

North Down District Policing Partnership 12 Month Report
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Tackling Crime

North Down Area

District Policing Partnerships Twelve Month Report

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Section 1) Progress Towards Achieving Targets in the Local Policing Plan for 2007/2008

Domain: Tackling Crime					
LPP Target	April 2006 – March 2007	April 2007 – March 2008	% Change	Target	Comment on reasons for change in performance
3.2.3 To reduce the total number of assaults by 2%.	971	930	- 4.2%	- 2% ✓	There has been a reduction in this area in excess of the target set. Whilst it is not possible to be definitive about the reduction the development of a number of initiatives to address assaults associated with the evening economy have most likely had an impact. The level of Domestic motivated assaults has remained fairly constant.
3.3.1 To reduce the total number of recorded crimes of criminal damage by 2%.	1461	1074	- 26.5%	- 2% ✓	There has been a very substantial reduction in criminal damage. Some of the issues that may have contributed to this are; High Visibility Patrolling. Specific Policing Operations in identified Hot Spot Areas. Policing With the Community Fund (PWCF) Community Mappers. PWCF Linear Park project. Princess Trust. CASE and BEESAFE
3.4.1 To reduce the total number of domestic burglaries by 3%.	231	235	1.7%	- 3% ✗	The level of burglaries has remained constant with an increase of 4. A number of specific activities have been directed towards this area including the successful application to court for Anti-social Behaviour orders in respect of four people in Holywood and two in Bangor, in addition two warning letters have been sent out. Crime Prevention Campaign. Proactive use of local Media. Proactive policing operations. High Visibility patrolling. Neighbourhood Watch Schemes. There have been significant arrests and the crime clearance rate for Burglary is comparatively high. Focused briefings for patrol officers. Drugs project KEEP SAFE could also impact on Burglaries as the misuse of Drugs can impact on other Crime areas.

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4.1.1 To increase the sanction clearance rate by 3% points.	23.9%	21.2%	-2.7%	3% X	There has been a decrease in the sanctioned clearance rate during the year. One reason for this has been a more stringent interpretation of Home Office Counting Rules by PSNI. We have been trying to maximise all opportunities for clearances through proper clearance procedures and liaison with PPS to speed up decision making. Another factor has been the fact that North Down has achieved the highest levels of crime clearance in the region last year and was therefore trying to improve on this standard.
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Initiative	Impact
<p>RADIO LINK The radio Link has been in existence for a number of years however this year Inspector Culbert has worked closely with Town centre management to improve and enhance the scheme. Following a successful application for funding through the PWCF the scheme now has a dedicated co-ordinator. The Daytime and Nighttime economies are now linked and the scheme has been expanded to include an additional 30 retailers and service providers. The scheme now includes CCTV, NDBC, Translink, NCP and Bangor Marina.</p>	<p>This is improving co-ordination between all the key stakeholders and partners that can contribute to preventing and detecting crime and dis-order.</p>
<p>SAFEZONE – During this year CSP and Local Police have worked with Rev Chris Bower and his volunteers to provide a more structured approach to providing first aid, re-assurance get home safe for vulnerable people during week-end nightlife operations. There is also a youth outreach and peer support facility incorporated in this.</p>	<p>This promotes the Get home Safe Message. It provides assistance for vulnerable individuals and helps to tackle the problem of underage drinking in the Town centre. Ultimately it assists the police and enables us to focus on preventing Disorder and Assaults.</p>
<p>KEEPSAFE – This is a new and innovative Drugs initiative organised specifically in Kilcooley. The initiative had three phases Education, Encouragement and Enforcement</p>	<p>This initiative is now in the enforcement phase. An evaluation is being carried out by C/Inspector Jones and will be fed back to the Area and DPP. There are often links between the misuse of drugs and other areas of criminality.</p>
<p>YOUTH FIRE EDUCATION PROGRAMME A co-ordinated programme of activities aimed at reinforcing the Fire Safety message and improving understanding of the work of the Fire service. This was initiated following the arson at Skipperstone Community Centre</p>	<p>Educates young people and enhances relationships. Reduces attacks on emergency services and premises.</p> <p>Enhanced Crime Prevention. Reduction in Fear of Crime.</p>

