



2018/2019
Annual Report



East Belfast DPCSP
Belfast City Council

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Introduction from the Chair and Vice Chair

As Chair of the East Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership (DPCSP) and on behalf of the Vice Chair of the partnership, I am pleased to introduce the Annual Report which highlights the work of the Partnership during the period 1st April, 2018 – 31st March, 2019.

The East Belfast DPCSP is made up of Elected Members from Belfast City Council, Independent Members appointed by the Northern Ireland Policing Board and representatives from seven statutory agencies. It is this unique range of partners that continues to allow effective, collaborative work to be conducted both with our partners and in partnership with communities.

The Members of the East Belfast DPCSP have continued to work hard within the partnership in order to support and commission work which impacts in a positive way in dealing with community safety issues and crime. The delivering of such work is also core business of the partnership and as such we supported or commissioned a significant amount of projects. These projects are all subject to much scrutiny through established governance procedures as a means of ensuring the appropriate use of public monies and used in a way that produces effective pieces of work with tangible outcomes on our streets. Additionally the groups who avail of funding are expected to feed back to the partnership on how the projects went and more importantly what outcomes (agreed as part of the funding requirements) have been achieved.

The cornerstone of the vast majority of the projects has been the sterling work of community groups and volunteers in both supporting the work and being part of it. Our Statutory Members within the partnership have also provided good service, both through their contributions to conversations and their sharing of informed perspectives as a means of informing and shaping planning going into the next year of work. The partnership has worked hard to enhance confidence in policing as a means of encouraging communities to report crimes in order to allow the police to conduct their business in an efficient and effective manner and to do so with the confidence of all communities.

With the completion of the local elections, we see new political Members coming on board and we welcome them to the partnership. To those who have left thank you for your efforts and contributions, all of which have helped to develop and grow the partnership to the benefit of those who live, work or visit East Belfast.

Alderman Tommy Sandford

Chair

Introduction from the Joint Committee

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 showcase 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.

Membership of East Belfast DPCSP

Elected Representatives as of 31/03/19.



[Alderman Tommy Sandford \(Chair\)](#)

DUP



[Alderman Sonia Copeland](#)

UUP



[Councillor Eileen Graham](#)

DUP



[Councillor Deirdre Hargey](#)

Sinn Fein



[Councillor Carole Howard](#)

Alliance



[Councillor Mairead O'Donnell](#)

Sinn Fein

Independent Members



Lisa McMaster
(Vice Chair)



Michelle Bryans



Jonathan Currie



David Geddis



Steven McMillen

Designated Members

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

- Belfast Health and Social Care Trust
<http://www.belfasttrust.hscni.net>
- Education Authority (EA)
<https://www.eani.org.uk>
- Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS)
<https://www.nifrs.org>
- Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE)
<https://www.nihe.gov.uk>

- Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI)
<https://www.psnipolice.uk>
- Probation Board for Northern Ireland (PBNI)
<https://www.pbni.org.uk>
- Youth Justice Agency of Northern Ireland (YJA)
<https://www.justice-ni.gov.uk/topics/youth-justice>

Attendance at East Belfast DPCSP Meetings - 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019

	East DPCSP								
	Private			Policing Committee			Public		
	Political	Independent	Statutory	Political	Independent	Statutory	Political	Independent	Statutory
Apr-18	3	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
May-18	4	4	7	4	4	7	-	-	-
Jun-18	3	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jul-18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aug-18	5	4	4	4	4	4	-	-	-
Sep-18	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct-18	3	1	4	-	-	-	4	0	4
Oct-18	3	4	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-18	3	3	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov-18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jan-19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Feb-19	1	3	4	1	3	4	-	-	-
Mar-19	2	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
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In addition to the above-mentioned meetings, Members attended 5 Outcome Based Accountability (OBA) Planning Workshops in order to plan for next year's work and as detailed below:

- Confidence in Policing
- Feel Safer
- Drugs and Alcohol
- Antisocial Behaviour
- Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse

In October the East Belfast DPCSP hosted the PSNI/NIPB public consultation (East specific) as part of the local policing review, 28 members of the public attended the event as well as 10 Partnership Members.

