



Tackling Crime

Craigavon area

District Policing Partnership

9 Month Report (April 2010 – December 2010)

Figures Extracted 25 January 2011



***District Policing
Partnerships***

Local people shaping local policing

Area Commander's Commentary

The first 9 months of 2010 provided us with a series of significant challenges. The economic downturn impacted hard on local communities and businesses, but through continuing with our strategy of working with partners and local communities to tackle offenders, we have maintained significant crime reductions throughout the year. Of particular note is our performance against burglary and vehicle crime, which is evidence in itself of the need for joined up action.

The police of course were not exempted from the financial cuts imposed by central Government. We saw a considerable impact on the police budget and I know that other public sectors have experienced the same. This then is a time to look forward and increase the amount of effective partnership working we do to provide communities with a truly effective all-round service.

Our success during the first 9 months would not have been possible without the help we receive from the public. The telephone calls we receive about suspicious vehicles enable us to ask difficult questions of the owner, and this has no doubt prevented a great many other people from becoming victims. Community concerns expressed by the public have enabled our Neighbourhood Policing Teams to tackle crime, anti-social behaviour and drug dealing.

We know of course that we are only a short distance along the journey to absolute public confidence in policing, but we have placed a solid foundation for progress. As we become more receptive and helpful, the public repays us with positive comments and assistance. The key to success is how we choose to build on the foundations.

Chief Inspector Jason Murphy
Area Commander
Craigavon

Section 1) Policing with the Community

Review of Policing with the Community activities within the Craigavon Area

- **'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 aims to target parents and young people in years 6 and 7. It takes 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.
- **Domestic Abuse** – The programme entitled 'Beat It' is an impactful presentation to teenage school pupils, heightening awareness of Domestic Violence issues. The project has been designed and delivered in partnership with the E District Community Safety Team, Public Protection Unit, Craigavon Traveller Support Group, Women Aid and the NSPCC. The success of the initial pilot resulted in a further 3 events across Craigavon schools.
- **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.

- **Anti Social Behaviour** – On going identification of repeat juvenile and adult offenders where a verbal warning, written warning and Acceptable Behaviour Contract (ABC) has been progressed prior to Anti Social Behaviour Orders (ASBO). 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. This has also positively impacted on levels of Anti-social behaviour.
- **Racism Ruins Lives DVD** – Presented to the Minister for Justice, Mr David Ford in 2011, this is a hard hitting drama presentation to highlight the senselessness of racism. The DVD of the drama has been well used throughout the year, with many groups having received this lesson. The drama has been invited to appear at the Long Gallery in Stormont.
- **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. Amongst the lessons delivered have been 'The role of the Police', 'Not just strangers', Halloween and firework safety, respect for others, crime and consequence, knife awareness, personal safety and internet safety
- **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.

Section 2) - Progress Towards Achieving Targets in the Local Policing Plan for 2010/2011 ¹

Domain: Service Excellence

LPP Target	Apr - Dec 09/10	Apr - Dec 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%	99%	10.2%	✓	Neighbourhood Officers continue to work together within their own areas. The lack of abstraction is recognition of the important role played by Neighbourhood officers and their potential impact through working with the community and other agencies.

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 - Dec 09/10	Apr - Dec 10/11	% Points Change (Raw Data)	Target	Comment on reasons for change in performance
2.0 To contribute to reducing the number of people killed or seriously injured on the road [April – November]	31	37	9%	✗	Whilst the number of casualties has increased, the number of collisions has fallen from 189 last year to 165 this year. We have an ongoing focus on speed prevention and drink driving

3.0 To reduce the number of non-domestic violence with injury crimes by 5%	528	443	- 85%	✓	<p>Significant reductions during the first half of the year placed us on a downward trajectory, but some of the savings were balanced by a busy Christmas period. We continue to see signs of a change in drinking habits away from licensed premises towards at-home drinking.</p> <p>Our focus remains on alcohol related assaults, which have seen a reduction as a result of the partnership working between the police, Community Safety Partnership, the Council and the licensees. The vast majority of licensed premises are very professionally run and strong local relationships exist.</p>
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Domain: Dealing with Local Concerns

