



Tackling Crime

**South Belfast Area
B District**

District Policing Partnership

12 Month Report

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Local people shaping local policing

Area Commander's Commentary

The 2010/11 financial year has seen South Belfast reduce the number of crimes recorded in by 1.7%, which equates to 203 fewer crimes. Set in a longer term context South Belfast has seen a drop in crime of some 37.8% since 2002/03 (6944 fewer crimes).

Burglary overall has been reduced by 2.6% (35 fewer offences) although, regrettably, we have seen an increase in domestic burglaries of 87 offences (11.1%). This recent increase should be set against the longer term downward trend - since 2002/03 domestic burglary has decreased by 22.9% (257 fewer offences).

Unfortunately reports of anti-social behaviour have increased by 8.0% (646 more incidents) over the same period last year with problems being linked to licensed premises, street drinkers, Roma, hostels, noisy parties and hot food establishments. We recognise that acts of anti-social behaviour threaten the quality of life of those affected and we will continue to tackle this issue and would encourage anyone who is a victim or anyone that has information that could assist in the identification and prosecution of offenders to contact police.

On a more positive note detections have increased by 2.9% during 2010/11 which means that an additional 271 offenders have been prosecuted.

My officers and I will continue to engage with the community and partner agencies to ensure that we deal effectively with any challenges that may affect the delivery of a personal policing service to the community of South Belfast.

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Section 1) Policing with the Community

Review of Policing with the Community activities within the South Belfast Area

Laganbank NPT - Children's Unit, Belfast Trust. Members of the Laganbank Neighbourhood Policing Team have continued to work in close partnership with staff of College Park Avenue. A number of community surgeries have been conducted within the unit, where staff and residents have been able to share some of their concerns. The services of the local youth diversion team were fully implemented and a talk was conducted with the residents in an attempt to educate them as to how certain behavioural traits may affect their future.

Recent changes within Laganbank sector have seen the introduction of a dedicated officer to cover the area of the children's unit. This has assisted the young residents in being able to look beyond the uniform and interact with Police on a more personal level. The team has been able to give increased support to staff in their deliverance of their service to the young people, many of whom come from very difficult backgrounds.

Feedback from the staff of the children's unit in relation to the increased police presence and involvement in the home has been greatly welcomed. Liam McLaughlin, team leader at the children's unit said, "We are really happy with the benefits of having an increased police presence in the unit. The closer relationship between the residents and police has led to an obvious increased confidence in talking and dealing with police. The police calling in unannounced, and at times where there is very little happening within the unit is doing great things to forge relationships with the residents, even in this unit, which is a short stay unit with a high turnover of residents. The work being carried out by the police in partnership with the staff is definitely sending a positive message to our residents"

Central NPT - Licensing Enforcement has continued on Central Neighbourhood especially in the run up to Easter. As a result of these a number of prosecutions are pending.

In February the PSNI supported the City Council Building Control Department in successfully applying for the suspension of the entertainment licence of Rain Nightclub. The premises were closed for a number of weeks and a full review and change in management practices have been put in place ahead of reopening. This is an example of partnership working between the statutory agencies to address licensing offences as well as safety issues regarding places of entertainment.

Police made 400 seizures of alcohol within Central NPT area in the year to 31/03/2011. This amounted to 2183 individual items of alcohol. 127 persons were reported to the City Council, PPS or to the youth diversion officers.

Balmoral NPT - Active Citizen Networks have recently been set up in the Benmore and Taughmonagh areas. They are designed to raise residents' awareness of local crime and ASB and to work in partnership with police and other agencies to resolve it. The next meetings are on the 25.7.2011 in Benmore and on the 06.06.2011 in Taughmonagh.

Finaghy Youth Club - On Thursday 10th March 2011 14 youths from Finaghy Youth Club, and two leaders along with Constables Delargy and Keenan attended Belfast Activity Centre and participated in various activities such as rock wall climbing and abseiling.



