



Policing & Community Safety Partnership

making Mid & East Antrim safer

Mid and East Antrim PCSP Annual Report 2024-2025



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Chair and Vice Chair Foreword

We are happy to introduce this Annual Report of the Mid and East Antrim Policing and Community Safety Partnership (MEA PCSP) which showcases achievements over the 2024–2025 period. MEA PCSP considers the community safety issues which local people identify as being of great importance and works alongside partners in seeking to address those issues. The Policing Committee of the Partnership also brings the views of local people into consideration when working alongside the District Commander in setting local targets for the police service to achieve.

We are delighted with the projects and initiatives that our PCSP has delivered in 2024-25 to help make sure that the aims and objectives identified within the PCSP Strategy were achieved. This year has seen the successful delivery of our Action Plan, which continues to drive forward our mission of building safer, more resilient communities across the Borough.

Through strong collaboration with our partners from the statutory, community and voluntary sectors and the PSNI, the Partnership has worked to address Anti-Social Behaviour concerns, supported crime prevention initiatives, and helped to increased community confidence in policing in Mid and East Antrim.

Our work continues to target key issues including anti-social behaviour, domestic and sexual violence/abuse, drug and alcohol issues, and support for victims and vulnerable groups. We have also expanded educational outreach and delivered targeted interventions to promote safer neighbourhoods. Important work also continues with partners to reduce vulnerability in Mid and East Antrim, with Support Hub meetings on a regular basis supporting the most vulnerable people in our Borough. The PCSP Drugs and Alcohol Steering Group also continues its work to bring a local focus to the vulnerability that arises from Drugs and Alcohol issues, led by our strategic partner ASCERT, alongside a range of other key stakeholders from the statutory and community sectors who bring specialism and expertise to this important area of work. Domestic and sexual violence continues to be an issue in Mid and East Antrim, and our PCSP continues to resource the Northern Domestic & Sexual Violence and Abuse Partnership to coordinate efforts on these issues locally, alongside other key partners.

This Programme's success is testament to the continued support of our partnership members, delivery partners, and the communities we serve. Their commitment and innovation have enabled meaningful engagement, responsive action, and real change at local level. We wish to acknowledge the work, guidance and support of our fellow PCSP members, and the staff of Mid and East Antrim Borough Council who have assisted the Partnership and everyone who has been involved in making Mid and East Antrim PCSP successful throughout 2024-25.

Furthermore, we extend our thanks and gratitude to our funders from the Joint Committee, the Northern Ireland Policing Board and the Department of Justice, whose ongoing support has been instrumental in enabling us to implement our objectives effectively and strategically.

Looking ahead, the Partnership remains committed to working collaboratively to meet evolving community safety challenges. We will continue to listen, respond, and invest in partnerships that make Mid and East Antrim a safer and more inclusive place to live, work, and visit.

On behalf of the Mid and East Antrim PCSP, thank you for your continued support and engagement.

Cllr Jackson Minford
Chair, MEA PCSP

Noel Rogan QPM
Vice Chair, MEA PCSP

Executive Summary

Mid and East Antrim Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) is one of 11 PCSPs in Northern Ireland working to help make communities safer and to ensure that the voices of local people are heard on policing and community safety issues.

The aim of Mid and East Antrim PCSP is to engage and empower communities and to develop solutions in partnership to tackle crime, fear of crime and anti-social behaviour.

The PCSP has demonstrated good progress in 2024–2025, delivering impactful initiatives that have enhanced community safety, tackled Anti-social Behaviour, and helped to build community confidence in the Police Service across the Borough.

Community Safety Initiatives

The PCSP's commitment to community safety is evident through its comprehensive approach, addressing key areas such as anti-social behaviour, substance issues, and domestic and sexual violence. By establishing three focused working groups, the PCSP has coordinated efforts to tackle these issues, fostering safer environments for residents. Throughout the work of the Partnership there is a strong focus on addressing vulnerability. The PCSP also works with those who have been direct victims of crime through delivery of the Four Tier Security initiative.

Tackling Anti-social Behaviour

The Partnership has maintained a strong interagency approach to addressing Anti-social Behaviour (ASB). This is operationalised on a regular basis through the work of the MEA Anti-social Behaviour Working Group. A guiding principle of this working group is to provide additional inter-agency support to the PSNI Neighbourhood Police Teams (NPT) in Ballymena and East Antrim as they work to address ASB. Without the ongoing work of this forum the levels of ASB in Mid and East Antrim would be on a very different trajectory.

Community Engagement and Building Confidence

The PCSP has actively engaged with a wide range of community groups, providing platforms for dialogue and collaboration. Through programmes like the Agile Local Response Initiative, Council's DEA Officers have worked alongside the PSNI Neighbourhood Policing Teams in targeted localities to address community safety issues and to build confidence. This empowers local residents to implement their own community safety projects, fostering a sense of ownership and collective responsibility.

Conclusion

In summary, the efforts of Mid and East Antrim PCSP in 2024–2025 has significantly contributed to reducing anti-social behaviour and improving community safety. This has been achieved by addressing societal issues, supporting victims, and empowering local groups, the PCSP has made important advances in making Mid and East Antrim a safer Borough.

PCSP Introduction

Background of MEA PCSP

Our Borough

The Borough of Mid and East Antrim covers an area of just over 400 square miles extending from the River Bann in the west, to the beautiful Antrim coast in the east, and includes part of the Antrim Coast and Glens Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. There are 3 main towns, Ballymena, Carrickfergus and Larne, and a host of welcoming villages and rural communities, which are home to a population of just under 140,000 people.

Our Council

Mid and East Antrim Borough Council is committed to developing and maintaining strong partnerships with organisations – including community groups and public, private, and third sector organisations – from across Northern Ireland to deliver on shared outcomes and goals, which can only be achieved when we work together.

Over the years, Council has collaborated with partners to deliver a range of awareness raising campaigns, community events, training sessions and transformational projects for the lifelong benefit of citizens. In the 2024-2028 Corporate Plan, Council pledges to continue working with partners on the issues impacting our communities such as, poverty, unemployment, mental health awareness, suicide prevention and safety on our roads.

Our Community Plan - Putting People First

Mid and East Antrim's **Putting People First** is the Community Plan for MEA, covering the 15-year period from 2017-2032. The vision for MEA is that *"Mid and East Antrim will be a strong, vibrant, safe and inclusive community, where people work together to improve the quality of life for all."* The community planning process has identified three strategic priorities for the theme: Community Safety and Cohesion, each of which has its own outcome.

These are:

- **Vulnerable People:** "Our people feel safe in their community and have a sense of belonging to the area"
- **Those most at Risk of Creating Crime:** "Our borough has structured arrangements to support and deter those most at risk of becoming involved in crime"
- **Vulnerable Places:** "Our borough has vibrant, shared and cohesive communities"

PCSP MEMBERSHIP - ELECTED MEMBERS



Cllr Jackson Minford



Cllr Angela Smyth



Cllr Roy Beggs



Cllr Marc Collins



Cllr Maeve Donnelly



Cllr Ian Friary



Cllr Christopher Jamieson



Cllr Lauren Gray



Cllr Tyler Hoey



Cllr Gregg McKeen

PCSP MEMBERSHIP - INDEPENDENT MEMBERS



Noel Rogan QPM



Elizabeth (Sharon) Maxwell



Eugene Reid



Thomas (Lexie) Scott



Naomi Coupland



Wendy Kerr



Eveyln Hughes



Stevie Weir MBE



Brenda Leslie

Membership of the PCSP is comprised of Elected Members, Independent Members and representatives from Statutory Agencies. The Partnership focuses on the policing and community safety issues that matter most within the Mid and East Antrim Borough to help bring about a safer community.

DESIGNATED ORGANISATIONS / STATUTORY MEMBERS

Education Authority

Northern Health and Social Care Trust

Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service

Northern Ireland Housing Executive

Probation Board for Northern Ireland

Police Service of Northern Ireland

Youth Justice Agency



**Northern Ireland
Fire & Rescue Service**



PBNI Probation Board
for Northern Ireland



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Education
Authority

**Housing
Executive**



PCSP Member Meeting Attendance Add the dates April 2024 – March 2025

	Private PCSP Meetings (6)	Public PCSP Meetings (2)	Private PCSP Meetings (Incorporating Policing Committee) (3)	% Attended total meetings
Political Members				
Cllr Roy Beggs	5	2	3	91%
Cllr Marc Collins	3	1	2	55%
Cllr Maeve Donnelly	6	2	2	91%
Cllr Ian Friary	4	1	1	55%
Cllr Tyler Hoey	3	2	2	64%
Cllr Gregg McKeen	4	2	3	82%
Cllr Jackson Minford	6	2	3	100%
Cllr Angela Smyth	6	2	3	100%
Cllr Lauren Gray	3	1	1	45%
Cllr Christopher Jamieson (joined Jul24)	1	0	1	25%
<i>Cllr Timothy Gaston (left Jul24)</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>100%</i>
<i>*NB Three PCSP meetings occurred before Timothy Gaston Assumed Office to the Northern Ireland Assembly</i>				
Independent Members				
Thomas (Lexie) Scott	5	2	3	91%
Elizabeth (Sharon) Maxwell	4	2	3	82%
Wendy Kerr	5	2	1	73%
Brenda Leslie	5	2	3	91%
Stephen Weir MBE	4	0	1	45%
Eugene Reid	4	0	2	55%
Naomi Coupland	3	1	2	55%
Evelyn Hughes	5	2	2	82%
Noel Rogan QPM	4	2	2	73%
<i>*G Gordon (left May24)</i>	<i>1</i>		<i>1</i>	<i>*100%</i>
<i>*Rev N Hamilton (left May24)</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>*50%</i>
<i>*M Hawkins (left May24)</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>*100%</i>
<i>*M Watson (left May24)</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>*100%</i>
<i>*NB Only two PCSP meetings occurred before reconstitution and membership ended for this PCSP Member</i>				
Statutory Agencies				
Police Service of Northern Ireland	6	2	3	100%
Education Authority	4	0	2	55%
Youth Justice NI	3	0	2	45%
NI Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS)	4	0	1	45%
NI Housing Executive (NIHE)	6	2	3	100%
Probation Board NI	3	0	2	45%
Health & Social Care Trust	1	0	0	9%

