



Tackling Crime

Craigavon area

District Policing Partnership

3 Month Report (April 2010–June 2010)

Figures Extracted 28 July 2010



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Local people shaping local policing

Area Commander's Commentary

As we embark upon a new year, we look forward to continuing to work with the community and our partner agencies to reduce crime and disorder across Craigavon. We continue to operate in a difficult environment locally and nationally, but the figures and feedback show that this is not preventing us from delivering real progress in policing and an improvement in the quality of life of our communities and businesses.

Last year we saw a considerable increase in crime in the first quarter of the year (April-June) with more than 200 additional crimes being committed. Whilst some of this was no doubt due to the economic downturn, we also know that several prolific criminals were operating across Craigavon at that time. I am glad to report that those criminals are now back under control, either in prison, on ASBOs or awaiting trial and on strict bail conditions. Our tactic of concentrating on that small number of individuals appears to be bearing fruit, but this is a continuous process. Where there are easy pickings, criminals will take a chance and we have sought to reduce the opportunistic crimes by encouraging residents and businesses to follow basic crime prevention principles.

During the first 3 months of this year there were almost 400 fewer victims of crime in Craigavon which is the biggest reduction in crime across the whole of Northern Ireland. Over a quarter of all crime has been cleared.

Local issues of concern to us all are burglaries, antisocial behaviour and the availability of drugs. We have had varying levels of success and our continued efforts come on the back of reductions in some of these offences last year. Our single aim is clear – to make Craigavon safer - and we have worked tirelessly with partner agencies to develop joint strategies for tackling crime and disorder. There is much work to do if we are to fully embrace the ethos of Neighbourhood Policing, but we remain determined to deliver recognizable and accountable policing to all communities.

**Chief Inspector Jason Murphy
Area Commander
Craigavon**

Section 1 - Progress Towards Achieving Targets in the Local Policing Plan for 2010/2011 ¹

Domain: Service Excellence					
LPP Target	Apr-Jun 09/10	Apr-Jun 10/11	% Points Change (Raw Data)	Target	Comment on reasons for change in performance
1.0 To ensure that Neighbourhood Officers work at least 80% of their duty hours on neighbourhood policing duties	89%	91%	+2%	✓	<p>Public feedback on Neighbourhood policing has on the whole been positive. It is clear that we need to continue with increased engagement and visibility of the neighbourhood teams to maximise their impact. A recent DPP survey highlighted a general lack of awareness that the neighbourhood teams operate across Craigavon.</p> <p>Availability of Neighbourhood teams within their own areas was maintained throughout the parading season and they have increasingly become the 'front face' of policing such events.</p>

¹ When comparing % changes between two time periods (eg this year and last year), the change should be displayed as a % point change.

Domain: Tackling Serious Harm

LPP Target	Apr-Jun 09/10	Apr-Jun 10/11	% Points Change (Raw Data)	Target	Comment on reasons for change in performance
2.0 To reduce the number of non-domestic violence with injury crimes by 5%	210	139	-33.8%	✓	This crime category includes all assaults where injury is caused. It does not include incidents involving only verbal threats (which are also counted as assaults). Many of these offences are alcohol related although very few actually occur within licensed premises. Over a third of all violent crime offences are detected, but it is very clear that in many more cases, the identity of the offender is known by the victim.

3.0 To contribute to reducing the number of people killed or seriously injured on the road	16	7	-56%	✓	Operations to target drink driving and speeding are ongoing across Craigavon. We continue to deploy anti-speeding operations when concerns are raised by the public. So far this year, there have been no deaths on the roads of Craigavon.
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Domain: Dealing with Local Concerns

