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Signposting the way to a warmer welcome

The success of a pilot project aimed at directly addressing the fear of crime in so-called 'hotspot areas' and the associated issues of anti-social behaviour have been firmly signposted by Mid and East Antrim Borough Council.

The ongoing three-month pilot Detached Youth Work project came about after concerns were raised locally to the PCSP who responded by appointing the Bytes Project to run this innovative scheme, through Priority Youth Interventions.

The youth provision occurs at key times when tensions rise in high crime wards, at weekends and at key times of the day, such as 7pm to 11pm, and especially during the school holidays. Funded through the Department of Justice, it also complements what is already in place in both statutory and community provision and therefore signposts young people back into these services. Where possible the PSNI is also involved in activities to encourage the development of relationships with young people and the building of respect and citizenship values.

Speaking before a meeting of stakeholders to mark the half-way point in the project, Cllr Andrew Wilson, Mid & East Antrim PCSP Chair said:

"We have been targeting high risk young people identified through both the PCSP Manager and PCSP Steering Group, as well as referrals from community stakeholders and engagement with providers. Hopefully, we are able to develop transformational relationships with those young people with the purpose of 'signposting' them into developmental group work programmes."

Also attending the meeting Board Vice Chair Debbie Watters commented: **"This innovative project shows how the PCSP can respond to and address issues raised. Using Detached Youth Workers who have sound working professional knowledge of their individual areas to engage with young people, this joint, cross-agency scheme has been able**



Detached Youth Worker, Daire Brownlee, (left) who works for the Bytes Project, is pictured 'signposting the way' to a warmer welcome across all of the Borough with the PSNI's Mid and East Antrim District Commander, Supt Ryan Henderson and Cllr Andrew Wilson, Mid and East Antrim PCSP Chair.

to show how young people are feeling, the types of behaviour they are displaying, matters such as what they would like to do in the future and any issues they are facing personally or from within their communities."

Supporting the project, Justice Minister Claire Sugden said she is committed to doing all she can in helping ensure communities are safer for everyone. **"Tackling fear of crime and anti-social behaviour are key priorities for my Department. I recognise that the key to addressing these issues lies at a local level through effective**

partnership working. I welcome the collaborative approach that Mid & East Antrim PCSP has taken to supporting young people in their communities through the Bytes Project".

PSNI Mid and East Antrim District Commander, Supt Ryan Henderson added: **"The Detached Youth Work programme is fully supported by our own Local Policing Teams and we welcome the fact that the PCSP has been able to build meaningful relationships with many of these young people."**

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Promoting the pilot Detached Youth Workers project are: (l-r) Aisling McHugh, Bytes Project; Wendy Carson, PCSP Manager; Siobhan Fisher, Head of Policy, Research & External Affairs, Mid and East Antrim Borough Council; Anne Donaghy, Chief Executive, Mid and East Antrim Borough Council; Detached Youth Worker, Daire Brownlee, Bytes Project; Supt Ryan Henderson, PSNI Commander Mid and East Antrim District; John Devlin, Bytes Project; Cllr Andrew Wilson, Mid and East Antrim PCSP Chair; John Devlin, Bytes Project; PCSP Vice Chair, Marjorie Hawkins and Debbie Watters, Policing Board Vice Chair.



Pictured are: (l-r) Stephanie Rock, Community Safety Coordinator with the PCSP, Valentina Ivanova Stefanova, Chair ABCE and Jacqueline Connolly, Promoting Wellbeing Team, SHSCT.

Helping victims of hate crime

As part of Community Relations and Culture Awareness Week, Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP partnered up with Association Bulgarian Culture and Education (ABCE) and the Promoting Wellbeing Team of the Southern Health and Social Care Trust (SHSCT) to organise the launch of the 'Helping Victims of Hate Crime' booklet.

The event, attended by Bulgarian Minority Ethnic communities and new citizens to the area, was an opportunity to explain what hate crime is, how to report incidents and the support services available. It also gave everyone an opportunity to experience different cultures, tastes, music and traditions.