PCSP Contact Details

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PCSP funding by Action Plan theme

Action Plan Theme	Operational Funding Breakdown
Awareness Raising and Engagement <i>MEA Action Plan SO1 1.1 / 1.2 / 1.3 / 1.4</i>	£13,730.58
Anti-Social Behaviour <i>MEA Action Plan SO2 2.5 / 2.7</i>	£79,800.00
Drugs and Alcohol Abuse <i>MEA Action Plan SO2 2.6</i>	£38,000.00
Domestic and Sexual Abuse <i>MEA Action Plan SO2 2.1</i>	£41,833.65
Hate Crime (including Fear of Crime) <i>MEA Action Plan SO2 2.2 / 2.3 / 2.4 / 2.9</i>	£45,005.47
Vulnerability to Organised Crime (including Paramilitary Linked Criminality) <i>MEA Action Plan (SO2 2.8)</i>	£2,700.00
Confidence in Policing <i>MEA Action Plan SO3 3.1 / 3.2 / 3.3 / 3.4 / 3.5</i>	£29,349.50
TOTAL OPERATIONAL SPEND 24-25	£250,419.20

Year-End Financials

2024/2025 Expenditure

	Budget Line	Allocated Amount	Amount Spent
SO1	Form & Deliver Functions of PCSP		
1.1	PCSP Meetings and Events	£ 1,057.08	£ 1,057.08
1.2	Communications & Community Engagement	£ 4,676.00	£ 4,676.00
1.3	Action Plan & Strategy Development	£ 8,000.00	£ 7,997.50
1.4	PCSP Members' Development Program	£ -	£ -
	THEME TOTAL	£ 13,733.08	£ 13,730.58
SO2	Improve Community Safety		
2.1	Addressing Domestic Abuse & Sexual Crime	£ 42,000.00	£ 41,833.65
2.2	BAME Support	£ 14,000.00	£ 13,972.50
2.3	Older People Support Programme	£ 14,000.00	£ 14,000.00
2.4	Support Hub	£ 1,032.00	£ 1,032.00
2.5	Young People at Risk Programme	£ 31,300.00	£ 31,300.00
2.6	Drug & Alcohol Support Programme	£ 38,000.00	£ 38,000.00
2.7	Community Safety Warden Scheme	£ 48,500.00	£ 48,500.00
2.8	Graffiti Removal Programme	£ 2,700.00	£ 2,700.00
2.9	Four Tier Security Project	£ 16,000.97	£ 16,000.97
	THEME TOTAL	£ 207,532.97	£ 207,339.12
SO3	Improve Community Confidence in Policing		
3.1	Monitoring local police performance	£ -	£ -
3.2	Community Confidence Building	£ 13,408.67	£ 13,408.67
3.3	Enhancing Community Confidence in Road Safety	£ 5,348.28	£ 4,932.83
3.4	Community Engagement - Agile local response	£ 6,009.00	£ 6,009.00
3.5	Engage the Com to support PSNI in Crime Prevention	£ 5,500.00	£ 4,999.00
	THEME TOTAL	£ 30,265.95	£ 29,349.50
	Programme Totals	£ 251,532.00	£ 250,419.20

Strategic Priority 1

To ensure effective delivery in response to local need and improve the visibility and recognition of the work of the PCSP through effective consultation, communication and engagement through:

- *carrying out meaningful engagement in the district with the local community, relevant statutory partners / agencies, businesses and the community & voluntary sector in the development and implementation of PCSP Action Plans;*
- *ensuring ongoing two-way engagement in the district with the local community, relevant statutory partners / agencies, businesses and the community & voluntary sector to provide a problem-solving forum to identify effective solutions to local issues, ensuring sufficient flexibility to address issues as they emerge, and seeking relevant expertise from the designated organisations as appropriate;*
- *using a range of platforms, including multi-media, to communicate and promote the work of the PCSP; and*
- *increasing awareness of the work of the PCSP.*

OBA Overview

How much did we do?

AP Ref	Performance Measure
1.1	9 private PCSP Meetings – <i>performance measure added by DoJ in Q4</i> 3 Policing Committees (incorporated into Private Meetings) - <i>performance measure added by DoJ in Q4</i> 2 public PCSP Meetings - <i>performance measure added by DoJ in Q4</i>
1.2	33 PCSP Community Engagement activities/meeting/events participated in 2938 people attending / engaged with through community engagement activities/meetings/events 9 PCSP related reports in local press 182 PCSP related Social Media Posts
1.3	5 PCSP Community Engagement activities/meeting/events participated in 89 people attending / engaged with through community engagement activities/meetings/events <i>Due to reconstitution and the associated induction training sessions, the local MEA</i>
1.4	<i>members development programme will recommence in 25-26 (budget reprofiled under Change Control)</i>

How well did we do it?

AP Ref	Performance Measure
1.1	74% of members satisfied (or very satisfied) with current PCSP meetings approached - <i>performance measure added by DoJ in Q4</i>
1.2	2938 (100%) of members of the public satisfied with PCSP engagement events 27 (100%) of members reporting satisfaction PCSP related Social Media posts 28 people (3.72%) increase in PCSP social media reach

- 1.3 89 (100%) of members of the public satisfied with PCSP engagement events

Is anyone better off?

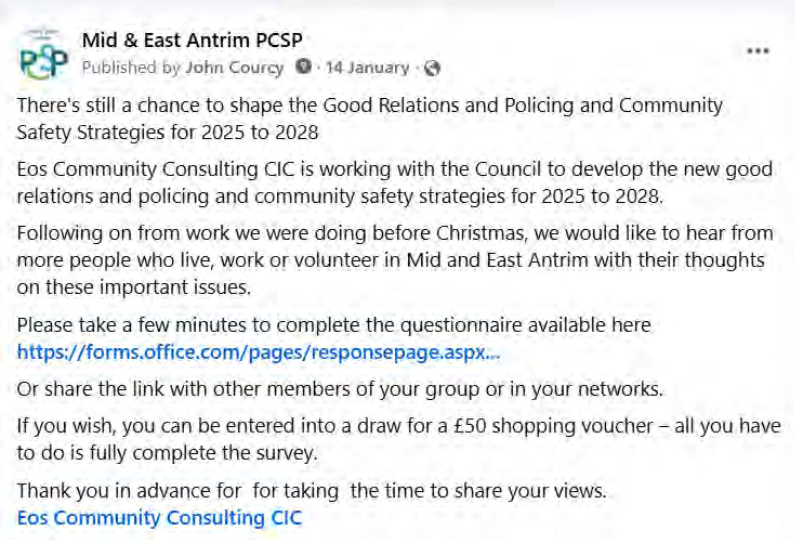
AP Ref	Performance Measure
1.1	100% of members with an increased knowledge of the work of the PCSP - <i>performance measure added by DoJ in Q4</i>
1.2	2938 (100%) of attendees at PCSP community engagement activities/meetings/events participated in with increased knowledge of the work of PCSP 28 (3.72%) of people with an increased knowledge of the work of PCSP
1.3	89 (100%) of attendees at PCSP community engagement activities/meetings/events participated in with increased knowledge of the work of PCSP

Best practice examples of Community Engagement

Name of engagement activity/event:	Communications and Local Community Engagement Event (with MEA Post Primary schools)
Cost of event:	£1,100.00
Partners:	PSNI, AXA Northern Ireland, Post Primary Schools across Mid and East Antrim Borough.
Description of activity/event:	This community engagement event took place with local post primary schools in Carrickfergus, when the PCSP was given the opportunity to host this roadshow. The "Roadsafe Roadshow" had been developed to recognise and address the issue of young people aged under 25 who are most at risk of being killed or suffering serious injury on our roads. Through this event MEA PCSP promoted a powerful message of community safety targeted at young drivers and created an opportunity for our PCSP Chair and Vice Chair to engage with this age group of the MEA community to promote the work of PCSP.
Impact of the work	<i>'Thank you so much for having us. Our pupils have really benefitted from it!' Larne Grammar</i> <i>Mark, it was fantastic as always. Students are still talking about it. Can I thank you and all the team for an excellent roadshow. Transport was excellent and well organised. Hopefully, it is running again next year!</i> <i>Ulidia Integrated College</i>
OBA	How Much Did We Do? 1 PCSP Community Engagement activities/meeting/events participated in 2200 people attending/engaged with through community engagement activities/meetings/events How Well Did We Do? 2200 and 100% of members of the public satisfied with PCSP Engagement Events Is Anyone Better Off? 2200 and 100% of attendance at PCSP community engagement activities with an increased knowledge in the work of PCSP
Images	 Mid & East Antrim PCSP Published by John Courcy · 4 March · 🌐 Mid and East Antrim PCSP were delighted to work in partnership with PSNI's Road Policing Unit, and through this support we were able to bring this hard hitting but important Road Safety Project to over 500 students in Carrickfergus. Thanks also to our PCSP Chair Cllr Jackson Minford, and Vice Chair Noel Rogan QPM for supporting this important event.



