

Statistics Branch Operational Support Dept. Branch Plan: 2015/16

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Keeping People Safe



PSNI Aims & Objectives

The 2014-2017 Policing Plan outlines the PSNI's purpose, which is to keep people safe through prevention of crime, protection of people and communities and detecting those who commit crime and bringing them to justice. It also highlights our vision, which is to help build a more confident, safe and peaceful society.

Supporting this plan are our strategies to support service delivery, as well as our revised Policing with the Community (PwC) Framework. Policing with the Community underpins all aspects of our service. It reinforces how the Police Service connects with people as members of the general public, or as victims or witnesses of crime. Policing with the Community also means connecting with partner agencies in criminal justice, public service and voluntary and private sectors with the aim of supporting community safety and well-being.

To acknowledge the importance of Policing with the Community, the 2015-16 annual update of the 2014-17 Policing Plan has been revised to reflect a strengthened emphasis on quality of service, partnership working and a focus on our policing priorities.

Policing with the Community is the defining culture of PSNI, where accountability, fairness, courtesy and respect, alongside decision making in collaboration with others becomes the norm. This culture reflects the unique challenges of the PSNI and the need for police and the community to deliver policing together.

Through partnership and engagement work with the community, Policing and Community Safety Partnerships (PCSPs) and other partner agencies, we want to improve the levels of confidence and satisfaction which you have with the service you receive from us. By establishing strong collaborative working practices, we will work in partnership to strengthen the quality of the engagement we have with you in order to deliver an excellent service to communities.

The priorities set out in this Plan must also reflect the Long Term Objectives for Policing as set out by the Minister of Justice. The performance outcomes, indicators and measures are established to evaluate the success of the Chief Constable in meeting the policing objectives.

PSNI have carried out analysis on a range of issues and the Board has consulted a range of groups, and the findings of these have been drawn together as identified priorities for policing. At the heart of decision making related to setting priorities is the need to Keep People Safe through preventing crime, protecting communities and detecting offenders.

Setting priorities is critical to ensure the most effective and efficient use of finances, officers and staff, particularly in a climate of shrinking budgets and finite resources. If a crime or crime type is not specifically mentioned in this Plan, that does not mean that it is not important. The PSNI will continue to report to the Board on performance across all crime types, with the Chief Constable accountable for service delivery.

Purpose of the PSNI's Statistics Branch

The PSNI's Statistics Branch is the main source of official statistical information on recorded crime, drugs seizures, the security situation, police use of force, police use of stop & search powers and on injury road traffic collisions for PSNI. The Branch also has responsibility for co-ordinating all PSNI surveys and for disseminating statistics on complaints against the police collated by the Police Ombudsman's Office.

Statistics Branch Objectives

(For linkage to NISRA Performance Appraisal Agreements)

Generic

- 1.1 To record and report statistics relating to crime, incidents, injury road traffic collisions, security and drugs in an accurate and timely manner in accordance with relevant guidelines.
- 1.2 To approve, co-ordinate and assist with the conduct of internal and external surveys on behalf of the Police Service of Northern Ireland
- 1.3 To provide the Chief Constable and the organisation with relevant information on in-year performance in relation to the agreed policing plan objectives
- 1.4 To develop and improve the systems and services provided to the Police Service of Northern Ireland through increased use of IT in accordance with government policies to ensure the most effective use of email, the internet and the intranet
- 1.5 To provide professional advice, briefings and guidance to senior PSNI officers and to represent the organisation at meetings or in working groups where required.
- 1.6 To ensure that PSNI statistics comply with the requirements of the Statistics & Registration Act 2007 and the Code of Practice for Official Statistics
- 1.7 To develop statistical staff in compliance with NISRA DFP HR policies

Key Outputs

- Monthly and annual reports on levels of recorded crime and associated detection rates
- Monthly and annual reports on levels of ASB
- Quarterly and annual reports on levels of incidents/crimes with a domestic motivation
- Quarterly and annual reports on levels of incidents/crimes with a hate motivation
- Monthly and annual reports on the levels of injury road traffic collisions and casualties
- Monthly and annual reports on security statistics
- Monthly and annual reports on drug seizures and arrests
- Quarterly reports on the numbers of persons stopped and searched
- Six monthly reports on the use of force by PSNI
- Statutory annual reporting of PACE statistics on behalf of the Chief Constable

Background to Statistics Branch

The PSNI's Statistics Branch was established in the 1980s and its main functions have remained relatively consistent since then. The branch currently has a mix of NISRA statisticians (n=9) who are seconded from the Dept. of Finance & Personnel, and PSNI support staff (n=14) who are either direct recruits to the PSNI or are on secondment from the administrative side of the NICS.

NISRA's Aims and Values

The NISRA staff are bound by the agency's vision, aims and strategic objectives through which it strives to be a centre of excellence in all areas of its business dedicated to continuous improvement in the quality of its work. Against this background, the Agency has a vision which is underpinned by principles of purpose as set out in its Corporate and Business Plan.

<http://www.nisra.gov.uk/aboutus/default.asp11.htm>

NISRA's Vision

The Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency strives to be recognised as an organisation:

- that is valued for innovation, integrity and independence and recognised for first class service provided to government and the public;
- whose expertise provides important and trusted information and advice that has a beneficial impact on peoples' lives; and
- that is known and respected within government and publicly for the comprehensive information that is collected to the highest professional standards, and provides an understanding of social and economic conditions and changes in Northern Ireland.

