



Annual Report

2023 – 2024

Fermanagh and Omagh Policing and
Community Safety Partnership
(PCSP)

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CHAIRPERSON FOREWORD - Councillor Tommy Maguire

I have great pleasure in presenting the 2023-24 Annual Report for the Fermanagh and Omagh Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP).

This year has proved to be challenging in respect of delivering the Action Plan working with restricted budgets and reducing personnel while seeking to alleviate the fears and concerns of Members, staff and the public whilst doing so. We have continued to conduct PCSP and PC meetings in public. The PCSP Members and I appreciate that staff continue to be flexible and adaptable to the challenges.



We are delighted to see our digital footprint grow with increases in engagement, likes and reach on our PCSP Facebook page and our Instagram account. Our annual community safety survey was conducted on line and the response rate demonstrates the power of social media as an engagement tool.

Some of the highlights this year included our Neighbourhood Watch Conference. This event hosted in the Manor House allowed the PCSP to connect with NHW coordinators throughout the district. Other highlights included our Emergency Services Day showcasing the work of the PCSP and our partners in a way which was both informative and entertaining. This year numbers increased further with over 3,000 people attending the event.

I am very pleased that we have continued to work closely with all seven Neighbourhood Policing Teams undertaking joint community engagement initiatives to build relationships and increase community confidence in policing.

This year we have placed a greater emphasis on engaging with the most vulnerable in society through our role in the Support Hub and our Safer Home project assisting people living in their homes through referrals to other agencies, home security assessments and provision of security equipment. Collaborative working cemented by partnership agreements and referral pathways is crucial to offering the most comprehensive and appropriate supports to people who find themselves in situations where they are vulnerable due to illness, isolation, victims of crime or other circumstances.

Finally, I would like to thank PCSP members for their commitment and co-operation in what has been another challenging year for us all. Members and staff have risen to the challenge and embraced new ways of working enabling the PCSP to function making a real difference to those who we engage with.

Councillor Tommy Maguire
Chairperson

VICE CHAIR FOREWORD – Monice Coyle

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as Vice-chairperson of Fermanagh and Omagh Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP).

The PCSP plays a key role in creating safer, shared and more confident communities and it is evident that we have played a crucial part over the past 12 months in reducing fear of crime and isolation, vulnerability and tackling anti-social behaviour in the council area and we will continue to build on this. I would like to commend the community and voluntary sector for its contribution to and assistance with the delivery of many PCSP initiatives. The ability of the sector to adapt to changing circumstances and continue to deliver is commendable and is valued by the PCSP.

I trust that as we move forward the PCSP will embrace the challenges that the future will bring and continue to build and enhance delivery into our neighbourhoods and villages by helping to create safer, shared and vibrant communities throughout the district.

Monica Coyle
Vice Chairperson



PSNI ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The vision of the Police Service is to help build a safe, confident and peaceful Northern Ireland. As the vision suggests, policing will only ever be successful when we work collaboratively with our communities and partners. The Policing and Community Safety Partnership plays a critical role in ensuring success in this important area.

Policing will focus on 'what matters' to our communities and by working together we will strive to deliver local solutions to local problems so that people can be safe and feel safe. We will work and engage with you and others to better understand what is important to communities and to identify how we can best use our resources for the benefit of all.

Trust and confidence can be improved and crime, including the fear of crime, can be reduced if we all play our part in reconnecting communities, protecting the vulnerable and working in partnership to deliver our vision.

This year's local Policing Plan builds on the successes of previous years and remains testament to the excellent collaboration between the PCSP, the Police Service and the wider community. The Local Policing Plan for 2024/25 will focus on what matters most to our community and I am looking forward to being part of the journey that delivers positive policing outcomes for the people of Fermanagh and Omagh District.

I would like to thank the PCSP Chair and Members for their continued support and commitment to working in collaboration with local police to ensure the Fermanagh and Omagh District remains a safe, confident, and peaceful place for all who live, work in and visit the area.

