



Tackling Crime

North Down Area

District Policing Partnerships

9 Month Report

Figures Extracted 13 January 2009



North Down

***District Policing
Partnership***

Local people shaping local policing

Section 1) Progress towards achieving targets in the Local Policing Plan for 2008/2009^{1 2}

Domain: Tackling Crime					
North Down Policing Plan Target	Apr- Dec 07/08	Apr- Dec 08/09	Change (Raw Data)	Target	Comment on reasons for change in performance
3.2.4 To reduce the level of assaults	692	581	-111	✓	There has been a significant reduction in the level of assaults, continuing the positive trend in this area. The majority of assaults continue to be concentrated in the evening economy, therefore that remains the focus of Police Resources. The overall clearance rate for violent crime is 28.5%, an improvement on 27.6% last year.
3.3.1 To reduce the number of domestic burglaries in line with service targets	187	143	-44	✓	The reduction in this domain of 23.5% is still a significant reduction. However we have recently seen a spate of burglaries in December. This serves to highlight the importance of continued vigilance, and we are continuing with our strategies involving investigation, targeted patrolling, and crime prevention to combat the problem.
4.2.2 To increase the number of drug seizures	72	68	-4	✗	Unfortunately the number of seizures is down on this time last year. This is partly due to the emphasis locally and district wide on other issues such as Burglary and theft, particularly around the Christmas period.
Strategy				Impact	
BAND. Radio link to improve communications. In relation to domestic assaults ongoing work with PPU. Continued use of CCTV. High visibility operation Night Life.				A reduction in crime	

Domain: Promoting Community Safety					
North Down Policing Plan Target	Apr- Dec 07/08	Apr- Dec 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.	3939	2876	-1063	✓	The reduction in anti-social behaviour of 26.98% greatly exceeds the target. This has been achieved by targeted operations, particularly Op Snapper. Our continued commitment to Neighbourhood Policing, and the problem solving approach is crucial in achieving these sorts of results.
5.2.1 To reduce recorded crimes of criminal damage in line with service targets. (based on 4.2% reduction target 2008/2009)	839	639	-200	✓	Again there has been a significant reduction in this area. There are links between criminal damage and anti-social behaviour, and the work on-going in relation to anti-social behaviour has an impact here.
8.1.1 To reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on the road.	Apl-Sep 07-08 12	Apl-Sep 08-09 11	-1	✓	Whilst we have met our target here, the reduction is not as great as I would hope. This continues to be a priority in the area, we continue to monitor the SPECS system and compliment this with other enforcement, both on the A2 and other roads.
Strategy				Impact	
CASE programme. BAND CCTV KEEP SAFE Drugs program High Visibility patrolling				A reduction in crime and an increase in public confidence	

¹Assaults include common assault, aggravated assaults, assault occasioning actual bodily harm, wounding/grievous bodily harm and wounding/grievous bodily harm with intent (excluding assaults on police)

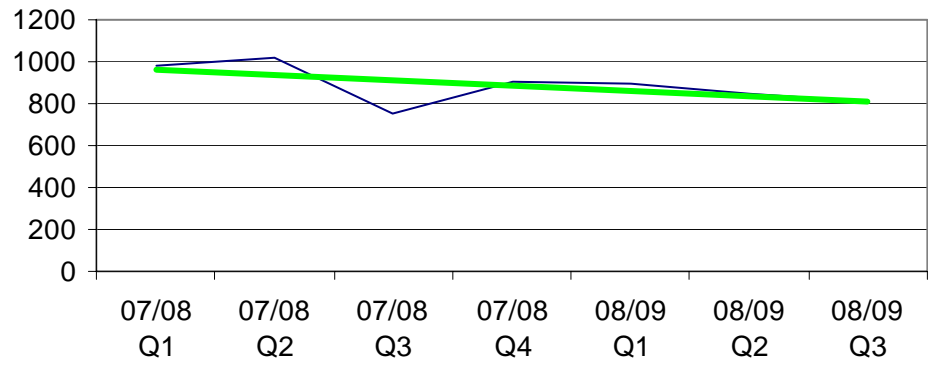
¹ Reductions will represent the Area's contribution to the service wide reduction and the annual milestone indicator.

³ Targets will be measured against performance achieved at 31 March 2008.