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<p>Neighbourhood Watch – The schemes continue to develop and the number of schemes has increased throughout the year</p> <p>Night-Bus During the year this facility was increased to 3 runs per night. Additional funding was provided by CSP to sustain this important facility.</p> <p>GLAD – Gay and Lesbian across Down. New Group formed during the year.</p>	<p>Improved links with Neighbourhood Policing.</p> <p>Helps reduce numbers in Town Centre at key period and gets people home safe.</p> <p>Increased awareness of Hate Crime and stronger links with police to enhance potential under-reporting.</p>
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Domain: Promoting Community Safety

LPP Target	Apr-Mar 06/07	Apr-Mar 07/08	% Change	Target	Comment on reasons for change in performance
5.1.1 To reduce the total number of incidents of anti-social behaviour by 5%.	5057	4777	- 5.5% (- 280)	- 5% 	The ASB target has been achieved. NPT are adapting a problem solving approach to tackling ASB in conjunction with a range of partners. A number of specific activities have been directed towards this area including the successful application to court for Anti-social Behaviour orders in respect of four people in Holywood and two in Bangor, in addition two warning letters have been sent out. This holistic approach has paid dividends. One specific example would be Linear Park.
7.1.1 To reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on the roads. (*)	Figures as yet not available				
(*) Targets will be based on that achieved in 2006 – 2007, by focusing on detections for					
Careless/Dangerous Driving	299	317			
Excess Speed	201	293			

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Driving whilst impaired through drink and/or drugs	198	216			
Seat Belt Offences	306	189			
Misuse of mobile Telephone	685	567			
Initiative					Impact
CASE programme.					<p>This schools education programme is aimed at educating young people within local schools with a view to developing good citizenship. A reduction in crime and an increase in public confidence.</p> <p>North Down Police continue to work with NDBC to enhance the use of CCTV to prevent and detect crime in Town centre Areas.</p> <p>Innovative approach to tackling potential misuse of drugs.</p> <p>Police in North Down are patrolling in a highly visible way using Single Officers, Cycle patrols and signed cars. The impact is both preventative and re-assuring.</p> <p>This has been run over a number of years and provides a positive and organised diversion from the potential for Anti-social behaviour.</p>
CCTV					
KEEP SAFE Drugs program					
High Visibility patrolling					
Estate Football initiative					

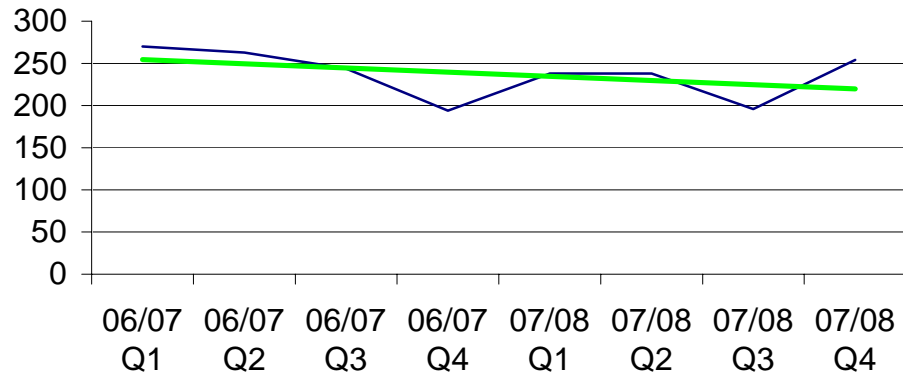
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Section 2) Trend Data for Local Policing Plan Targets 2007/2008