The event was organised by the Balmoral Neighbourhood Policing Team and encouraged the young people to engage with the Police and aid community relations. The event aimed to reduce antisocial behaviour within the Finaghy area and to show the youths a more constructive and enjoyable way to spend their time.

Balmoral NPT, Minority Liaison Officers, Constables Gliosa Moore and Barry Rice attended the Chinese New Year Event at St Georges market on the 6/2/11. Our NPT were invited to this Event by Simon Ling who has a close relationship with The Chinese Welfare Association. The purpose of our attendance was to build on and encourage further a strong working relationship between Police and the Chinese Community within the Balmoral area.

Be Rewarded: In partnership with Belfast City Centre Management B-Rewarded was launched in January 2011. The aim of the scheme is to reward the good behaviour of young people by providing them with discount in a number of shops and stores throughout Belfast. The scheme, the first of its kind in Northern Ireland, offers the cards to 11-18 year olds at 73 post-primary schools in the greater Belfast area. To date we have 1700 card holders and 73 retailers involved all offering between 5%-25% discount. No offences have been reported against any holder of a card to date.

Community & Schools Involvement Officers - have given talks on drugs and the law in joint presentations with YMCA, focusing on 12 - 13yr olds. The role of police and Internet Safety to P6 and P7 children and talks on legal/illegal drugs, alcohol and risktaking to 15 -16yr olds. A joint talk with Laganbank NPT and Chinese advocacy worker Simon Ling to youth and leaders at Belfast Islamic Centre, Wellington College to youth group on Role of Police, Diversity and ASBO legislation.

South Belfast Street by Street - An initiative to deliver the provision of restorative practices and addressing issues of crime and anti-social behaviour through the provision of detached youth work; youth prevention programmes; victim support programmes; family support; community mediation and community capacity building and training.

This operational strand of the work will mirror the Street by Street Model as supported by the PSNI in East Belfast and will be supported closely by East Belfast Alternatives with the additional resource of their staff when available.

The Street by Street project is managed by Northern Ireland Alternatives. Alternatives have signed up to the NIO Protocol on Community Based Restorative Justice Schemes and therefore has a commitment to inform the PSNI of any knowledge of crimes within the local community and to refer young people to the PPS for a community based restorative justice disposal.

It is anticipated that in Year 1, South Belfast Alternatives will train 30 volunteers; engage with 500 young people and support 250 victims of crime and ASB. All of this work will help to decrease levels of anti-social behaviour; help people feel safer in their own homes and communities.

LGBT Advocate – An advocacy scheme has been established to engage police fully with the LGBT groups. The main objectives are to encourage reporting, reduce crime and enhance crime investigation. The advocacy scheme is aimed at building trust and confidence within these communities, as well as providing practical support and assistance when coming in contact with their local police and statutory agencies. Although this is a pilot scheme within the Greater Belfast area, the objective is to introduce the scheme



to other areas within Northern Ireland. We hope it will encourage members of the LGBT community to consider the Police Service as a career option, as well as improving the reporting of crime. The appointment of the LGBT advocate is a tremendous step in the right direction – This initiative will help to ensure that every section of our community is served by a Police Service that is personal, impartial and accountable. Partnership is at the heart of our outlook and actions. We must share experience, information and responsibility, this scheme is an excellent example of partnership working at its best.

Retail Crimewatch Operation - An initiative designed to reduce instances of retail theft in partnership with Belfast City Centre Management. Civil orders are served on prolific shoplifters excluding them from all member stores. Crime Prevention Training is given to store detectives and they are supplied with a target file indicating the identities of prolific shoplifters. The operation is to be extended to other districts throughout Northern Ireland. There are currently 370 member stores including eleven security companies and eight Belfast shopping centres.