Robert McGowan

District Commander



FERMANAGH & OMAGH PCSP MEMBERSHIP

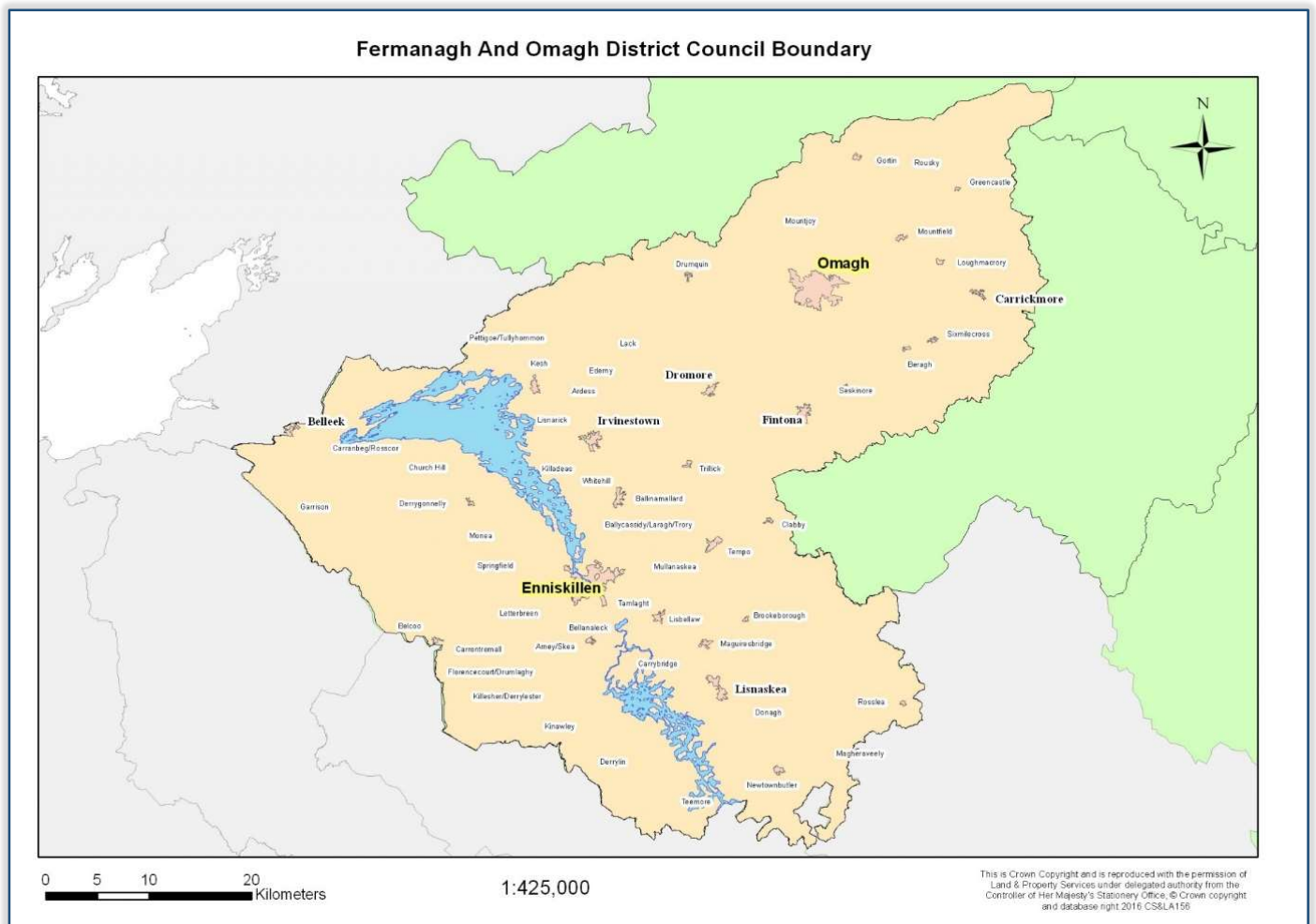
Fermanagh & Omagh PCSP Membership (31 March 2024)		
Elected Members	Independent Members	Statutory Bodies
Tommy Maguire (Chairperson) SF Elaine Brough SF Roy Crawford UUP Keith Elliott DUP Adam Gannon SDLP Shirley Hawkes DUP Noeleen Hayes SF Marty Mc Colgan SF Thomas O'Reilly SF Allan Rainey UUP	Mrs Monica Coyle (Vice-Chairperson) Mr Norman Kirkpatrick Mrs Vida Lake Mrs Bernie McCrory Miss Margaret McCrory Mrs Sarah McQuaid Ms Maria Thompson Ms Pauline Treacy	Jacqueline Doherty (Western Health and Social Care Trust) Sinead Dolan (Youth Justice Agency) Colum Duffy (NI Probation Board) Ryan McGee (Education Authority) Superintendent Robert McGowan (Police Service NI) Chief Inspector Rory Hoy (Police Service NI) Chief Inspector Scott Fallis (Police Service NI) Helen Hicks (NI Housing Executive) Podge McKeon (NI Fire and Rescue Service) Nicola Mc Sherry (NI Fire and Rescue Service) Peter Melarkey (NI Fire and Rescue Service)

PROFILE OF THE FERMANAGH & OMAGH DISTRICT COUNCIL AREA

The Fermanagh and Omagh district span approximately 3,000 km² and is home to 117,000 people. The district is the largest in Northern Ireland in terms of land mass and the smallest in terms of population, with a population density of 38 people per square kilometre.

Fermanagh and Omagh is primarily rural; approximately 30% of the population live in the two main towns of Enniskillen and Omagh. A further 7% live in the towns of Carrickmore, Dromore, Fintona, Irvinestown and Lisnaskea. The villages and small settlements account for a further 17% of the population, with 46% of people living in open countryside.

Lough Erne, the fourth largest lake in Ireland, is fully encompassed within the district. Part of the Sperrin Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) also sits within the district, as does UNESCO Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark.



STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1:

TO SUCCESSFULLY DELIVER THE FUNCTIONS OF THE POLICING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Task & Finish Groups continue to be an effective tool for developing and delivering different PCSP initiatives in a very time specific and focused manner. Members appreciate the opportunity for more detailed engagement in a topic and delivering a tangible outcome.