Profile of Council Area

Belfast is the capital of Northern Ireland (NI) with a population of 340,220 in the city and over one million people in the Belfast region. The Belfast City Council area accounts for 18 per cent of the population and 30 per cent of all jobs in Northern Ireland. The city has a young population with 43 per cent of people under 30 years old.

Ethnicity, Identity, Language and Religion

On Census Day 27th March 2011, in Belfast Local Government District, 3% of the population were from an ethnic minority population and the remaining 97% were white (including Irish Traveller).

49% belonged to or were brought up in the Catholic religion and 42% belonged to or were brought up in a 'Protestant and Other Christian (including Christian related)' religion. 43% indicated that they had a British national identity, 35% had an Irish national identity and 27% had a Northern Irish national identity (*NB. Respondents could indicate more than one national identity*).

Economic Activity

Belfast's economy supports 30% of all jobs in Northern Ireland with an employment rate of 69%. The city contributes to over a quarter (28%) of the region's productivity while the economy supports over 210,000 jobs, 92% of which are in the services sector and 31% in the public sector.

Belfast's knowledge economy is growing quickly. Its creative industries sector is the fourth fastest growing in the UK, with 1,646 businesses supporting 11,545 jobs.

Deprivation

In 2017, the Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measures (NIMDM) indicated that five of the ten most deprived Super Output Area (SOAs) are in North Belfast (Ardoyne 2, Ardoyne 3, Water Works 2, Woodvale 1, New Lodge).

For the NIMDM Crime and Disorder Domain, 45 of the 100 most deprived SOAs are in Belfast, accounting for 26% of its 174 SOAs; the highest proportion of all LGD. The top five most deprived SOA within Belfast, according to the Crime and Disorder Domain, include Falls 2, Shankill 2, Botanic 2, Water Works 3, Falls 3.

Health

Average life expectancy in Belfast is lower than the Northern Ireland average for both males (76.0 years) and females (81.1 years). In Belfast, the average life expectancy for a man in the most deprived areas is 9.4 years less than in the least deprived areas. For women, the average life expectancy in the most deprived areas is 6.4 years less than in the least deprived areas.

Education

79% of pupils in Belfast achieved at least 5 GCSE grades A*-C (or equivalent), less than the Northern Ireland average of 81.7% while 58.5% of pupils in Belfast achieved 2+ A-levels (or equivalent), more than the Northern Ireland average of 57.3%.

68% (3,526) of school-leavers went on to further or higher education; 28% of the working age population has a university degree or higher. The two universities in the city have 45,000 students, whilst the Belfast Metropolitan College serves 20,000 students each year.

Belfast PCSP and Community Planning

The Belfast Agenda is Belfast's first community plan, created by a strong partnership led by Belfast City Council. It identifies the work that will be focused on to unleash the energy and ability that exists in Belfast's people and communities.

Defining the Belfast Agenda has been a cooperative effort involving people across the city sharing their views of the challenges and opportunities we face and talking about the Belfast they want to live and work in.

The Belfast Agenda has been produced by a partnership of organisations involved in delivering services across the city. It is ambitious and dynamic and will drive action plans for Belfast over the years to come. Partners have committed to work together, with Belfast communities, to improve the city and ensure its long-term success.

The work of the Policing and Community Safety Partnership is included within the 'Living Here' theme of the Belfast Agenda. This theme aims to make life better for all residents by providing a great place to live, good houses, excellent local facilities and open spaces, healthy and safe neighbourhoods.

This priority recognises that Belfast must provide the opportunity for all of its residents to lead healthy, engaged and fulfilling lives as part of vibrant, growing, welcoming and sustainable communities and neighbourhoods. A thriving and healthy Belfast enables and empowers its residents to reach their full potential at every stage of life.

When asked how satisfied they were with Belfast as a place to live, 92 per cent of people answered the question positively. However, many citizens continue to live parallel lives with some communities still separated by physical barriers with the poorest neighbourhoods in Belfast continuing to be those located in and around interfaces and flashpoint areas.