LPP Target	Apr-Jun 09/10	Apr-Jun 10/11	% Points Change (Raw Data)	Target	Comment on reasons for change in performance
4.0 To reduce the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour to ensure 15% reduction by 31/03/11	1095	929	-15.2%	✓	<p>Anti-social behaviour continues to be a primary focus for us. We will continue to target locations and offenders that cause the greatest problem. We saw success last year through utilising the ASBO legislation and that piece of work remains ongoing. A significant part of our policing strategy will be engagement with young people.</p> <p>The decrease so far this year follows a 15.4% decrease over the past 2 years.</p>
5.0 To reduce the number of domestic burglaries by 5%	102	86	-15.7%	✓	<p>Craigavon has achieved and maintained the biggest reduction in domestic burglary across the whole of E District. We have successfully targeted identified offenders, with 70% of them having served a period in prison over the last 12 months. The amount of time spent in prison by these offenders last year totals 10 years.</p> <p>Many burglaries are still being committed via unlocked doors and windows and we continue to need the help of the public by securing their property and reporting suspicious activity.</p>
6.0 To increase the number of persons charged or reported for supplying controlled drugs.	12	17	+42%	✓	<p>We are continuing with our success of last year, by targeting local drug dealers. Drugs and cash worth several thousands of pounds have already been seized and several key individuals await trial for drug supply.</p> <p>Availability of Mephadrone has significantly decreased since the change in legislation earlier this year.</p>

Section 2 - Summary of Recorded Crime and Clearance Rates

Crime Classes	Recorded Apr-Jun 09/10	Recorded Apr-Jun 10/11	% Change	Cleared Apr-Jun 09/10	% Cleared Apr-Jun 09/10	Cleared Apr-Jun 10/11	% Cleared Apr-Jun 10/11
1. Offences against the person	475	346	-27.2%	117	26.9%	129	37.3%
2. Sexual Offences	29	24	-17.2%	22	13.3%	13	54.2%
3. Burglary	164	141	-14.0%	22	13.3%	5	3.5%
(Domestic Burglary)	102	86	-15.7%	12	11.9%	3	3.5%
4. Robbery	13	17	30.8%	4	30.8%	0	0%
5. Theft	382	289	-24.3%	94	25.1%	58	20.1%
(Theft from vehicles)	96	35	-63.5%	5	5.2%	3	8.6%
(Theft of vehicles)	34	31	-8.8%	10	28.6%	13	41.9%
6. Fraud and Forgery	63	37	-41.3%	10	17.5%	15	40.5%
7. Criminal Damage	377	258	-31.6%	32	8.7%	31	12.0%
8. Offences against the state	46	38	-17.4%	7	15.9%	10	26.3%
9. Other notifiable offences	91	80	-12.1%	81	92%	51	63.8%
Violent Crime (1,2 & 4)	517	387	-25.1%	124	26.3%	142	36.7%
Total Crime	1640	1234	-24.8%	371	23.5%	313	25.4%

Strategy	Impact
<p>District control strategies are in place for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAFER STREETS • BURGLARY • DRUGS <p><u><i>This includes:</i></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Identification of prolific offenders ➤ Identification of hotspots ➤ Use of press to request information ➤ Focused tasking based on intelligence analysis ➤ High visibility patrolling of identified hotspots ➤ Tasking of District & TSG resources to hotspot areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of planned operations have been carried out in relation to these crime types. We will continue to target these areas in order to reduce the number of incidents and therefore meet all the area targets. • There have been a number of successful operations resulting in arrests for disorderly behaviour and a number of persons reported for drinking in public. • Locally, at weekends, Neighbourhood officers continue to patrol hot spot areas until the early hours of the morning in an effort to prevent and detect offences, particularly those that have an adverse affect on the quality of life of our local community. This has been successful in so far as alcohol continues to be seized, groups gathering are dispersed, local people are reassured and referrals of young persons to the appropriate agencies continue.

Strategy	Impact
<p>A District control strategy is in place for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR <p><u>This includes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Identification of hotspot/key times ➤ Identification of prolific offenders and offender profiles ➤ Focused tasking based on intelligence analysis ➤ High visibility patrolling of identified hotspots ➤ Maximum use of beat and bicycle patrols ➤ Promotion of neighbourhood watch schemes ➤ Regular inspection of licensed premises ➤ Proactive arrest/charge policy where evidence exists ➤ Enforcement of licensing laws ➤ Enforcement of local bye-laws/underage drinking ➤ Proactive reporting policy to YD scheme for all anti-social behaviour 	<p>Anti-social behaviour has shown a considerable decrease of 166 incidents when compared to the same period last year. This reduction has been maintained during the parade season and the first half of the school holidays. The reduction this year is in addition to a reduction of 15.4% (736 incidents) over the last 2 years.</p> <p>Hot spot areas are identified through daily reviews of crime and incidents and Neighbourhood officers are tasked accordingly.</p> <p>Officers continue to focus on alcohol related disorder through seizure of alcohol and wide use of the powers under the Anti-social behaviour legislation.</p> <p>We currently have:</p> <p>4 offenders on ASBO 4 offenders awaiting ASBO upon conviction (prolific offenders) 8 offenders who have signed 2 year acceptable behaviour contracts 12 individuals being monitored for anti-social behaviour</p>