Mindful of the need to refresh our digital presence we reviewed our webpage to make it more user friendly and interactive.

PCSP Website:

<https://www.fermanaghomagham.com/services/community/policing-and-community-safety-partnership/>

Instagram: fermanagh_omagh_pcsp

https://www.instagram.com/fermanagh_omagh_pcsp/?hl=en

Our Instagram account continues to broaden the digital footprint of the PCSP and attract a wider audience.

Facebook: FermanaghandOmaghPCSP

https://www.facebook.com/FermanaghandOmaghPCSP/?locale=en_GB

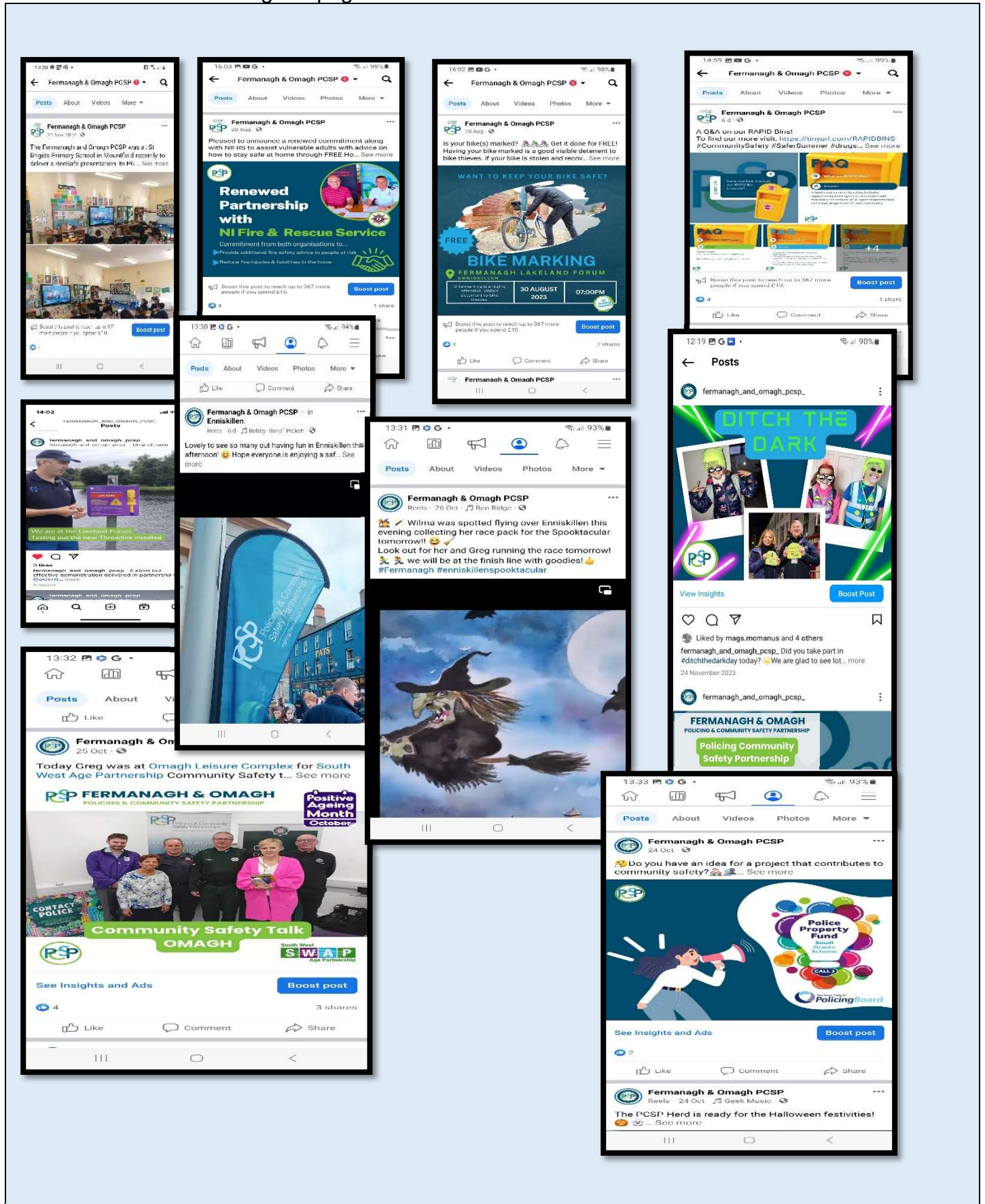
We are pleased that traffic to our Facebook page has increased significantly, and we have used this platform to disseminate important community safety messages.

We used survey monkey to conduct our community safety survey to inform the annual Action Plan; something that we will continue to use alongside focus groups and other engagement tools to ensure that our Action Plan is reflective of the needs and concerns of residents in the district.

Our PCSP members – elected, independent and designated have demonstrated their commitment to the PCSP through regular attendance at meetings, participation in Task & Finish Groups and at public events. The local government election in May 2023 brought some new faces to our partnership and we welcome the new members to our partnership. A number of our independent members will not be seeking reappointment to the PCSP for the next term. We would like to thank all those members for their work over the years and we welcome the opportunity to work with new members when they are appointed.