Patricia Gibson, PCSP Manager said **"The PCSP was delighted to coordinate this event to promote understanding, respect and engagement between and amongst all sections of our community, to support our new citizens and give them the confidence to seek help from the Police and other agencies when they need it."**

If you would like to receive a copy of the 'Helping Victims of Hate Crime' Booklet please ring Stephanie Rock on 028 3752 9652 or email your contact details to: stephanie.rock@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk.

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Pictured at the event with members of the Parental Dance group in Support of FBS Ivan VAZOV (First Bulgarian School) and Taylor Scallon School of Irish Dance are: (l-r) Jacqueline Connolly, Promoting Wellbeing Team SHSCT, Valentina Ivanova Stefanova, Chair ABCE and Stephanie Rock, Community Safety Coordinator, Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP.



Mid & East Antrim PCSP Chair Cllr Andrew Wilson pictured at the PCSP stand during the Community Safety Day.

Making community safety fun

Local residents were given the opportunity to find out more about community safety work in their area and meet the local Mid & East Antrim PCSP members when Carrickfergus Methodist Church opened its doors for a fun-packed open day.

Attractions included bouncy castles, face painting, children's crafts and badge making and there were also display stands from partner agencies such as the local Police, NI Ambulance Service and NI Fire and Rescue Service.

During the event PCSP members were on hand to consult and engage with the local community on the issues of concern in relation to policing and community safety. In addition they were able to highlight relevant crime reduction and community safety initiatives and interventions being implemented throughout Mid and East Antrim.

Explaining why meeting with the public is an important feature in the work of the PCSP, Chair Andrew Wilson said: **"Open days like this are a chance for us to raise awareness of the work of the PCSP to identify and prioritise issues of concern and prepare plans and projects for how these can be tackled. The event also supports the PCSP's partnership work with other organisations which contributes to community safety in the area."**

MAKING ROAD SAFETY A PRIORITY



Pictured at the 2016 NI Road Safety awards launch are: (l-r): Joan Kinnaird, Chair of Road Safe NI, Frank Mitchell, U105, Tony McKeown, Sales and Marketing Director of CRASH Services and Insp Rosie Leech, PSNI.

Road safety awards launched

The NI Road Safety Awards will return in November to honour those organisations and individuals who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to protecting others from the risk of being injured, or killed, on our roads.

Recently launched at a major stakeholder event in Belfast, the call is now officially out for fresh nominations for 10 prestigious award categories. Everyone in Northern Ireland is now urged to help identify those most deserving of recognition for the contribution they make in helping to reduce the number of injuries and deaths on our roads.

Supported by Road Safe NI, and sponsored by leading accident management firm, CRASH Services, the awards recognise the work taking place within schools, emergency services, voluntary, public and private sectors and by key individuals across Northern Ireland.

The closing date for entry is **Friday 28 October 2016**.

[Click here](#) to find out details of how to enter, including eligibility criteria.



Pictured at the road show are: (l-r) West Belfast DPCSP Chair Cllr Brian Heading, Insp. Rosie Leech, Board Vice Chair Debbie Watters, Con. Jenny McEvoy and Con. Steve Lapsley from the Isle of Man Police Service, Sgt Robert Cumiskey, Con Ciara Cassles and East Belfast DPCSP Chair Cllr Tommy Sandford.

Road Safe Road Show

A hard-hitting educational roadshow aimed at teenage drivers saw a road traffic collision recently staged in the grounds of Belfast City Hall.

The two day event, organised by Belfast PCSP in partnership with the emergency services, is in response to recent figures showing that drivers under the age of 25 are more at risk of being killed or injured on our roads.

The Road Safe Road Show, sponsored by AXA Insurance, is aimed at encouraging younger road users to take more care and responsibility on the roads.

Over the two days 800 young people from 10 schools and colleges across Belfast got the opportunity to witness first-hand the devastation caused by careless driving in a dramatic reconstruction, which involved PSNI, NI Fire & Rescue and Ambulance Service staff. They also heard the real life experience of a young woman who was paralysed following a road traffic collision.

Helping to launch the event Board Vice Chair Debbie Watters said: **“The Road Safe Road Show is an ideal vehicle to get a stark and blunt message across to young people that driving can be extremely dangerous. We all need to be reminded that just one slip of concentration can end up in a collision. This message is particularly important for young people to hear so that they are aware of the dangers as they begin to drive and not learn this lesson the hard way.”**

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The dramatic reconstruction of a road traffic collision at the Road Safe Road Show event in Belfast.

