



# South Belfast District Policing Partnership



## 6 Month Report, including Policing with the Community Activities

Figures extracted 19<sup>th</sup> October 2011

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

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1.1 To reduce the number of burglaries by 3%.	684	566	-118 (17.3%)
1.2 To increase the detection rate for burglary by 2 percentage points.	17.5%	22.4%	4.9%
<b>Area Commander's comment on reasons for change in performance</b>			
Domestic and non domestic burglaries have both reduced during this quarter. Neighbourhood Policing Teams are continuing to plan and run anti-burglary operations each week. Operations are targeted in line with any emerging patterns. Rigorous bail checks are also carried out on priority offenders to ensure they are complying with any conditions set by the courts.			

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2.1 To establish a Baseline of the number of antisocial behaviour incidents during Quarter 1 and achieve a reduction in subsequent quarters	1,461	1,676	215
<b>Area Commander's comment on reasons for change in performance</b>			
The number of anti social behaviour incidents increased during the summer months with additional reports of noisy parties, youths causing annoyance etc being received. There was also an increase in reported incidents during freshers week in September.			

Local Policing Plan Target
2.2 To report on antisocial behaviour initiatives twice a year to the DPP
<b>Area Commander's comments</b>
<p><b>Belfast Activity Centre</b> - On Thursday 28th July 2011, Constables Mark DeLargy, Debbie Reid and Jenny Boreland attended Belfast Activity Centre with a group of 15 young persons from the local area. The activities focused on the youths working together with police to carry out tasks. These were team building tasks ranging from climbing walls, abseiling and problem solving activities.</p> <p><b>Tow Path Joint Initiative</b> - During the months of August and September members of the Balmoral Policing Team worked alongside Lagan Valley Regional Park, Belfast Activity Centre, Country Access and Activities Network, and Bike Dock on the Lagan Tow Path. The aim was to encourage a harmonious environment for all to use, in particular encouraging the shared use of the tow path between cyclists and pedestrians.</p> <p><b>ASB Ops</b> - A number of Anti Social Behaviour operations were carried out in the Balmoral area- targeting hot spot areas after an ongoing complaint in the area, by a repeat victim of anti-social behaviour. NPT officers have arrested one person, reported one person and two persons have received informed warnings.</p> <p>The Housing Executive have also worked jointly with residents involved in anti-social behaviour in the Balmoral area. As a result a number of warnings were issued to tenants in relation to their behaviour, these could in turn lead to them being evicted from there properties, should their behaviour continue.</p> <p>Operations were also run for the Belsonic performances which witnessed around 30,000 extra persons coming into and Socialising in Belfast.. Alcohol seizure ops were conducted in partnership with Belfast City Council and net 791 seizures of alcohol over the 9 nights.</p> <p>In Laganbank University there has been close liaison with Parks Manager in relation to Botanic Gardens and foot patrols are to include Botanic Gardens especially on sunny days.</p> <p><b>City Centre Beat</b> – The City Centre Beat Officers are proactively dealing with issues of on street drinking and begging. 72 people have been reported to BCC re on street drinking and 230 items of alcohol seized. 3 arrests were made and 10 people have been reported to the PPS for begging offences. A further 39 arrests have been made for offences including disorderly behaviour, breach of bail and assault.</p>

## Professional Policing – Delivering an Excellent Service

### Local Policing Plan Target

3.1 To report on delivery of the three critical activities of the Policing with the Community strategy twice a year to the DPP. Report to include what we're doing, how we're doing it and when we're doing it

### Area Commander's comment on reasons for change in performance

**Engagement** - Chinese/Polish Advocate- £10,000 was secured from the PWCF to fund two persons to deliver an Advocacy service to the Chinese and Polish Community. The purpose is to maintain and develop better links and information flows between police and the Chinese and Polish Communities to improve service delivery to those communities

**Facebook Page** – Central Neighbourhood have created a Facebook page, providing residents and businesses in Belfast with another channel to engage with officers and contribute to the policing debate. The page went live in August and has already attracted over 1,300 followers. Officers update the content of the page while they are on duty and the information can be accessed instantly by followers. The page can be found at [www.facebook.com/psni.belfastcitycentre](http://www.facebook.com/psni.belfastcitycentre).

**Community Surgeries** - Through Community Surgeries we are striving to achieve regular and accessible contact with members of the public. These surgeries are very simple in nature; we select venues where we can meet with and listen to you the public. Let us know where you would like to see us and we will make every attempt to be there to “**listen and respond.**” Recently venues such as Youth Clubs, Community Centres, Churches and commercial premises have welcomed local Neighbourhood officers. We are keen to hear your concerns and see where we may help with these. 384 surgeries have been carried out in South Belfast in the 3 months from April to September 2011 addressing a range of issues such as parking problems, youths causing annoyance etc with the numbers of those in attendance varying from 3 to 30.

