

Local Policing Plan Launched

On 23rd April 2009 the PSNI launched its 2009/10 Local Policing Plans for G District, which covers the Limavady, Magherafelt, Strabane and Foyle areas.

The Plans were developed after extensive consultation with the community, the District Policing Partnerships and local police officers, and identifies a broad range of targets for the next 12 months.

Commenting on the launch, District Commander, Chief Superintendent David Hanna said:



"This plan is a key tool in helping us deliver for the people of this District and allocating resources in the most effective and efficient way. The priorities identified in each area plan have been highlighted as being important to local residents and I am confident that by working together we can achieve these targets and above all make our roads, streets and neighbourhoods safer places to be.

"We look forward to continuing to build on the work that has been done with existing partners, as well as establishing new partnerships during the year ahead to deliver for the people of this District."

Councillor Elisha McLaughlin, Chairperson of the Derry District Policing Partnership stated: "The implementation of this local policing plan will be monitored closely by the Derry DPP to ensure that an accountable and quality police service is being delivered to our citizens. Delivery on these targets is important to build satisfaction with, and confidence in, the delivery of policing locally."

If you're interested in setting up a neighbourhood watch scheme in your area please contact:

Derry City Council
Community Safety Partnership
028 7137 6576

Derry District Policing Partnership
028 7137 6565

Or your local Neighbourhood Police Team

www.psni.police.uk
www.districtpolicing.com
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Foyle Waterside Rural Neighbourhood Police Team

Tel: 0845 600 8000
or 028 7181 0203

Ask for Foyle Waterside Rural Neighbourhood Police

Waterside Rural Neighbourhood Police Team is based in the village of Eglinton and is led by Sergeant Frankie Smyth along with Constables John Parke, Adrian McCloskey, Mervyn Cochrane, Raymond Gray and Mark Cathers, and is supported by nine police officers part time.



Foyle Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter

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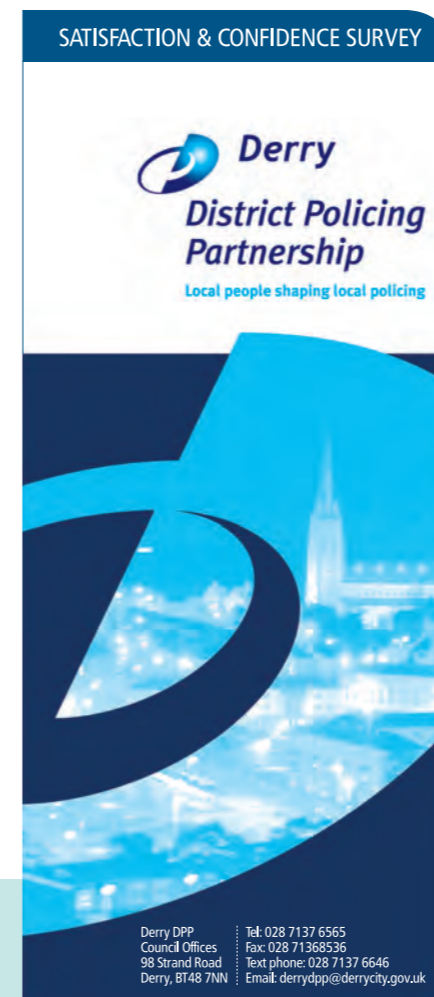
At the beginning of July Derry District Policing Partnership is undertaking a survey of all householders in the Council area to set a satisfaction and confidence baseline in respect of police performance in Foyle. A specially designed questionnaire is being distributed to all 46,000 households in the district to gauge residents' opinions on the quality of service provided by the PSNI in Foyle.

The survey will set a baseline in terms of satisfaction and confidence and this baseline will be updated on an ongoing basis.

Commenting on the survey Cllr Elisha McLaughlin, chairperson of Derry District Policing Partnership said,

"The DPP has secured the inclusion of a satisfaction and confidence baseline in this year's Local Policing Plan and I would encourage as many people as possible to complete and return the questionnaire. This is a unique opportunity for all our citizens to have their say on local police performance and inform both the PSNI and the DPP on the quality of service being provided by the police in your area. I would call on community leaders, neighbourhood watch co-ordinators, councillors and civic leaders to encourage as many people as possible to respond to the survey. Everyone's opinion is important to ensure that local people continue to shape local policing priorities".

The questionnaires will be distributed in early July and should be completed and returned to the DPP by 31st August. For further information on the survey please contact the Derry District Policing Partnership on 02871 376565 or e-mail derrydpp@derrycity.gov.uk



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◀ The 'Satisfaction and Confidence Survey' launched by the Derry District Policing Partnership.