Name of engagement activity/event:	MEA PCSP Community Consultation and engagement sessions for development of PCSP Strategy 2025-2028 and Action Plan 2025-2026
Cost of event:	£8,483.50
Partners:	EOS Consulting, Community Clusters, DEA Officer Team, General Public, and PCSP Elected and Independent Members and Statutory Bodies.
Description of activity/event:	This community engagement and consultation process took place with PCSP Members, plus a wide variety of stakeholders from the statutory, community, voluntary and business sectors. This consultation was carried out over a number of months during the Autumn / Winter of 24-25, and it took place in various formats including, focus groups, public meetings, 1-1 sessions, online sessions and an electronic survey. This included one of the first uses of the new Social Pinpoint consultation platform in Northern Ireland. Opportunity was taken to maximise and encourage input from all sectors and sections of people who live, work or play in the Borough of Mid and East Antrim, which would in turn shape and form Mid and East Antrim PCSP Action Plan 2025-2026 and PCSP Strategy 2025-2028.
Impact of the work	<i>Examples of engagement techniques used during consultation process for development of new Action Plan and PCSP Strategy:</i> What three words would you use to reflect the values you think a PCSP should have? Most popular - integrity 3 - partnership 3 Also prominent - commitment 2 - equality 2 - honesty 2 - inclusiveness 2 - openness 2 - sharing 2 Other responses - agreement - collaboration - collaborative - committed - community - cooperation - courage - empowering - engagement - fairness - grass root delivery - grass roots delivery - inclusive - inclusivity - innovation - leadership - link - objective - open minded - openess - public service - realistic - respect - respectful - tra - transparency - value - visible

	 What do you think the vision (ultimate goal) of a PSCP should be? - Collaborative approach to effecting positive change to make communities safer - A community where everyone feels safe, respected and cared for - Helping people feel safe where they live And that they know how to access supports when needed - A borough where most residents feel safe and where most respect the role of the police - Working in partnership to achieve a safer community - To create safe and secure communities. To protect the public. To work across multiple agencies to achieve our goals - That the borough is safe and welcoming - To work effectively to tackle challenges in society to achieve a peaceful society - Help make MEA residents safer & feel safer - Making sure people feel safe - Statutory, Voluntary and others working together with candour to create safer, engaged and supported Communities - To promote community collaboration, communication and development through community safety approaches - Safe communities, accepting of all, where statutory agencies work together for the benefit of all - To provide a feeling of confidence in the community by listening to their concerns and developing a programme that makes them feel safe - Safer communities through joined up collaborative efforts by stakeholders community leaders and partners - Getting all agency's together and working as a team to get results
OBA	How Much Did We Do? 5 consultation sessions (in-person) 89 members who attended (in-person) How Well Did We Do? 100% members satisfied with the development programme Is Anyone Better Off? 100% of members felt more engaged with the community
Images	 Mid & East Antrim PCSP Published by John Courcy · 14 January There's still a chance to shape the Good Relations and Policing and Community Safety Strategies for 2025 to 2028 Eos Community Consulting CIC is working with the Council to develop the new good relations and policing and community safety strategies for 2025 to 2028. Following on from work we were doing before Christmas, we would like to hear from more people who live, work or volunteer in Mid and East Antrim with their thoughts on these important issues. Please take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire available here https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx... Or share the link with other members of your group or in your networks. If you wish, you can be entered into a draw for a £50 shopping voucher – all you have to do is fully complete the survey. Thank you in advance for taking the time to share your views. Eos Community Consulting CIC



Mid & East Antrim PCSP

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As part of the Council's audit of Policing and Community Safety and Good Relations and the development of the new associated Action Plans for 2025-2028, we are delighted to announce the launch of our online digital platform. Please note that the site is not a survey. The site is more like a social media platform, allowing for a variety of different ways for people to engage with the conversation on Good Relations and PCSP provision throughout the site.

Join the conversation at <https://midandeastantrim.mysocialpinpoint.com>



Strategic Priority 2:

Strategic Priority 2 - To improve community safety by prioritising and addressing local community safety issues, tackling crime and anti-social behaviour through

- *utilising the partnership created by the statutory, elected and independent/ community membership of the PCSP to initiate and lead work to improve community safety and tackle ASB locally;*
- *working in partnership to develop outcome and locality focused interventions to address the most pressing crime types and behaviours impacting local community safety, as evidenced by local need, with appropriate targets and indicators so that impacts can be measured;*
- *drawing on best practice, promote early intervention and collaborating effectively to improve PCSP-supported projects and programmes that address the underlying causes of ASB, crime and the fear of crime in the community, including, where appropriate, a focus on changing behaviours;*
- *enhancing safety and feelings of safety, in particular for those who might be more vulnerable;*
- *engaging with partners in the district, to horizon scan in order to respond to and re-direct resources to respond to emerging local community safety issues;*
- *having cognisance of the Community Safety Framework in developing local plans, and providing a feedback loop to the Community Safety Board on local issues in order to inform community safety policy development – and vice versa; and*

Providing comprehensive community input into decision making processes about tackling actual and perceived anti-social behaviour and giving feedback to the community on the effectiveness of interventions on meeting outcomes.

- ASB;
- Fear of Crime;
- Drugs and Alcohol Abuse;
- Hate Crime;
- Domestic and Sexual Abuse;
- Cyber Crime;
- Road safety.

OBA Overview under each indicator

Anti-social Behaviour (ASB)

How much did we do?

AP Ref	Performance Measure
2.5	129 activities delivered 2563 young people engaged in activities
2.7	810 Patrols 1815 hours on patrol 688 participants engaged

How well did we do it?

AP Ref	Performance Measure
2.5	2563 and 100% of young people satisfied with activities
2.7	100% participants reporting satisfaction with activities

Is anyone better off?

AP Ref	Performance Measure
2.5	1051 and 41% participants with attitudinal change as a result of their engagement in the project activities
2.7	90% of participants less likely to engage in ASB 100% of community who feel safer as a result of the scheme

Best practice example – Anti-Social Behaviour

Name of Project	Young People at Risk Programme
Funded amount	£31,300.00
Partners	YMCA, NIHE and MEA PCSP Anti-social Behaviour Working Group
Description of project	Team of detached youth workers working at Anti-social Behaviour hotspots across Ballymena, Larne and Carrickfergus including evenings and weekends. Intended for “at risk” young people and those young people who are outside of regular youth provision. This service works closely with PSNI Neighbourhood Police Teams, PCSP Members, and Statutory partners through the MEA PCSP ASB Working Group.

Impact of the project

PSNI Stats - PCSP Commander Report Jan25

Anti-social behaviour (ASB):

Tackling antisocial behaviour is a priority across Mid & East Antrim District. The PSNI is often the first point of contact for anyone reporting anti-social behaviour. We work in partnership with other statutory and voluntary agencies recognising that the solution of many community issues lies not just with the police but with a range of organisations that are specially skilled and resourced. The local community also has a role to play as they are often best placed as they may know the victims and perpetrators.

ASB Incidents (to 17/01/2025)	P365	R365	Change	% Change
Environmental	93	56	-37	-39.8%
Nuisance	2049	1633	-416	-20.3%
Personal	1109	1009	-100	-9.0%
TOTAL Antisocial Behaviour	3251	2698	-553	-17.0%

Environmental

Littering and illegal dumping
disputes about hedges/gardens
dog fouling
stray dogs
abandoned vehicles

Nuisance

drunk or rowdy behaviour
neighbor disputes
noise

Personal

graffiti
assaults
criminal damage
theft
intimidation
harassment

Summary:

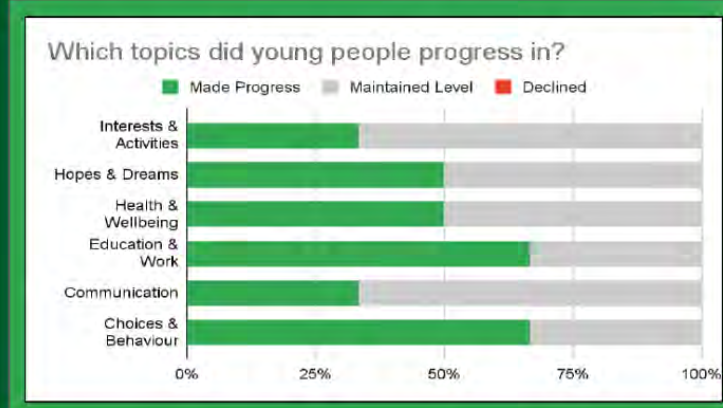
We work in close partnership with our colleagues via the PCSP Anti-social Behaviour Working Group.