There has been significant partnership work over the years to ensure that people in Belfast feel safe and are safe. Overall crime and most types of crime in Belfast have decreased over the last ten years.

The Belfast Agenda encompasses the continued work of the Policing and Community Safety Partnerships to ensure that local communities are safe and free from the fear of crime. Building relationships across communities is also central to achieving the vision for Belfast.

Ensuring neighbourhoods are safe remains a key priority for everyone in Belfast and strong partnership working has meant that we have good foundations on which to build. The Belfast Agenda underlines the commitment to work with the Belfast Policing and Community Safety Partnerships to deliver an integrated programme of work to improve all aspects of community safety across the city, including hate crime, anti-social behaviour and domestic abuse.

Belfast PCSP and DPCSP Funding

~~In 2018/2019, East Belfast DPCSP contributed to most of the city wide projects that are found in the Belfast PCSP Annual Report. That report provides cumulative achievements for the year across Belfast and is available from the website.~~

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The Structure of Belfast Policing and Community Safety Partnerships



There follows a number of links that provide further information on the make-up and roles of the DPCSPs:

- www.legislation.gov.uk/nia/2011/24/part/3
- www.justice-ni.gov.uk/articles/policing-and-community-safety-partnerships

Strategic Priority 1

To successfully deliver the functions of East Belfast District Policing and Community Safety Partnership

In order to help achieve Strategic Priority 1 the East Belfast DPCSP convened a number of meetings throughout the financial year and as detailed below:

East Belfast DPCSP Meetings Held - 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019

	East DPCSP		
	Private	Policing Committee	Public
Apr-18	1	0	0
May-18	1	1	0
Jun-18	1	0	0
Jul-18	0	0	0
Aug-18	1	1	0
Sep-18	0	0	0
Oct-18	2	1	1
Nov-18	1	0	0
Dec-18	0	0	0
Jan-19	0	0	0
Feb-19	1	1	0
Mar-19	1	0	0
	9	4	1

Partners and Communities Together (PACT)

The East Belfast DPCSP (the partnership) has supported a number of Partners and Communities Together (PACTs) structures as a means of engaging directly with members of the public around a variety of issues including policing and general community safety. The meetings give attendees an opportunity to speak about issues affecting them and in the case of community representatives, to talk about issues affecting their respective communities. They provide a mechanism for promoting a solution based response and one that is collaborative through the promotion of community-based resolutions to community-based issues. Statutory members who attend provide the necessary support for ensuring that issues are, addressed at either the meetings or are, forwarded to the relevant departments for

further attention and appropriate actions. East Belfast has three PACTs and during the reporting period, they met as detailed below:

1. Lisnasharragh PACT – 2 Meetings
2. Ormiston PACT – 4 Meetings
3. Titanic PACT – 5 meetings

East Belfast Tension Monitoring

The Partnership also supported the East Belfast Tension Monitoring Group who meet to gauge tensions in various areas of the east of the city in order to allow for community driven interventions to take place as a means of reducing such tensions. The Group is made up of council staff, police and community representatives from various areas of the east. The meetings provide an opportunity for direct conversations to take place with members around emerging issues and tensions and in particular exploring what can be done to reduce same. It also provides a platform for the likes of the police to share their plans for the policing of events as a means of further building confidence in policing. The Tension Monitoring Group met 10 times over the reporting period.

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW)

Belfast PCSP are required to support NHW schemes and their respective co-ordinators across the city in conjunction with the PSNI and DOJ. This is a statutory requirement of the PCSP and must be included in each action plan. Within the Belfast area there is 78 accredited schemes and these schemes are a partnership between local communities, Police and Policing and Community Safety Partnerships (PCSPs). There are 29 NHW schemes operating in the east of the city (over a 1/3 of the city's overall figure) and these are run by dedicated volunteer Coordinators. The Coordinators are key to the success of these schemes and they give of their time freely in an effort to deter acts of crime in their dedicated areas and they act as a valuable conduit through which policing information can be shared in a timely fashion.