FACEBOOK/INSTAGRAM

These pages provide details on PCSP events and community safety information promoted via the PCSP Facebook and Instagram pages.



LOCAL PRESS

The PCSP received some coverage in the local press however the printed media has reduced significantly in 2023-2024, key features include:

14 Ulster Herald

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Young people spread kindness to neighbours in Omagh estate

BY OSCAR JOHNSON

YOUNG people have been helping each other in Omagh estate by spreading kindness to their neighbours. The initiative is called 'Business Project at Shankill Park' and is led by young people from Omagh.

The initiative is a result of a grant from the Omagh Community Foundation. The grant was used to fund a project to help young people in Omagh estate to spread kindness to their neighbours.

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Neighbourhood Watch conference sheds light on evolving diversity of the local community

MEMBERS of the local Neighbourhood Watch have met to discuss the changing nature of the community in Omagh. The meeting was held at the Omagh Community Centre and was attended by a large number of people.

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Chief Inspector Sean Falls from the PSNI.

Community policing information evening

BY MATTHEW LESLIE

RESIDENTS are being invited to an event in Enniskillen to see how they can make a difference to community policing.

The meeting is being organised by the Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) and will be held at Fermanagh House on Monday, August 21 at 6pm with a scheduled end at 7.30pm.

This initiative is part of a drive to help bring grassroots community issues to the fore and try to come up with solutions to issues affecting all areas in Fermanagh.

PCSP Partnership Manager, Sarah Reid, said: "The PCSP is a vehicle for addressing local community safety issues.

"With this meeting next Monday, we want to give people a flavour of the role of the PCSP and the independent member."

"We will be bringing along one such member who will talk about their experience and why it's helpful for them and what their role is."

"It's quite a complex role but when you break it down, it can be quite straightforward."

The PCSP comprises of 10 elected members from the Council and nine independent members - it is the latter body that Reid is aiming to encourage the public to apply for.

She continued: "The independent members bring that independence from the Council but we want people that also have grassroots knowledge of the community and can bring the thoughts and wishes of the community to the PCSP."

"Say you have an independent member who lives in a certain area where they know that drugs are prolific with young people on the cusp of the justice system. That member would bring to the table those key issues of the community and look at development issues to try and tackle those problems."

Those wishing to attend in person or on a live stream online can email: rsp@policing-board.org.uk



The promotional poster from the PCSP to encourage members of the public to get involved with community policing and stand as independent board members.

Roadshow's hard-hitting safety message

TEENAGERS from Omagh were the recipients of a hard hitting road safety message as the award-winning Roadshow Roadshow returned for another season.

The roadshow, devised by the PSNI's Road Policing Unit and supported by AXA Insurance, was performed to nearly 800 sixth formers at Omagh Leisure Centre.

Remembering that young people aged 25 and under are one of the age groups most at risk of being killed or seriously injured on our roads each year, the roadshow aims to bring its message to those about to start out on what will, hopefully, be a long and safe motorist career.

The roadshow, which so far has been seen by tens of thousands of teenagers across Northern Ireland, depicts graphically how a night out can end in tragedy and permanent disability.

The story is told by a police officer, a paramedic, a fire officer, an Accident and Emergency consultant, a young man who was jailed following a serious road traffic collision he was involved in, and a young person, who was paralysed following a horrific collision. The narrative is interspersed with music, video clips and television and cinema advertisements.

Sergeant Verner, of the PSNI's Road Policing Education team, said: "The Roadshow Roadshow has been a major success and it enables us to bring a road safety message to thousands of young people in the highest risk group. We have no doubt that the road show shocks, perhaps even horrifies, our young audiences. We make no apology for that."

"We believe that showing realistically just what happens on our roads has an impact on the students who attend. Our hope is that after seeing the roadshow they realise that they are not invulnerable; that they are as vulnerable on the roads as the next person."

Road safety quiz coming to Tyrone

A QUIZ geared at educating young people on the dangers of the road is coming to Tyrone.

Road Safe NI, a charity which promotes safety on the roads, recently launched the Northern Ireland Primary School Road Safety Quiz 2024 aimed at children - our most vulnerable road users.

Primary schools are invited to enter the local heats, which are being held across January and February. Two teams from each school will progress to the NI final in Cookstown this March.

Davy Jackson, of Road Safe NI, said: "The event has grown significantly over the last two decades and in 2023 we had over 220 primary schools register. It is vitally important that we educate young road users on key road safety issues."

"Budget cuts across Northern Ireland have had a significant impact on road safety education in schools and our aim is to involve as many primary schools as possible to ensure that children, who are one of the most vulnerable road users have an opportunity to learn the rules of the road and so they are safe when using the road."

The table quiz format will cover both road safety and general knowledge.

Each school can send one team of four pupils from P7.

The NI final is sponsored by accident management firm, CRASH Services, with individual heats being sponsored by local businesses and supported by other organisations including emergency services, PCSPs, and local councils.