Drugs and alcohol awareness to the fore

Derry & Strabane PCSP is supporting local group HURT (Have Your Tomorrows) to deliver a drugs and alcohol awareness campaign in the Council area. The PCSP has provided drugs and alcohol information boxes to the group to enhance and support their community engagement programme on this issue. Each drug box contains 24 types of drugs (replicas) with comprehensive details on appearance, methods of use, effects, street names, risks and what to look out for. The alcohol boxes contain 'Beer Googles' to simulate the impact alcohol has on our balance and sight as well as covering subjects such as types of alcohol, control of alcohol and health risks.

Speaking about the support offered to HURT, Cllr Gus Hastings, PCSP Chair said: **"The PCSP is delighted to support HURT in the delivery of their awareness campaigns and we hope that the provision of this equipment will enhance the group's delivery of the planned awareness sessions. The PCSP will also support any other local groups delivering drugs and alcohol awareness programmes by loaning this equipment to the group. The use of these drugs and alcohol boxes to raise awareness of the impact of drugs and alcohol will enable our residents to make more informed decisions on the use of these substances."**

Community groups delivering drug and alcohol awareness sessions can have access to the display boxes by contacting the PCSP on 02871 253253 or emailing pcsp@derrystrabane.com

[Click here](#) for more information.

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Pictured with the drugs and alcohol information boxes are: (l-r) Dessie Kyle, HURT Centre Manager, Cllr Gus Hastings, PCSP Chair and Dermot Harrigan, PCSP Manager.



Pictured at the launch of the drugs disposal bin at Seymour Hill are: (l-r) Ald Michael Henderson, Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP Chair, C/Insp Lorraine Dobson and Communities Minister Mr Paul Givan, MLA.

Drugs disposal bin first for Seymour Hill

A drugs disposal bin has been installed in Seymour Hill for the first time as part of an initiative to remove illegal and prescription drugs off the streets. Located outside the shops at Rowan Drive, Seymour Hill, the RAPID (Remove All Prescription and Illegal Drugs) drug disposal safe is a community safety initiative between Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP, PSNI, Seymour Hill and Conway Community Association, the Dales Community Association and ASCERT. The initiative is designed to promote the removal of all prescription medication, illegal drugs and new psychoactive substances (Legal Highs) from the community.

Speaking about the initiative, Lisburn & Castlereagh PCSP Chair, Ald Michael Henderson said: **"I welcome the installation of this bin in Seymour Hill which was initiated by the local community. We are all aware of the dangers of illegal drugs and the effects that these have in communities but prescribed drugs can equally be as dangerous in the wrong hands or if taken with other substances. I would urge the community to make use of this new facility in Seymour Hill. It is free from any investigations or prosecutions and this initiative is designed to dispose of prescribed and illegal drugs safely."**

FOCUSING ON YOUNG PEOPLE

Hearing the views of young people

Causeway Coast & Glens PCSP Policing Committee recently hosted a youth focused meeting in Ballymoney High School, to hear the views of local young people and offer a valuable engagement opportunity with PSNI.

Commenting on the role of the Policing Committee, PCSP Chair Ald William King said: **“Community engagement promotes confidence in policing and engagement with local young people is crucial in the identification of priorities and building relationships going forward.”**

C/Insp Ian Magee continued **“Young people are an important part of our community and their views on policing and how we engage with them really matter. It was great to be able to speak with so many students and hear about their experiences and ideas.”**

The event saw 120 Year 10 pupils participating in discussion, Q&A and interactive sessions with local officers who explained their roles and answered questions from students.

[Click here](#)

to find out more about the work of the PCSP.



Pictured at the event are: (l-r) C/Insp Ian Magee, PCSP Vice-Chair Leanne Abernethy, Pupils Molly Hamilton and Jack Lyons, Vice-Principal Jonny Bingham, PCSP Chair Ald William King and Principal Cynthia Currie.



Jim Gamble, INEQE and Ald Ian Henry, Ards & North Down PCSP Chair pictured at the training session.

Keeping children safer online

Committed to keeping young people safe online, Ards & North Down PCSP launched an online safety initiative with the first of a series of training sessions for PCSP partners.