Derry DPP hosts public meeting on drugs

On 28th May Derry District Policing Partnership hosted a public event to highlight the impact of drug abuse on local communities. At the event, attended by 35 members of the public, including Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators, presentations were received from the PSNI Drugs Team, Western Drug and Alcohol Co-ordination Team (WDACT), local support group DIVERT and Kilcooley Community Forum's KEEP SAFE initiative.

Foyle Area Commander, Chief Inspector Chris Yates, opened the meeting by giving an overview of the drugs situation in Foyle from a policing perspective. The Area Commander stated that, "In the last two years combating drug dealing has been my priority, we've dismantled six cannabis factories and seized over £500,000 worth of drugs in the city". He concluded, "We've recovered substantial amounts of cash and assets from these dealers and we have utilised that money to purchase more equipment to fight crime".

Speaking at the event Catherine Cooke, Vice Chair of the Derry District Policing Partnership, said "The District Policing Partnership believes that drugs is an important issue for all our communities and, as a Partnership, we have ensured that a drug reduction target has again been included in this year's Local Policing Plan".



Neighbourhood Officers in Your Area

Your Neighbourhood Policing Teams aim to improve quality of life for all local residents, promote community safety and reduce anti-social behaviour. By working closely with you, we can shape local policing to meet your needs.

Foyle City Centre Neighbourhood Police Team

Tel: 0845 600 8000
or 028 7121 0756

Email: FoyleCityCentre@psni.pnn.police.uk

Ask for Foyle City Centre Neighbourhood Police

City Centre Neighbourhood Police Team covers the areas of the Bogside, Brandywell, Fountain, City Centre, University and Pennyburn. The team is led by Sergeant Sam Young along with Constables Max Cook, Joe George, Bruce Rhymer and Karen George, and supported by two police officers part time.

Foyle City North Neighbourhood Police Team

Tel: 0845 600 8000
or 028 7121 0747

Ask for Foyle City North Neighbourhood Police

City North Neighbourhood Police Team covers the areas of Galliagh, Shantallow, Culmore and Steelstown. The team is led by Sergeant Tony Moore along with Constables Mark Clarke, Gerry McCrea, Martin Deehan, Andrew McCormick, Joe Austin and Tara Vance, and supported by six police officers part-time.

Neighbourhood Watch newsletter launched

Derry District Policing Partnership launched the first edition of its Foyle Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter at the end of March. The Newsletter will be produced on a quarterly basis to promote neighbourhood watch schemes in Foyle.

The newsletter is funded by the Community Safety Unit of the Northern Ireland Office with the support of the PSNI Derry DPP and Council's Community Safety Partnership.

Welcoming the introduction of the newsletter, the Chairperson of the Derry District Policing Partnership Cllr Elisha McLaughlin said it would keep members informed of Neighbourhood Watch schemes and initiatives and encourage others to get involved.

PSNI Area Commander, Chief Inspector Chris Yates said Neighbourhood Watch is one of the biggest and most successful crime prevention initiatives. He attributed its success to the successful partnership between the community and statutory agencies and said the newsletter will go a long way towards highlighting the positive work being done.

"As well as providing information on Neighbourhood Watch initiatives, the newsletter contains helpful hints on crime prevention, updated statistics on crime in the Foyle area and a comprehensive list of useful contacts," he said.

Chief Inspector Yates added: "Policing is most effective when the police and community work together and we are delighted that we are seeing an increasing number of Neighbourhood Watch initiatives being set up across the Foyle area and that our message to the public to take extra home safety precautions, is being adhered to."



John Aspel is co-ordinator of the Fortwilliam Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and believes the production of a quarterly newsletter is a positive development.

"I hope the newsletter will not only highlight the excellent work being done on the ground by neighbourhood watch schemes in the Foyle area but it will also encourage the wider public to become more aware of safety issues and the well being of the areas in which they live and work," he said.

Foyle City West Neighbourhood Police Team

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Ask for Foyle City West Neighbourhood Police

City West Neighbourhood Police Team covers the areas of Creggan, Beechwood, Oakfield, Creevagh, Rosemount, Foyle Springs, Ballymagroarty, Coshquin, Hazelbank and Springtown. The team is led by Sergeant Ray Wilson along with Constables Neville Martin, Gina Henry, Liam Phillips, Paul Burns and Stephanie Campbell*.

Foyle Waterside Urban Neighbourhood Police Team

Tel: 0845 600 8000
or 028 7137 9758

Ask for Foyle Waterside Urban Neighbourhood Police

Waterside Urban Neighbourhood Police Team covers the Urban Area of the Waterside. The team is led by Sergeant Cherith Craig along with Constables Jane Carton, Ian McGonigle, Clint McGonigle and Clare Sweeney, and supported by seven police officers part time.
* supported by five police officers part time.