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## Raising Awareness about Alcohol Misuse

### 'Last Orders'

Causeway Coast & Glens PCSP has funded the delivery of 'Last Orders' in post primary schools across the council area. This hard-hitting drama and programme of facilitated workshops targets year 10 pupils and explores the themes of alcohol, anti-social behaviour and the consequences and impact of risk-taking behaviours.

This educational and preventative programme aims to help pupils explore consequences and legalities as well as looking at the physical, mental and emotional impacts of such behaviours.

Commenting on the project, PCSP Chair Cllr James McCorkell said: "The response from schools across the council area has been an overwhelming willingness to engage in this initiative which allows students to explore important issues in an innovative way within the school setting."

Developed by a team of doctors, NSPCC professionals and teachers, 'Last Orders' is a professional and



A scene from the drama

specialist theatre company production telling the story of three teenagers embarking on an alcohol fuelled night out and exploring the disastrous consequences.

Based on true events, the play is written in a hard-hitting yet humorous style. Following the performance, an interactive workshop involving cast-in character improvisation allows students to explore the themes of anti-social behaviour, illegal purchase, cyber safety and attitudes to risk.

Cllr McCorkell continued: "Anti-Social behaviour and alcohol misuse are key priorities for the PCSP and projects such as this are vital to engage young people in these issues and enable them to consider consequence and risk."

## Promoting sensible drinking



Derry & Strabane PCSP produced and distributed 20,000 beer mats to bars and clubs in the Council area promoting sensible drinking over the St Patrick's Day holiday. Pictured distributing the beer mats are Cllr Eric McGinley, Chair of the Derry and Strabane PCSP, Jim Roddy, City Centre Initiative Manager, Paul Larkin, PSNI Licensing Officer and Dermot Harrigan, Derry & Strabane PCSP Manager.

## Hard hitting road safety message



Pictured at the Road Safety Roadshow are (l-r): Cllr Uel Mackin, PCSP Member with Insp Nigel Rowland, Con John Wilson, Cllr Scott Carson PCSP Chair and pupils from Wallace High and Forthill College.

## Road Traffic Collision Reconstruction

Fifty pupils from St Joseph's College, Coalisland took part in an Emergency Services Road Traffic Collision Reconstruction organised by Mid Ulster PCSP and the PSNI in an effort to raise awareness of road safety and reduce the numbers of people killed and seriously injured on the road.

The reconstruction was a realistic portrayal in real time of what happens immediately after a collision. From the arrival of the first police car, to the ambulance personnel treating the casualty, fire service cutting the roof off the vehicle to release the trapped and fatally injured passenger, and the final removal of the deceased from the scene by a local undertaker.

highest risk of being killed or seriously injured on the road. We believe that showing realistically just what happens in a road traffic collision will have a lasting impact on the students who attend. They will realise that they are not indestructible and must respect the roads and other users."

PCSP Chair, Cllr Phelim Gildernew, said, "We want to bring the road safety message to young people who are at the

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for more information on road safety.



Derry & Strabane PCSP Chair, Cllr Eric McGinley, provides prizes to David Jackson of the Foyle and District Road Safety Committee for the upcoming Road Safety schools quiz. Pictured are (l-r) Dermot Harrigan, Derry & Strabane PCSP Manager, Cllr Eric McGinley, Derry & Strabane PCSP Chair, David Jackson and Alwyn Warnock, Foyle and District Road Safety Committee.

**FRONT COVER IMAGE:** Pictured at the reconstruction are: Principal and Vice Principal of St Joseph's College, Coalisland; representatives from Mullan Funeral Directors and Order of Malta, Coalisland; NI Fire and Rescue Service Officers; Sgt JP McCartan and PSNI Officers, Cllr. Cathal Mallaghan, PCSP Member, Ciaran McElhone, PCSP Vice Chair, Cllr Phelim Gildernew, PCSP Chair, Liam Duggan, PCSP Member and local young actors.

## 'It Could be You' Roadshow

In an effort to get young road users to take more care and responsibility on the roads, Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP has played a key role in delivering the hard-hitting Police Road Safety Roadshow to 800 young people from schools across Lisburn and Castlereagh.

Recognising that road users under 25 years of age are most at risk of killing or seriously injuring themselves or others on our roads, the award winning 'It Could be You' Roadshow, which is sponsored by AXA Insurance aims to positively influence those drivers who are about to start out on what will hopefully be a long and safe motoring career.

Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP Chair, Cllr Scott Carson commented: "Death and injury due to road traffic collisions,

particularly of children and young people, is of great concern to us all. Government agencies, local authorities, the police service and road engineers all have a role to play in providing training, education and raising awareness of the risks to people using our roads. The challenge facing us all is to reduce road traffic collisions and the risk of injury. I was encouraged that 800 young people had the opportunity to watch this show in Lisburn and would urge everyone to take care whilst using our roads."



Matthew Gillespie and Liam Clinton from Urban Excel join Cllr Linda Clarke, PCSP Chair and PCSP Manager Andrew Irwin to launch the Pop Up Park events.