The aim of NHW is to help people protect residents and their property in order to reduce the fear of crime. It also helps to develop a stronger community spirit and promote confidence within communities that something positive is happening to prevent local crime.

The benefits of Neighbourhood Watch are as detailed below:

- Improve the safety of communities.
- Developing community spirit
- Promoting cooperation between the police and the community
- Helping the police detect crime through improved communication and reporting suspicious and criminal activity quickly.
- Preventing crime and reducing the fear of crime.

- Encouraging people to watch out for possible problems.
- Providing a visible sign that members of a community are looking out for each other.

Two joint East / South NHW Coordinators event took place (March and October)

A citywide joint Coordinator NHW event took place in February at the City Hall. At the meeting those present received, briefings from the police and their crime prevention officers and through an evaluation of the event the following was ascertained:

- 25 NHW Coordinators in attendance (8 from the east Belfast area)
- 89% of NW Coordinators felt the meetings were beneficial
- 83% of NW Coordinators felt supported, confident and equipped to fulfil their role as a NW Coordinator



Anti-Social Behaviour Forum (ASB Forum)

The East/South ASB Forum is serviced by the area ASB Officer and includes (amongst its membership) the police, NIHE, Youth Justice Agency and Housing Providers. The ASB Forum meets regularly in order to consider specific issues of ASB and ones where a potential perpetrator has been identified. The aim of such meetings is to best ensure that a robust, joined up approach is adopted when

dealing with ASB issues. This approach ultimately benefits those affected by ASB by providing a person specific response, driven in partnership and one which considers the best options available to bring as speedy a resolution to the ASB problem in hand as is possible. During the reporting period the ASB Forum met on 11 occasions.

Strategic Priority 2

To improve community safety by tackling actual and perceived crime and antisocial behaviour

During the reporting period the East Belfast DPCSP funded (in addition to Citywide project contributions) a number of specific projects as detailed below:

East Belfast Race Relations Coordinator Project

East Belfast has in the past experienced high levels of recorded hate motivated crime. In 2014/15/16 Titanic District Electoral Area (DEA) ranked second of all the DEAs in Belfast for hate motivated crime, second only to Botanic DEA. In order to try and address this East Belfast Community Development Agency (an umbrella organisation supporting community development in the east of the city) successfully applied for part funding of a project that sought to enhance efforts across the east of the city around tackling hate crime. The project also sought to support the ongoing work of the East Belfast Race Relations Forum established in 2004. The Forum is a consortium of groups aiming to share information and services, assist statutory members to improve their services, identify key issues and promote better understanding between the variety of cultures now firmly embedded throughout East Belfast. The project was co-funded by the Good Relations Council and Belfast City Council's Good Relations Unit.

The objectives of the project are as follows:

1. To improve equality of service provision for majority and minority ethnic communities
2. To respond to need and coordinate support for those affected by and working against racism in East Belfast
3. To develop and maintain a communications strategy that will effectively tackle, challenge and/or manage racism related (and potentially crisis) situations
4. To facilitate information sharing amongst all relevant Belfast stakeholders (statutory, community, voluntary, private and minority ethnic)
5. Develop and maintain meaningful partnerships with the minority ethnic, and mainstream community/voluntary and statutory sectors
6. To support the development of East Belfast Race Relations Forum
7. To work towards an engaged understanding of the historical context of NI, and a further understanding of how this impacts on anti-racism and pro-diversity work.