LPP Target	Apr - Dec 09/10	Apr - Dec 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	2,810	2,700	- 3.9%	✓	We are on target to significantly surpass the 15% reduction over 3 years. If we continue in the same vein until the end of March, the Anti-social behaviour in Craigavon will have reduced by more than 17% which equates to over 800 fewer incidents.
5.0 To reduce the number of domestic burglaries by 5%	305	230	- 24.6%	✓	Our proactivity against the most prolific criminals is paying dividends. Not only have domestic burglaries reduced by 75 offences, non-domestic burglary has fallen by 7% (16 offences) and vehicle crime has been slashed by 50% (210 less victims)
6.0 To increase the number of persons charged or reported for supplying controlled drugs.	32	35	+ 9.4%	✓	We continue to target community based drug dealers, much of which is based upon the information provided by the community. The increase in the numbers of persons charged follows on from a very successful year in 09/10. Of particular note is that the Neighbourhood Policing Teams are now a key element of tackling community based drugs activity. Several recent operations by the Neighbourhood teams have resulted in drugs and cash totalling several thousands of pounds being seized.

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 110 incidents when compared to the same period last year. This reduction has been maintained during the parade season, school holidays and Halloween. The reduction so far 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>

Section 3) - Summary of Recorded Crime and Clearance Rates

Summary of Recorded Crime and Clearance Rates within Craigavon Quarter 3 Report: April to December 2010

Crime Classes	Recorded Apr-Dec 09/10	Recorded Apr-Dec 10/11	% change	Cleared Apr-Dec 09/10	Cleared Apr-Dec 10/11	% Cleared Apr-Dec 09/10	% cleared Apr-Dec 10/11
1. Offences against the person	1,311	1,227	- 6.4%	409	434	31.2%	35.4%
2. Sexual Offences	75	67	- 10.7%	16	24	21.3%	35.8%
3. Burglary	481	387	- 19.5%	57	29	11.9%	7.5%
(Domestic Burglary)	305	230	- 24.6%	26	15	8.5%	6.5%
4. Robbery	69	60	- 13%	9	6	13%	10%
5. Theft	1,033	837	- 19%	257	221	24.9%	26.4%
(Theft from vehicles)	262	105	- 59.9%	8	5	3.1%	4.8%
(Theft of vehicles)	94	75	- 20.2%	39	35	41.5%	46.7%
6. Fraud and Forgery	172	144	- 16.3%	40	56	23.3%	38.9%
7. Criminal Damage	1,021	907	- 11.2%	125	137	12.2%	15.1%
8. Offences against the state	125	73	- 41.6%	26	30	20.8%	41.1%
9. Other notifiable offences	247	235	- 4.9%	203	184	82.2%	78.3%
Violent Crime (1, 2 & 4)	1,455	1,354	- 6.9%	434	464	29.8%	34.3%
Total Crime	4,534	3,938	- 13.1%	1,142	1,122	25.2%	28.5%

Section 4) Trend data for Local Policing Plan targets 2010/11 1

Local Policing Plan Targets for 2010/11	Apr - Jun 2010	Target on course to be met	Apr - Sep 2010	Target on course to be met	Apr - Dec 2010	Target on course to be met	Apr 2010 - Mar 2011	Target on course to be met
1.1 To ensure that neighbourhood officers work at least 80% of their duty hours on neighbourhood policing duties.	91%	✓	92%	✓	99%	✓		
2.1 In partnership with other agencies, to contribute to reducing the number of people killed or seriously injured on the road.	- 33.8%	✓	- 30.8%	✓	9%%	✗		
3.1 To reduce the number of non domestic violence with injury crimes by 5%.	-	✓	- 22%	✓	- 85%	✓		
4.1 To reduce the number of incidents of antisocial behaviour to ensure a 15% reduction by 31 March 2011.	- 15.2%	✓	- 8.4%	✓	- 3.9%	✓		
5.1 To reduce the number of domestic burglaries by 5%.	- 15.7%	✓	- 13.7%	✓	- 24.6%	✓		
6.1 To increase the number of persons charged or reported for supplying controlled drugs	+ 42%	✓	- 8%	✗	+ 9.4%	✓		

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.

Discretion

Officers now have the power to deal with less serious matters using a discretionary disposal. This method, which provides greater satisfaction to the victim, is designed to bring speedy justice. In its simplest format it involves the offender paying for the damage caused or apologising for anti-social behaviour. It is entirely victim focused and is only used when the victim, offender and offence are appropriate.

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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