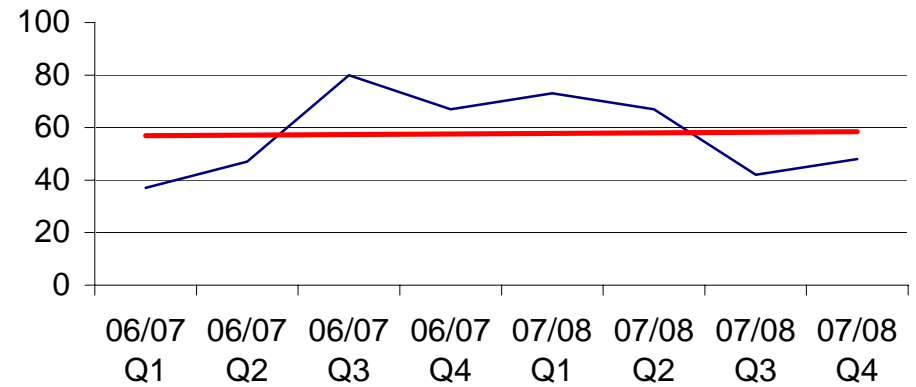
Local Policing Plan Targets for 2007/2008								
Local Policing Plan Targets for 2007 / 2008	Apr 07 - Jun 07	Target	Apr 07 - Sept 07	Target	Apr 07 - Dec 07	Target	Apr 07 - Mar 08	Target
3.2.3 To reduce the total number of assaults by 2%.	255	✓	467	✓	676	✓	930	✓
3.3.1 To reduce the total number of recorded crimes of criminal damage by 2%.	280	✓	609	✓	819	✓	1074	✓
3.4.1 To reduce the total number of domestic burglaries by 3%.	73	✗	140	✗	182	✗	235	✗
4.1.1 To increase the sanction clearance rate by 3% points.	22.1%	✗	21.6%	✗	23.6%	✗	21.2%	✗
5.1.1 To reduce the total number of incidents of anti-social behaviour by 5%.	+ 2.6%	✗	- 2.3%	✗	- 5.1%	✓	- 5.5%	✓
7.1.1 To reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on the roads.	Figures not available							

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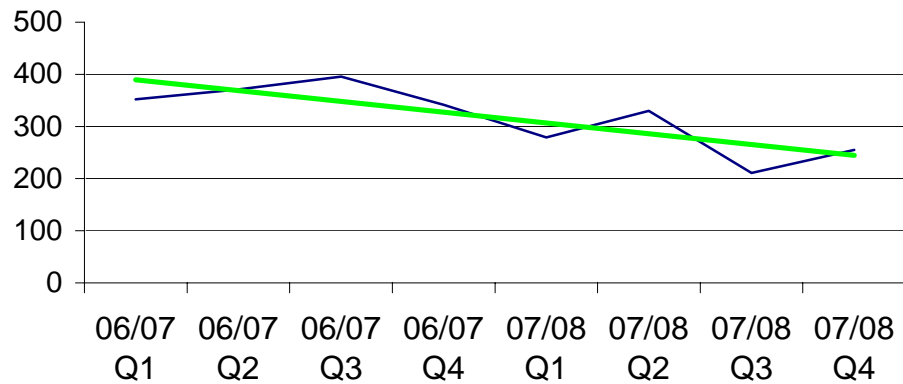
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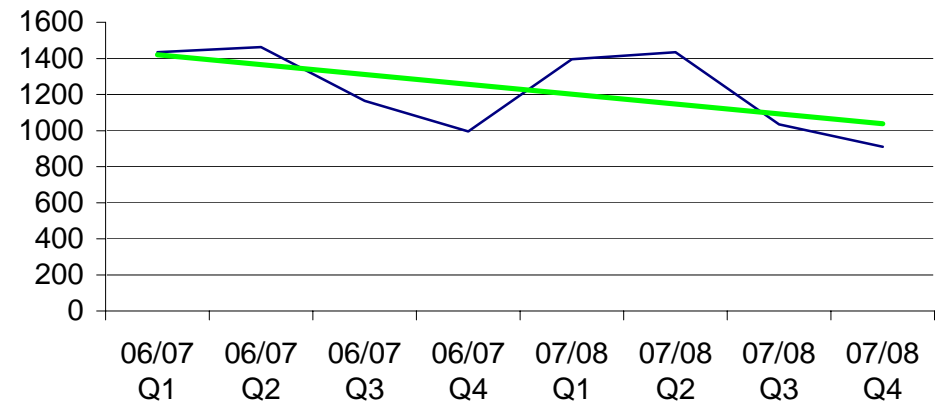
Domestic Burglary