In striving to deliver on our vision we will build on our history and our reputation for quality and customer service, building on advancements in information communication technologies.

NISRA's Principles of Purpose

Underpinning our vision are our principles of purpose. These describe the ethos of our organisation, what is important to us and how we conduct our business as an Agency and as individuals. They are:

Relevance

- Our statistics and research will inform significant decisions in government, business and the wider community and, in so doing, contribute to the quality of life;

Integrity

- Our statistics and research will gain public trust through being produced using objective and transparent methods;

Quality

- Our statistics and research will be fit for purpose and of high quality;

Accessibility

- Access to our statistics and research findings will be fair and open;

Protecting confidentiality

- Where data are collected or used for statistical or research purposes, we guarantee to protect confidentiality;

Balancing the needs of users against the burden on providers

- Costs of compliance will be kept to an acceptable level and data collected only when the benefits of a statistical survey exceed the cost to providers;

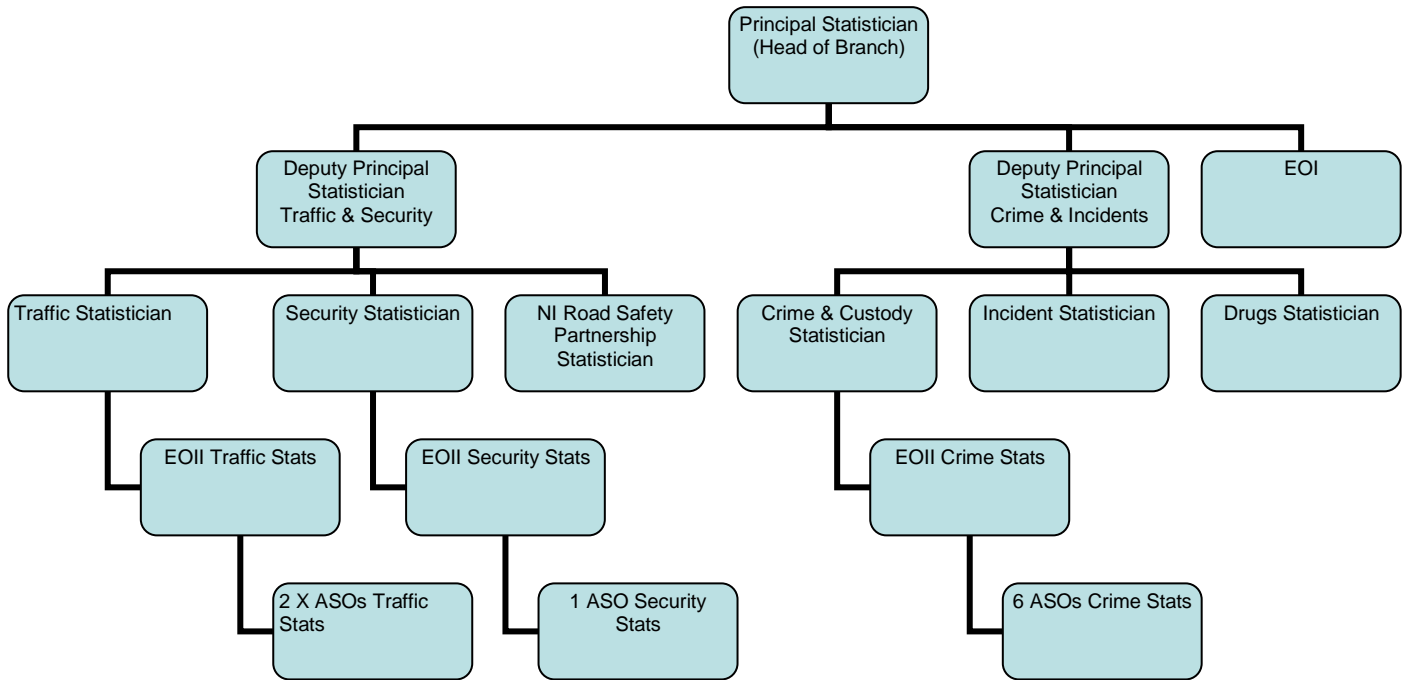
Enhancement through integration, accumulation and innovation

- Our statistics will emphasise coherence and common standards to maximise the value of available statistical and administrative sources; and

Efficiency in costs, fairness in prices

- We will strive to be efficient and to provide value for money in both costs and prices.

Statistics Branch Organisational Chart: April 2015



Contribution to the PSNI & Operational Support Policing Plan

Objective 1: To ensure that the various statistics provided by PSNI’s Statistics Branch comply with the code of practice for official statistics and that the various administrative datasets follow national guidance in how these statistics should be recorded in order to ensure they are accurate and reliable.

Objective 2: Provision of timely statistics by agreed deadlines to ensure that the PSNI and the wider general public are provided with up-to-date information

Objective 3: Development of processes, systems and databases to maximise the range of statistics available from PSNI systems

Objective 4: Demonstrate effective governance through development of branch plan, PWC contribution, IPR, IIP, managing branch budgets, internal engagement and training of staff.