Details on dates and venues are detailed below and school entry forms can be accessed by emailing schoolquiz@roadsafe-ni.org or by telephoning Davy on 07834 132597. Closing date for the submission of forms is January 12.

PCSP meeting hears proposal for new addiction referral service from the Probation Board for NI

THE subject of addiction was also addressed at the Policing Community Safety Partnership Meeting on November 28.

As part of discussions on the PCSP Action Plan, a representative of the Probation Board for Northern Ireland brought forward a proposal for a local service to address substance addiction.

Mr. Colum Duffy expressed the need for such a service and said: "We know this [addiction] that can lead to various community safety issues, probation has ourselves reviewed the level of need and demand for services and it is running much higher than anticipated, what we have developed is a regional rapid response referral system and that is for local people in communities who are experiencing difficulties with alcohol and drugs."

'Referrals'

"It is a system where referrals are received within 24 hours, there is an initial assessment that takes place, once it has been established that there is a significant alcohol or substance problem has been established there needs to be a commitment then for a minimum of six counselling sessions and that is open to everyone.

Detailing his proposal, Mr. Duffy said: "The proposal is to be open to all PCSP members here working in their own constituencies if anyone is identified as having an addiction drug-related problem and its creating instability in their home life."

"Probation is proposing this around the PCSPs [in Northern Ireland] and all the area managers have been asked to mention it around the local action plan to see if there is an appetite there, what the need would be in each area and to see if it could contribute to the PCSP's objectives as well."

In response to a question on referral policies, Mr. Duffy stated that one would need to be designed but Probation Board have one in place at present through their work with ASSERT.

'Consent'

Mr. Duffy added: "The person would need to consent to their referral and there would need to be an acknowledgement of an addiction service."

There was some discussion and questions from political representatives on the potential for the service and how individuals would react to the service.

It was agreed that the matter should be discussed at the next meeting of the PCSP.

Emergency Services Day impresses in Enniskillen

by JESSICA CAMPBELL

AMSTERDAM
Large crowd gathered at the

venue to take emergency services in Enniskillen. The day was a great success and the children enjoyed the day very much. The day was a great success and the children enjoyed the day very much. The day was a great success and the children enjoyed the day very much.



The ice cream was proved very popular for these families from Enniskillen and Lisnaskea.



Oliver McParland from Omagh tries out the controls of a Fire Engine watched by Fire Service member John Logan.



Zara Heaton, Nial Newman and Coby Holden after seeing the helicopter.



COMMUNITY GATHERS TO SUPPORT EMERGENCY SECTORS' WORKERS



Above: TV personality Barra Best (second right) with Cian Corran, Michael Corran (Fire Station Commander), Calum Corran and Leanna.



Emma Jamison, from St John Ambulance, experiences Cedo learning about CPR, watched by his father, Aaron Danahoe.



A large crowd gathered in the introduction to see the Irish Coast Guard helicopter taking off after the show.



Ross, Zac, Alice and Rachel Buchanan.



Ara and Shea Owens from Teemore try out the Prison Van feature at the Lakeside Forum.



FOR DAY... Emma, Emma, Emma and Danagh Brady enjoyed the great weather during the Emergency Services Day. BERRY... Hugh Downey with Karis, Sophia and James.

Sun shines for Emergency Services



RELAXING... Paddy Hogan, Paddy Hogan, Nicola Armstrong, Poppy Armstrong, Stephen Hogan and Sophie Hogan. MEMBERS... David and Margaret Corran with Ella Rose, Michael and James. DANCE... Malina Rupp and Jackie Wiggins with Mally, Charlie and Karl-Lie. IN CARS... Ciara and Lorna Dwyer. HUGO... Anika and Michael Dwyer. HAPPY DAYS... Freddie, Lila and Sarah Kate. GOOD TIMES... Alara Hurry, Connor Brown, Urs Baxton and Scarlett Baxton. TWINS... Cassie and Ryan McLaughlin.



FAMILY... The McCarty Family, Yvonne, Ede, Dale and Kim. HIGHER THE BABY... Stephen McHugh with Olla, Lisa and Freddie.


Day at the Broadmeadow



ICE CREAM TIME... Finnabhaile and Esha McKeon. DAY OUT... Elliot and Origan Families having a great time. BROTHER AND SISTER... Eshan and Ruby McQuillan. HAPPY... Marie Burtley and DEVA Armstrong. FIRE... Harry Lennon driving the fire engine. BUILT... Ewan and Aar at the wheel. RESCUE... Georgia Moore sliding pretty on the water.