Criminal Damage



Anti Social Behaviour



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

Measures	Recorded April 2006 – March 2007	Recorded April 2007 – March 2008	% Change	Cleared April 2006– March 2007	% Cleared April 2006 – March 2007	Cleared April 2007 – March 2008	% Cleared April 2007 – March 2008
1. Offences against the person	1219	1145	- 6.1%	454	37.2%	296	25.9%
2. Sexual offences	66	68	3.0%	20	30.3%	14	20.6%
3. Burglary	366	357	- 2.5%	43	11.7%	73	20.4%
Domestic Burglary	231	235	1.7%	24	10.4%	65	27.7%
4. Robbery	35	19	- 45.7%	7	20.0%	4	21.1%
5. Theft	987	835	- 15.4%	264	26.7%	183	21.9%
Theft from motor vehicle	119	97	- 18.5%	3	2.5%	8	8.2%
Theft/unauthorised taking of motor vehicle	65	103	58.5%	17	26.2%	22	21.4%
6. Fraud and Forgery	207	84	- 59.4%	86	41.5%	12	14.3%
7. Criminal Damage	1461	1074	- 26.5%	199	13.6%	108	10.1%
8. Offences against the state	38	30	- 21.1%	19	50%	15	50%
9. Other notifiable offences	179	139	- 22.3%	135	75.4%	90	64.7%
Violent Crime (1,2 & 4)	1320	1232	- 6.7%	481	36.4%	314	25.5%
TOTAL CRIME (1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8, &9)	4558	3751	- 17.7%	1227	26.9%	795	21.2%

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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>

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Section 4) Policing with the Community

Initiatives and/or progress under Policing with the Community	Impact
<p>Message in a Bottle and Good Morning Help-line</p> <p>Safety wrist Armband</p> <p>Youth Fire Education Programme</p> <p>BEE SAFE</p> <p>Internet Safety</p> <p>KEEPSAFE</p> <p>Text Alert</p> <p>Neighbourhood Watch. Night Bus Door registration Scheme Radio Link Bar Link. CASE Programme</p> <p>Police Surgeries in Communities with an increase in public attendance at meetings</p>	<p>Re-assurance for elderly and a method of providing an enhanced emergency service. Police have been making referrals to the Good Morning help-line to provide reassurance and support.</p> <p>Re-assurance for parents and children visiting Bloomfield's shopping Complex.</p>

Developing Policing within the Community

Area Commander Chief Inspector McCoy can confirm that Officers in North Down have met regularly over the past year with a number of groups that are representative of the community in North Down. These include Community Associations, Minority groups including GLAD, Disability groups, a sight impaired group, over 50's and youth groups. Meetings are structured as either North Down Area linked or Neighbourhood linked and are then attended by the most appropriate officers. Chief Inspector McCoy has attended all DPP Meetings both Public and private during the year and has also attended Themed meetings. The Chief Constable, Regional ACC and District Commander have also attended individual meetings. The Area Commander has actively involved himself in local policing issues and has commented on a range of local policing issues in local and national media. Police have been represented on Local safety Partnerships and Community Safety Partnerships. The Area Commander and other officers are in regular contact with North Down Borough Council specifically the Mayor, Councillors and the Office Bearers. The Area Commander has also met with some of the local Church Leaders.

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Local neighbourhood Officers continue to attend Police Surgeries in a range of areas across North Down.

A list of groups is available on request.

Neighbourhood Policing Teams and Community Safety Officers engage with groups formally at interagency meetings and set group meetings. They also engage informally at Police surgeries and at events where it is felt a police presence would assist in solving problems and developing relationships.