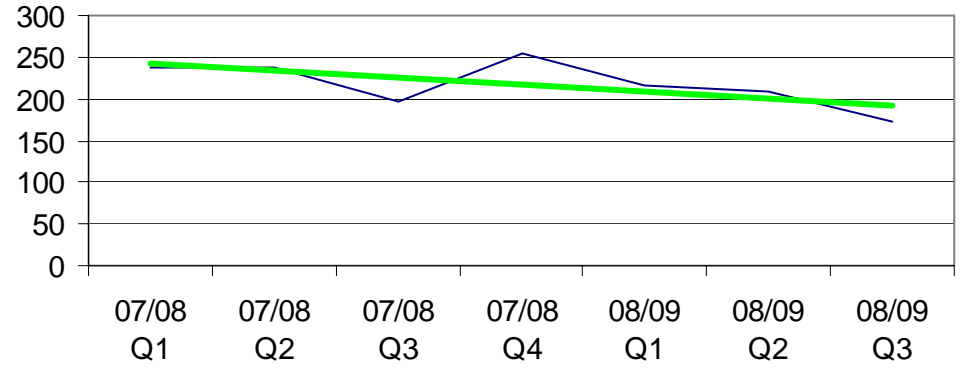
Section 2) Trend data for Local Policing Plan targets 2008/2009

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	✓	432	✓	581	✓		
3.3.1 To reduce the number of domestic burglaries in line with service targets (2)	45	✓	75	✓	143	✓		
4.2.2 To increase the number of drug seizures	21	✗	49	✓	68	✗		
5.1.1 To reduce the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour. (2,3)	1210	✓	2013	✓	2876	✓		
5.2.1 To reduce recorded crimes of criminal damage in line with service targets. (2)	225	✓	438	✓	639	✓		
8.1.1 To reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on the road.	Apr – Jun 7	✓	Apr – Jun 9	✓	Apl – Sep 11	✓		