A Breakdown of Crime Types as Shown in the Table Above

<p><u>Offences against the person (class 1)</u> 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><u>Sexual offences (class 2)</u> 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><u>Burglary (class 3)</u> Domestic burglary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burglary in a dwelling • Aggravated burglary in a dwelling Non Domestic burglary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burglary in a building other than in a dwelling • Aggravated burglary other than in a dwelling Going equipped</p>
<p><u>Robbery (class 4)</u> Robbery Armed robbery Hijacking</p>	<p><u>Theft (class 5)</u> 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"> • Theft from motor vehicles • Theft or unauthorised taking of motor vehicles Vehicle tampering/interference Handling of stolen goods Other thefts</p>	<p><u>Fraud and Forgery (class 6)</u> Deception Forgery and counterfeiting Making off without payment Other frauds</p>
<p><u>Criminal Damage (class 7)</u> Arson Petrol bombing offences Explosive offences Criminal damage/malicious damage offences Other criminal damage offences</p>	<p><u>Offences against the state (class 8)</u> Offences under anti-terrorism legislation Firearms offences Offences under Public Order (NI) Order Other offences against the public order</p>	<p><u>Other notifiable offences (class 9)</u> Blackmail Kidnapping and false imprisonment Drug offences – trafficking and non-trafficking offences Dangerous driving Breach of orders Other notifiable offences</p>

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 3 - Community Safety Projects

- **ADHD Project** – This project is aimed at addressing the needs of young people in the Craigavon area who are affected by conduct behaviour issues such as Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). Pilot completed summer 2009 with a group of young men from North Lurgan. Feedback from school and parents has been very positive.
- **'Slow Down' Event** – This project is aimed at addressing the issues around road safety and relating legislation. It involves the Fire Service who demonstrates a live 'cut out' and the Ambulance Service. This was delivered across the District with 2 events in this area, one in SRC – approx 250 students in attendance, the second in Portadown college approx 140 students in attendance.
- **'Street Wise' Event** – This project is aimed at addressing issues around anti social behaviour. This was delivered across the District with the following schools being covered in this area: St Marys High school, Lurgan approx 120 students in attendance, Craigavon Senior High School approx 120 students in attendance, Lismore High schools approx 140 students in attendance.
- **Halloween / Fireworks Initiative** – This project aims to address fireworks safety issues, the legislation surrounding fireworks, potential damage caused by flour and eggs thrown during the Halloween period and issues around irresponsible trick or treating in order to raise awareness and reduce the fear of crime. Some of these talks were delivered in partnership with NIFRS and delivered across the District. Within the Craigavon area 41 schools (primary and secondary) received the Halloween safety talk with approx 10466 Children in attendance.
- **Internet / Mobile phone internet safety** – This project will aim to target parents and young people in years 6 and 7. It will take the form of an interactive presentation covering the dangers of the internet, predators, grooming, social networking sites, photographs, scams, how to report abuse / misuse on line. This program has been delivered extensively in schools and a number of educational events have been made available for parents and other youth groups. A number of schools in the Craigavon Area also received input from Microsoft Ireland volunteers who paired up with officers from PSNI to deliver Internet Safety training to primary schools on 09/02/10.
- **Domestic Abuse** – To research and develop a presentation for young people who are starting to form relationships to raise awareness of what Domestic abuse involves, support services available, Police response, Protection and Support for victims and consequences for the perpetrators. This project will be designed and delivered in partnership with the E District Community Safety Team, Public Protection Unit, Craigavon Traveller Support Group, Women Aid, NSPCC in January/ February 2010. This seminar was offered to 1 school in each of the four Command Areas within E District with Brownlow College being the recipient in Craigavon area and approx 90 students in attendance at this seminar.

