



2017/2018

**Belfast Policing and Community Safety
Partnership**

Annual Report

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Foreword by the Chair of the Belfast Policing and Community Safety Partnership

As Chair of Belfast Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) I am pleased to present this Report for the period 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018 detailing the work completed by the Partnership during this time.

Following on from the successful work already undertaken in previous years, the PCSP has continued to develop working relationships with its statutory partners, other agencies and community organisations, in tackling issues that concern us all.

As well as supporting communities, making financial contribution to the small grants programme; supporting Neighbourhood Watch; and the ever popular Christmas Safety Event, the Partnership has worked with its partners to address new and emerging concerns for the City and its residents.

Belfast PCSP supported a unique Dual Diagnosis project aimed at connecting a core number of long-term rough-sleepers and street drug users with community and statutory support services in response to emerging community safety concerns with our City Centre.

Belfast PCSP has worked closely with the Belfast Area Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse Partnership to deliver a masterclass on stalking and harassment and coercive control highlighting its links with domestic and sexual violence.

Throughout the course of the year, the Policing Committee held regular meetings with PSNI, which continue to provide regular updates on the issues affecting policing across Belfast.

As my term ends, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Members for their support and wish the new Chair every success for the challenges that lie in the year ahead.

Councillor Carole Howard

Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership
Chair
2017 - 2018

Functions of the Belfast PCSP

The Belfast PCSP is responsible for:

- **Consulting and engaging** with the local community on issues that impact on policing and community safety. Each PCSP/DPCSP has a Policing Committee which has a distinct responsibility to provide views to the local Police Commander and the Policing Board on policing matters;
- **Identifying and prioritising** the particular issues of concern and preparing plans for how these can be tackled;
- **Monitoring** the performance of the police and working to gain the co-operation of the public with the police in preventing crime; and,
- **Delivering** a reduction in crime and enhancing community safety in local areas directly through interventions, through the work of delivery groups or through support for the work of others.

Membership of Belfast PCSP

Elected Members



Councillor Carole Howard
(Chair)



Councillor Paul McCusker (North Belfast DPCSP Chair)



Councillor Mairéad O'Donnell
(East Belfast DPCSP Chair)



Councillor Lee Reynolds
(South Belfast DPCSP Chair)



Councillor Matt Garrett



Alderman Brian Kingston



Alderman Jim Rodgers



Councillor Claire Canavan



Councillor JJ Magee

Independent Members



John MacVicar
(Vice-Chair)



Carmel McKinney



Mary Lambe



Debbie Hammill



John Loughran



Michael O'Hara



Susan Russam



Anne-Louise Toal

Statutory Representatives

The following statutory organisations are represented on Belfast Policing and Community Safety Partnership:

- Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
- Education Authority
- Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service
- Northern Ireland Housing Executive
- Police Service of Northern Ireland
- Probation Board for Northern Ireland
- Youth Justice Agency of Northern Ireland

JOINT COMMITTEE STATEMENT

“PCSPs receive annual funding (£4.25m in 2018/19) from the Joint Committee (the Department of Justice and NI Policing Board) with a legislative aim to work with their local community to help address crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour issues.

There have been many examples of good practice highlighted to Joint Committee by PCSPs throughout the 2017/18 year, which display the good work being carried out on the ground. Joint Committee has also provided support to PCSPs to use an Outcomes Based Approach (OBA) as a more consistent and better means of measuring impact and improving transparency and accountability in the delivery of their work in local communities.

Whilst still early days, PCSPs are now routinely using all aspects of OBA in their work, with an action plan being completed using indicator and performance measure information; a project card template being used for each initiative and thematic report cards being submitted to Joint Committee every quarter from a governance perspective.

To support PCSPs in their transition to this new way of working, the Joint Committee developed PCSP planning guidance, which incorporates the following:

- Information on the OBA process;
- An action plan template, which includes a review and summary synopsis to capture the rationale for continuing, amending or not progressing, projects from one year to another;
- A set of agreed performance measures for generic projects;
- A project card template to be completed for each initiative;
- A thematic report card template to be used to help highlight impact at a more strategic level; and
- A framework showing how the work of PCSPs and their use of OBA supports the common Programme for Government Outcome 7 - We have a safe community where we respect the law and each other.

The NI Audit Office has also recognised the good work that PCSPs are doing with regard to using OBA and has included PCSPs as one of two case studies within the recently launched Performance Management for Outcomes good practice guide for public bodies – published on 15 June 2018.”

Strategic Objective 1

To Successfully Deliver the Functions of the Policing and Community Safety Partnership

In 2017/2018 Belfast Policing and Community Safety Partnership held **10** private meetings.

