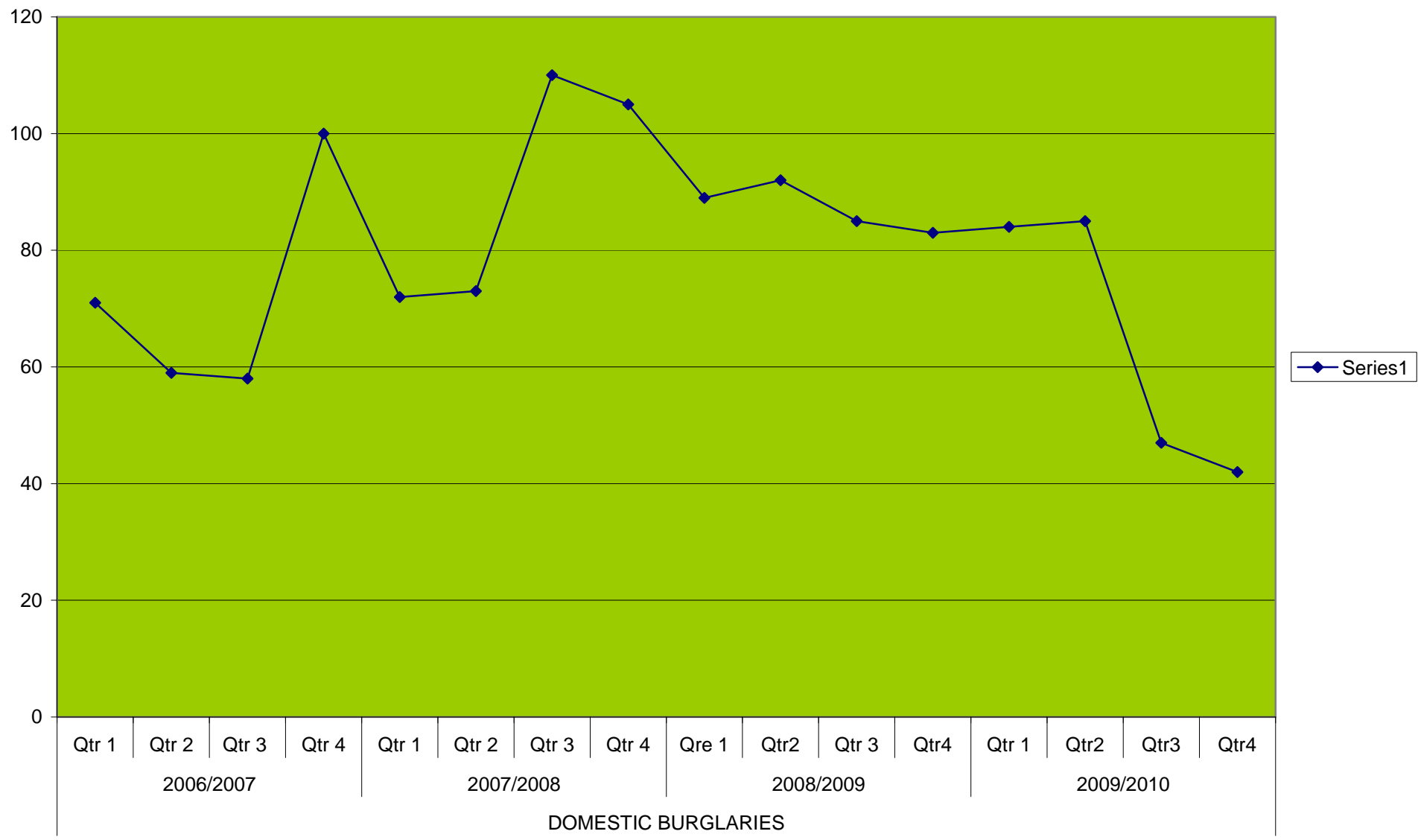
Local Policing Plan Targets for 2009/2010	Apr - Jun 2009	Target on course to be met	Apr - Sep 2009	Target on course to be met	Apr - Dec 2009	Target on course to be met	Apr 2009 - Mar 2010	Target on course to be met
1.1.2 To reduce the number of crimes recorded in line with service targets	10.4%	✗	12.3%	✗	8.2%	✗	5.9%	✗
1.3.1 To reduce the number of domestic burglaries in line with service targets(1)	-5.6%	✓	-5.5%	✓	-18.8%	✓	-19.5%	✓
1.4.1 To increase the number of drugs supply gangs frustrated, disrupted or dismantled (2)	No figures available		No figures available		No figures available		No figures available	
1.5.1 To reduce the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour to ensure a 15% reduction by 31/3/2011 (3)	8.1%	✓	9.3%	✓	-39%	✓	-24.5%	✓
1.7.1 To contribute to reducing the number of people killed or seriously injured on the road (4)	11	✗	17	✗	27	✓	34	✓