This current rolling 365 day period, ASB has recorded a -17.2% decrease in incidents compared to the previous rolling 365 days.

Ballymena = 1375 incidents (-18.2%)

Larne / Carrickfergus = 1317 incidents (-16.3%)

Programme Impact (Young People Feedback – Mentoring Project)



- Graph Reflects progress identified and evaluated by young people themselves
- Case Studies

YMCA Apr25

Quotes

*"The YMCA provides a service to the school which is very helpful and of great benefit to our pupils. They have **provided young people with strategies to make safer choices** and brought young people together who wouldn't normally be in the same social circle. The YMCA staff have built up relationships with young people who view them as*

	<i>positive role models and these relationships are extended when the staff are out and about in the community.</i> (Senior Teacher Pastoral KS3, Carrickfergus Academy - Mentoring) <i>"Thank you both so much for all your help last night... without both of your help she could have died...you do amazing work and I'm so glad you were both there"</i> (Parent of a young person who overdosed – Street Work)
OBA	How Much Did We Do? 129 Youth Projects Delivered 2563 Young People Engaged with How Well Did We Do? 100% young people satisfied with programme Is Anyone Better Off? 41% of young people less likely to engage in ASB
Images	

Hate Crime and Fear of Crime (Including Vulnerability & Security Programmes)

How much did we do?

AP Ref	Performance Measure
2.2	17 service activities delivered (BAME Support) 5787 people availing of services (BAME Support)
2.3	497 of people availing of services (Older People Support Prog)
2.4	11 of Support Hub Meetings (Multi-agency Support Hub/Vulnerability) 21 of individuals referred to Support Hub (include age/gender breakdown) 4 of individuals not accepted by Support Hub (signposted directly to relevant organisation - include age/gender breakdown) 19 of Support Hub partner organisations involved 42 of hours spent (per organisation) at Support Hub Meetings 2 of Support Hub actions (as outlined in Support Hub Meeting Minutes)
2.9	107 of victims receiving services through project (Home Security)

How well did we do it?

AP Ref	Performance Measure
2.2	5367 and 93% of users reporting satisfaction (BAME Support)
2.3	97% of participants reporting satisfaction with service received (Older People Support)
2.4	18 partner organisations attending Support Hub meetings (Multiagency Support Hub/Vulnerability)

- 100% of Support Hub actions successfully completed (include organisational breakdown)
 % reduction in calls to partner organisations from individuals being helped by Support Hub (broken down by Organisation) (unknown)
 2.9 100% of victims reporting satisfaction with services provided (Home Security)

Is anyone better off?

AP Ref	Performance Measure
2.2	5367 and 93% increase of participants who feel safer as a result of the service (BAME Support)
2.3	97% of participants feeling safer after receiving the service (Older People Support)
2.4	6 and 28% of people being helped by Support Hubs who are discharged from the Hub because their needs have been met (Multiagency Support Hub/Vulnerability)
	3 and 14% of individuals who leave the Hub of their own volition or are removed from the Hub because of a lack of engagement
2.9	100% of victims who feel safer as a result of engaging in services (Home Security)

Best practice example – Hate Crime

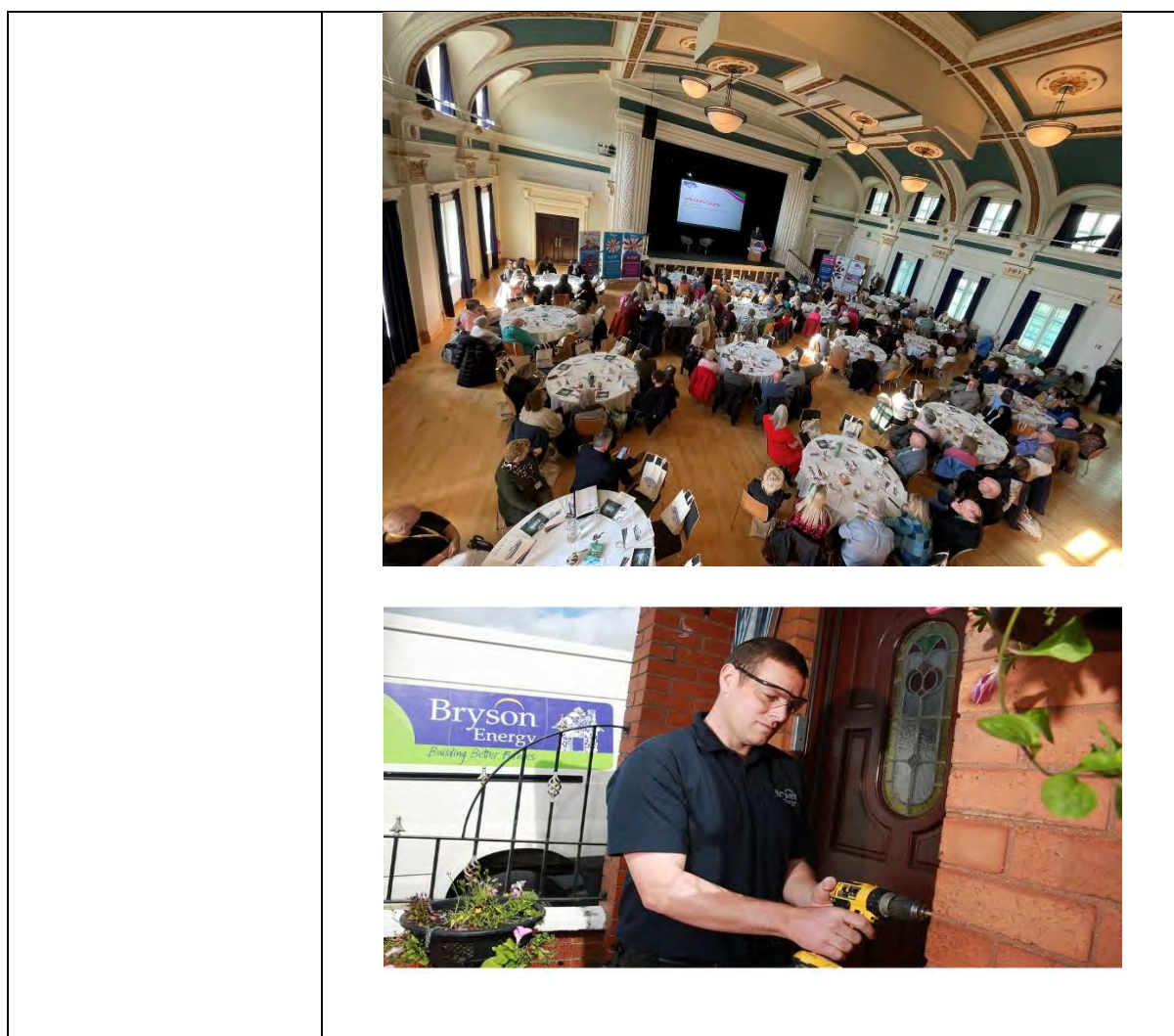
Name of Project	BAME Support – Integrate Project																																					
Funded amount	£14,000.00																																					
Partners	Inter-Ethnic Forum Mid & East Antrim (Contracted Partner), MEABC Good Relations, PSNI																																					
Description of project	Programme to address the vulnerability of people from a BAME background to crime, and in particular hate crime, through a range of support measures Projects include a commissioned Bilingual Advocacy Service for BAME residents across MEA, as well as support to people from a minority ethnic background who may be the victims of crime and awareness raising and hate crime prevention sessions for minority ethnic and indigenous communities.																																					
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OBA	How Much Did We Do? 17 awareness raising events 5787 members of participants attended events How Well Did We Do? 93% of participants satisfied with the event Is Anyone Better Off? 93% of participants who feel safer as a result of the service/event
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Best practice example – Fear of Crime

Name of Project	Older People Support Programme																																												
Funded amount	£14,000.00																																												
Partners	Mid and East Antrim Agewell Partnership, MEABC Community Planning, NIHE, PSNI Crime Prevention Officer																																												
Description of project	Commissioned service which is delivered by Mid and East Antrim Agewell Partnership (MEAAP) who provides support to older people and helps reduce their fear of crime and vulnerability to crime, particularly older citizens who are alone or infirm. Programme also raises awareness amongst older citizens about community safety related issues such as bogus callers, internet scams and telephone fraud. The scheme works to improve the connectivity and confidence between older people and the PSNI																																												
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Images	Mid & East Antrim PCSP Published by John Courcy · 4 March · Mid and East Antrim PCSP are supporting the MEAAP Scam Awareness Event on Wednesday 19th March 2025 Members of the public are invited to attend Challenging the Scamdemic, a crucial Scam Awareness Conference designed to inform, educate, and empower individuals against financial fraud and scams. The event will take place on Wednesday, 19th March 2025, at The Braid Arts Centre, Ballymena from 10am – 3pm. This free event open to the public, is hosted by local older people's charity - Mid & East Antrim Agewell Partnership, who will bring together industry experts, government representatives, and victims of scams to share insights and solutions for tackling fraud in our communities Everyone welcome!