- **Ongoing promotion & Maintenance of Neighbourhood Watch** – currently there are 12 schemes accredited throughout Craigavon. Work in partnership with DPP and CSP was progressed to secure funding to hold networking Event at the beginning of the academic year and for a Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter. This event took place in November 2009. Work is ongoing in relation to Neighbourhood watch.
- **Anti Social Behaviour** – On going identification of repeat juvenile and adult offenders where a verbal warning, written warning and Acceptable Behaviour Contract has been progressed prior to Anti Social Behaviour Orders. Use of press releases has also been made to highlight the issues. To date hundreds of warning letters have been sent out to offenders leading to a number of ABC's and ASBO's in the Area.
- **Racism Ruins Lives DVD** – On going promotion and delivery of issues surrounding Hate Crime. This DVD has been well used throughout the year. Many groups have received this lesson.
- **Drop Inn Ministries** – work on going with young people at this youth centre by local police. Community safety Personnel have also worked with this group on Youth consultations held centrally in Garnerville and also locally.
- **Delivery of Citizenship & Safety Education** – On going work with local schools and youth groups to promote good citizenship and divert young people away from anti social behaviour. Ongoing. Lessons have been delivered on The role of the Police, Not just strangers, Halloween and firework safety, respect for others, crime and consequence, knife awareness, personal safety, internet safety, play safe stay safe, cyber bullying, drugs, people who help us, what age can you?, Underage drinking, Racism ruins lives, Bullying, Helping hand with Womens Aid, Vandalism, Police are your Friends, Stay safe hold hands, stay safe stay legal)
- **Drugs Awareness Training** – An input on the law and related issues for post primary school staff, parents, Parent Teachers Association, Licensed premises, local youth groups and local ethnic groups. ongoing
- **School Watch** – On going initiative where leaflets are circulated to schools and neighbouring housing estates encouraging residents to report suspicious activity.
- **Crime Preventative Measures** – Numerous on going initiatives to increase personal security and reduction of crime and ways to improve crime investigation using leaflets and making presentations to community groups and businesses on home and business security and personal security and by the launch of a District wide crime texting scheme.
- **Hate Crime Initiatives** – On going work with local community groups to raise awareness and to address the needs of foreign nationals in Education, Work and Crime prevention in terms of HIPA scheme (Hate Incident Practical Action) and to continue to work closely with Craigavon Intercultural program and local LGBT groups. To continue the research and development of a workshop to focus on hate incidents to be rolled out as a pilot 2010.

Glossary of Terms

ABC	Acceptable Behaviour Contract	NICCY	Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People
ABH	Actual Bodily Harm	NIHE	Northern Ireland Housing Executive
ADHD	Attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder	NIHRC	Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission
ANPR	Automatic Number Plate Recognition	NIM	National Intelligence Model
ARA	Asset Recovery Agency	NIO	Northern Ireland Office
ASB(O)	Anti-Social Behaviour (Order)	NIPB	Northern Ireland Policing Board
ASIST	Applied suicide intervention skills training	NISRA	Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency
CID	Criminal Investigation Department	NSIR	National Standard for Incident Recording
CJ(NI)	Criminal Justice Inspectorate (NI)	NWNI	Neighbourhood Watch Northern Ireland
CPLC	Community Police Liaison Committee	NPT	Neighbourhood Policing Team
CRO	Criminal Records Office	OAP	Offences against the person
CSI	Crime Scene Investigator	OCTF	Organised Crime Task Force
CSP	Community Safety Partnership	OCU	Operational Command Unit
CSLO	Community Safety Liaison Officer	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	PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
DPP	District Policing Partnership	PFNI	Police Federation for Northern Ireland
FTC	Fatal Traffic Collision	POPT	Police Officer Part-Time
FTR	Full Time Reserve	PSNI	Police Service of Northern Ireland
GBH	Grievous Bodily Harm	PTR	Part Time Reserve
GIS	Geographical Information System	RTC	Road Traffic Collision
HVP	High Visibility Patrol	SNEN	Single Non-Emergency Number
KPI	Key Performance Indicator	SOC	Scene of Crime
KSI	Killed or Seriously Injured	SRC	Southern Regional College
LGBT	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender	TSG	Tactical Support Group
MLO	Minority Liaison Officer	VCP	Vehicle check point
NAO	National Audit Office	VFM	Value for Money
NCIS	National Criminal Intelligence Service	YCA	Youths Causing Annoyance
NIACRO	Northern Ireland Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders	YDO	Youth Diversion Officer

Note: This glossary should be kept under review to ensure that DPP members clearly understand PSNI abbreviations.

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