Hate Crime Investigation Unit- The district hate crime investigation unit operates to ensure robust measures are in place to fully investigate and reduce hate crime within our community. Justification can be found in a number of sources. The protocol operates by implementing a number of additional measures to supplement and support service policy relating to police response to hate incidents. District hate crime investigators will ensure that the investigation is progressed to a standard that sustains the confidence and support of the victim and the community, with particular emphasis on the objective of maximising clearance rates. The Hate Crime Investigators monitor trends in hate incidents through use of crime pattern analysis. Investigators work in partnership with local neighbourhood teams to address issues of concern. A recent spate of incidents in South Belfast resulted in a joint leaflet drop with neighbourhood officers and media coverage to raise awareness of hate crime in the area.

Hate Crime Investigators will continue to develop and strengthen links with local support groups. This is essential to build confidence in the Police Service and tackle the issue of under-reporting. An aim of the protocol is to achieve a reduction in the levels of hate crime in B District, especially through partnership working. The investigators regularly meet with a range of organisations.

City Beat - This Agreement has been entered into to enable the delivery of a dedicated PSNI resource within the City Centre, which is responsive to the needs, and priorities of the City Centre. To facilitate this it was necessary to 'purchase' a dedicated police resource from the PSNI under a defined service level agreement. The two dedicated city centre PSNI officers under this agreement will be employed by the PSNI but operationally respond to key priorities and activities as identified by BCCM and its partners through a Steering Group. It is agreed that this Agreement represents an additional police resource for the city centre and will not replace existing commitments and services provided by the PSNI as part of normal police business.

The dedicated PSNI officers will use all the powers available to them and will work in collaboration and share information with BCCM representatives, Translink operations staff, Belfast City Council officers, Roads Service Traffic Attendants, enforcement officers from Trading Standards (DETI) and HM Customs & Excise as well as the PSNI. Relevant information is also being shared with Belfast Chamber of Trade and Commerce. The two officers are funded by Belfast Chamber of Trade and Commerce and other significant private organisations operating in Belfast City Centre.



Section 2) Progress towards achieving targets in the Local Policing Plan for 2010/11

Service excellence					
Local Policing Plan Target	Apr – Mar 2009/10	Apr – Mar 2010/11	Variation from last year	Target on course to be met	Area Commander's comment on reasons for change in performance
1.1 To increase the number of police officers assigned to neighbourhood and response policing delivery roles by 10%	202	251	19.6%	✓	B District SMT continues to seek to increase the numbers and visibility of officers assigned to front line duties. This increase, has in part, been as a result of rationalisation of back office activities

Tackling serious harm				
Local Policing Plan Target	April – March 2009/10	Apr – March 2010/11	Target on course to be met	Area Commander's comment on reasons for change in performance
2.1 To report four times per year on the number of drug gangs frustrated, disrupted and dismantled*	2 Disruption 11 Frustration 1 Dismantle	9 Disruption 16 Frustration 2 Dismantle	✓	

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

A Control Strategy is in place and is reviewed and updated on a monthly basis through the NIM process

* **Frustration** will be achieved by the arrest and charging of one or more members of the gang **or** a drugs/cash seizure linked to the gang
Disruption will be achieved by the arrest and charging of one or more members of the gang **and** a drug/cash seizure linked to the gang
Dismantle will be achieved by the arrest and charging of 2 or more members of the gang **and** a drug seizure linked to the gang **and** a cash seizure



Tackling serious harm					
Local Policing Plan Target	Apr - Mar 2009/10	Apr - Mar 2010/11	Variation from last year	Target on course to be met	Area Commander's comment on reasons for change in performance
3.1 To reduce the number of non-domestic violence with injury crimes by 5%	1266	1297	2.4%	✓	There are fewer assaults now being attributed to the night-time economy and licensed premises. Alcohol is a significant contributory factor but the balance is now focusing on off-sales rather than pubs and entertainment venues
4.1 To increase the detection rate for violence with injury by 10% points.	28.2%	30.6%	2.4%	✓	

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Non domestic violence with injury crimes

- Develop the partnership approach through the Get Home Safe Partnership focusing on transport provision, joint inspections of licensed premises, Pub-link and BAND
- Proactively target identified locations and individuals through GHS
- CCTV monitoring of hotspot areas
- Use of Head Camera for evidentiary purposes
- Use of magnetic arch outside pubs/clubs to detect offensive weapons

Detection rate for violence with injury crimes

- Violence with injury crimes - all screened by a Detective Sergeant and clear guidelines set down on how investigation is to progress
- Serious Sexual Offences - all dealt with by PPU in the same fashion as above
- Robbery - again all screened by either Volume Crime Screener or Serious Crime DS
- A Women's Aid worker working with the DVO officers supporting victims and encouraging them to see prosecutions through.



