



East Belfast District Policing Partnership

6 Month Report

including Policing with the Community Activities



Figures extracted 19 Oct 2011

Section 1) Progress towards achieving targets in the Local Policing Plan for 2011/12

| Personal Policing - Dealing with Local Concerns | | | |
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| Local Policing Plan Target | Apr 2010 - Sep 2010 | Apr 2011 - Sep 2011 | Variation |
| 1.1 To reduce the number of burglaries by 3% | 266 | 317 | 51 (19.2%) |
| Area Commander's comment on reasons for change in performance | | | |
| Non domestic burglaries have reduced by 5.1% however; domestic burglary has increased by 29.4% (51 offences) and the rise can partly be attributed to an increase in the theft of lead and copper. Anti-burglary ops, targeting of ROU offenders and bail checks are continuing with the result that 1 prolific offender has been arrested and the number of burglaries have started to decrease. | | | |
| Local Policing Plan Target | Apr 2010 - Sep 2010 | Apr 2011 - Sep 2011 | Variation |
| 1.2 To increase the detection rate for burglary by 2 percentage points | 7.1% | 10.4% | 3.3 % |
| Area Commander's comment on reasons for change in performance | | | |
| Anti-burglary ops, targeting of ROU offenders and bail checks are continuing with the result that 1 prolific offender has been arrested and the number of burglaries have started to decrease. | | | |
| Local Policing Plan Target | Apr 2011 - Jun 2011 | Jul 2011 - Sep 2011 | Variation |
| 2.1 To establish a Baseline of the number of incidents of antisocial behaviour specifically nuisance during Quarter 1 and achieve a reduction in subsequent quarters | 880 | 902 | 2.5% |

Area Commander's comment on reasons for change in performance

ASB has increased by 22 incidents during the 2nd quarter of the year with nuisance ASB increasing from 615 incidents in quarter 1 to 708 incidents in quarter 2. Increases are due to missiles being thrown across the interface, youths throwing stones in the Dundela area, noisy parties etc

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Local Policing Plan Target

3.1 To report on initiatives being undertaken with partnership agencies twice a year to the DPP

Area Commander's comment on reasons for change in performance

POTTINGER PACT: On the 6th Of September police met with local representatives to progress the formation of the Pottinger PACT. The structure and benefits of PACT were discussed and the venture greatly supported. Following on from this meeting a public meeting was held at Willowfield Parish Hall on the 19th of October. PACT was explained to around 30 attendees made up of both local representatives and members of the public. The introduction of PACT to the Pottinger area was supported and it was agreed that it would now progress to election of a Chairperson and agreement sought on the structure and administration involved.

Victoria PACT continues to be chaired by Mr Peter Quigley, and meets bimonthly to focus on tackling current community issues. Updates on the agreed priorities and the actions taken are posted on the PSNI Victoria NPT website. On 26th July at Wandsworth Community Centre attention was given to domestic burglaries, with talks given by PSNI crime prevention officers. On 27th September 2011 at the Heyn Hall St Marks, Hollywood Road elected representatives were invited to discuss their thoughts on a shared future in the current economic climate. Many attended and shared they vision and views. The large turn out and participation by elected members was very much appreciated and offered some thoughtful insights on the future. The next meeting is planned for 29th November at the Heyn Hall St Marks, Hollywood Road. The theme will be 'Public confidence in policing'. Representatives from the YAIG, youth groups, local churches and schools will be invited to attend to offer their input and views.

Victoria Youth Independent Advisory Group

Victoria Youth Independent Advisory Group (YIAG) is a fully constituted group. One representative from the YIAG has been elected onto the Victoria PACT panel. Funding of £1000 was secured by Alison Smith from Wandsworth Community Centre which will be used for YIAG events. This has been used towards several YIAG events. On 26th September the YIAG and two members of Victoria Neighbourhood Policing Team went to Lagan Watersports, followed by an informal discussion about police activities and policy. On 3rd November the YIAG held an intergenerational event at the Somme Heritage Centre in Newtownards. In attendance were members of the YIAG, some elderly victims of crime and two members from Victoria Neighbourhood Policing Team. This was an excellent opportunity that allowed all present to learn and appreciate each others views, and offer reassurance and a sense of community to the victims in attendance. We would like our continuing thanks to Alison Smith and the members of the YIAG noted.