8. To develop appropriate learning programmes in East Belfast that will promote and improve mutual understanding, contact, cohesiveness and interaction at different educational levels
9. To build the capacity of the community sector in East Belfast to engage with anti-racism and pro-diversity strategies

The following outcomes were achieved:

- 2 Race Relations Forum meetings conducted
- 2 Race Relation info sessions
- 2 promotional sessions with Polish Saturday School conducted
- 20 Groups engaged
- 24 Participants (Polish Saturday school)
- 37 participants (Forum)
- 100% partners reported satisfaction with activities
- 100% of participants improved their knowledge about hate crime and fear of hate crime support mechanisms in East Belfast (Polish School)

East Belfast Youth Outreach and Diversion Project

Following a successful quotation exercise work on this project was awarded to the East Belfast Community Development Agency. The project delivered a series of interventions with young people across East Belfast in order to prevent and address anti-social behaviour and included the following as part of the delivery requirements:

- Confirmatory scoping exercise in order to identify and agree (with the Council ASB Officer, PSNI and NIHE) areas within East Belfast that are experiencing a high incidence of ASB.
- A minimum of 20 targeted youth outreach operations in areas identified as being in need of such work through consultation with the police and the Safer City Coordinator for East Belfast.
- Link in as required with the Community Safety Unit Operational Safer City Coordinator in order to secure additional resources if required.
- To meet (as required) with the Operational Safer City Coordinator in order to best ensure a cohesive, multi-agency approach to tackling ASB in the east of the city.
- Delivery of a minimum of 6 workshops (50% of which should be delivered in partnership with other agencies such as those mentioned in the Background section of this document) designed to raise awareness amongst young people on the potential ramifications of engaging in ASB and other risk taking behaviours
- Provide a minimum of 6 diversionary projects for those deemed to be vulnerable to becoming involved in ASB and other risk taking behaviours or young people already engaged in such activities.
- Arrange and deliver 4 public events themed around ASB.

- Provide monthly written updates for tabling at the meetings of the East Belfast DPCSP.
- Meet with the Belfast City Council, Safer City Coordinator, Operational Coordinator and/or ASB Officer and Project Officer as required for the purpose of governance and reactive planning.
- Provide a detailed written final report covering all activities, associated outcomes and suggestions on future work aimed at addressing ASB issues.

Project outcomes included the following:

- 2,200 participants involved in the project
- 100% participants reported their participation as being positive/beneficial
- 100% of partners reported an increased ability to engage with the wider community
- 100% of participants had changed attitudes or behaviours
- 100% of participants stated they learned while participating in this project (OCN Trainees)

This project was put forward as part of a joint East/North DPCSP submission to the inaugural Department of Justice, PCSP Community Safety Awards 2019 which won the Award for Outstanding Impact in Tackling Anti-Social Behaviour.



Strategic Priority 3

To support community confidence in policing

Small Grants Funded Projects

The following Policing and Community Safety Grants were funded by the East Belfast DPCSP as part of Tranche 1 delivery between March - September 2018:

Ballymac Friendship Club - Understanding our Culture Project

The Understanding our Culture Project provided a 6 week, biweekly cultural programme for local youths, exploring the historical context of division and examining the effect on all communities of anti-social and sectarian behaviour. The

group offered twenty 'at risk' teenagers the opportunity to participate in a series of workshops prior to the twelfth celebrations, looking at the cultural significance of the events surrounding the events, when did they start, why are they contentious and are they still relevant to the wider Protestant, Unionist and Loyalist community in the twenty-first century. Additionally other communities' celebrations and commemorations were examined and their contribution to the wider community considered.

The following outcomes were achieved:

- 20 young people at risk of offending from the Titanic Ward were engaged in the project
- The participants developed a more positive appreciation of the PSNI.

Dreamscheme NI – Be the Difference Project

This project aimed to improve community safety in Braniel by helping young people deal effectively with peer pressure, participate in positive activities and lead a community safety initiative of their choice.

The following outcomes were achieved:

- 32 young people aged 13-18 from the Lisnasharragh area were engaged in the project
- 32 young people participated in peer pressure, managing conflict and self-confidence workshops.
- 30 of the 32 young people have not participated in underage drinking or drugs abuse in the last 6 months.
- Increased awareness of chosen community safety issue as a result of youth-led initiative
- 28 young people learned about the dangers to vulnerable people in their community, especially the elderly and created a series of community posters with information about scam callers
- Reduction in anti-social behaviour among target group - During summer 2018, we received no reports of ASB caused by target group in Braniel.
- 30 positive messages about Dreamscheme young people (involved in the project) during the period from local residents.

