



**Tackling Crime**

**North Down Area**

# **District Policing Partnerships**

## **3 Month Report**

Figures Extracted 2 September 2008



***North Down***

***District Policing  
Partnership***

**Local people shaping local policing**

## Section 1) Progress towards achieving targets in the Local Policing Plan for 2008/2009<sup>1 2</sup>

Domain: Tackling Crime					
North Down Policing Plan Target	Apr-Jun 07/08	Apr-Jun 08/09	Change (Raw Data)	Target	Comment on reasons for change in performance
3.2.4 the level of assaults (To reduce 1)	239	212	-27	✓	There has been a reduction in this area significantly in excess of the target set. We have achieved a reduction of approx 11% which continues the very positive trend in this Policing Plan Target set during last year. The policing of the evening economy continues to account for the greatest concentration of assaults. For that reason Police continue to focus resources in the area at weekends to prevent any increases. We also continue to work with and develop partnerships in relation to the evening economy. The overall clearance rate for violent crime is 33.4% is significantly higher than the 25.5% last year and is the second highest in the Urban Region. The Sector Commander for the area continues to closely monitor the individual nature of all the incidents.

3.3.1 To reduce the number of domestic burglaries in line with service targets (2)	73	45	- 28	✓	The level of burglaries has fallen significantly and the Area is exceeding the Policing Plan Target. This means that less than 0.1% of our population are directly affected by domestic burglary. There are currently domestic burglary problems in the Urban Region with all other areas in C district experiencing increases in domestic Burglary. Our officers continue to work to detect and disrupt those responsible. There are few identifiable patterns and a number of the incidents do appear to be opportunistic where residents have left windows and doors unlocked. The clearance rate for burglary at 13.3% continues to be the highest in the District and the second highest in the service. Re-enforcing the Crime Prevention message, assistance from the public, proactive patrolling and our success in detecting offenders have all contributed to the reductions.
4.2.2 To increase the number of drug seizures	21	22	1	✓	This is a new addition as a Policing Plan Target this financial year. The number of seizures has increased in line with the target and this is expected to increase further over the next 3 months as we continue to focus in this area. Drugs recovered have included Cannabis, Cannabis Resin, Herbal cannabis, Amphetamines, Prescription Drugs and there has been one heroin seizure. Pro-activity in this area has continued into the second quarter.
<b>Strategy</b>				<b>Impact</b>	

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<sup>1</sup> Reductions will represent the Area's contribution to the service wide reduction and the annual milestone indicator.

<sup>3</sup> Targets will be measured against performance achieved at 31 March 2008.

Domain: Promoting Community Safety					
North Down Policing Plan Target	Apr-Jun 07/08	Apr-Jun 08/09	Change (Raw Data)	Target	Comment on reasons for change in performance
5.1.1 To reduce the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour. (2,3)	1396	1210	- 186	✓	The number of incidents of Anti-social behaviour has decreased substantially and is well in excess of the target of a 5% reduction. Anti-social behaviour has been an area that we have focused on and there have been a number of operations specifically Op Snapper that have targeted this area. Whilst we are targeted to reduce the number of incidents we must continue to encourage pro-active reporting in order that we can work in partnership to try and address the underlying issues. Our continued commitment to Neighbourhood Policing and the problem solving approach that underpins it can make a difference.
5.2.1 To reduce recorded crimes of criminal damage in line with service targets. (2)	281	225	- 56	✓	There has been a further and indeed substantial reduction in this area. This builds on a very substantial reduction throughout last year. There are links between criminal damage and anti-social behaviour and the good spell of weather in the early part of this quarter did see an increase in levels of both anti-social behaviour and criminal damage. Since this period levels have reduced. Criminal damage can be difficult to detect because of its largely ad-hoc and sporadic nature and we need to encourage residents to immediately contact police to afford the best opportunity for detection and disruption.

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8.1.1 To reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on the road.					<p><b>This information is not currently available and we have no indication when it will be.</b></p> <p>It is encouraging to note that have been no fatalities on our roads during the reporting period. It is also interesting that the number of people killed and seriously injured on the A2 is zero.</p>
<b>Strategy</b>					<b>Impact</b>

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## Section 2) Trend data for Local Policing Plan targets 2008/2009

North Down Policing Plan Targets for 2008/2009								
North Down Policing Plan Targets for 2008 / 2009	Apr 08 - Jun 08	Target	Apr 08 - Sept 08	Target	Apr 08 - Dec 08	Target	Apr 08 - Mar 09	Target
3.2.4 To reduce the level of assaults (1)	212	✓						
3.3.1 To reduce the number of domestic burglaries in line with service targets (2)	45	✓						
4.2.2 To increase the number of drug seizures	22	✓						
5.1.1 To reduce the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour. (2,3)	1210	✓						
5.2.1 To reduce recorded crimes of criminal damage in line with service targets. (2)	225	✓						
8.1.1 To reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on the road.								