Personal Policing – Dealing with Local Concerns					
Local Policing Plan Target	Apr - Mar 2009/10	Apr - Mar 2010/11	Variation from last year	Target on course to be met	Area Commander's comment on reasons for change in performance
5.1 To increase the number of on street drinking referrals submitted to BCC	357	374	4.1%	✓	
5.2 To report on initiatives dealing with rowdy/nuisance incidents involving drink	<p>Central NPT – City Centre Initiative officers have continued to target street drinkers and street beggars in the City Centre resulting in 87 arrests, 127 statements regarding on street drinking to BCC, 333 items of alcohol seized, 35 ongoing reports re begging, disorderly behaviour and motoring offences and 7 ASBO warning letters handed out to street drinkers.</p> <p>Balmoral NPT - have been working in partnership with BCC to carry out joint enforcement ops targeting underage and on street drinking at times/locations identified by the analysts. In April Police received reports from some residents of Katrine Park, where they had been threatened by youths and had items thrown at their property. Neighbourhood Constable DeLargy, being a dedicated member of the team, was concerned by such events and set out to ascertain these youths identity. After investigation and good local knowledge two youths were subsequently identified as responsible and have now been reported to the Public Prosecution Service to be dealt with accordingly.</p> <p>Laganbank NPT - all incidents of ASB involving students is to be copied to Laganbank NPT so that the University can be informed. Following St Patrick's Day 09 the Universities have amended their conduct regulations and will deal robustly with our referrals. Since September there have been over 700 offences mainly ASB and on street drinking, 65 referrals to the Universities and 200 properties noted for ASB.</p>				
6.1 To reduce the number of domestic burglaries by 5%.	782	869	11.1%	✗	
7.1 To increase the detection rate for shoplifting by 5% points	52.8%	57.0%	3.2%	✓	127 discretionary disposal were also carried out



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

Anti-Social Behaviour Strategies:

- Focused patrolling of Hotspot areas
- Develop and strengthen relationships with partnership agencies and local communities
- Use of Anti-social Behaviour Legislation
- Introduction of Roaming Wardens

Burglary Strategies

- Focused operations in Hotspot areas –
- Leaflet drops
- Op Lockdown – house to house calls
- Targeted bail checks in line with District Priorities
- Prolific Offenders Strategy – Offender Management Unit Set Up
- Mandatory tasking of CSI Officers
- Maximum use of media



Section 3) Summary of Recorded Crime and Clearance Rates within the South Belfast Area

Crime Classes	Recorded Apr- Mar 09/10	Recorded Apr- Mar 10/11	% Change	Detected Apr- Mar 09/10	% Detected Apr- Mar 10/11	Detected Apr- Mar 09/10	% Detected Apr- Mar 10/11
1. Offences against the person	2789	2746	-1.5%	958	34.3%	1066	38.8%
2. Sexual Offences	167	212	26.9%	59	35.3%	86	40.6%
3. Burglary	1369	1334	-2.6%	213	15.6%	233	17.5%
(Domestic Burglary)	782	869	11.1%	110	14.1%	94	10.8%
4. Robbery	275	288	4.7%	49	17.8%	61	21.2%
5. Theft	4365	4087	-6.4%	1013	23.2%	1045	25.6%
(Theft from vehicles)	771	510	-33.9%	26	3.4%	14	2.7%
(Theft of Vehicles)	260	226	-13.1%	30	11.5%	33	14.6%
6. Fraud and Forgery	304	311	2.3%	66	21.7%	106	34.1%
7. Criminal Damage	1867	1933	3.5%	295	15.8%	293	15.2%
8. Offences against the state	121	98	-19.0%	75	62.0%	68	69.4%
9. Other notifiable offences	391	436	11.5%	315	80.6%	356	81.7%
Violent Crime (1,2 & 4)	3231	3246	0.5%	1066	33.0%	1213	37.4%
Total Crime	11648	11445	-1.7%	3043	26.1%	3314	29.0%