Cregagh Community Association - Brighter futures together Project

This was a 6-week inter-generational project with Cregagh Primary School and local older people (over 50's) centred on the Irish Linen Centre & Museum.

The following outcomes were achieved:

- 31 Primary School Children were engaged in the project
- 9 Senior Citizens were engaged in the project
- 2 Local Volunteers were engaged in the project

- Older people participating in the project will be able to address their feelings in relation to fears of crime and reporting crime.
- Feedback from older people participating identified a decrease in fear of crime and an increase in wanting to report crime
- Presented opportunities for old and young people to develop relationships in a safe environment
- The young people got a better understanding of anti-social behaviour and the effect it has on others
- Feedback from the young people throughout the project demonstrated how they were getting a better understanding of each other and through general conversations.

St Mathew's Football Club - Youth Diversionary Programme through Sport

St Matthew's FC hosted a diversionary midnight soccer programme over a 6 week period from July to August. The programme consisted of 3 workshops (hosted by Short Strand Drug Awareness) and 3 fun-based activities, with football training held every Friday evening from 7pm-9pm at Ashfield Playing Fields. The project sought to promote positive relations between local police officers and 32 young people from the Short Strand area. The project has allowed young people in the Short Strand area to put a name to a face and build a relationship with their local community policing team. The project provided them with a safe and secure environment to engage in productive discussions as well as question and answer sessions with local police officers. The key message of the project was that police are there to help them.

The following outcomes were achieved:

- 32 Young people aged 13-19 years old from the Short Strand engaged in project
- Promoted positive relations between local police officers and the 32 young people involved in the project
- Provided a safe and secure environment to engage in productive discussions, question, and answer sessions with local police officers.
- The young people now feel that the PSNI are there to help them, not hinder them

Cregagh Wanderers FC - Play for the Community - Community Safety through Sport Project

This project was a mini soccer programme for young people aged 10-17 years old. The project worked alongside Nettlefield incorporating football sessions, workshops and a cross-community friendly tournament.

The following outcomes were achieved:

- 50 Young people aged 13-17 yrs old took part in the project (Lisnasharragh Ward)

- Kept 50 young people off the streets and diverted them away from anti-social behaviour, crime and gang related activity
- United attendees through sport and highlighted that through football they can learn vital lessons that can be applied both on and off the field of play
- Highlighted to young people that there are opportunities out there through football and further education to better themselves and go and achieve what they want to do
- Educated 50 young people in local issues including anti-sectarianism and racism and crime in their community
- Highlighted issues such as drugs and alcohol, paramilitary activity, anti-social behaviour, issues at interface areas and hate crimes educating attendees around how detrimental they are to everyone in the local community
- The workshops worked in partnership with the PSNI

Charter for Northern Ireland - Gertrude Star Project

This project sought to develop a model on how the band fraternity engage with the police, youth workers and wider community in order to address issues relating to the gathering of a large amount of young people when band parades are on.

The following outcomes were achieved:

- 500 Young people from the Titanic ward were engaged with or benefited from the project
- Reduction in anti-social behaviour on a key date in the marching calendar
- The PSNI and Belfast City Council noted a reduction in reported incidents in the area during the time that the project ran

The following Policing and Community Safety Grants were allocated for Tranche 2, October 2018 to March 2019 delivery:

Bardic Educational Arts and Media (BEAM) – Cyber Safe East Belfast

The project aimed to deliver 24 age appropriate, prevent and deter cyber safety drama based workshops to children in order to raise awareness and educate them around issues of e-safety and how to stay safe online.