Alcohol, Drug and Substance Abuse Awareness

How much did we do?

AP Ref	Performance Measure
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2.6	13 of activities/services provided 86 of participants availing of support services who report their participation as positive/beneficial
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How well did we do it?

AP Ref	Performance Measure
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2.6	86 and 100% of participants satisfied with the services provided
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Is anyone better off?

AP Ref	Performance Measure
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2.6	71 or 83% of participants with a changed attitude/greater knowledge of the negative impact of drugs and alcohol
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Best practice example - Alcohol, Drug and Substance Abuse

Name of Project	PCSP Drugs & Alcohol Steering Group / MEA D&A Action Plan																																																
Funded amount	£38,000.00																																																
Partners	ASCERT (Contracted Partner); PSNI, PHA, Start360, Extern, Larne Community Care Centre, Impact Network, NIHE, Carrick Cornerstone, Turning Point NI, Triangle Housing, Carrick Community Forum, Ballymena Learning Together, Larne Community Development Project, Larne YMCA, Women's Aid, EANI, Community Clusters (Ballymena), Kells & Connor Community Improvement Association,																																																
Description of project	The Mid and East Antrim Drugs & Alcohol Programme is delivered by ASCERT , and this organisation is a key Public Health Agency-funded charity, working across Northern Ireland to protect society from the harm that can result from alcohol and drug misuse. The Programme provides support and coordination to drugs and alcohol services within the Mid and East Antrim area, including some help with resourcing organisations working at a local level on drugs and alcohol issues. This includes awareness raising sessions, training, signposting for the most vulnerable, facilitating local services and Rapid Bin support. The programme works to increase awareness of the associated effects of drugs and alcohol and highlights support services available. The PCSP Drug & Alcohol Steering Group is an inter-agency forum led by ASCERT, which includes a wide range of statutory and community partners with specialism and expertise in this field. The group works alongside PCSP Members to tackle this complex issue locally.																																																
Impact of the project	PSNI Stats - PCSP Commander Report Jan25 Drugs: The misuse of drugs across MEA is a priority. We want to work closely with our partner agencies, both statutory and voluntary to keep people safe by targeting those who import, supply and use drugs whilst supporting partners to reduce addiction and substance misuse behaviours. <table><tr><th rowspan="2">MEA drug offences 365 to 15/01/25</th><th colspan="4"></th><th colspan="2">Outcomes</th><th colspan="2">Outcome rate %</th><th rowspan="2">% point change</th></tr><tr><th>P365</th><th>R365</th><th>Change</th><th>% Change</th><th>P365</th><th>R365</th><th>P365</th><th>R365</th></tr><tr><td>Drugs Offences</td><td>531</td><td>522</td><td>-9</td><td>-1.7%</td><td>343</td><td>316</td><td>84.1%</td><td>82.7%</td><td>-1.3%</td></tr><tr><td>Possession of Drugs</td><td>475</td><td>460</td><td>-15</td><td>-3.2%</td><td>309</td><td>289</td><td>85.6%</td><td>85.8%</td><td>-0.2%</td></tr><tr><td>Trafficking of drugs</td><td>56</td><td>62</td><td>+6</td><td>10.7%</td><td>34</td><td>27</td><td>72.3%</td><td>60.0%</td><td>-12.3%</td></tr></table> Analysis How well did we do? This R365 there has been a -1.3% decrease in the total number of recorded crimes for Drug offences. Overall Possession of drugs offences have decreased by 15 incidents compared to the previous year. However, we have seen an increase of 6 incidents for Trafficking of drugs offences which have resulted in 60% of offenders being brought to justice. This represents those who are involved in organised crime being proactively sought for criminal activity at a higher level which restricts the ability to supply drugs into the community. Below you will see some examples where high levels and amounts of drugs have been taken out of circulation which reduces the harm to those individuals using drugs but also the associated impacts to the wider community.	MEA drug offences 365 to 15/01/25					Outcomes		Outcome rate %		% point change	P365	R365	Change	% Change	P365	R365	P365	R365	Drugs Offences	531	522	-9	-1.7%	343	316	84.1%	82.7%	-1.3%	Possession of Drugs	475	460	-15	-3.2%	309	289	85.6%	85.8%	-0.2%	Trafficking of drugs	56	62	+6	10.7%	34	27	72.3%	60.0%	-12.3%
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Quick Connect Training: Helping communities build better understanding and management of substance use

Thursday 20th March 2025
9.30am – 4.00pm
Dobbs Room, Carrickfergus Town Hall

Free of Charge | Lunch provided




Learning Outcomes

By the end of this programme participants will be able to:

- Define the prevalence of drug use in Northern Ireland.
- Describe the categorisation methods for drugs, as well as how to identify them.
- Outline the risk and protective factors associated with substance use
- Understand methods for motivating change.
- Understand strategies of Brief Intervention.
- Describe the F.R.A.M.E.S. methods of positive change.
- Describe the process and options for signposting.

To book your place, please email:
Fiona Surgenor
E: fiona.surgenor@midandeantrim.gov.uk



Mid & East Antrim PCSP

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Sincere thanks to Community Planning Sgt Morena Wickham Thomas [Police Mid & East Antrim](#); Natasha McDonagh, [Start360](#); and Christina Li, [ASCERT](#) for their excellent presentations at tonight's Public PCSP Meeting, which was held on the theme of Drugs & Alcohol. A good turnout and great engagement!

These agencies work in partnership with Mid and East Antrim PCSP through our MEA PCSP Drugs & Alcohol Steering Group, and each speaker provided important information and signposting details.

Thank you everyone who supported this Public PCSP Meeting.

For information on Drug and Alcohol Support Services for Adults, Young People/Family and Specific Groups across Mid and East Antrim, click on the link: <https://drugsandalcoholni.info/northern.pdf>

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Paramilitary Activity

How much did we do?

AP Ref	Performance Measure
2.8	3 graffiti incidents responded to

How well did we do it?

AP Ref	Performance Measure
2.8	66% of graffiti incidents resolved within 48 hours

Is anyone better off?

AP Ref	Performance Measure
2.8	100% of residents feeling safer as a result 100% of participants with increased confidence in PSNI following event # square feet of graffiti removed (if available)

Domestic and Sexual Violence

How much did we do?

AP Ref	Performance Measure
2.1	1467 clients receiving support through the project (Support Worker) 78 of victims receiving services through the project (Equipment Scheme) 169 clients receiving services through project (Safe Places) 1081 pupils receiving services through the project (Awareness in Schools)

How well did we do it?

AP Ref	Performance Measure
2.1	100% of clients/pupils reporting satisfaction with services provided (Support Worker) 100% of victims satisfied with the support provided (Equipment Scheme) 100% of clients receiving services through the project (Safe Places) 100% of pupils reporting satisfaction with services provided (Awareness in Schools)

Is anyone better off?

AP Ref	Performance Measure
2.1	100% of participants who feel safer and more supported as a result of engaging in services (Support Worker) 100% of victims who feel safer as a result of engaging in services (Equipment Scheme) 100% of participants who feel safer as a result of engaging in services (Safe Place) 100% of pupils who feel safer as a result of engaging in services (Awareness in Schools)

Best practice example – Domestic and Sexual Violence

Name of Project	Safe Places Project
Funded amount	£10,000.00
Partners	ONUS NI Ltd (Contracted Partner)
Description of project	Safe Places project works to reduce incidents with a domestic violence motivation by providing awareness and education around Domestic and Sexual Violence to the statutory, community, voluntary, business and faith sectors, as well as sign posting to services available. The programme helps to reduce incidents with a domestic violence motivation by working with organisations and others who have the relevant knowledge and expertise to develop and implement a programme of initiatives to raise awareness to a variety of audiences, promoting the bespoke Safe Place initiative. The programme provides support for employers as safe places and in their support for employees who have been victims of domestic violence and abuse.
Impact of the project	- <i>Extract from Report Card:</i> <i>“Attendees feel more confident in now recognising and responding to domestic or sexual abuse. All feel they can now play their part and at the very least sign post to the support services available through the Safe Place Initiative and resources provided making their community a safe place.”</i> <i>“The Onus approach is a true partnership approach, and we continue to work closely with our range of partners including MEA BC/PCSP, PSNI, WA ABCLN, Nexus, Church Leaders and ND&SVP.”</i> <i>ONUS Staff Member</i>



PSNI Stats - PCSP Commander Report Jan25

Domestic abuse:

Mid & East Antrim Domestic Motivated Crime R365 to 12/01/2025.	Total Offences Recorded			Outcomes		Outcomes Rate %			Domestic Incidents		
	P365	R365	Change	P365	R365	P365	R365	% Change	P365	R365	Change
Domestic Motivation	1501	1337	-164	461	354	30.7%	26.5%	-4.2%	2280	1972	-308

Domestic recording includes reports of incidents or crimes between family members including mother, father, brother, sister, son, daughter, grandparents, in-laws or stepfamily. 'Intimate partners' means there must have been a relationship with a degree of continuity and stability.

- This current rolling 365 day period there has been a reduction in domestic motivated crime compared to the previous rolling 365 day period. During the same time period domestic motivated incidents have also fallen.
- A dedicated ASSIST NI advocate is now working within the district. The advocate provides additional support to victims of domestic and sexual abuse. The MEA ASSIST advocate engages with at least 3 new victims of domestic and sexual abuse per day (on average).