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

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 increase the number of police officers assigned to neighbourhood and response policing delivery roles by 10%	235	✓	241	✓	243	✓	251	✓
2.1 To report four times per year on the number of drug gangs frustrated, disrupted and dismantled	4 x frustration 1 x disruption 1 x dismantle	✓	1 Disrupted 6 Frustrated 1 Dismantled	✓	9 Disruption 16 Frustration 2 Dismantled	✓	9 Disruption 16 Frustration 2 Dismantle	✓
3.1 To reduce the number of non-domestic violence with injury crimes by 5%	310	✓	641	✗	951	✓	2.4%	✓
4.1 To increase the detection rate for domestic violence with injury by 10% points.	26.2%	✓	26.9%	✓	36.1%	✓	2.4%	✓
5.1 To increase the number of on street drinking referrals submitted to BCC	87	✓	155	✓	224	✓	374	✓
6.1 To reduce the number of domestic burglaries by 5%.	234	✗	452	✗	610	✗	869	✗
7.1 To increase the detection rate for shoplifting by 5% points.	37.7%	✓	56.7%	✓	59.3%	✓	57.0%	✓



Section 5) Area's progress towards achieving targets in the Northern Ireland Policing Plan 2010/11

Tackling serious harm				
Local Policing Plan Target	Apr - March 2009/10	Apr - Mar 2010	Target on course to be met	
			District	Service
6.1 To report four times per year on the number of organised crime gangs frustrated, disrupted and dismantled	N/A	7 Disrupted 1 Frustrated 0 Dismantled	✓	56 Disrupted 32 Frustrated ✓ 31 Dismantled
6.2 To increase the number of PSNI interventions directed at criminal finances.	N/A	18 seizures £142,522.89	✓	141 seizures £1,132,011.49 ✓

Tackling serious harm						
Northern Ireland Policing Plan Target	Area Figure Apr 2009 – Mar 2010	Area Figure Apr 2010 – Mar 2011	Variation from last year	Target on course to be met (including % change)		
				Area	District	Northern Ireland
7.1 To reduce the number of non-domestic violence with injury crimes by 5%.	1266	1297	2.4%	✗	-1.8% ✓	-3.3% ✓
8.1 To increase the detection rate for violence with injury crimes by 10% points.	28.2%	30.6%	2.4%	✓	3.0% ✓	2.7% ✓
9.1 In partnership with other agencies, to contribute to reducing the number of people killed or seriously injured on the road.	22	41	19	✗	9 ✗	-147 ✓
9.2 In partnership with other agencies, to contribute to reducing the number of children killed or seriously injured on the road.	0	2	2	✗	0 ✓	-5 ✓



Tackling serious harm (continued)						
Northern Ireland Policing Plan Target	Area Figure Apr 2009 – Mar 2010	Area Figure Apr 2010 – Mar 2011	Variation from last year	Target on course to be met (including % change)		
				Area	District	Northern Ireland
10.1 To increase the detection rate for:						
• Domestic violence with injury crimes by 10% points	35.9%	42.3%	6.4%	✓	5.1% ✓	2.8% ✓
• Most serious sexual crime by 5% points	17.2%	25.2%	8.0%	✓	4.4% ✓	0.8% ✓
• Sectarian crime by 5% points	13.8%	22.4%	8.6%	✓	-4.3% ✗	12.0% ✓
• Racist crime by 5% points	21.2%	11.2%	-10.0%	✗	-3.5% ✗	-2.8% ✗
• Homophobic crime by 10% points	15.4%	22.2%	6.8%	✓	14.5% ✓	-1.2% ✗
• Robbery by 5% points.	17.8%	21.2%	3.4%	✓	2.8% ✓	1.3% ✓