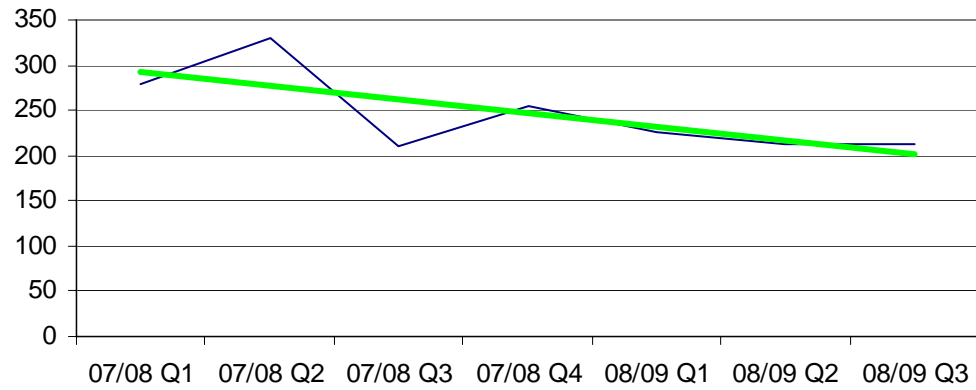
TOTAL CRIME



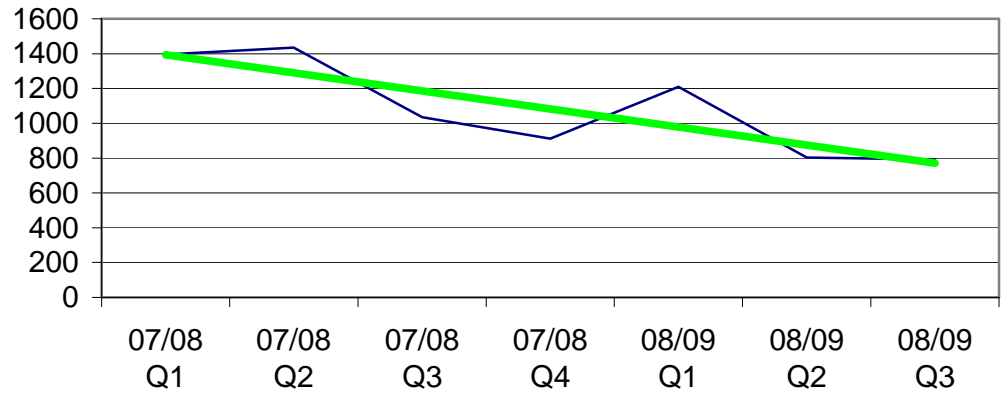
ASSAULTS



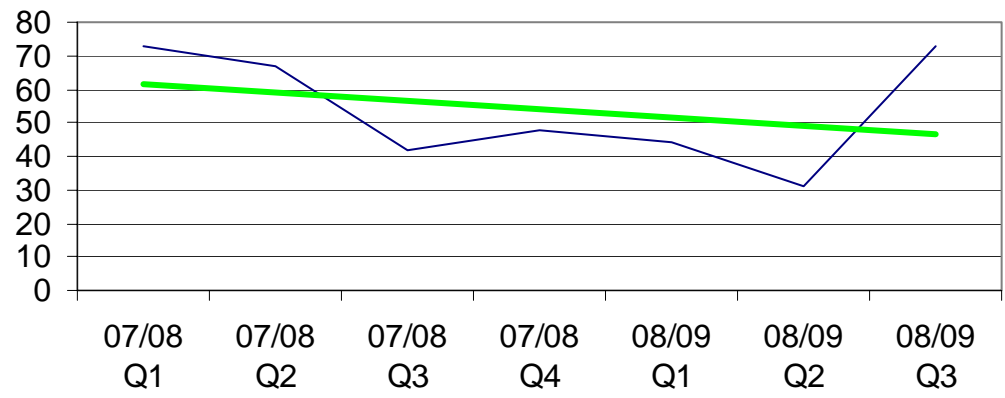
CRIMINAL DAMAGE



ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR



DOMESTIC BURGLARY



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

Measures	Recorded April 07 Dec 07	Recorded April 08 Dec 08	% Change	Cleared April 07 Dec 07	% Cleared April 07 Dec 07	Cleared April 08 Dec 08	% Cleared April 08 Dec 08
1. Offences against the person	847	698	-17.6%	238	28.1%	204	29.2%
2. Sexual offences	55	38	-30.9%	12	21.8%	7	18.4%
3. Burglary	272	258	-5.1%	71	26.1%	35	13.6%
Domestic Burglary	187	143	-23.5%	64	34.2%	21	14.7%
4. Robbery	15	14	-6.7%	3	20.0%	3	21.4%
5. Theft	634	633	-0.2%	148	23.3%	116	18.3%
Theft from motor vehicle	61	71	16.4%	7	11.5%	2	2.8%
Theft/unauthorised taking of motor vehicle	79	52	-34.2%	13	16.5%	12	23.1%
6. Fraud and Forgery	52	97	86.5%	9	17.3%	18	18.6%
7. Criminal Damage	839	639	-23.8%	88	10.5%	69	10.8%
8. Offences against the state	21	19	-9.5%	15	71.4%	13	68.4%
9. Other notifiable offences	109	93	-14.7%	76	69.7%	66	71.0%
Total not yet assigned to offence category	0	1	/0	0	/0	0	0.0%
Violent Crime (1,2 & 4)	917	750	-18.2%	253	27.6%	214	28.5%
TOTAL CRIME (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,&9)	2844	2490	-12.4%	660	23.2%	531	21.3%
crime Undercount	0	90	/0	na	na	na	na
Total Crime including undercount	2844	2580	-9.3%	na	na	na	na

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

Strategy and/or progress under Policing with the Community	Impact
<p>Starquest – 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>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. Funding has been secured for this year's Starquest and the project is anticipated to run from date of this report until the finale event in April 2009.</p>
<p>Intergenerational Initiative – 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.</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. The four areas identified are Redburn and Loughview, Brunswick Road/St Comgall's, Whitehill and Ballymagee. The project has started in Holywood and the Whitehill Event was on 14th January 2009.</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>Plans for the group include carrying out research to establish the demographic make up of the minority ethnics in North Down and to identify their needs.</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.

NIGHT TIME ECONOMY INITIATIVES – Local police continue to work with partners to ensure a safe environment for all people working and socialising in North Down. Initiatives such as radiolink, increased CCTV coverage, Bangor Against Night time disorder, Door registration scheme, Safezone continue to help in reducing crime in the evenings

POLICE SURGERIES – Neighbourhood police continue to hold a number of local drop in surgeries for local people in their own community. A new easily identified sign has been purchased to advertise these drop ins.

This project is aimed at reducing Anti-social behaviour in the area but also aimed at providing young people with citizenship skills and encouraging personal responsibility. The PWCF project is drawing to a close with the Youth Justice Programme. Outreach work will continue in the Linear Park area by the YMCA who will maintain their links with local Neighbourhood Officers.

Nightlife operations have recently been revamped giving even more of a visible presence and interaction from an earlier part of the evening. Safezone are now providing a static presence outside the Palladium in Quay St on a Friday night, in addition to McCulloughs on a Saturday night. 6 people have been BAND from licensed premises for periods between 3 months and 1yr and the scheme is still being well received. Other areas are expressing an interest in replicating how North Down is dealing with night time disorder.

With the introduction of PACT in February there will be a greater emphasis on localised public meetings that will be widely advertised and will concentrate on local issues affecting the local community. They will not replace current interagency meetings..

Impact

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>ROADSAFE ROADSHOW – This event is taking place on 22nd January 2009 at Bangor Academy. This is aimed at young drivers in particular.</p>	<p>The Bluetooth device has been used to advertise meetings, it has been used in the Town Centre to advertise CCTV and the consequences of committing crime. It has been used at schools to inform pupils of the need to property mark their high value goods and has been recently used at the Roadsafe event to advertise the dangers of using a mobile phone when driving.</p> <p>This project will provide reassurance to people with learning disabilities and to their carers/families. It will facilitate quicker recognition of a disability and decisions on what help or response is required.</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. A total of 138 CASE Lessons were delivered between 1st September and 31st December 2008.</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. This event will take place 9th March – 12th March 2009.</p> <p>This is a highly impactful and emotive event to bring the reality of Road Traffic Collisions to young drivers. Over 800 pupils from the Borough will attend the event.</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		

NOTES