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How much did we do?

169 Clients received services through project
22 Sessions were delivered as part of the project

How well did we do it?

100% of clients reporting satisfaction with services provided

Is anyone better off?

100% of participants who feel safer as a result of engaging in services

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Onus
27 July 2024 · 🌐

Economic Abuse is a form of domestic abuse that can target someone's employment: victims and survivors may have lost their job or have someone trying to prevent them from getting a job. Onus were delighted therefore to work with Jobs and Benefits Offices across Northern Ireland to roll out Safe Place training and resources, so anyone who has experienced domestic or sexual abuse will know that Jobs and Benefits Offices are a Safe Place to access support. For more information on how to become a Safe Place see:
<https://www.onustraining.co.uk/play-your-part>

For more information on Economic Abuse see:
<https://survivingeconomicabuse.org/about-us/>

Mid & East Antrim PCSP
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This is Sexual Abuse and Sexual Violence Awareness Week
[#ItsNotOk](#)



Police Service of Northern Ireland ✓
3 February · 🌐

Last year 329 online sexual crimes against children were reported to us. Join us this Sexual Abuse and Sexual Violence Awareness Week in raising awareness of these crimes and saying [#ItsNotOk](#).

Learn more about online grooming at <https://orlo.uk/BKofh>
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Strategic Priority 3:

Strategic Priority 3 – To support confidence in policing, including through collaborative problem solving with communities

through

- *ensuring local accountability through the Policing Committee's role in monitoring police performance;*
- *identifying priorities from the PCSP Plan for consideration in the development of the local Policing Plan which are consistent with the Northern Ireland Policing Plan;*
- *providing views to the District Commander through the Policing Committee and supporting the PSNI to engage with the community to identify and address local problems;*
- *delivering initiatives that link to identified local problems that impact confidence in policing;*
- *carrying out meaningful local events aimed at increasing PSNI engagement with local communities to build and strengthen public confidence in policing;*
- *delivering PCSP initiatives in the hardest to reach communities;*
- *providing a platform for the PCSP and PSNI to engage with young people, including on the themes of upholding the rule of law, and of ways of increasing confidence in policing; and*
- *building community confidence in the rule of law by helping mitigate the harm caused to people and communities by paramilitarism, criminality and organised crime consistent with wider Programme for Government objectives and through use of co-design principles, where appropriate.*

OBA Overview

How much did we do?

AP Ref	Performance Measure
3.1	5 Private policing committee meetings 2 Public policing committee meetings 19 members of the public attending
3.2	9 Grant applications received 6 Grant applications successful
3.3	9 SID deployments 12 Engagement/activities/awareness raising events (Road Safety Awareness)
3.4	31 Activities provided (Agile Response)
3.5	25 NHW Schemes 34 NHW Co-ordinators working with PSNI

2055 Households engaged
2 Farmwatch Events
8373 Text Alerts sent

How well did we do it?

AP Ref	Performance Measure
3.1	75% PCSP Members attending 100% Members of the public in attendance satisfied with the meeting 100% PCSP members who feel supported to effectively deliver the Policing Committee functions
3.2	78% Applicants satisfied with the programme
3.3	100% Satisfied with SID deployment 12 Schools participating (Road Safety Awareness) 1889 Pupils attending
3.4	1220 Participants satisfied with service provided (Agile Local Response Prog)
3.5	1439 and 70% NHW Co-ordinators who feel supported to carry out their role 4% Increase of Farmwatch users 4% Increase in Text Alerts

Is anyone better off?

AP Ref	Performance Measure
3.1	100% Increased knowledge of PCSP Members about the full remit of the Policing Committee 100% More likely to engage with PSNI following meeting
3.2	6 and 100% of groups feeling supported to deliver their objectives through the small grant process 100% Participants more likely to engage with PSNI following event
3.3	85% of SID Deployments resulting in speed reduction 100% of drivers with improved respect for the road 100% of SIDs referrers who have increased confidence in the police 100% Changed attitude/increase confidence in the police service (Road Safety Awareness)
3.4	100% of participants with changed attitude towards ASB as a result of their engagement in the project activities (Agile Local Response Prog) 100% of participants more likely to engage with PSNI following event
3.5	1439 and 70% of NHW Co-ordinators who believe their area is safer as a result of the scheme 1439 and 70% of NHW Co-ordinators with increased confidence in policing 70% NHW Co-ordinators with increased confidence in police 100% More likely to engage with policing following event (Farmwatch) 100% Users feeling safer as a result of the service (Text Alert)

Best practice examples – PSNI engaging with the public

Name of Project	Farmwatch / Rural Crime
Funded amount	£2999.00
Partners	PSNI, Crime Prevention Officer, Rural Community, NIFRS
Description of project/initiative/event	Farm Watch supports rural communities across the Borough by helping reduce the risk of rural crime. It provides vulnerable residents with vital information and alerts from the PCSP and PSNI, enhancing safety and awareness for those living or working in these areas. Membership includes community-specific text alerts.
Impact of Project	See below PSNI Statistics (Rural & Urban Crime) for the previous years, showing a significant reduction in rural crime since 2023/24. PSNI Have advised this reduction in rural crime can be directly linked to MEA PCSP’s rural work in partnership with MEA Crime Prevention Officer.

Table 6 Urban/Rural Crime (burglary, robbery and theft offences based on geographical location) by Policing District, 2010/11 to 2024/25

Urban															
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Mid & East Antrim	1,774	1,583	1,466	1,469	1,436	1,302	1,283	1,437	1,605	1,519	919	851	1,212	1,278	949
Northern Ireland	30,567	29,958	28,953	29,786	29,516	28,641	25,791	25,381	25,643	24,476	17,063	18,308	21,046	21,899	19,860

Urban/rural settlement figures are identified through matching the postcode of the occurrence with the Central Postcode Directory.

Rural															
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
	625	656	472	487	509	463	479	389	565	511	315	274	339	312	267
	9,211	8,533	7,672	7,195	6,809	6,222	5,868	5,418	5,652	5,298	3,882	3,778	4,119	4,110	3,469

Numbers

Total															
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	2,399	2,239	1,938	1,956	1,945	1,765	1,762	1,826	2,170	2,030	1,234	1,125	1,551	1,590	1,216
	39,778	38,491	36,625	36,981	36,325	34,863	31,659	30,799	31,295	29,774	20,945	22,086	25,165	26,009	23,329

Stats from Crime Prevention Officer May25

OBA

How Much Did We Do?

2 Farmwatch Events
8373 Text Alerts Sent

How Well Did We Do?

4% increase of Farmwatch users
4% increase in Text Alerts sent

Is Anyone Better Off?

100% users feeling safer as a result of the service

Mid and East Antrim Farm watch Scheme hosts sign-up event at Ballymena Livestock Market





Becoming a member of the scheme brings with it responsibility:

- You agree to put up the roadside / property signage on your property.
- You agree to mark your machinery with the unique ref number provided.
- You agree to attach the warning signage on your machinery.
- You agree to receive information by phone, text or email.
- You agree to receive free crime prevention advice on protecting your property and by keeping you informed about crime in your area, we help prevent crime and keep your community safe.
- You agree to report suspicious activity to the police as it happens, and look out for your neighbours.
- You agree to display your house number at the entrance to your property to help the emergency services.

How do you become a member of the scheme?

To get an application form visit:
www.psni.police.uk
 Mid and East Antrim, PCSP
 Community Safety - Farm Watch
 T: 028 2826 2435

Submit completed form via:
 E: pcsp@midandeastantrim.gov.uk

For more information or a hard copy of the application forms, please contact:

PCSP
 Mid and East Antrim Borough Council
 Larne Town Hall, Upper Cross Street,
 Larne, BT40 1RZ.

E: pcsp@midandeastantrim.gov.uk
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On receipt of the application form, you will be informed that you have become a member of the scheme. You will be provided with the Farm Watch roadside/property signage, warning signage for your machinery and a unique ref number for you to put up and install.



Scan the QR Code to the left using a phone or tablet for an application form.

Mid and East Antrim Borough Council/ PCSP



Best practice example – Road Safety

Name of Project	New Driver Scheme
Funded amount	£2083.33
Partners	New Driver NI and Post Primary Schools
Description of project	MEA PCSP in partnership with New Driver NI has delivered a programme across MEA Borough with local Post Primary schools 6th Form Students, which promotes safe driving and road safety to young drivers. The programme takes young people through the practical steps and safety implications of learning to drive and becoming a safe driver, distributing driver education material as part of the programme. This initiative forms and important part of the PCSP Road Safety Education and Awareness Programme. The PCSP also supports Road Safe NI to deliver a Road Safety Quiz with the local Primary Schools and regular SID deployments also educate drivers in real time to slow down. It is recognised that there is an important link between public perceptions of Road Safety and Community Confidence in the Police Service.
Impact of the project	<i>“Today, our Sixth Form students participated in a vital session on road safety as part of their enrichment programme. The workshop, delivered by the Policing and Community Safety Partnership, provided valuable insights into staying safe on the roads and making responsible decisions. Thank you to the Mid and East Antrim PCSP for their continued support and dedication to educating our young people!”</i> Dunclug College <i>“Great to experience the educational process for the new young drivers about to take their test or just on R plates. Keeping our young drivers safe on the roads as they begin their driving journey is such an important step.”</i> Noel Rogan QPM, Vice Chair MEA PCSP
OBA	How much did we do? 9 SID deployments 12 engagement/activities/awareness raising events (Road Safety) How well did we do it? 100% satisfied with SID deployment 12 schools participating 1889 pupils participating Is anyone better off? 75% speed reduction 100% of drivers with improved respect for the road 100% SID referrers who have increased confidence in the police 100% changed attitude/increased confidence in the police service (Road Safety Awareness)

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Dunclug College

6 December 2024 · 🌐

Keeping Our Sixth Form Safe

Today, our Sixth Form students participated in a vital session on road safety as part of their enrichment programme. The workshop, delivered by the Policing and Community Safety Partnership, provided valuable insights into staying safe on the roads and making responsible decisions.