Nitezone. The concept of the Nitezone is intended to provide a multi-agency, multi-faceted intervention plan, delivered into areas with evidence of high incidents of alcohol related violence. Four areas have been chosen: The Odyssey, Cathedral Quarter, City Hall and the Malone Road. The main partners involved in the project are police, Belfast City Council, Belfast City Centre Management and DRD. There are 8 elements that make up the Nitezone:

- Emergency Contact Point: Well illuminated post that has an intercom fitted through which any person that feels themselves vulnerable can speak to a police staff member in our CCTV room, Musgrave.
- A marshalled Taxi-Rank
- Street Pastors: 16 street pastors (4 for each Nitezone) will be on the streets on a Friday and Saturday night.
- CCTV
- Higher levels of street lighting.
- Litter bins
- Pub-link radio to licensed premises.
- Nitezone signage.
- The Zones are now fully operational. 50,000 information cards, which resemble a credit card, have been distributed to all the main evening retailers in the City advertising where the Zones are.

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| Local Policing Plan Target | | | |
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4.1 To report on delivery of the three critical activities of the Policing with the Community Strategy twice a year to the DPP

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| Area Commander's comment on reasons for change in performance |
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Engagement – An East Belfast Policing Survey is currently being carried out online to establish baselines re confidence, visibility, and inform local priorities and can be accessed on <http://www.smart-survey.co.uk/v.asp?i=42290rkbi>. POTTINGER PACT: On the 6th Of September police met with local representatives to progress the formation of the Pottinger PACT. The structure and benefits of PACT were discussed and the venture greatly supported. Following on from this meeting a public meeting was held at Willowfield Parish Hall on the 19th of October. PACT was explained to around 30 attendees made up of both local representatives and members of the public. The introduction of PACT to the Pottinger area was supported and it was agreed that it would now progress to election of a Chairperson and agreement sought on the structure and administration involved.

Service Delivery - NPT Officers routinely patrol their designated beat areas in high visibility vehicles and in Hi-Vis coats when patrolling on foot or on bicycles. However, the frequency and type of patrol carried out is dependent on the threat level and is under constant review to ensure the security and safety of officers and members of the public.

Attendance at PACT and Active Citizen Network meetings continues thus ensuring accessibility and accountability.

Partnership - 'Street by Street' is a unique and innovative grassroots community safety initiative aimed at tackling anti-social behaviour and has evolved out of a model piloted in the Bloomfield area. The project is responsive, effective, sustained and provides a holistic community response to issues of anti-social behaviour. The project is a partnership approach between community, voluntary and statutory agencies but has emerged out of work of 2 key agencies, East Belfast Alternatives and Walkway Community Centre. Police are involved at every level including enforcement, intelligence and prevention strategies. The project has been a vast success in its' inaugural year reducing anti-social behaviour in the key areas and has developed a close working relationship with NPT on the ground.

Belfast Conflict Resolution Consortium has a strategic tier which operates across Belfast and a local tier in each area, the aim is to provide local communities from both sides to enter into dialogue regarding interfaces and other related issues. They are made up of ex combatants and community reps and other statutory representatives. The office of the first and deputy first minister support the project.

In east Belfast the local group meet with police area commanders once monthly and discuss interface issues and advise the police on community concerns and community impacts. An understanding has been reached regarding police responses to interface issues and protocols are in place.