OVERVIEW OF THE WORK OF THE FERMANAGH & OMAGH PCSP

Overview of the work of the Fermanagh and Omagh PCSP – To successfully deliver the Policing and Community Safety Partnership

Project	Performance Measures	Budget
<p>Organising the work of the PCSP</p>  <p>The logo for the Policing & Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) in Fermanagh and Omagh. It features the letters 'PCSP' in a stylized font where the 'P' and 'S' are connected. Below the letters, the text reads 'Policing & Community Safety Partnership' and 'making Fermanagh & Omagh safer'.</p>	<p>How much did we do?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 press reports relating to PCSP messaging • 870 Social Media posts • 1,560 PCSP leaflets distributed • 8,400 people attended PCSP events <p>How well did we do it?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 97,969 engagements on Social Media <p>Is anyone better off?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 67% of community safety survey respondents were aware of the work of the PCSP 	<p>£3,000</p>

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 2:

TO IMPROVE COMMUNITY SAFETY BY TACKLING ACTUAL AND PERCEIVED CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Most of the resources of the PCSP are directed to the delivery of Strategic Priority 2 which reflects the strategic priorities of the Fermanagh and Omagh Policing and Community Safety Partnership addressing identified need.

- Road Safety
- Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence
- Crime and the Fear of Crime
- Anti-social Behaviour

The actions detailed in Strategic Priority 2 take account of crime and anti-social behaviour hot spots and are designed to be imaginative and flexible in response to issues as they arise.

OVERVIEW OF PERFORMANCE

Road Safety

Road Traffic Collision demonstrations are a very stark visual illustration of the devastating impact of careless and dangerous driving, and we are appreciative of the work of other agencies to make these happen and the co-operation of schools. Working with New Driver NI we facilitated presentations to Year 13/14 students in schools in our district. We also hosted the Roadsafes Roadshow at Omagh Leisure Centre



Scenes from Roadsafes Roadshow at Omagh Leisure Centre and RTC demo at South West College



Scenes from New Driver presentations at Drumragh Integrated and Enniskillen Royal

Speed Indicator Devices (SID) were deployed in locations across the district where speeding was identified as an issue of concern by the community. The SID is deployed for a period of time as a tool to educate and remind road users of the speed limits and responsible driving. Community organisations can apply to the PCSP to deploy the SID in their own area.



SID deployment around the district

Crash Car Simulator



Working in collaboration with PSNI Roads Policing we continued to deliver road safety workshops using the Crash Car Simulator to illustrate the impact of dangerous driving. The Simulator is a joint “safer driving” initiative between Fermanagh and Omagh and Mid Ulster Policing and Community Safety Partnerships that allows young drivers to experience the devastating consequences of driving irresponsibly including the potential for injury and death through the simulation of a car crash. The vehicle has been adapted to represent a Road Traffic Accident in a rural setting to more properly reflect the devastating consequences which many young drivers and their passengers have and will experience in this area.

The simulator is a modified standard car and has been fitted with a high quality sound system, hydraulics, DVD player as well as a smoke and light system.

Fire Safety

The PCSP this year renewed its partnership with the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service. The Fermanagh and Omagh PCSP and the Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service signed a renewed Partnership agreement. This agreement covers a renewed commitment along with NIFRS to assist vulnerable adults with advice on how to stay safe at home through FREE Home Fire Safety Check's.



Road safety – Primary Schools

Linking with Neighbourhood Policing Teams we engaged with many primary schools to deliver road safety messages.



Road Safety engagement with Primary Schools in the district

Bike Safe

In collaboration with Roads Policing we hosted Bike Safe in June. This is a practical one day course to promote safer riding.



Participants at Bike Safe



Spooktacular Event, Enniskillen

Hi Viz Events

Throughout the year we attended running and walking events to highlight the use of hi viz materials when outdoors. We attended the Spooktacular Halloween 5k event hosted in Enniskillen to highlight the use of Hi Visibility gear for runners. In partnership with our PSNI Neighbourhood Policing teams we also visited a number of youth and running groups to highlight the issue of Road safety.



Run for Enda, Omagh

Safer at Home

We delivered the Safer Home initiative, which offered a range of supports such as home safety information, provision of equipment and referrals to other relevant supports to assist people to remain living in their homes. Demand for this service remains significant with 173 home visits undertaken in the year with 149 homes in receipt of equipment and 63 referrals to other supports.

Fermanagh and Omagh Support Hub



We are members of the Fermanagh and Omagh Support Hub providing administrative support and chairing role. The rationale of the Hub is to help people improve their situation through effective interagency working bringing key professionals together to facilitate early better quality information sharing and decision making to work together. The Hub meets monthly and met 12 times during this year.

ASB Forums

We manage two anti-social behaviour forums – Fermanagh and Omagh. The forums have a core membership of the PCSP, PSNI, NIHE and FODC Environmental Health. These agencies use a multi-agency problem solving approach to manage risk and reduce incidents of anti-social behaviour in the district.

Traveller Engagement Initiative



Moving forward with the Traveller Engagement Initiative the PCSP was a founder member of the Omagh Interagency Network established in 2023.

This group is tasked with supporting the establishment of a Traveller led support group for the area.

This past year had afforded the Network a greater understanding of the issues facing the Traveller community and attitudes to engagement, which have informed the next steps for the Network. Breaking down barriers building trust and relationships through proactive and meaningful engagement is the immediate focus for the Network. To this end a series of events were organised including drop in events with representatives from other Traveller projects, study visit to Donegal Traveller Project and an event to celebrate International Women's Day. These events are small steps encouraging and supporting the Traveller community in the journey to establishing a Traveller led support group.