The following outcomes were achieved:

- 754 Children and teachers engaged as part of the project
- 900 Parents and families of participants, benefited from the project

- The project increased the children's understanding of the importance of e-safety and how to keep themselves safe online
- Children gained knowledge of cyber bullying and how it affects those involved and the criminal implications of online misuse
- Children now know where to access help or advice should they experience online abuse
- A range of options on where to get help were discussed in detail with pupils in order to help them if they should experience online abuse
- Children gained coping strategies with regards cyber bullying and e-safety which will contribute to a safer shared society
- The project has assisted the PCSP towards raising public awareness with regards to e-safety, reducing cyber-crime and online safety issues
- This project has assisted in raising public awareness around e-safety, reducing cyber-crime and online safety issues in the East Belfast area.
- Teachers have been given a comprehensive, age appropriate e-safety teaching resource pack, which is updatable. The pack will allow them to continue to deliver the project to other pupils and the resource pack will help them deliver this project to other year groups.
- Parents will be supported by learning different strategies and mechanisms to keep their child safe on-line through the provision of a hints and tips guide was emailed along with the teachers resource pack.

Cregagh Wanderers Youth FC - Together Everyone Achieves More - TEAM

Cregagh Wanderers built upon previous successful projects by running a midnight soccer programme for 30 young people aged 13-17 years old in the East Belfast area. The programme included the provision of football sessions, workshops and a cross-community friendly, football tournament.

The following outcomes were achieved:

- 30 Young people (aged 13-17 years old), 110 Parents/guardians,- 500 General Community and 80 members of other sports clubs (Lisnasharragh Ward) all engaged as part of the project.
- The project engaged with 30 young people on a regular basis throughout the lifespan of the project
- 30 young people were educated on local issues including anti-sectarianism, racism and crime in the community
- Young people were able to identify changed perceptions, in a positive way thus evidencing the impact of the education as successful.
- The project brought together young people from the Cregagh, Ormeau and Short Strand areas for a cross-community friendly tournament

Dreamscheme (Braniel) – Braniel Youth Support Project

The project sought to prevent and reduce the number of young people in Braniel getting involved in anti-social behaviour and the criminal justice system. The project also sought to help young people make positive choices and build relationships in

their community through participating in community activities, including intergenerational events.

The following outcomes were achieved:

- 28 Young people aged 13-18 and 27 Senior citizens from Braniel were involved directly with the project.
- 80% of young people made at least one-step of progress in Youth Star evaluation, under 'choices and behaviour' area of development. Young people chose to participate in 13 positive activities during course of project.
- PSNI visited the group to talk to young people about street work and the risks of drinking and taking drugs. Young people prepared questions and participated in a Q&A with police.
- 25 senior citizens built positive relationships with young people during 2 community events. Christmas Dinner and Bingo/Quiz night.
- 16 activities that diverted young people from ASB/Risk Taking behaviour.

Hanwood Centre – Sporting Your Community Project

The project sought to divert and educate those involved in ASB whilst providing an opportunity for them to seek new direction through sport and education. Residents in the local community were becoming concerned about the groups of teenagers gathering on street corners at weekends causing stress amongst the local residents. Hanwood delivered this project in order to build relationships with those involved and create a sense of belonging and pride within the group. Through working with local community groups Tullycarnet Action Group Initiative Trust and Tullycarnet FC the issue was addressed through dialogue to create a better understanding of respecting your own local community. Local PSNI also benefited as the project provided a platform for engagement, through the workshops conducted with the young people, their families, parents and carers.

The following outcomes were achieved:

- Engaged with 65 at risk teenagers aged 12-16 years old
- Raised Awareness of Anti-social behaviour & other risk taking behaviours that can have a negative impact for life
- Increase awareness of the benefits in respecting local residents in the community - The project successfully brought together a diverse group of at risk young people from the Tullycarnet community to help break down social barriers and decrease the risk of anti social behaviour. Through partnerships with the local PSNI community police and local community groups the program provided positive activities to aid community cohesion providing a platform for a more positive and healthier lifestyle.
- Reduction in anti-social behaviour and crime amongst participants - The program was able to target specific young people and engage them in exercise activities at key times when risk taking activities were most likely to occur
- To build relationships with hard to reach young people who do not engage in existing provision and encourage a healthier lifestyle leading to a positive path

in life - Workshops in Nutrition , Alcohol / Drugs and Healthy minds were tailored to the needs of the participants highlighting how the effects of alcohol and drugs can make us make wrong decisions, the effects on our lives and in our family environment and education.