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| Protective Policing - Tackling Serious Harm | | | |
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| Local Policing Plan Target | Apr 2010 - July 2010 | Apr 2011 - July 2011 | Variation |
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| 5.1 To demonstrate the PSNI's contribution to reducing the number of adults and children killed or seriously injured on the road | 7 | 6 | 1 |

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| Area Commander's comment |
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Targeted Speeding ops have been carried out in identified areas. High profile 'return to school' motorcycle patrols focusing on wearing of seatbelts and excess speed in areas of East Belfast primary schools.

| Local Policing Plan Target | Apr 2010 - Sep 2010 | Apr 2011 - Sep 2011 | Variation |
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| 6.1 To reduce the number of non-domestic with violence with injury crimes by 3% | 273 | 297 | 8.8% |
| Area Commander's comment on reasons for change in performance | | | |
| Non domestic with violence with injury crimes have increased by 24 offences. This is due to an increase in assaults experienced during fresher's week in September. | | | |
| Local Policing Plan Target | Apr 2010 - Sep 2010 | Apr 2011 - Sep 2011 | Variation |
| 7.1 To increase the detection rate for Violence with injury crimes by 3 percentage points | 35.6% | 26.7% | -8.9% |
| Area Commander's comment on reasons for change in performance | | | |
| The large percentage of these offences occur during the night time economy and often alcohol has been taken. These means investigations are dealt with by way of summary prosecution which takes some time to show as a clearance. Domestic violence with injury detections are also included in this figure. | | | |
| Local Policing Plan Target | Apr 2010 - Sep 2010 | Apr 2011 - Sep 2011 | Variation |
| 7.2 To increase the detection rate for Domestic violence with injury crimes by 5 percentage points | 46.1% | 36.0% | -10.1% |
| Area Commander's comment on reasons for change in performance | | | |
| Domestic violence is a complex crime which is very often difficult to prosecute given that there are no independent witnesses. Often victims of the crime are reluctant to progress the initial investigation for a multitude of reasons. Within East Belfast have been actively policing cases of repeated domestic abuse, this has been successful in reducing the number of repeat victims. The co located Woman's Aide worker within the Public Protection Unit has been an invaluable source of support for victims of domestic violence. | | | |
| Local Policing Plan Target | Apr 2010 - Sep 2010 | Apr 2011 - Sep 2011 | Variation |
| 7.3 To increase the detection rate for Hate crime by 3 percentage points | 16.2% | 10.1% | -6.1% |
| Area Commander's comment on reasons for change in performance | | | |
| During April – September 2011 79 Hate Crime offences were reported of these 8 have been cleared. During the same 6 months in 2010 37 offences were reported and 6 were cleared. | | | |
| Green | Meeting/exceeding target | | Amber |
| | Improvement on last year's figures but not meeting target | | Red |
| | | | Not meeting target and going in wrong direction |