They hosted Joint Briefings for all (D) PCSP Members about:
Topic and date

Neighbourhood Watch

There were **85** Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in Belfast:

- South 37
- East 32
- North 13
- West 3

26 Coordinators attended the citywide forum meeting on 15 March in City Hall.

They reported that:

- **70%** found the NHW Coordinators Meetings to be beneficial
- **61%** felt the NHW Coordinators meeting helped improve community safety in their area

Strategic Objective 2

Feel Safer Projects

Christmas Safety Event

Belfast PCSP's held it's **Christmas Safety Event** on 1 December 2017, in City Hall

- **1,428** members of the public attended the Christmas safety event where they were able to visit 28 different stall holders
- **98%** of respondents were more aware of the information and support available to them
- **93%** felt safer as a result of the information provided and 94% knew more about the work of the PCSP

Young People Feel Safer

Road Safe Road Show

PCSP's **Road Safe Road Show** took place on 12/13 October 2017, with **780** young people in attendance at City Hall. On the 12th October **401** pupils and on the 13th October **379** pupils attended the Road Safe Road Show at city Hall.

In partnership with the PCSP, PSNI, NIFRS, NIAS, BCC and Cool FM worked well with positive feedback from all the partners who are keen to see this event delivered annually in Belfast

The Road Show was featured in a number of press outlets and websites (print outs provided): Belfast Telegraph, UTV, Newsletter, Belfast Live, YouTube, Cool FM, Belfast City Council, PCSP's Facebook page, NI Policing Board, Mercy College and Boys Model.

The event was broadcast live via Belfast Telegraph Facebook with over 75,000 viewers.

Of the attendees who responded to the evaluation survey after the Road Safe Road Show reported that;

- 93 (**95.88%**) were more aware of the dangers of drinking and driving
- 91 (**93.81%**) were more aware of the dangers of texting, snapchatting and facebooking while driving
- 94 (**96.91%**) were more aware of the dangers of speeding
- 90 (**92.78%**) were more aware of driving under the influence of drugs
- 87 (**89.69%**) had changed their attitude towards driving safely

Young People's Cybercrime Project

PCSP funded the practical costs of **Safeguarding Board** for NI's E-Safety Training for Child Safeguarding Trainers on 14 June 2017.

- **75** attendees
- **98.6%** reported increased awareness of online safety issues as a result of attending the training

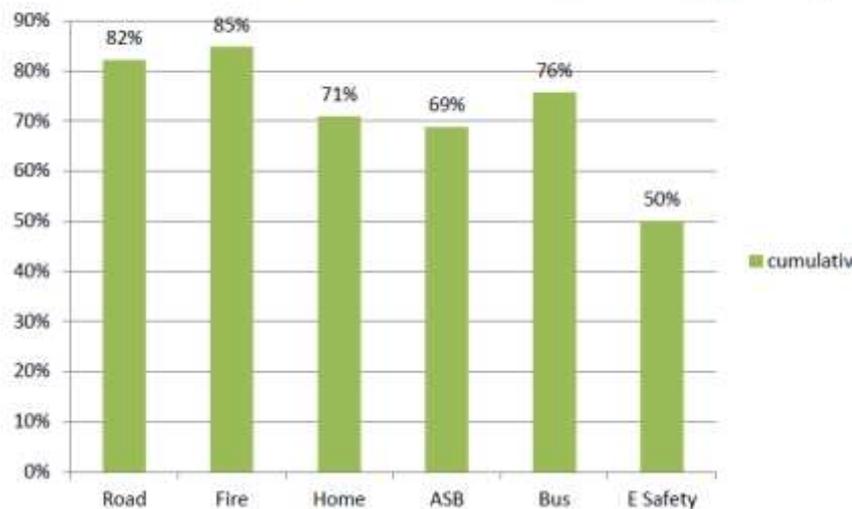
School's Project

Eye 4 Education was commissioned to work with Partners to develop a model for a cohesive Policing and Community Safety Partnership programme in secondary schools

RADAR Project

2,186 pupils from 46 Belfast Primary Schools attended RADAR in 2018

Cumulative % Increase in Knowledge



Night Time Volunteering

Winter Training Programme

Training was taken up by **117** volunteers from the SOS Bus volunteers, Belfast Street Pastors, Night Light and the Community Rescue Service.

Training was delivered in following topics:

- 23 people attended Personal safety
- 11 people attended Radio protocol
- 15 people attended Sharps, intervention and signs of drug use
- 21 people attended Safeguarding adults at risk of harm
- 47 people attended Safe Talk – suicide prevention
- 11 people attended Understanding alcohol

100% of respondents felt that the training supported them in their role as a volunteer in Belfast and increased their ability to make a value added and positive impact for the community and their organisations.

Adults at Risk of Harm

Dual Diagnosis Project

The Dual Diagnosis Project supports vulnerable adults with complex needs, primarily in Belfast City Centre.