Schools liaison officers have a rolling programme of lessons that allow them to engage with a large majority of schools and youth groups throughout the year.

Neighbourhood and Community safety officers are represented on a number of committees and working groups in North Down giving advice and assistance on various projects that reduce crime and the fear of crime.

Neighbourhood Constables in Holywood attend Community safety meetings and are involved in the Art and regeneration committee, which is striving to allow communities to take ownership of their local areas by way of being involved in art projects in their estates.

Sergeant Blackmore the Hate Incident Minority Officer continues to work with a range of groups and is involved in a number of initiatives in the Area.

Sergeant Spence has been actively involved with Event organisers throughout the year.

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Section 5) Community Safety Projects

Initiatives or contribution towards Community Safety Projects	Impact
<p><i>Estate football initiative</i></p> <p><i>SAFEZONE</i></p> <p><i>Age Concern</i> – message in a bottle Good morning Helpline</p> <p><i>Policing with the Community Fund – Community Mappers</i></p> <p>Young People from Whitehill and Redburn/Loughview mapped the ‘good and the bad’ in their own area through digital photography. A range of key agencies was then approached by the young people to discuss how to improve the bad and enhance the good. Project has just been completed. Partner agency was NIHE.</p> <p><i>Policing with the Community Fund – Linear Park Project.</i></p> <p>Funding for diversionary activities linking young people with local police. Police have assisted in improving a room now allocated to the youth group. Internet safety will be incorporated into use of the new computers. A Driver awareness course was held over 5 weeks, which included two sessions in Car Maintenance at SERC. Other diversionary activities are being planned.</p>	<p>Helps to reduce anti-social behaviour in estates and used as a diversionary activity to promote citizenship among young people.</p> <p>This promotes the Get home Safe Message. It provides assistance for vulnerable individuals and helps to tackle the problem of underage drinking in the Town centre. Ultimately it assists the police and enables us to focus on preventing Disorder and Assaults.</p> <p>This project is currently under going an evaluation and full report will be made available on completion.</p> <p>This has helped to reduce anti-social behaviour in the area and has promoted an understanding amongst the young people of the issues raised by residents. It has also built on the relationship between police and young people in the area. There has been a decrease in the number of reported incidents in this area.</p>

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Policing with the Community Fund – Starquest

Through music, dance, visual arts youth groups from across the borough will deliver a range of safety messages to educate young people about drugs, alcohol abuse and anti-social behaviour.

Princess Trust

Police have recently forged links with this organisation aimed at identifying unemployed people aged 16-25 and recommending they take part in their 12 week programme.

BEESAFE.

An annual multi-agency safety programme aimed at P7 pupils. Has run for previous two years and is scheduled for four days in May this year. Each year we have almost doubled the number of participants in comparison to the previous year. Agencies such as Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue, Home Accident Prevention, NSPCC, PSNI, Maritime Coastguard Agency have attended and delivered their message.

CASE.

Citizenship and Safety Education is being delivered to Primary and Post Primary schools across the Borough and to youth groups and organisations. CASE addresses issues such as Drugs, Diversity, Human Rights and Cultural Awareness.

Neighbourhood officers visit primary schools and nurseries as requested to link in with them from an early age. They are shown around Police vehicles and advised on personal safety relevant to the age.

This has assisted in a better understanding of the issues round drugs and alcohol. It has offered young people an opportunity to develop other skills and used as a diversionary activity to promote citizenship among young people. It also helps reduce anti-social behaviour.

This allows developing links with an older group of young people and used as an diversionary activity to promote citizenship among young people.

This has been difficult to evaluate, however it has been reported that it has helped the young people develop skills to equip themselves for moving to post primary schools and of course keep them safe.

The impact that the CASE programme has had has been widely reported throughout North Down and indeed Northern Ireland.