Section 2) Additional information

| Offence group | Recorded crime | | | | Sanction detection rate | | |
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| | Apr-Sep 2010/11 | Apr-Sep 2011/12 | change | % change | Apr-Sep 2010/11 | Apr-Sep 2011/12 | % point change |
| Violence against the person offences | 733 | 739 | 6 | 0.8% | 37.5% | 32.2% | -5.3 |
| <i>Violence against the person - with injury</i> | 362 | 386 | 24 | 6.6% | 35.6% | 26.7% | -8.9 |
| <i>Violence against the person - without injury</i> | 371 | 353 | -18 | -4.9% | 39.4% | 38.2% | -1.1 |
| Sexual offences | 54 | 34 | -20 | -37.0% | 25.9% | 23.5% | -2.4 |
| <i>Most serious sexual crime</i> | 34 | 29 | -5 | - | 23.5% | 10.3% | -13.2 |
| <i>Other sexual offences</i> | 20 | 5 | -15 | - | 30.0% | 100.0% | 70.0 |
| Robbery offences | 42 | 31 | -11 | - | 14.3% | 22.6% | 8.3 |
| <i>Robbery of business property</i> | 20 | 15 | -5 | - | 20.0% | 33.3% | 13.3 |
| <i>Robbery of personal property</i> | 22 | 16 | -6 | - | 9.1% | 12.5% | 3.4 |
| Burglary offences | 266 | 317 | 51 | 19.2% | 7.1% | 10.4% | 3.3 |
| <i>Burglary in a dwelling</i> | 187 | 242 | 55 | 29.4% | 4.3% | 12.4% | 8.1 |
| <i>Burglary in a building other than a dwelling</i> | 79 | 75 | -4 | -5.1% | 13.9% | 4.0% | -9.9 |
| Offences against vehicles | 211 | 143 | -68 | -32.2% | 11.4% | 14.7% | 3.3 |
| <i>Theft from a vehicle</i> | 68 | 64 | -4 | -5.9% | 4.4% | 4.7% | 0.3 |
| <i>Theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle</i> | 87 | 51 | -36 | -41.4% | 21.8% | 27.5% | 5.6 |
| <i>Interfering with a motor vehicle</i> | 56 | 28 | -28 | -50.0% | 3.6% | 14.3% | 10.7 |
| Other theft offences | 480 | 552 | 72 | 15.0% | 21.7% | 15.0% | -6.6 |
| <i>Of which: shoplifting</i> | 195 | 202 | 7 | 3.6% | 36.9% | 30.7% | -6.2 |
| Fraud and forgery offences | 76 | 64 | -12 | -15.8% | 31.6% | 15.6% | -16.0 |
| Criminal damage offences | 551 | 621 | 70 | 12.7% | 13.1% | 8.9% | -4.2 |
| TOTAL PROPERTY CRIME | 1584 | 1697 | 113 | 7.1% | 15.3% | 11.9% | -3.4 |
| Drug offences | 82 | 81 | -1 | -1.2% | 86.6% | 61.7% | -24.9 |
| <i>Drug trafficking</i> | 17 | 20 | 3 | - | 70.6% | 50.0% | -20.6 |
| <i>Drug non-trafficking</i> | 65 | 61 | -4 | -6.2% | 90.8% | 65.6% | -25.2 |
| Other miscellaneous offences | 66 | 70 | 4 | 6.1% | 50.0% | 54.3% | 4.3 |
| TOTAL RECORDED CRIME - ALL OFFENCES | 2561 | 2690 | 129 | 5.0% | 25.1% | 20.5% | -4.6 |

Section 3) Areas Progress towards achieving targets in Northern Ireland Policing Plan 2011/12

| Personal Policing - Dealing with Local Concerns | | | | | |
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| Northern Ireland Policing Plan Target | Area Contribution Apr 2010 - Sep 2010 | Area Contribution Apr 2011 - Sep 2011 | Target on course to be met (including % change) | | |
| | | | Area | District | Northern Ireland |
| 1.1 To reduce the number of burglaries by 3% | 266 | 317 | 51 (19.2%) | -67 (-7.1%) | -765 (-12.2%) |
| Northern Ireland Policing Plan Target | Area Contribution Apr 2010 - Sep 2010 | Area Contribution Apr 2011 - Sep 2011 | Target on course to be met (including % change) | | |
| Area | District | Northern Ireland | | | |
| 1.2 To increase the detection rate for burglary by 2% points | 7.1 | 10.4 | 3.3% | 3.5% | 2.3% |
| Northern Ireland Policing Plan Target | Area Contribution Apr 2011 - Jun 2011 | Area Contribution Jul 2011 - Sep 2011 | Target on course to be met (including % change) | | |
| Area | District | Northern Ireland | | | |
| 2.2 To establish a Baseline of the number of antisocial behaviour incidents during Quarter 1 and achieve a reduction in subsequent quarters | 880 | 902 | 22 (2.5%) | 237 (10.1%) | 2,169 (13.3%) |
| Professional Policing - Delivering an Excellent Service | | | | | |
| Northern Ireland Policing Plan Target | Area Contribution Apr 2010 - Sep 2010 | Area Contribution Apr 2011 - Sep 2011 | Target on course to be met (including % change) | | |
| | | | Area | District | Northern Ireland |
| 4.2 To reduce the number of allegations of incivility made against police officers by 5% | 12 | 9 | -3 (-25.0%) | 8 (26.7%) | -113 (-30.6%) |
| Protective Policing - Tackling Serious Harm | | | | | |
| Area Contribution | Area Contribution | Target on course to be met (including % change) | | | |