RAPID Bins

There are now 11 bins across the district. This year a total of **22,168** drugs items were disposed of in our bins. Three new bins were installed this year – Lilley’s Centra in Enniskillen, Lakeland Community Care Healthy Living Centre in Belcoo and at Mountfield Community Centre.



RAPID Bin in Mountfield

FAQ

Q What are RAPID Bins?

A Answer

A health and community safety initiative supported by local Agencies to promote and facilitates the removal of all types of prescription and illegal drugs from the local community.



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Bee Safe



This year we returned with the traditional format of Bee Safe hosting sessions at the Ecclesville Centre in Fintona in March 2024. Presentations included;

- Fire safety
- Internet safety
- Water safety
- Road safety
- Bus safety (Translink)

More than 600 pupils from primary schools across the district descended on Ecclesville Centre in Fintona to participate in Bee Safe over three days in March. Using a practical approach with interactive quizzes and role plays Bee Safe helps children better understand and respond to safety issues and is part of their preparation for the transition to the post primary environment.

Organised and funded by Fermanagh and Omagh Policing and Community and Safety Partnership, Bee Safe is a collaboration between the NIFRS, PSNI, NIE, RNLI, Translink each presenting different scenarios encouraging children to think about the situation and take the most appropriate actions. The sessions are designed expressly with the intention of encouraging high levels of interaction and involvement from pupils by getting them to participate in simulated scenarios in a controlled environment. This not only encourages the children to think for themselves but also gives them practical experience of preventing and coping with potentially dangerous situations as opposed to learning about managing risk in a classroom environment.



Bee Safe delivery – Power NI



Bee Safe delivery – NIFRS



Bee Safe delivery – Translink

Crime Prevention

We delivered a series of crime prevention initiatives throughout the year including trailer marking.



Trailer marking at Omagh Mart

We delivered crime awareness events to raise awareness of what people can do to prevent becoming a victim of crime. Events were held in venues across the district.




Crime Prevention events


We also attended several events as part of Positive Ageing Month in October 2023.



OVERVIEW: ROAD SAFETY




Overview of the work of the Fermanagh and Omagh PCSP - Road Safety		
Project	Performance Measures	Budget
<p>FATAL 4 Road Safety Campaigns</p> 	<p>How much did we do?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18 road safety awareness events • 3,438 attendees • 3 deployments of temporary SiDs <p>How well did we do it?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% participants reporting satisfaction with the information provided • 100% local community reporting satisfaction with the SiDs <p>Is anyone better off?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% participants reporting increased knowledge of road safety • 2% average reduction in speeds passing through the radar. 	<p>£11,000</p>

OVERVIEW: CRIME AND THE FEAR OF CRIME




Overview of the work of the Fermanagh and Omagh PCSP - Crime and the Fear of Crime		
Project	Performance Measures	Budget
<p>Crime Prevention</p> 	<p>How much did we do?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 trailer marking events – 54 trailers marked • 26 crime prevention assessments undertaken • 53 crime prevention events delivered <p>How well did we do it?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Of the 25 attendees surveyed at the trailer marking 100% were satisfied with the event <p>Is anyone better off?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Of the 25 attendees surveyed at the trailer marking 90% reported improved knowledge of crime prevention 	<p>£10,819</p>
<p>Safer Home</p>	<p>How much did we do?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 173 home visits • 149 homes in receipt of equipment • 63 referrals to other agencies/services <p>How well did we do it?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Of those surveyed 100% beneficiaries reporting satisfaction with the information/equipment provided <p>Is anyone better off?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Of those surveyed 100% of beneficiaries reporting increased confidence to remain in their own homes 	<p>£25,000</p>

OVERVIEW: DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Overview of the work of the Fermanagh and Omagh PCSP - Domestic and Sexual Violence

Project	Performance Measures	Budget
<p>Awareness Raising</p>   	<p># How much did we do?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 programmes delivered • 106 participants <p>% How Well?</p> <p>100/94% participants reporting satisfaction with the programme</p> <p>102 and 96% participants reporting increased awareness/understanding of domestic abuse and sexual violence.</p> <p>105 /99% participants reporting improved knowledge of domestic violence and spiritual abuse</p> <p>100/94% participants reporting increased awareness of their responsibilities to victims of domestic violence and referral pathways.</p>	<p>£10,000</p>

OVERVIEW: ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Overview of the work of the Fermanagh and Omagh PCSP – Anti-Social Behaviour		
Project	Performance Measures	Budget
<p>RAPID Bins</p>   	<p>How much did we do?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 bins operational • 1 New bins installed • 175 views RAPID bins animation <p>How well did we do it?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All members of the Fermanagh and Omagh Drugs and Alcohol Forums reporting satisfaction with RAPID bins project. <p>Is anyone better off?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22,168 drugs items disposed in the RAPID bins 	<p>£1,000</p>

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3:

TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY CONFIDENCE IN POLICING

The Policing Committee is responsible for enhancing public confidence in policing through its work in monitoring police performance in the delivery of the Local Policing Plan, ensuring that policing services are delivered for local communities.