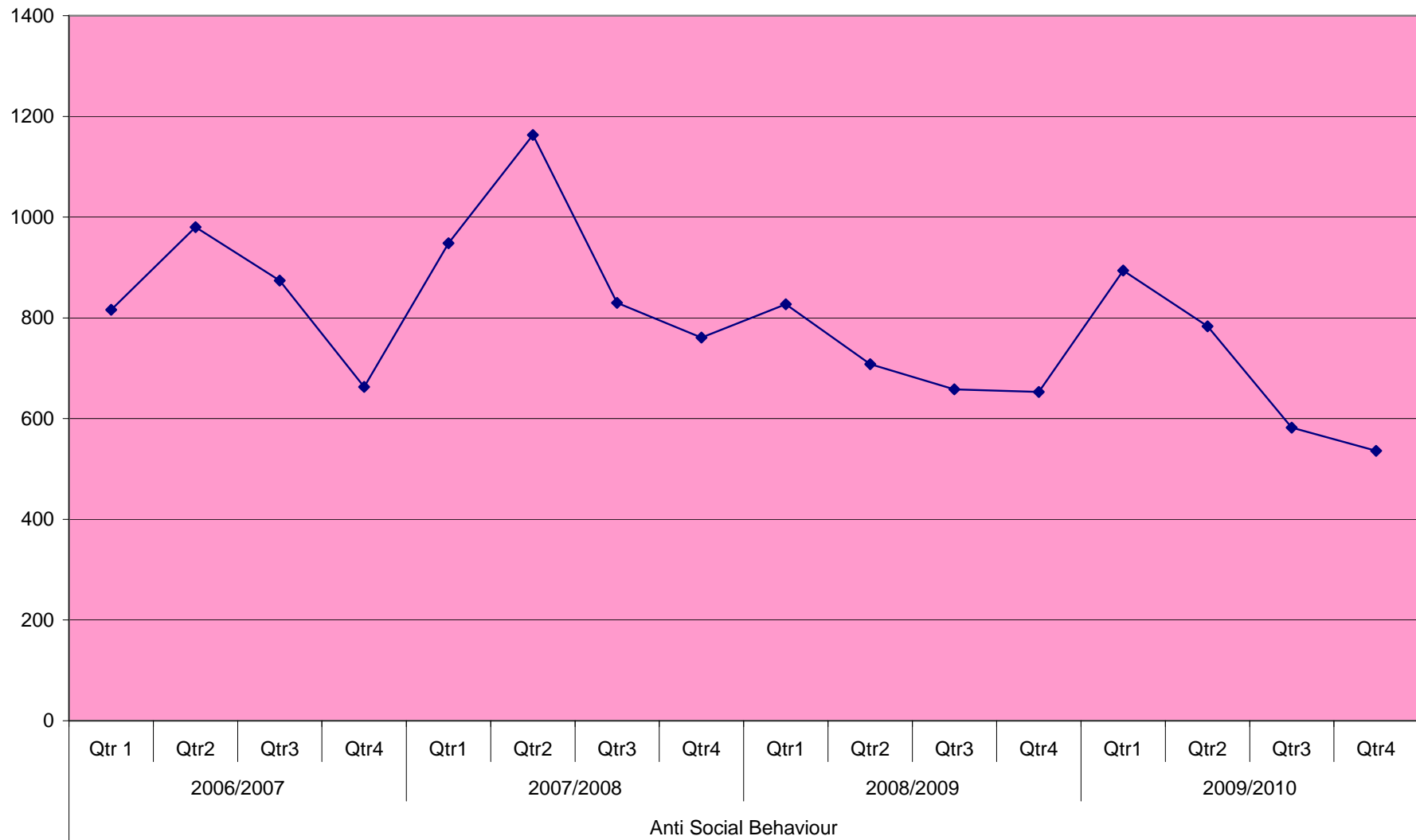




All CRIME







Summary of Recorded Crime and Clearance Rates within Down
Quarter 4 Report: April to March 2009/10

figures last updated on 10 May 2010 at 17:14:10

	Recorded Apr-Mar 08/09	Recorded Apr-Mar 09/10	% change	Cleared Apr-Mar 08/09	% cleared Apr-Mar 08/09	Cleared Apr-Mar 09/10	% cleared Apr-Mar 09/10
1. Offences against the person	1025	1183	15.4%	297	29.0%	377	31.9%
2. Sexual Offences	66	92	39.4%	22	33.3%	10	10.9%
3. Burglary	761	603	-20.8%	71	9.3%	54	9.0%
(Domestic Burglary)	349	281	-19.5%	34	9.7%	26	9.3%
4. Robbery	19	15	-21.1%	5	26.3%	3	20.0%
5. Theft	834	932	11.8%	83	10.0%	142	15.2%
(Theft from vehicles)	125	130	4.0%	3	2.4%	6	4.6%
(Theft of vehicles)	131	103	-21.4%	24	18.3%	30	29.1%
6. Fraud and Forgery	105	218	107.6%	12	11.4%	21	9.6%
7. Criminal Damage	985	952	-3.4%	98	9.9%	117	12.3%
8. Offences against the state	30	27	-10.0%	15	50.0%	14	51.9%
9. Other notifiable offences	161	198	23.0%	102	63.4%	145	73.2%
Violent Crime (1, 2 & 4)	1110	1290	16.2%	324	29.2%	390	30.2%
Total Crime	3986	4220	5.9%	705	17.7%	883	20.9%



Northern Ireland Policing Plan Target	Area Figure Apr 2008 – Mar 2009	Area Figure Apr 2009 – Mar 2010	Variation from last year
1.1.1 To ensure that by 2010/2011, there are fewer than 100,000 crimes recorded. ⁴	3986	4220	5.9%
1.3.1 To ensure that by 2010/2011, there are fewer than 6,000 domestic burglaries recorded. ⁶	349	281	-19.5%
1.4.1 To increase the number of drugs supply gangs frustrated, disrupted or dismantled.		No figures	
1.5.1 To reduce the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour to ensure a 15% reduction by 31/3/2011. ⁶	3702	2795	-24.5%
1.7.1 To contribute to reducing the number of people killed or seriously injured on the road.	38	34	-4



