365 days a year.

items from one crime scene

CSI Fact File:

then provided to investigators.

But unlike a popular television programme of the same name, police crime scene investigation (CSI) is to gather information and evidence.

Once the Crime Scene Investigators have recovered the evidence it goes to various departments for analysis. The results of the tests are then provided to investigators.

• On average a CSI attends 400 crime scenes in a year

• There are 45 CSIs working for the Police Service

Real life Crime Scene Investigation

From attending murder scenes and assaults, to homes and commercial properties where burglaries have taken place, the main job of a Crime Scene Investigator (CSI) is to gather information and evidence.

CALL THE POLICE 101

Following on from its launch last year, we would like to remind you of the 101 non-emergency number to contact the police.

We now have an average of over 97,000 calls across our Facebook pages and Twitter feeds, providing us with unique opportunities to share, consult, inform and assist in ways of improving the service we deliver to local communities.

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In an emergency always call 999

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• Theft of property

• Minor damage to property

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• Theft of property (when a crime has already taken place)

• Giving information about issues affecting your community (including drugs and anti-social behaviour)

Call 999

When sharing or seeking information or reporting:

• When there’s a danger to life

• When someone is injured

• When there is serious damage caused to property

Domestic abuse is an under-reported crime, with victims often suffering prolonged periods of silence or abuse before seeking help against the perpetrator.

We would strongly encourage anyone suffering from domestic abuse to contact police on an emergency 999 on the non-emergency number 101.

A 24-hour Domestic and Sexual Violence Helpline is available to anyone who has concerns about domestic or sexual violence, now or in the past, on 0800 802 1414.

Domestic abuse is a crime that can affect anyone, and is one we take very seriously. We are committed to the protection, welfare of victims, and will continue to help and support them.

Social media

Our job is to keep people safe.

We want to do that by policing alongside you, providing a speedy, effective service but also trying to reduce the time to listen to you and play our part in making our communities safer and more confident places to live and work.

We are changing your policing to be more responsive to the needs of your community.

Across Northern Ireland our 26 Neighbourhood Policing Teams which will be focussed on tackling the most difficult crime and safety issues faced by communities.

They will be committed to building long term relationships, addressing complex anti-social behaviour problems and helping communities resolve conflicts in the areas most affected by high levels of crime.

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Tackling hate crime
Hate crime is a strategic priority for police. As part of our commitment to tackling all forms of hate crime, we work closely with multi-agency groups to encourage greater reporting and increase support for victims.

We have specific aims to increase reporting, ensure high quality responses and interventions, support victims and bring offenders to justice. But our policing response can only be as successful as the information we receive.

To do this, we need as much information from the public as they can provide so that our response is as effective as possible. We are also encouraging all victims to feel confident enough to contact their local police and report these incidents so we can deal with them effectively.

There are a number of ways to report a hate crime to us – via our 101 telephone number and selecting option 2 – it offers a high quality telephone service to both victims and members of the public into nearly 50 languages.

Hate crimes can also be reported online via our website: www.police.uk

Alternatively, information can be given anonymously through the independent charity Safe 2 Tell on 0800 555 111.

Get Safe Online
An emerging threat for all of us is cybercrime. A recent survey indicated that one in three people here have seen a victim of online fraud, yet just under half of those surveyed said they would report it. We have specialist teams in Cybercrime and Organised Crime Branches working with partner agencies across the world to reduce the threat and identify these criminals.

You can help yourself Get Safe Online by following these simple steps.

Close it, Lock it, Check it
Nearly half of all burglaries in Northern Ireland are walk-ins, where thieves get into your home by breaking unlocked windows and doors.

By taking a few minutes each day to properly secure your property you can reduce your risk of burglary. Our “Close it, Lock it, Check it” campaign identifies some quick and easy steps you can take to prevent property crime.

• Close, lock and check all windows and doors every time you leave your home
• Always lock garages and sheds
• Never keep keys visible in view of passers by

If you are going on holiday make sure you take the obvious, cancel milk and paper deliveries and use timer switches to turn on lights

• Make a note of your key numbers, serial numbers and make your property in a way that makes it unique to you
• Ask your neighbours to keep an eye on your property and to let you know if anything unusual happens

Get a wake up call for drug dealers
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Drugs are an issue across all communities and while police remain committed to fighting drug dealing, we continue to work with all communities in doing this.

During the first eight months of this financial year we seized more than £10 million worth of drugs. It has been a very busy year for police in the area, but whilst there have been seizures of drugs, there have been very few drug related incidents.

Policing and Community Safety Partnerships, Crimestoppers, local communities, police and partner agencies are working together to highlight drug related issues.

We are raising awareness, carrying out investigations, and reminding communities that they hold the key to taking drug dealers off the street.

If you have any information about drug dealing in your area, call the police on 101, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.