Thank you to the [Mid & East Antrim PCSP](#) for their continued support and dedication to educating our young people!



Mid & East Antrim PCSP

Published by John Courcy · 21 October 2024 · 🌐

So delighted to see the [New Driver NI](#) in [Carrickfergus Grammar School](#) today funded by Mid and East Antrim PCSP. Giving our young drivers sound road safety advice and teaching them how to stay safe on our roads. Such a worthwhile project. Well done everyone!





Mid & East Antrim PCSP

Published by John Courcy · 5 September 2024 ·

New Driver Scheme in St Killians College Carnlough today
Well done everyone!

[New Driver NI](#)



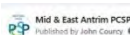
Mid & East Antrim PCSP

Published by John Courcy · 13 November 2024 ·

Great to see the New Driver NI at St Patricks College today funded by Mid and East Antrim PCSP.

Helping our young drivers to stay safe on our roads.

Well done everyone!



Mid and East Antrim Borough Council

18 November 2024 ·

Road Safety Week 2024

Mid and East Antrim Borough Council and Mid and East Antrim Policing and Community Partnership (PCSP) are working in partnership with the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) and the Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS) to encourage everyone to take responsibility for road safety.

The call comes during #RoadSafetyWeek 2024 which runs from 17 - 23 November with the theme of this year's campaign announced as 'After the Crash'.

Organised by road safety charity Brake, Road Safety Week is widely regarded as the UK's biggest annual road safety campaign. This year the campaign will bring people together to remember loved ones who have died or suffered life-changing injuries in road crashes.



Mid & East Antrim PCSP

Published by John Courcy · 12 February ·

Great to see the Cycle Safe initiative running at Wrightbus supported by Mid & East Antrim PCSP

Keep up the good work guys!



Impact Network NI

12 February ·

This morning we are continuing our Cycle Safe initiative at [Wrightbus](#) supported by [Mid & East Antrim PCSP](#).

This community response provides resources and information, primarily assisting newcomer communities to navigate themselves safely around the local area.

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[#roadsafety](#)

[#communitysafety](#)

Best practice example – PSNI engaging with young people

Name of Project	Community Engagement - Agile Local Response (Cullybackey Youth Intervention Programme)
Funded amount	£2999.00
Partners	Cullybackey Village Community Group, PSNI, NIFRS, Mo McDowell Coaching, YMCA Youth Detached Workers
Description of project/initiative/event	Supported as part of the PCSP Agile Local Response Initiative. This project had important involvement from the DEA Officer for Bannside and Ballymena Neighbourhood Police Team. This Youth intervention project, in partnership with Cullybackey Village Community Group, engaged at-risk young people to reduce antisocial behaviour and promote community safety in the village. Through mentorship, education, and positive activities, this project worked to empower young people to make better choices, build life skills, and strengthen community ties—creating a safer, more inclusive environment for residents in the local community.
Impact of the project/initiative/event	The Agile Youth project had a really positive impact in the village, particularly in addressing anti-social behaviour. The funding came at a crucial time and allowed us to deliver targeted activities that were both engaging and meaningful for the young people involved. One young person commented, <i>"It was the first time I felt like something was actually for us – we got to do things that mattered and felt listened to."</i> A youth volunteer also noted, <i>"You could really see the shift in attitudes. Having the support and structure made a difference not just for the young people, but for the wider community."</i> <i>"From my own perspective, the funding gave us the flexibility to be creative and responsive. It enabled us to involve partners like the, PSNI, fire brigade and MMD Coaching, whose contributions really brought the programme to life. The young people really engaged well with PSNI. We have expanded our youth club now to bigger premises, and we are thriving. We're very grateful for the support – it helped us build momentum at a key time and lay the groundwork for continued progress."</i> Feedback from A Kernohan Cullybackey Village Community Group (including participants quotes)
OBA	How Much Did We Do? 31 activities provided How Well Did We Do? 1220 participants satisfied with service provided Is Anyone Better Off? 100% of participants with changed attitude towards ASB as a result of their engagement in the project activities 100% of participants more likely to engage with PSNI following event

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The Role of Neighbourhood Watch

Council District Electoral Officers (DEA) Officers work alongside the PSNI Neighbourhood Police Teams to support Neighbourhood Watch Schemes across the Borough. They do this through communication activities, such as the text alert scheme and circulation of a Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter. In 2024-2025 there were two editions of Neighbourhood Watch newsletters produced and circulated to Neighbourhood Watch Schemes in MEA and online via PCSP and Council social media channels. It is recognised that Neighbourhood Watch is a useful tool for engaging communities in support of the PSNI in Crime Prevention.

The Important Work of Mid and East Antrim Policing Committee

Throughout the year, the Partnership holds Private Policing Committee meetings at which the PSNI District Commander presents a performance report and takes questions from all PCSP members. The Policing Committee also meets in public at regular intervals. These meetings are publicly promoted and are easily accessible online. The facilitation of these meetings provides members of the public with an important opportunity to monitor PSNI performance and for the PSNI to engage with local communities.

The aim of Strategic Priority 3 is to support confidence in policing, including through collaborative problem solving in Mid and East Antrim with communities, by:

- Ensuring local accountability through the Policing Committee's role in monitoring police performance;
- Identifying priorities from the PCSP Plan for consideration in the development of the local Policing Plan which are consistent with the Northern Ireland Policing Plan.
- Providing views to the District Commander through the Policing Committee and supporting the PSNI to engage with the community to identify and address local problems.
- Delivering initiatives that link to identified local problems that impact confidence in policing.
- Carrying out meaningful local events aimed at increasing PSNI engagement with local communities to build and strengthen public confidence in policing.
- Delivering PCSP initiatives in the hardest to reach communities.
- Providing a platform for the PCSP and PSNI to engage with young people, including on the themes of upholding the rule of law, and of ways of increasing confidence in policing; and
- Building community confidence in the rule of law by helping mitigate the harm caused to people and communities by paramilitarism, criminality and organised crime consistent with wider Programme for Government objectives and through use of co-design principles, where appropriate.

Embedding a Culture of Lawfulness

Promoting a culture of lawfulness is a thread which runs throughout Mid and East Antrim PCSPs work. This can take the form of diverting at risk youth through our engagement opportunities or the community safety wardens patrolling both rural and urban communities, encouraging people to stand up to organised crime by increasing crime reports to the PSNI and promoting Crimestoppers.

The PCSP also collaborates with other partners on the removal of paramilitary and offensive graffiti. The DEA Officer team have also worked with individuals and groups involved in Communities in Transition (CIT). The PCSP Anti-social Behaviour subgroup and the DEA Team also led on a successful bid to the Ending Paramilitary Activity and Organised Crime (EPOC) funding stream. This resulted in a specialised "boot camp" programme targeting high risk young males in East Antrim over the summer months.

These activities and various forms of engagement have created opportunities and networks to promote community safety and build confidence at grassroots level. This area of work remains sensitive and ongoing.