15 different sources of referral into the project were identified

60% of those referred to the project were rough sleeping, squatting or sofa surfing

- **50** individuals were engaged and supported
- **58%** were accommodated by the end of the project
- **24%** were in prison or hospital by the end of the project
- **78%** (38) of those supported were linked in to mainstream, statutory health and social cares services by the end of the project

Domestic Violence and Abuse

DASH Masterclass Project

The Masterclass in Domestic Abuse, Stalking and Harassment and Honour Based Violence (DASH 2009 – 2016) took place on 21 March in the Skainos Centre,

- Attended by 56 people.
- 98% of respondents agreed that the masterclass had improved their knowledge and would benefit their work
- 98% agreed that the masterclass would be useful within their area of work

Launch of Domestic Violence App

The domestic violence app was launched in November 2018 in Belfast City Hall, and to the end of April, the app had generated 279 downloads

Antisocial Behaviour

Supporting the Shared City Partnership's Belfast Bonfire Programme 2017

In 2017, 31 sites were involved in the Belfast Bonfire Programme and 7 interagency meetings of very senior officers were held.

The Shared City Partnership found the support from Belfast PCSP to be beneficial.

Due to the current Council investigation into how bonfires were managed in 2017; the evaluation has not been released.

Transient Youth Project

This project worked with multi-sectoral stakeholders from Falls Park, Marrowbone Park and Orangefield Park to develop action plans which would engage with the transient young people and reduce their risk taking behaviours.

This project was supported by an integrated model of working to focus on young people at high levels of risk of engaging in serious asb across Belfast.

Drugs and Alcohol

Sharps

PCSP Funded Sharps Contract received 340 reports of drug paraphernalia between 1 April 2017 and 31 March 2018 and this clearly evidences a need for work of this nature.

2 Stakeholder meetings with representation from PSNI, NIHE, PHA, Belfast Trust, Extern, Welcome Centre, BCCM, BID and Belfast City Council

It's STILL about the Battle not the Bottle; Orangefest

The 2016 It's about the Battle, not the Bottle campaign was revised and promoted on 5 billboards and 90 buses across Belfast.

Licensee Training

In May, PSNI led training for staff from licensed premises attended by 27 people.

93% agreed that the course would help them practise responsible retailing relevant to drugs awareness.

Drug Dealers Don't Care

The Drug Dealers Don't Care Campaign ran from 19 February to 19 March to coincide with PSNI's Operation Torus.

By funding some boosted posts

- 230,000 people were reached
- 124,000 people viewed the videos

Managing St. Patrick's Day

In order to support the PSNI and Council operations to manage alcohol fuelled antisocial behaviour on St Patrick's Day across the City, Belfast PCSP brought in SoS Bus, took Roma children to the Scout Centre, and deployed mobile CCTV at key locations.

Business Crime

The Cyber Security Seminars

Belfast PCSP has commissioned Belfast City Centre Management to deliver learning on Cyber Security, equipping delegates with the tools required to cope in an increasing complex landscape

42 participants attended

- 100% reported improved knowledge of cybercrime
- 100% reported an increased likelihood of reporting cybercrime incidents to the appropriate organisation

Retail Crime Watch Seminars

Belfast City Centre Management delivered three retail crime watch seminars to 22 participants.

- The seminars focused on refresher training for 22 existing Members.
- 100% of respondents (19 people) reported that they have improved knowledge about business crime.

Strategic Objective 3

To Improve Community Confidence in Policing

Policing Committee

The Political and Independent Members of the PCSP also form a 'Policing Committee' which sits as part of the wider Partnership, but carries out a distinct role in relation to monitoring police performance, as well as providing a forum for communities to inform local policing priorities. The Policing Committee held six meetings during the period April 2017 – March 2018.

At these Meetings, Members had the opportunity to question the District Commander and the senior officers on various issues affecting policing in the City of Belfast and raise policing performance issues that were concerns for the local communities.

Monitor Police Performance

- 100% policing committee meetings had input from PSNI
- 100% of issues raised by PSNI at Policing Committee meeting were uplifted and addressed
- 100% of monitoring reports were submitted to NI Policing Board

Policing and Community Safety Small Grants

Small Grants fund local communities to deliver projects and initiatives that reduced crime, promote community safety, encouraged engagement with the Police and supported the work of particular interest groups.

During 2017/2018, the PCSP provided funding 3 projects in 2017/2018:

Northern Ireland Trade Union Educational & Social Centre Limited T/a Belfast Unemployed Resource Centre	<u>Journeys</u> Participants who have been engaged with unhealthy antisocial behaviour will be introduced to a number of tools to self motivate and address their cycles of behaviour and learn to contribute positively within their communities.
Féile An Phobail	<u>Us and Them - Challenging Perceptions & Attitudes Building a Safer Community</u> This project is about the evolving work of Feile an Phobail's policing and community safety initiative. We will seek to prevent, reduce and tackle anti-social behaviour and crime through confidence building, education and awareness, reduce social isolation using various forms of art and media, and community engagement.

Substance Misuse Awareness for Students

ASCERT

The project will target young people aged 16-24 in relation to drink/drug driving. The project will provide educational sessions to groups within the identified age range to raise participant awareness, challenge negative attitudes and positively impact on the behaviour of young people, reducing levels of drink/drug driving.