Note: The trend information is a snapshot each quarter of how the local PSNI has been performing against Local Policing Plan targets during the year.

### Section 3) Summary of Recorded Crime and Clearance Rates within the North Down Area

Measures	Recorded April 2007 – June 2007	Recorded April 2008 – June 2008	% Change	Cleared April 2007– June 2007	% Cleared April 2007 – June 2007	Cleared April 2008 – June 2008	% Cleared April 2008 – June 2008
1. Offences against the person	307	268	-12.7%	80	26.1%	88	32.8%
2. Sexual offences	18	16	-11.1%	3	16.7%	7	43.8%
3. Burglary	106	90	-15.1%	31	29.2%	9	10%
Domestic Burglary	73	45	-38.4%	28	38.4%	6	13.3%
4. Robbery	8	6	-25.0%	2	25.0%	2	33.3%
5. Theft	205	221	7.8%	44	21.5%	43	19.5%
Theft from motor vehicle	17	24	41.2%	3	17.6%	1	4.2%
Theft/unauthorised taking of motor vehicle	22	18	-18.2%	3	13.6%	4	22.2%
6. Fraud and Forgery	14	31	121.4%	2	14.3%	4	12.9%
7. Criminal Damage	281	225	-19.9%	31	11.0%	33	14.7%
8. Offences against the state	7	7	0%	4	57.1%	7	100%
9. Other notifiable offences	40	28	-30%	22	55.0%	19	67.9%
Total not yet assigned to offence category	0	4	0	0	0	0	0%
<b>Violent Crime (1,2 &amp; 4)</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>-12.9%</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>25.5%</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>33.4%</b>
<b>TOTAL CRIME (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,&amp;9)</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>-9.1%</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>22.2%</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>23.7%</b>
<b>crime Undercount</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>N/a</b>	<b>N/a</b>	<b>N/a</b>	<b>N/a</b>
<b>Total Crime including undercount</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>896</b>	<b>-9.1%</b>	<b>N/a</b>	<b>N/a</b>	<b>N/a</b>	<b>N/a</b>

ote: At a Total Crime level it is possible to identify the number of crimes that are under process, i.e. have not yet been included in the recorded crime figures – this is referred to as the crime undercount. This should be clearly stated beneath the table.

**A breakdown of crime types as shown in the table above**

<p><b>Offences against the person (class 1)</b>  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><b>Sexual offences (class 2)</b>  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><b>Burglary (class 3)</b>  Domestic burglary  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Burglary in a dwelling</li> <li>• Aggravated burglary in a dwelling</li> </ul> Non domestic burglary  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Burglary in a building other than in a dwelling</li> <li>• Aggravated burglary other than in a dwelling</li> </ul> Going equipped</p>
<p><b>Robbery (class 4)</b>  Robbery  Armed robbery  Hijacking</p>	<p><b>Theft (class 5)</b>  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"> <li>• Theft from motor vehicles</li> <li>• Theft or unauthorised taking of motor vehicles</li> </ul> Vehicle tampering/interference  Handling of stolen goods  Other thefts</p>	<p><b>Fraud and forgery (class 6)</b>  Deception  Forgery and counterfeiting  Making off without payment  Other frauds</p>
<p><b>Criminal damage (class 7)</b>  Arson  Petrol bombing offences  Explosive offences  Criminal damage/malicious damage offences  Other criminal damage offences</p>	<p><b>Offences against the state (class 8)</b>  Offences under anti-terrorism legislation  Firearms offences  Offences under Public Order (NI) Order  Other offences against the public order</p>	<p><b>Other notifiable offences (class 9)</b>  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 Clearances

Clearances (or detections as they may alternatively be known) are, broadly speaking, those crimes that have been 'cleared up' by the police. Crimes are counted as 'cleared or detected' in accordance with strict counting rules issued by the Home Office.

**Sanction clearances** refer to clearances where a 'sanction' is taken against the accused person. The following methods of 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
- The offender is a juvenile who is dealt with by means of an informed warning, restorative caution or prosecutorial diversion

The use of **non sanction clearances** are limited to specified offences and circumstances and include the following reasons:

- The Public Prosecution Service (PPS) directs no prosecution for an 'indictable only' offence
- The offence is an 'indictable only' offence and the case cannot proceed because the offender has died.
- 'Indictable only' offences are the most serious types of offences and are those which must be tried in the Crown Court.