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MID & EAST ANTRIM PCSP FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Budget Category	Budget agreed Apr 24-Mar 25 £	Changes to budget less than 20% £	Revised Budget Apr 24-Mar 25 £	Actual Expenditure 2024/25 £	Expenditure Accrued £	Total Expenditure to date £	Q1 Payment Apr - Jun £	Q2 Payment Jul - Sep £	Q3 Payment Oct - Dec £	Q4 Payment Jan - Mar £	Total Payments to date £
Salaries	63,000.00	-	63,000.00	63,000.00	0.00	63,000.00	15,750.00	15,750.00	15,750.00	15,750.00	63,000.00
Running Costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Staff mileage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sub-total running costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Administration	63,000.00	-	63,000.00	63,000.00	-	63,000.00	15,750.00	15,750.00	15,750.00	15,750.00	63,000.00
OPERATIONAL											
Strategic Priority 1											
1.1 PCSP Meetings and Events	1,000.00	57.08	1,057.08	1,052.04	5.04	1,057.08	0.00	777.50	0.00	279.58	1,057.08
1.2 Communications	4,500.00	176.00	4,676.00	1,988.00	2,690.00	4,676.00	0.00	0.00	486.00	4,190.00	4,676.00
1.3 PCSP Members Development Programme	8,000.00	-	8,000.00	7,997.50	0.00	7,997.50	0.00	0.00	4,199.25	3,798.25	7,997.50
1.4 PCSP Members Development Programme	-	-	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Strategic Priority 2											
2.1 Addressing Domestic Abuse & Sexual Crime	42,000.00	-	42,000.00	28,226.33	13,607.32	41,833.65	0.00	9,819.30	4,450.00	27,564.35	41,833.65
2.2 BAME Support	14,000.00	-	14,000.00	13,972.50	0.00	13,972.50	0.00	7,020.00	5,940.00	1,012.50	13,972.50
2.3 Older People Support Programme	14,000.00	-	14,000.00	14,000.00	0.00	14,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,000.00	14,000.00
2.4 Support Hub	1,032.00	-	1,032.00	1,032.00	0.00	1,032.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,032.00	1,032.00
2.5 Young People at Risk Programme	30,000.00	1,300.00	31,300.00	31,300.00	0.00	31,300.00	0.00	26,630.50	0.00	4,669.50	31,300.00
2.6 Drug and Alcohol Support Programme	38,000.00	-	38,000.00	38,000.00	0.00	38,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	38,000.00	38,000.00
2.7 Community Safety Warden Scheme	48,500.00	-	48,500.00	48,500.00	0.00	48,500.00	0.00	30,384.79	7,336.93	10,778.28	48,500.00
2.8 Graffiti Removal Programme	3,000.00	(300.00)	2,700.00	2,700.00	0.00	2,700.00	0.00	1,800.00	900.00	0.00	2,700.00
2.9 Four Tier Security Project	16,000.00	0.97	16,000.97	16,000.97	0.00	16,000.97	1,190.01	8,539.49	1,710.50	4,560.97	16,000.97
Strategic Priority 3											
3.1 Monitoring local police performance	-	-	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3.2 Community Confidence Building	12,500.00	908.67	13,408.67	5,000.00	8,408.67	13,408.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	13,408.67	13,408.67
3.3 Enhancing Community Confidence in Road Safety	6,500.00	(1,151.72)	5,348.28	500.00	4,432.83	4,932.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,932.83	4,932.83
3.4 Community Engagement - Agile local response	7,000.00	(991.00)	6,009.00	5,949.00	60.00	6,009.00	0.00	2,999.00	2,500.00	510.00	6,009.00
3.5 Engaging the Community to support the PSNI in Crime Prevention	5,500.00	-	5,500.00	4,999.00	0.00	4,999.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,999.00	4,999.00
Total Operational	251,532.00	(0.00)	251,532.00	221,215.34	29,203.86	250,419.20	1,190.01	87,970.58	27,522.68	133,735.93	250,419.20
TOTAL ADMIN & OPERATIONAL	314,532.00	(0.00)	314,532.00	284,215.34	29,203.86	313,419.20	16,940.01	103,720.58	43,272.68	149,485.93	313,419.20
Meeting Expenses	14,000.00	-	14,000.00	13,578.19	721.81	14,300.00	3,967.38	1,983.96	3,772.35	4,576.31	14,300.00
OVERALL TOTAL	328,532.00	(0.00)	328,532.00	297,793.53	29,925.67	327,719.20	20,907.39	105,704.54	47,045.03	154,062.24	327,719.20

ANNUAL ASSURANCE STATEMENT

PCSP ACTION PLAN 2024/25

I provide assurance in relation to the proper use of PCSP funding, provided by the Joint Committee and in signing this statement can confirm the following:

- the expenditure has been wholly, exclusively and necessarily incurred by the Council on the local Policing and Community Safety Partnership and that the grant receivable from the Joint Committee is in accordance with the regulations and conditions applicable.
- Adequate controls were in place to implement the funding in line with the Funding Agreement.
- There was adequate management of financial risks associated with the funding.
- All procurement was carried out in line with Council Procurement guidelines and value for money.
- Sufficient reporting has been provided to demonstrate the achievement of objectives through the Outcome Based Accountability methodology and in line with the approved Action Plan.
- An Internal Audit report has been provided to Joint Committee, which conforms to Public Sector Internal Audit Standards.

PCSP Council Area: Mid + East Antrim

Chief Executive (Print Name): VALERIE WATTS

Chief Executive (Signed): Valerie Watts

Date: 18 May 2025



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Appendix 3

District Policing Plan

2024 – 2025

Mid and East Antrim



we care
we listen
we act

OUTCOME 1:

We Have a Safe Community

Indicators	Measures	How this is Recorded/Measured
1.1 Fewer repeat victims of crime (Here for Victims*)	1.1.1 Report on levels of Domestic Abuse and work collaboratively with partners including the PCSP to develop initiatives which help keep the most vulnerable in our community safe; 1.1.2 Report on levels of burglary across Mid and East Antrim District;	• Report on levels of domestic abuse within Mid and East Antrim District • Report on the work of the Multi-Agency Support Hub • Report on levels of burglary across Mid & East Antrim District. To include rural burglaries and engagement with farming community.
1.2 Fewer repeat offenders of crime (Here for Justice*)	1.2.1 Report on the collaborative work of the Reducing Offending Unit within Mid and East Antrim District; 1.2.2 Report on interventions and engagement with young people at risk of involvement in crime / offending behaviour;	• Report quarterly to PCSP on collaborative work to reduce reoffending; • Report on Tackling Paramilitarism Programme • Youth Support Hub cohort update

OUTCOME 1:

We Have a Safe Community

Indicators	Measures	How this is Recorded/Measured
1.3 People in all communities feel safe (Here for Communities*)	1.3.1 Report quarterly to PCSP on how we are tackling harm caused by drugs; 1.3.2 Local delivery of the Tackling Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) Action Plan;	• Report on levels of drug related deaths within Mid & East Antrim • Report on collaborative work to reduce & problem solve the level of drug and substance misuse across Mid & East Antrim District • Report on collaborative work with the PCSP to implement the PSNI VAWG Action Plan and safeguard women and Girls within Mid & East Antrim District
1.4 Crime rates and trends showcase as effective police response (Here for Justice*)	1.4.1 Report quarterly on identified District crime trends; 1.4.2 Report quarterly on the policing response employed and initiatives to address crime trends;	• Report on crime outcomes • Report on compliance with Service Level Agreement (SLA) for emergency and priority calls for service • Report on Crime Prevention initiatives including Farmwatch & rural engagement

OUTCOME 2:

We Have Confidence in Policing

Indicators	Measures	How this is Recorded/Measured
2.1 The level of public confidence in policing (Here for You*)	2.1.1 Work collaboratively to deliver neighbourhood policing across Mid & East Antrim; 2.1.2 Report on levels of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) across Mid & East Antrim;	• Report on levels of NPT patrol activity including engagement with PCSP and local communities • Report on ASB rates and trends across Mid & East Antrim
2.2 The level of satisfaction with the service received (Here for You*)	2.2.1 Report on calls attended within Service Level Agreements; 2.2.2 Report on complaints and allegations made against police officers and staff within Mid & East Antrim District;	• Report on emergency and priority calls for service. • Report on level and nature of complaints utilising twice yearly data from PONI

OUTCOME 3:

We Have Engaged and Supportive Communities

Indicators	Measures	How this is Recorded/Measured
2.3 The representativeness of the police service (Here for Communities*)	2.3.1 Work collaboratively with partners and the PCSP to increase engagement with underrepresented communities in Mid & East Antrim District; 2.3.2 Support and showcase corporate recruitment campaigns as and when released;	• Report on levels of engagement activity in partnership with the PCSP and local communities • Report on engagement activities during any recruitment period for police officers
2.4 Delivery of effective crime outcomes (Here for Justice*)	2.4.1 Report on crime outcomes including road traffic disposals 2.4.2 Report on the work with PCSP and other partners to support victims of crime	• Report quarterly on crime rate, crime clearance rate and levels of repeat victimisation. Number of Fatal road traffic collisions and detections for road traffic offences • Report on engagement activity with our partners to support victims of crime to include 4 x tier scheme referrals

Indicators	Measures	How this is Recorded/Measured
3.1 Police in partnership with local communities, including PCSPs, identify and deliver local solutions to local problems. (Here for Communities*)	3.1.1 Report quarterly to PCSP on how Neighbourhood Policing Teams and the Multi Agency Support Hub provide a problem solving approach to local issues; 3.1.2 Report on the impact of interventions and activities that contribute to embedding a culture of lawfulness and tackling paramilitarism in the communities we serve;	• How we have identified and addressed vulnerability, particularly around; Domestic Abuse, Hate incidents / crime • Report on specific Tackling Paramilitarism Programme (TPP) projects running across Mid & East Antrim District

*Link between the indicators with the themes contained within the PSNI 'Here for You' Engagement Strategy

Overview of Results – LPP Consultation Simulator (66 replies)

Attending Emergency Calls 8.30
 Terrorism/ Paramilitary Disruption & Detection 7.09
 Drugs Related Activity 6.52
 Domestic Incidents & Violence against women and girls 5.88
 Attending Priority Calls 5.18 Anti-Social Behaviour 5.09 Burglary & Rogue Traders 5.06 Road Safety Activity 5.06

PCSP Consultation held Wed 28/02/2024. Response received from Independent member listing Drugs and rural burglaries as issues alongside farming community engagement.