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| | Apr 2010 - July 2010 | Apr 2011 - July 2011 | Area | District | Northern Ireland |
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| 6.1 To demonstrate the PSNI's contribution to reducing the number of adults and children killed or seriously injured on the road through 6 monthly reports | 7 | 6 | -1 | 6 | -41 |
| Northern Ireland Policing Plan Target | Area Contribution Apr 2010 - Sep 2010 | Area Contribution Apr 2011 - Sep 2011 | Target on course to be met (including % change) | | |
| | | | Area | District | Northern Ireland |
| 7.1 Reduce number of non-domestic violence with injury by 3% | 273 | 297 | 24 (8.8%) | 140 (14.7%) | 82 (1.3%) |
| Northern Ireland Policing Plan Target | Area Contribution Apr 2010 - Sep 2010 | Area Contribution Apr 2011 - Sep 2011 | Target on course to be met (including % change) | | |
| | | | Area | District | Northern Ireland |
| 8.1 Increase detection rate for violence with injury crimes by 3% pts | 35.6% | 26.9% | -8.7% | -4.7% | -2.9% |
| Northern Ireland Policing Plan Target | Area Contribution Apr 2010 - Sep 2010 | Area Contribution Apr 2011 - Sep 2011 | Target on course to be met (including % change) | | |
| | | | Area | District | Northern Ireland |
| 8.2 To increase the detection rate for Domestic violence with injury crimes by 5% pts | 46.1% | 36.0% | -10.1% | -0.3% | -2.7% |
| Northern Ireland Policing Plan Target | Area Contribution Apr 2010 - Sep 2010 | Area Contribution Apr 2011 - Sep 2011 | Target on course to be met (including % change) | | |
| | | | Area | District | Northern Ireland |
| 8.3 To increase the detection rate for Most serious sexual crime by 2% pts | 23.5% | 10.3% | -13.2% | -6.4% | 5.3% |

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| Northern Ireland Policing Plan Target | Area Contribution Apr 2010 - Sep 2010 | Area Contribution Apr 2011 - Sep 2011 | Target on course to be met (including % change) | | |
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| | | | Area | District | Northern Ireland |
| 8.4 To increase the detection rate for Homophobic crime by 4% pts | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -16.8% | -1.2% |
| Northern Ireland Policing Plan Target | Area Contribution Apr 2010 - Sep 2010 | Area Contribution Apr 2011 - Sep 2011 | Target on course to be met (including % change) | | |
| 8.5 To increase the detection rate for Racist crime by 2% pts | 12.5% | 15.0% | 2.5% | 1.7% | 5.4% |
| Northern Ireland Policing Plan Target | Area Contribution Apr 2010 - Sep 2010 | Area Contribution Apr 2011 - Sep 2011 | Target on course to be met (including % change) | | |
| 8.6 To increase the detection rate for Sectarian crime by 2% pts | 23.5% | 13.7% | -9.8% | -10.8% | -10.0% |
| Northern Ireland Policing Plan Target | Area Contribution Apr 2010 - Sep 2010 | Area Contribution Apr 2011 - Sep 2011 | Target on course to be met (including % change) | | |
| 9.1 To reduce the number of armed robberies of business property by 3%. | 17 | 6 | -11 (-64.7%) | -16 (-42.1%) | -64 (-40.8%) |
| Green Meeting/exceeding target | Amber Improvement on last year's figures but not meeting target | Red Not meeting target and going in wrong direction | | | |