## Section 4) Policing with the Community [OPTIONAL]

Strategy and/or progress under Policing with the Community	Impact
<p><b>Starquest</b> – this project was funded by PWCF and was designed for young people in the Borough. Through drama, music, dance, visual arts and film, Starquest gave young people the opportunity to deliver safety messages to educate others about drugs, alcohol abuse and anti-social behaviour. A total of eight youth clubs took part in the competition, which involved over 500 young people over a period of five months. A number of performances were given but behind the scenes others involved themselves in production, sound, recording and costume design for the finale event.</p> <p><b>Intergenerational Initiative</b> – this PSNI led initiative is aimed at bringing young and older people together in their communities. Four areas have been identified to hold individual Bingo evenings during which both generations will come together. Each event will also have a group from the area that will perform (Starquest Groups).</p> <p><b>RESPECT in North Down</b> – (Rights, Equality, Status and the Promotion of Ethnic Cultural Traditions in North Down). This is a newly constituted group made up of representatives from the established Ethnic community. NDBC, Health Trust and PSNI have supported the group over the months leading to their constitution and this support will be maintained.</p>	<p>This project was aimed at reducing Anti-social behaviour. It actively encouraged young people to be involved in positive work. The event itself took place on one evening but those involved had endured many hours and many evenings of practice. The positive application of effort and the excellent culmination of effort all works to advertise activities and events that direct activity to useful outcomes. It is also a useful re-assurance message that young people have a significant and positive contribution to make.</p> <p>The aim is to reduce the fear of crime amongst older people caused by young people and by bringing the generations together it is hoped that it will deter young people from Anti-social behaviour as they meet this section of their community. This will serve to reassure people and build confidence and trust within and between different groups.</p>

**LINEAR PARK** – this project funded by PWCF is nearing completion. A Justice programme planned for the group will incorporate a visit to a Custody Suite, Crumlin Road Prison and talks from the Youth Diversion Officer and Youth Justice Agency.

This project is aimed at reducing Ant-social behaviour in the area but also aimed at providing young people with citizenship skills and encouraging personal responsibility.

**Impact**

## Section 5) Community Safety Projects [OPTIONAL]

Strategy and/or contribution towards Community Safety Projects	Impact
<p><b>Bluetooth</b> – a recent successful application to PWCF will allow for the purchase of a Bluetooth device which PSNI and partner agencies will use to send out crime prevention, information or appeal messages to mobile phones in the vicinity of the Bluetooth box.</p> <p><b>Identity Cards</b> - The aim of this card is to provide adults with a learning disability, with a credit card sized wallet containing information cards. The cards will identify the holder as a person who may need help. This could be for example while making an independent bus journey the cardholder is subject to hate crime. On producing the card to Translink staff they will recognise the card and provide appropriate assistance.</p> <p><b>CASE</b> –</p> <p><b>DRUG AWARENESS</b> – extending on from CASE, sessions on this topic have been delivered to parents and Foster parents.</p> <p><b>BEESAFE</b> – this annual safety event was held in May and was attended by nearly 670 P7 pupils from 17 schools. Agencies delivering their safety message were PSNI, NIFRS, NSPCC, HAP, 2 and 4 Wheels, Translink and NIE.</p>	<p>CASE is ongoing in schools and youth clubs. Commitment has been made for the academic year ahead. Some of the subjects to be included are Anti-social Behaviour, Hate Crime, Internet Safety and citizenship.</p> <p>Increased awareness and education as to the effects of drugs should increase reporting.</p> <p>Feedback from the BEESAFE evaluation was positive. The event provides vital safety information for these pupils prior to transferring school.</p>

Strategy and/or contribution towards Community Safety Projects	Impact

## Glossary of Terms

ABC	Acceptable Behaviour Contract	NIACRO	Northern Ireland Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders
ABH	Actual Bodily Harm	NICCY	Northern Ireland Commissioner for Children and Young People
ANPR	Automatic Number Plate Recognition	NIHRC	Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission
ARA	Assets Recovery Agency	NIM	National Intelligence Model
ASB(O)	Anti-Social Behaviour (Order)	NIO	Northern Ireland Office
CID	Criminal Investigation Department	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
CRO	Criminal Records Office	OCTF	Organised Crime Task Force
CSI	Crime Scene Investigator	OCU	Operational Command Unit
CSP	Community Safety Partnership	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	PFNI	Police Federation for Northern Ireland
DPP	District Policing Partnership	PSNI	Police Service of Northern Ireland
FTC	Fatal Traffic Collision	PTR	Part Time Reserve
FTR	Full Time Reserve	RTC	Road Traffic Collision
GBH	Grievous Bodily Harm	SNEN	Single Non-Emergency Number
GIS	Geographical Information System	SOC	Scene of Crime
HVP	High Visibility Patrol	SOCA	Serious Organised Crime Agency
KPI	Key Performance Indicator	TSG	Tactical Support Group
KSI	Killed or Seriously Injured	VFM	Value for Money
LGBT	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender	YCA	Youths Causing Annoyance
MLO	Minority Liaison Officer	YDO	Youth Diversion Officer
NAO	National Audit Office		
NCIS	National Criminal Intelligence Service		