## Pop Up Parks for Antrim & Newtownabbey

**Antrim & Newtownabbey PCSP recently organised six 'Pop Up Park' events across the Borough. The events offered a range of activities perfect for teenagers including music and prizes from Cool FM, climbing wall, urban sports, circus skills, Bubble Football, Carnival Games, Laser Tag, Cage Football and more.**

The young people were also able to take part in a 'Colour Riot', supported by the Antrim and Newtownabbey Good Relations Programme. Based on events and activities that take place to celebrate the Indian Holi Festival the 'Colour Riot' symbolises the victory of good over bad and the beginning of the spring. Colourful powder is thrown in the air to express freedom and to colour everyday life.

Chair of Antrim & Newtownabbey PCSP, Cllr Linda Clarke said: "The Pop Up Parks aim to give young people positive activities to take part in within their own locality. During the events, young people and parents were given the opportunity to engage with representatives from a range of statutory agencies and community groups who work with young people in different capacities."



Pupils pictured at the Bee Safe event held in Armagh

## 'Bee Safe' still buzzing

**Bee Safe buzzed back into Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon with three events organised to provide important safety knowledge to primary seven pupils. This is the eleventh year of running the initiative and it has never lost its appeal to both pupils and teachers.**

Delivered by the PCSP, Bee Safe is a multi-agency community safety initiative aimed at encouraging ten and eleven year olds to adopt good safety habits.

The initiative enables school children to learn about a wide range of safety issues in a fun, interactive way. The secret to its success is that it conveys so many important safety messages to a young audience in a short space of time through the use of interactive learning experiences, but most importantly in a fun way that the young people really enjoy. This year the PCSP focused on stranger danger, on-line safety, kitchen hazards, recycling, fire safety, dangers of alcohol, electricity safety, bus safety, farm safety and recycling. An interactive scenario was set up on each of these issues for the pupils.

At the end of each event the children were asked to write comments about what they thought of the Bee Safe initiative and all comments were very positive.

**FRONT COVER IMAGE:**  
Some pupils from St John's Primary School, Eglish who took part in 'Bee Safe' event in Craigavon



Lynette Cooke, PCSP Development Officer and Alison Glenaghan, PCSP Manager with the winners of the Social Networking Calendar.

## Raising awareness of the dangers of Social Networking Sites

**Ten schools recently took part in an art competition to raise awareness of the dangers and potential consequences for young people who use social networking sites.**

Social networking and the associated potential dangers has been identified as a priority within the Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon PCSP Action Plan and this competition is just one of a number of events that have been organised to educate young people, parents and carers on the dos and don'ts of social media.

Young people designed posters based on a variety of themes including tips to keep safe, the dangers of giving out personal information online, cyber bullying, intimidation and harassment, consequences of sharing pictures or videos, online predators and where to get help.

Pupils from year seven entered the competition and all artwork showed an excellent understanding of the possible dangers of the internet. As well as the winning posters being printed in the calendar, it also features helpful tips and vital information for parents and carers to help keep young people safe while online.

Commenting on the competition Ald. Robert Smith, PCSP Chair said: "We are committed to increasing awareness of the dangers of social networking and reducing internet abuse within the Borough and will continue to implement initiatives like this. It was heartening to see so many schools get involved and to see the understanding that young people have regarding online issues."

[find out more](#)  
about staying safe online.

## Midnight soccer in Mid Ulster

Organised by the PSNI in conjunction with Dungannon United Youth, a six week midnight soccer programme was funded by the Mid Ulster PCSP. The programme was designed to divert 12 to 18 year olds from the temptation to engage in low level anti-social behaviour and offered the young people a safe, sporting activity on Friday nights.

"Young people are more at risk of becoming involved in anti-social behaviour when they have little or nothing to do," said Cllr Phelim Gildernew, Chair of the PCSP. "This programme not only gave them a positive activity on a Friday evening, but also the opportunity to be physically active and to socialise with other young people. I'm pleased the Partnership was able to support the initiative."

**FRONT COVER IMAGE:**  
Pictured at the midnight soccer event are: Cllr Phelim Gildernew, PCSP Chair, Sgt Stuart Lowry, PSNI, Lynsey Arthurs, Dungannon Swifts, Joe McAree, Dungannon United Youth and some of the young people who participated in the initiative.

## From Kitchen to Killer

**Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon PCSP and the PSNI are implementing a Borough-wide campaign to raise awareness about how a kitchen knife can also be a lethal weapon with fatal consequences.**

The hard-hitting and graphic campaign shows a kitchen knife on the floor surrounded by blood to depict the devastating impact of how a kitchen knife can mean life – either life imprisonment for the perpetrator or taking away the life of the victim.

This image will be displayed on buses throughout the Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon area and on Social Media, to send the message to as many people as possible.

While knife crime is relatively low within the Borough there have been a small number of fatal incidents

which have had a devastating impact on families and friends. Most of these murders have been committed with household knives and have involved alcohol consumption.