- Educational workshops were focused on open and honest communication between the groups therefore gaining a understanding on why young people are involved in drugs which leads to ASB
- Throughout the 12 week program participants were constantly reminded of the need for a healthier lifestyle and the benefits of physical activity in general everyday life.
- The 12 week program created a great awareness of what they could achieve in a short period of time such as changed body shape, loss of weight leading to a more confident individual with a brighter outlook .

St Mathews Football Club – Investing In Our Future

St Matthew's FC hosted a midnight soccer programme over a 6 week period. The programme consisted of 3 workshops (hosted by Short Strand Drug Awareness) and 3 fun-based activities, with football training having been held every Friday evening from 7pm-9pm at Ashfield School 3G pitch.

The following outcomes were achieved:

- Engaged 32 Young people aged between 11-16, 350 members of the wider Short Strand community and 6 Volunteers
- Promoted positive relations between local police officers and 32 young people from the Short Strand area
- Delivered educational workshops which created awareness for those involved
- 32 young people diverted away from interface zones during pretension times on Friday evenings
- Diverting disruptive teenagers over the Halloween break away from the interface
- All participants attended on a regular basis, which directly diverted 32 young people each week away from interface zones and potential incidences of antisocial behaviour
- Educated young people on the social issues that affect their local community in order to reduce the levels of crime relating to anti-social behaviour and drug related offences in the area. Sessions were interactive and participants demonstrated learning and changed attitudes.

Policing Committee Grants

Policing Committee Grants were available in order to support projects that involved the police and provided a platform for engagement between the police and communities thus promoting confidence in policing.

The following Policing Committee projects were supported during the reporting period:

Charter NI Community Dialogue Project

This project sought to bring about conversations on a cross community, intra-community and intergenerational basis exploring community safety and diversionary activities within the community at heightened times of tension. It included the following workshops/discussions:

Intergenerational cross-community discussion on cultural celebrations to explore, compare and contrast celebrations within both communities and how to celebrate them to see similarities and possible joined up thinking and partnership working.

The following outcomes were achieved:

- 2 discussions held
- 30 people at each discussion event.

Intergenerational cross-community PSNI Workshop with Neighbourhood Officers to raise safety concerns relating to both communities and how the different communities tend to deal with it i.e. through community methods or purely a policing way. What could the two communities do together to help the situation through this joint group along with the police. To build confidence in local neighbourhood police.

The following outcomes were achieved:

- 2 workshops held
- 32 people at each workshop event.

Community and Diversionary Activity using the participants as volunteers including the young people, bringing the residents together for discussion and social time.

The following outcome was achieved:

- 20 people in attendance

Community and Diversionary Activity using the participants as volunteers including the young people, supporting the community festival activity that keeps young people in the area and engaged in safe activity at a heightened time of tension. This end of project celebration included all participants from throughout the project. This final element of the project demonstrated genuine cross community working as a means of increasing confidence in cross community relations and confidence in the police and other statutory agencies involved in this project.

The following outcomes were achieved:

- 200 people attended
- Demonstrated cross community working
- Increased confidence in policing

Follow up event meeting looking at next steps conversations involving key participants.

The following outcome was achieved:

- Attended by 30 participants

Short Strand Summer Fun Project

This project acted as a diversionary fun day on the 2nd and 12th of July for young people and their families from the Short Strand. The aim of the project was to take the focus off the parades in order to divert young people away from congregating at the interface.

The following outcomes were achieved:

- 500 attendees
- 100% of partners reported satisfaction with activities
- One of the project partners outlined the success of the activities at a Policing and Community Safety Partnership meeting in which the PSNI were in attendance. Providing these diversionary activities was noted by the police as having significantly reduced levels of anti-social behaviour at the interface.

Budget Statement

To be included once finalised

Appendices

Appendix 1 - **Belfast PCSP Annual Report**

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