Personal Policing – Dealing with Local Concerns						
Northern Ireland Policing Plan Target	Area Figure Apr 2009 – Mar 2010	Area Figure Apr 2010 – Mar 2011	Variation from last year	Target on course to be met (including % change)		
				Area	District	Northern Ireland
11.1 To reduce the number of incidents of antisocial behaviour to ensure a 15% reduction by 31 March 2011.	6832	7378	8.0%	✗	7.4% ✗	-4.1% ✓
12.1 To reduce the number of domestic burglaries by 5%.	782	869	11.1%	✗	1.0% ✗	-2.6% ✗
12.2 To reduce the number of non-domestic burglaries by 5%.	577	450	-22.0%	✓	-31.5% ✓	-8.1% ✓
13.1 To increase the detection rate for burglary by 5% points.	15.6%	17.5%	1.9%	✓	2.4% ✓	0.1% ✓



Appendix 3 - Breakdown of Crime Classes, as recorded by the PSNI

<p>Offences against the person (class 1) Murder Manslaughter Infanticide Attempted murder Causing/allowing death of vulnerable person 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>Sexual offences (class 2) Rape Attempted rape Sexual assault/sexual activity Exposure Other sexual offences</p>	<p>Burglary (class 3) 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>Robbery (class 4) Robbery Armed robbery Hijacking</p>	<p>Theft (class 5) 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>Fraud and forgery (class 6) Deception Forgery and counterfeiting Making off without payment Other frauds</p>
<p>Criminal damage (class 7) Arson Petrol bombing offences Explosives offences Criminal damage/malicious damage offences Other criminal damage offences</p>	<p>Offences against the state (class 8) Offences under anti-terrorism legislation Firearms offences Offences under Public Order (NI) Order Other offences against the public order</p>	<p>Other notifiable offences (class 9) Blackmail Kidnapping and false imprisonment Drug offences – trafficking and non-trafficking offences Dangerous driving Breach of orders Other notifiable offences</p>

Appendix 4 – Definitions and Glossary of Terms

Police Recording of Crime

Recorded crime figures (sometimes referred to as notifiable offences) detail those crimes and offences (including attempts) recorded by the police which are deemed to be indictable or triable-either-way. Certain closely associated summary offences are also counted in the recorded crime figures.

- **Indictable offences** are those more serious crimes which are tried on indictment in the Crown Court by a judge and jury.
- **Triable-either-way offences** are those offences which, under certain circumstances, are triable either summarily in a Magistrates Court or on indictment in the Crown Court.
- **Summary offences** are less serious and are tried in a Magistrates Court before a resident magistrate with no jury.

The number of crimes recorded by the police is dependent on two factors:

- whether the victim or a representative of the victim brings that crime to the attention of the police or on the crime coming to the attention of the police through some other means (such as the police officer being present at the time).
- whether that incident is determined as being a recordable offence within the categories laid down by the Home Office in the official counting rules.

Detections (or clearances)

Detections (or clearances as they may alternatively be known) are, broadly speaking, those crimes that have been 'detected' or 'cleared up' by the police. Crimes are counted as 'detected or cleared' in accordance with strict counting rules issued by the Home Office. They are counted on the basis of crimes rather than offenders. For example, if six offenders are involved in a robbery and are all arrested and charged, then this counts as one detection/clearance (i.e. the robbery is deemed to be 'detected or cleared'). Alternatively if only one of the six is identified and charged while the other five remain unidentified and at large, this also means that the robbery can still be deemed as 'detected or cleared'. In this respect detection/clearance data differs from conviction data as conviction data counts offenders while detection/clearance data counts crimes.