“This campaign is very hard hitting and we know that it will have a ‘shock factor’, when people see it” commented Ald Robert Smith, PCSP Chair. “However, it is a message that we need to get out into the community and a message that needs to be heard to try and help prevent any further tragic incidents that could ruin lives.”

[click here](#)

**to view the Armagh Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP Facebook Page.**



Pictured at the launch of the campaign are: (l-r) Alison Clenaghan, PCSP Manager, Sgt Billy Stewart, Aisling Gillespie, PCSP Project Co-ordinator and Ald Robert Smith, PCSP Chair (front).

## Research on ‘Views on Alcohol and Drug Related issues’ published

**The Department of Justice (DOJ) recently published research detailing what people’s views are on Alcohol and Drug Related issues.**

Forming part of the September 2015 Northern Ireland Omnibus Survey key findings show that 36.6% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with the statement ‘I am concerned about alcohol related issues in my local area’. This compares to 43.9% of respondents who disagreed or strongly disagreed with the statement. Just over one third of respondents (35.5%) agreed or strongly agreed with the statement ‘I am concerned about drug related issues in my local area’ compared with 44.2% who disagreed or strongly disagreed.

Taking everything into account, 52.7% of respondents expressed some, a lot, or total confidence that enough is being done to tackle alcohol and/or drug related issues in Northern Ireland and expressed higher levels of confidence in the PSNI’s work to tackle alcohol and/or drug related issues across Northern Ireland than that of any other organisation, with 69.5% of respondents having either some, a lot or total confidence.

[click here](#)

**to view the Research and Statistical Bulletin.**

## Older people's safety to the fore

### Call blocking initiative launched

Justice Minister David Ford recently launched a scam call blocking initiative which aims to protect older vulnerable people from falling victim to phone scammers.

Jointly funded by the Department of Justice (DoJ), the PSNI and the Policing Board, this initiative will build on the work that has been undertaken by Trading Standards in this area.

Derry and Strabane PCSP has introduced the new scheme locally and is one of five PCSPs across Northern Ireland delivering the initiative.

David Ford said: **"We have all seen stories in the media recently of the older people deprived of their hard-earned life savings through elaborate scams and of vulnerable individuals exploited by unscrupulous cold callers."**

**This new initiative will see those who have been identified**



Pictured at the Launch of the TruCall, call blocker initiative are (l-r): Justice Minister David Ford MLA, David Livingstone Head of Trading Standards and Cllr Eric McGinley, Chair of Derry and Strabane PCSP

**as the most vulnerable having a call blocking device installed in their homes which will substantially reduce the levels of nuisance calls."**

Speaking about the initiative Policing Board Chair Anne Connolly said: **"The Board is well aware that older people, particular those living on their own, can be more vulnerable to phone scammers. We are very pleased to offer support for this initiative which will help to protect older people from being scammed and hopefully contribute to them feeling safer in their own home."**

PSNI Inspector Temra Neill, Policing with the Community, said: **"We are pleased to be part of the scam call blocking initiative which will provide an extra layer of protection and reassurance for the more vulnerable members of our communities."**

The DoJ has funded Mid and East Antrim Agewell Partnership (MEAAP) to provide training and support to PCSPs and their local networks in rolling out this initiative, based on their experience of taking forward a similar project.

#### FRONT COVER IMAGE:

Pictured at the Launch of the TruCall, call blocker initiative are (l-r): Con Donna McKeegan, Justice Minister David Ford MLA, Vanessa Russell, Derry and Strabane PCSP and Con Moira Mullan.



Beverley Burns, Trading Standards speaking to participants at the event.

### Educating older people on personal safety

**In an effort to educate older people on the current dangers they face on personal safety issues, Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP recently organised an event at Lagan Valley Island.**

The important message on how to deal with the current threat of scams, bogus and cold callers were outlined by Trading Standards, PSNI Crime Prevention and a drama group who performed a witty sketch on what not to do when confronted by a cold caller on the telephone.

## #ProbationWorks

The Probation Board for Northern Ireland (PBNI) has produced a series of video 'shorts' to use as part of a recently launched Twitter social media campaign using the hashtag #ProbationWorks.

The PBNI is uploading a video each day to its YouTube Channel and you can also follow the campaign on the PBNI website.

The videos aim to tell the story of how and why probation works from different perspectives. This will be done through a series of 10 short 90 second clips where key people explain the different elements of why and how probation works.

You can also follow PBNI on Twitter at @PBNInews and retweets will help the PBNI to reach the widest possible audience.

[click here](#) to access the PBNI YouTube channel.

[click here](#) to access the PBNI website

[click here](#) to access the PBNI LinkedIn page.



West Belfast DPCSP Policing Committee, chaired by Cllr Stephen Magennis, welcomed members of the public to a themed meeting recently which discussed 'fear of crime' amongst vulnerable groups, including older people.

East Belfast DPCSP has commissioned a community / neighbourhood survey for the former Castlereagh areas (Braniel, Tullycarnet, Merok, Cregagh and Lisnasharragh). This is to mirror a survey they carried out last year in the original Belfast City Council boundary.

[click here](#) to complete the survey.

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