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Section 7) Progress Towards Achieving Targets in the Northern Ireland Policing Plan for 2007–2008

Domain: Satisfaction and Confidence				
APP Target	Apr-Mar 06/07	Apr-Mar 07/08	% Change	Target
1.1.1 To increase the percentage of people who are confident in the police's ability to provide an ordinary, day-to-day policing service for all the people of Northern Ireland by 4% points.	Omnibus Survey October 2006 79%	Omnibus Survey October 2007 84%	5% points	✓
1.3.1 To increase the percentage of emergency calls responded to within 15 minutes by 2% points.	84.5%	84.4%	-0.1%	✗

Domain: Tackling Crime				
APP Target	Apr-Mar 06/07	Apr-Mar 07/08	% Change	Target
3.1.1 To reduce the total number of crimes by 2%.	4558	3751	- 17.7%	✓
3.2.1 To reduce the total number of violent crimes by 2%.	1320	1232	- 6.7%	✓
3.2.2 To reduce the total number of violent crimes against children by 2%.	269	275	2.2%	✗
3.3.1 To reduce the total number of recorded crimes of criminal damage by 2%.	1461	1074	- 26.5%	✓
3.4.1 To reduce the total number of domestic burglaries by 3%.	231	235	1.7%	✗
4.1.1 To increase the sanction clearance rate by 3% points.	23.9%	21.2%	- 2.7%	✗
4.2.1 To increase the sanction clearance rate for sectarian hate crime.	0%	14.3%	14.3%	✓
4.2.2 To increase the sanction clearance rate for racist hate crime.	10%	25%	15%	✓
4.2.3 To increase the sanction clearance rate for homophobic hate crime.	0%	0%	0%	✓
4.3.1 To increase the number of drugs supply crime gangs frustrated, disrupted or dismantled.	6 4 2	29 25 4	+ 23 +21 +2	✓
4.4.1 To increase the number of cash seizures by police.	89	146	+57	✓
4.5.1 The number of persons charged with terrorist offences (section 41 only)	2	0	- 2	

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Domain: Promoting Community Safety				
APP Target	Apr-Mar 06/07	Apr-Mar 07/08	% Change	Target
5.1.1 To reduce the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour by 5%.	5057	4777	- 5.5% (- 280)	✓
7.1.1 To reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on the road.	Figures not available			
7.1.2 To reduce the number of children killed or seriously injured on the road.	Figures not available			

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Domain: Managing Capability				
APP Target	Apr-Sep 06/07	Apr- Sep 07/08	% Change	Target
8.3.1 To reduce average sickness levels to 80 hours (10 days) for police officers and civilian staff in 2007/2008.	10.18 13.00	11.83 8.10	+16.21% - 37.70%	7.5
	Received within time limit	Total	% processed within 90 days	Variation (in % pts) from target
8.4.1 To process 87% of custody cases within administrative time limits.	93	105	88.6%	+ 1.6%
8.4.2 To process 87% of bail cases within administrative time limits.	170	178	95.5%	+ 8.5%
8.4.3 To process 75% of indictable reported cases within administrative time limits.	23	36	63.9%	- 11.1%
8.4.4 To process 60% of summary reported cases within administrative time limits.	916	1160	79.0%	+19.0%

[Glossary of Terms](#)

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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	Asset 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
DPA	Data Protection Act	PSNI	Police Service of Northern Ireland
DPP	District Policing Partnership	PTR	Part Time Reserve
FOI	Freedom of Information	RTC	Road Traffic Collision
FTC	Fatal Traffic Collision	SLA	Service Level Agreement
FTR	Full Time Reserve	SNEN	Single Non-Emergency Number
GBH	Grievous Bodily Harm	SOC	Scene of Crime
GIS	Geographical Information System	TED	Training Education & Development
HVP	High Visibility Patrol	TSG	Tactical Support Group
KPI	Key Performance Indicator	VFM	Value for Money
KSI	Killed or Seriously Injured	YCA	Youths Causing Annoyance
LGBT	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender	YDO	Youth Diversion Officer
MLO	Minority Liaison Officer		
NAO	National Audit Office		
NCIS	National Criminal Intelligence Service		

Note: This glossary should be added to ensure that DPP members clearly understand PSNI abbreviations.