



Tackling Crime

North Down Area

District Policing Partnerships

3 Month Report

Figures Extracted 21 August 2009



North Down

***District Policing
Partnership***

Local people shaping local policing

Section 1) Progress towards achieving targets in the Local Policing Plan for 2009/2010

Objective 1: In partnership with the community and other agencies, to make communities and neighbourhoods safe and feel safe					
North Down Policing Plan Target	Apr-Jun 08/09	Apr-Jun 09/10	Change (Raw Data)	Target	Comment on reasons for change in performance
1.2.2. To reduce the level of assaults (1,2)	216	184	-32	✓	This reduction continues a very positive trend on the last 2 years. This is largely due to the continued work and partnerships in relation to the night time economy.
1.3.2. To reduce the number of domestic burglaries in line with service targets (3)	44	39	-5	✓	Whilst this figure is encouraging, and we continue to meet our target, the economic situation is causing difficulties across the country in relation to acquisitive crime. Therefore we will continue to focus on this area and urge vigilance and caution.
1.4.2. To increase the number of illegal drug seizures (4)	21	26	+5	✓	This is as a result of drugs seizures becoming a priority this year. The new strategy is beginning to have an effect; however the true impact will be more long term.
1.5.1. To reduce the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour to ensure a 15% reduction by 31/3/2011 (4)	1210	972	-238	✓	This figure is particularly encouraging as it again continues the trend of previous years. Continued work by the Neighbourhood policing teams, and our partners such as Council and NIEA, and Operation Snapper have produced significant results.
1.6.2. To reduce crimes of criminal damage recorded in line with service targets. (3)	228	277	+49	✗	Unfortunately a few isolated incidents, involving damage to several cars in each incident, has negatively impacted on the figures. This is particularly disappointing in light of the continuing improvement in anti social behaviour, which is linked to criminal damage.
1.7.1. To contribute to reducing the number of people killed or seriously injured on the road. (1)	Apr-May 7	Apr-May 4	-3	✓	This is a very encouraging result, attributable to the ongoing police operations and the SPECS system. However the message is still one of caution and work continues in this area.

Section 2) Trend data for Local Policing Plan targets 2009/2010

North Down Policing Plan Targets for 2009/2010								
North Down Policing Plan Targets for 2009 / 2010	Apr 09 - Jun 09	Target	Apr 09 - Sept 09	Target	Apr 09 - Dec 09	Target	Apr 09 - Mar 10	Target
1.2.2. To reduce the level of assaults (1,2)	184	✓						
1.3.2. To reduce the number of domestic burglaries in line with service targets (3)	39	✓						
1.4.2. To increase the number of illegal drug seizures (4)	23	✓						
1.5.1. To reduce the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour to ensure a 15% reduction by 31/3/2011. (4)	972	✓						
1.6.2. To reduce crimes of criminal damage recorded in line with service targets. (3)	277	✗						
1.7.1. To contribute to reducing the number of people killed or seriously injured on the road.(1)	4	✓						

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 2008 – June 2008	Recorded April 2009 – June 2009	% Change	Cleared April 2008– June 2008	% Cleared April 2008 – June 2008	Cleared April 2009 – June 2009	% Cleared April 2009 – June 2009
1. Offences against the person	269	231	-14.1%	88	32.7%	98	42.4%
2. Sexual offences	16	18	12.5%	7	43.8%	7	38.9%
3. Burglary	90	69	-23.3%	9	10.0%	4	5.8%
Domestic Burglary	44	39	-11.4%	6	13.6%	2	5.1%
4. Robbery	6	2	-66.7%	2	33.3%	0	0.0%
5. Theft	221	226	2.3%	44	19.9%	65	28.8%
Theft from motor vehicle	24	45	87.5%	1	4.2%	0	0.0%
Theft/unauthorised taking of motor vehicle	18	17	-5.6%	4	22.2%	10	58.8%
6. Fraud and Forgery	34	52	52.9%	4	11.8%	7	13.5%
7. Criminal Damage	228	275	20.6%	33	14.5%	42	15.3%
8. Offences against the state	7	10	42.9%	7	100.00%	4	40%
9. Other notifiable offences	27	38	40.7%	18	66.7%	31	81.6%
Total not yet assigned to offence category	0	4	/0	0	/0	0	0.0o
Violent Crime (1,2 & 4)	291	251	-13.7%	97	33.3%	105	41.8%
TOTAL CRIME (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,&9)	898	925	3.0%	212	23.6%	258	27.9%
crime Undercount	0	2	/0	NA	NA	NA	NA
Total Crime including undercount	898	927	3.2%	NA	NA	NA	NA

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>Offences against the person (class 1) 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>Sexual offences (class 2) 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>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 Explosive 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>

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>Starquest – this project was funded by the Incentivisation Fund 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>RESPECT in North Down – (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>TROLLEY SIGNAGE – an application to PWCF has been successful in securing money to place signs on shopping Trolleys in Bloomfield Shopping Centre Bangor. The sign platea attached to trolleys will have safety messages attached from PSNI and DPP</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>It is anticipated that the group will move forward and become an active voice for minorities in North Down</p> <p>By placing safety messages in this manner it is intended to put in mind personal and home security mechanisms for the people of the borough.</p>

Section 5) Community Safety Projects

Strategy and/or contribution towards Community Safety Projects	Impact
<p>Bluetooth – 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>Identity Cards - 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>CASE – Citizenship and Safety Education</p> <p>DRUG AWARENESS – extending on from CASE, sessions on this topic have been delivered to parents and Foster parents.</p> <p>BEESAFE – 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>This is a useful ongoing device which has been used at Safety Events to reinforce Safety Messages and has also been used at local Shopping Centres</p> <p>This will be launched by the time of the next report.</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>

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		