The following methods of detection/clearance involve a formal sanction:

- charging or issuing a summons to an offender (this will not necessarily result in a subsequent conviction at court),
- issuing a caution to the offender,
- having the offence accepted for consideration in court, or
- the offender is a juvenile who is dealt with by means of an informed warning, restorative caution or prosecutorial diversion.

In addition, for the most serious offence types ('indictable only') a non sanction detection/clearance can be claimed if:

- the Public Prosecution Service (PPS) directs no prosecution, or
- the case cannot proceed because the offender has died.

Recent Changes in the Recording of Detections/Clearances

Prior to April 2006 a variety of non sanction detections/clearances could be claimed where police took no further action, the main one being where the victim declined to prosecute. At that time these detection/clearance types accounted for around 50% of the PSNI's total detection/clearance rate. However, since then some major changes have been introduced which have substantially limited the detection/clearance options open to the PSNI.

In April 2006, a higher evidential standard was adopted within the PSNI following the establishment of the Public Prosecution Service in Northern Ireland. Then in April 2007, the Home Office significantly restricted the detection/clearance types available to the police, which meant that virtually all non sanction detection/clearances could no longer be claimed as a valid detection/clearance. Both of these changes had the impact of greatly reducing the number of non sanction detection/clearances to such an extent that the PSNI overall detection/clearance rate and its sanction detection/clearance rate are now virtually one and the same (only a very small proportion of non sanction detections/clearances are now claimed each year).

Detection/Clearance Rates

The detection (or clearance) rate is the number of detections recorded in a given time period as a percentage of the total number of crimes recorded in the same period.

Violent Crime

Violent crime comprises three main offence groupings – (i) offences against the person, (ii) sexual offences, and (iii) robbery. What violent crime offences have in common is that they involve actual violence or the threat of violence. The degree of violence varies considerably, even between incidents in the same classification. The large majority of incidents categorised as violent crime do not actually involve any significant injury to the victim, although some of the crimes not resulting in injury may still be traumatic for their victims, e.g. threats to kill.

Vehicle Crime

Vehicle crime comprises the offences of theft from motor vehicles and theft / unauthorised taking of motor vehicles.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)

ASB incidents are operational figures (and are not quality assured by the PSNI's Central Statistics Unit) collated in accordance with the Home Office National Standard for Incident Recording (NSIR), which was introduced in April 2006. 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). 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
- Malicious / nuisance communications
- Noise
- Prostitution related activity
- Rowdy and/or nuisance behaviour – littering / drugs paraphernalia
- Rowdy and/or nuisance behaviour - neighbours
- Rowdy or inconsiderate behaviour
- Street drinking
- Trespass
- Vehicle nuisance / inappropriate vehicle use

Glossary of Terms

ABC	Acceptable Behaviour Contract	NIACRO	Northern Ireland Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders
AOABH	Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm	NICCY	Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People
ANPR	Automatic Number Plate Recognition	NIHE	Northern Ireland Housing Executive
ASB(O)	Anti-Social Behaviour (Order)	NIM	National Intelligence Model
CAIT	Child Abuse Investigation Team	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
C(PT)	Constable Part-Time	OCTF	Organised Crime Task Force
CSP	Community Safety Partnership	OPONI	The Office of the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland
CSU	Community Safety Unit (DoJ)	PACE	Police and Criminal Evidence (Act)
CSU	Central Statistics Unit, PSNI	PCSO	Police Community Support Officer
DCU	District Command Unit	PFYTD	Financial Year to Date
DoJ	Department of Justice	PQA	Performance Quality Assurance (Unit)
DPP	District Policing Partnership	PSNI	Police Service of Northern Ireland
FTR	Full Time Reserve	PTR	Part Time Reserve
FYTD	Financial Year to Date	RTC	Road Traffic Collision
GBH	Grievous Bodily Harm	SOCA	Serious Organised Crime Agency
KSI	Killed or Seriously Injured	TSG	Tactical Support Group
LGBT	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender	VFM	Value for Money
MARAC	Multi Agency Risk Assessment Committee	YDO	Youth Diversion Officer

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