**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 - 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.

**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.

### Protective Policing – Tackling Serious Harm

Local Policing Plan Target	Apr 2010 -Sep 2010	Apr 2011 -Sep 2011	Variation from last year
4.1 To reduce the number of non-domestic violence with injury crimes by 3%	680	796	116 (17.0%)

#### Area Commander's comment on reasons for change in performance

An increase in non-domestic violence with injury crimes was experienced during freshers week in September

## Section 2) Summary of Crime – South Belfast

Offence group	Recorded crime				Sanction detection rate		
	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	1401	1531	130	9.3%	36.7%	30.6%	-6.1%
<i>Violence against the person - with injury</i>	749	860	111	14.8%	29.5%	26.6%	-2.9%
<i>Violence against the person - without injury</i>	652	671	19	2.9%	44.9%	35.8%	-9.2%
Sexual offences	79	80	1	1.3%	39.2%	41.3%	2.0%
<i>Most serious sexual crime</i>	50	64	14	28.0%	40.0%	34.4%	-5.6%
<i>Other sexual offences</i>	29	16	-13	-	37.9%	68.8%	30.8%
Robbery offences	119	111	-8	-6.7%	26.9%	18.0%	-8.9%
<i>Robbery of business property</i>	29	25	-4	-	65.5%	24.0%	-41.5%
<i>Robbery of personal property</i>	90	86	-4	-4.4%	14.4%	16.3%	1.8%
Burglary offences	684	566	-118	-17.3%	17.5%	22.4%	4.9%
<i>Burglary in a dwelling</i>	445	385	-60	-13.5%	14.6%	24.9%	10.3%
<i>Burglary in a building other than a dwelling</i>	239	181	-58	-24.3%	23.0%	17.1%	-5.9%
Offences against vehicles	457	489	32	7.0%	6.1%	6.3%	0.2%
<i>Theft from a vehicle</i>	244	298	54	22.1%	3.7%	2.3%	-1.3%
<i>Theft or unauthorised taking of a motor vehicle</i>	117	112	-5	-4.3%	11.1%	17.0%	5.9%
<i>Interfering with a motor vehicle</i>	96	79	-17	-17.7%	6.3%	6.3%	0.1%
Other theft offences	1575	1730	155	9.8%	32.5%	21.8%	-10.7%
<i>Of which: shoplifting</i>	766	742	-24	-3.1%	57.6%	43.0%	-14.6%
Fraud and forgery offences	169	125	-44	-26.0%	36.7%	21.6%	-15.1%
Criminal damage offences	1025	976	-49	-4.8%	13.5%	12.8%	-0.7%
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY CRIME</b>	<b>3910</b>	<b>3886</b>	<b>-24</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>	<b>22.0%</b>	<b>17.7%</b>	<b>-4.3%</b>
Drug offences	213	144	-69	-32.4%	66.7%	72.9%	6.3%
<i>Drug trafficking</i>	25	21	-4	-	68.0%	52.4%	-15.6%
<i>Drug non-trafficking</i>	188	123	-65	-34.6%	66.5%	76.4%	9.9%
Other miscellaneous offences	80	109	29	36.3%	56.3%	63.3%	7.1%
<b>TOTAL RECORDED CRIME - ALL OFFENCES</b>	<b>5802</b>	<b>5913</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>28.0%</b>	<b>23.6%</b>	<b>-4.4%</b>

### Section 3) Area's progress towards achieving targets in the Northern Ireland Policing Plan 2011/12

<b>Personal Policing – Dealing with Local Concerns</b>					
<b>Northern Ireland Policing Plan Target</b>	<b>Area Contribution Apr 2010 – Sep 2010</b>	<b>Area Contribution Apr 2011 – Sep 2011</b>	<b>Target on course to be met (including % change) <sup>2</sup></b>		
			<b>Area</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Northern Ireland</b>
1.1 To reduce the number of burglaries by 3%.	684	566	-118 (-17.3%)	-67 (-7.1%)	-765 (-12.2%)
1.2 To increase the detection rate for burglary by 2 percentage points.	17.5%	22.4%	4.9%	3.5%	2.3%
2.2 To establish a baseline of the number of anti-social behaviour incidents during Quarter 1 and achieve a reduction in subsequent quarters.	1,461	1,676	215 (14.7%)	237 (10.1%)	2,169 (13.3%)
<b>Professional Policing – Delivering an Excellent Service</b>					
<b>Northern Ireland Policing Plan Target</b>	<b>Area Contribution Apr 2010 – Sep 2010</b>	<b>Area Contribution Apr 2011 – Sep 2011</b>	<b>Target on course to be met (including % change)</b>		
			<b>Area</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Northern Ireland</b>
4.2 To reduce the number of allegations of incivility made against police officers by 5%.	18	29	11 (61.1%)	8 (26.7%)	-113 (-30.6%)

<b>Protective Policing – Tackling Serious Harm</b>					
<b>Northern Ireland Policing Plan Target</b>	<b>Area Contribution Apr 2010 – Sep 2010</b>	<b>Area Contribution Apr 2011 – Sep 2011</b>	<b>Target on course to be met (including % change) <sup>2</sup></b>		
			<b>Area</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Northern Ireland</b>
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	5	11	6 (120.0%)	9 (112.5%)	-42 (-17.0%)
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7.1 Reduce number of non-domestic violence with injury by 3%	680	796	116 (17.1%)	140 (14.7%)	82 (1.3%)
To increase the detection rate for serious crimes					
8.1 Violence with injury crimes by 3 percentage points.	29.5%	26.7%	-2.8%	-4.7%	-2.9%
8.2 Domestic violence with injury crimes by 5 percentage points.	36.2%	49.2%	13.0%	-0.3%	-2.7%
8.3 More serious sexual crime by 2 percentage points.	40.0%	34.4%	-5.6%	-6.4%	5.3%
8.4 Homophobic crime by 4 percentage points.	33.3%	14.3%	-19.0%	-16.8%	-1.2%
8.5 Racist crime by 2 percentage points.	8.7%	10.0%	1.3%	1.7%	5.4%
8.6 Sectarian crime by 2 percentage points.	22.2%	5.9%	-16.3%	-10.8%	-10.0%
9.1 To reduce the number of armed robberies of business property by 3%.	21	16	-5 (-23.8%)	-16 (-42.1%)	-64 (-40.8%)