Delivered by the INEQE Group, the training session was led by the former Chief Executive of the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre, Jim Gamble and facilitated by INEQE's Online Safety Team.

Twenty delegates, including representatives from Kilcooley Womens Centre, Safe Zone, Youth Justice and the Community Safety Team, as well as representatives from the PSNI participated in the training. The sessions highlighted current safeguarding trends and themes and debriefed contemporary case studies, culminating with an interactive workshop using INEQE's Safer Social Networking Activity Pack (SSNAP) cards.

The SSNAP cards are designed to help participants understand the links between online behaviour and offline risk and vulnerability. Working with the cards in multiagency teams, delegates sought to identify clues that might point to the risks a thirteen year old girl, 'Sophie' faced. Each member of the group brought their individual experience to the table and as the exercise unfolded the teams began to better understand issues related to friendship, information sharing, geo-location, safety settings and much more.

If you are involved in frontline safeguarding don't miss the opportunity to attend one of the PCSPs future sessions. The PCSP can be contacted at pcsp@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk for more information.



Pictured at the event are Nikki Dorrian, Ards and North Down Borough Council, Jane Shields PCSP Administrative Assistant and Paula McQuade PCSP Vice Chair.

Deterring trailer theft

Local residents recently took part in a Trailer Marking event to help tackle trailer theft within the Ards & North Down area.

The successful event, held in Bangor and organised by Ards & North Down PCSP and the PSNI, saw trailer owners have their equipment marked with a unique ID to help deter theft.

The unique mark is made up of letters and numbers which are painted in a clearly visible area of the trailer using a specialist paint. These details are then stored on a database which can be used to trace or recover stolen items.

Speaking after the event, Ards & North Down PCSP Chair, Ald Ian Henry, said:

“Trailers and other equipment are vulnerable to theft and harder to recover than standard vehicles, so any steps which we can take to help prevent crime in the first place or to make it easier to recover stolen vehicles is to be welcomed. I look forward to repeating the free trailer marking event in the near future”.

For further information about the trailer marking scheme, contact Joanne Brown at the Ards & North Down PCSP, Tel: 028 9127 8054 or email pcsp@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk.

Get fire safe for new term

Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS) is asking students and their parents to make sure that fire safety is on the checklist as they get ready for third level education.

As students across Northern Ireland embark upon academic studies, a vital lesson about fire safety could ultimately save their lives. With student accommodation set for an influx of first time and returning student tenants, firefighters are raising awareness amongst parents and students about the dangers of fire.

NIFRS Group Commander Geoff Somerville said: **“Living away from home for the first time can be very exciting for young people and it is easy to get caught up in student life and forget about fire safety. As parents inspect student accommodation to make sure it’s suitable for their children, they should also ensure that premises are fire safe. We would ask them to remind their children that with greater independence comes greater responsibility so fire safety checks should always be part of their routine.**

We would encourage students and parents to follow our regular fire safety updates and advice on Facebook and Twitter to ensure fire doesn’t become an uninvited guest during term time.”

[Click here](#) for more information.



Ulster University Coleraine Student's Union Vice President Kevin McStravock and Coleraine Watch Commander David Allen launching this year's Student Fire Safety Week at Ulster University's Coleraine campus.



Pictured to mark the event are: (l-r) Con Michael Allen, Local Policing Team, Lynette Cooke and Annette Blaney Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP, Douglas Barr and Melvyn Hamilton Waringston NW, and Cllr Julie Flaherty, PCSP Chair.

Neighbourhood Watch Scheme celebrates 10 years

Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon PCSP recently organised an event to mark the 10th Anniversary of Waringstown Neighbourhood Watch (NW) Scheme.

Commencing in 2006 the Scheme covers over 1,000 households making it the largest NW scheme in the area. The NW scheme includes one lead co-ordinator and 4 sub-co-ordinators and approx. 30 active helpers.

If you are interested in setting up an NW Scheme in the Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon area contact the PCSP on 028 3831 3607 or email annette.blaney@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk.

[Click here](#) for more information.

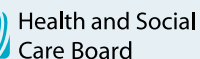
What's happening in your PCSP?

PCSPs hold a variety of meetings and events each month. For details on what is coming up in your local PCSP [click here](#)

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