Engagement activity with NPTs



Neighbourhood Watch

We recognise the role of Neighbourhood Watch schemes in helping the community be safer. The co-ordinators give their time voluntarily and it is important that they are supported in their role and have access to relevant information about local crime and emerging trends.

Operating Neighbourhood Watch requires significant staff resource to ensure that the co-ordinators are kept up to date with relevant issues in their area. One PCSP staff member acts as the main contact for all the Neighbourhood Watch schemes.

There was a fantastic turnout for the Fermanagh and Omagh Neighbourhood Watch Conference in the Manor House Hotel, Enniskillen. Over fifty Neighbourhood Watch Scheme Coordinators attended the annual event to meet and voice opinions on policing, crime, antisocial behaviour and community safety issues in their areas.




Speakers from the PSNI, ERANO, and Fermanagh and Omagh PCSP provided information on topics including local policing matters, refugees and asylum seekers, recent trends in scams and frauds and Elder Abuse.

We also held several co-ordinator engagement events throughout during the year.



Neighbourhood Watch Conference

OVERVIEW- POLICING COMMITTEE

Overview of the work of the Fermanagh and Omagh PCSP – The Policing Committee		
Project	Performance Measures	Budget
<p>Monitor local people performance</p>  	<p>How much did we do?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Policing Committee meetings • 44 events/activities delivered in collaboration with the PSNI/NPTs <p>How well did we do it?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 71% Member attendance at Policing Committee meetings <p>Is anyone better off?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% Members reporting increased confidence in the PSNI to deliver the Local Policing Plan. 	£1,000
<p>Neighbourhood Watch Scheme</p> 	<p>How much did we do?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90 active NHW Schemes • 6 NHW Coordinator development events. • 134 active coordinators • 6,146 homes in active NHW Schemes. <p>How well did we do it?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60% coordinators reporting satisfaction with NHW <p>Is anyone better off?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60% coordinators feeling supported, confident and equipped in their role • 89% coordinators believed that their NHW scheme improved the safety of their neighbourhood. 	£4,000

APPENDICES

Appendix A: Financial Statement 2023-2024

FERMANAGH & OMAGH PCSP FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

Budget Category	Budget agreed Apr 23-Mar 24	Changes to budget less than 20%	Revised Budget Apr 23-Mar 24	Actual Expenditure 2023/24	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	34,801.00	0.00	34,801.00	34,183.70	0.00	34,183.70	9,095.70	7,350.94	9,775.08	7,952.92	34,183.70
Running Costs											
Staff Mileage (inc. essential car allowance)	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00	7,607.60	1,120.79	8,728.39	1,547.22	1,842.93	2,106.78	3,297.48	8,794.39
Members Mileage	5,000.00	-1,000.00	4,000.00	1,612.85	498.05	2,110.90	167.70	352.95	900.30	685.95	2,108.90
Insurance	4,000.00	800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00	0.00	4,800.00	0.00	0.00	4,800.00	0.00	4,800.00
Telephone	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	976.00	24.00	1,000.00	224.83	156.20	96.46	522.41	1,000.00
Printing & Stationery	1,500.00	27.00	1,527.00	1,527.00	0.00	1,527.00	0.00	395.00	290.17	841.83	1,527.00
Photocopying	1,000.00	200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Postage	500.00	-27.00	473.00	473.00	0.00	473.00	48.56	150.59	128.58	156.27	473.00
Sub-total running costs	25,000.00	-	25,000.00	18,256.45	1,548.84	19,805.29	1,988.41	2,308.67	3,224.27	4,882.94	19,805.29
Total Administration	59,801.00	-	59,801.00	52,440.15	1,548.84	54,989.99	11,084.17	10,206.61	13,099.35	14,836.88	54,066.99
OPERATIONAL											
Strategic Objective 1: Form & Deliver functions of PCSP											
PCSP Communication	8,127.50	0.00	8,127.50	7,419.50	708.00	8,127.50	2,690.42	1,230.10	1,403.34	2,803.64	8,127.50
PCSP Engagement/Consultation	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	2,366.71	633.29	3,000.00	295.50	894.99	327.05	1,483.43	3,000.00
Strategic Objective 2: Improve Community Safety											
Crime Prevention	36,456.00	0.00	36,456.00	35,771.00	685.00	36,456.00	8,240.83	6,622.18	7,119.72	14,373.77	36,456.00
RAFD Bins	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	89.00	0.00	107.00	804.00	1,000.00
Saler Homes	40,367.00	-6,447.40	33,919.60	16,577.72	15,341.66	33,919.60	4,731.54	4,944.57	4,282.41	20,761.08	33,919.60
Community Engagement Projects	37,867.00	6,447.40	44,314.40	17,825.10	36,489.30	44,314.40	4,066.05	3,669.57	4,292.41	32,296.37	44,314.40
Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence	25,367.00	0.00	25,367.00	16,487.00	6,880.00	23,367.00	4,066.05	3,784.57	4,292.41	13,223.97	23,367.00
Road Safety	31,510.00	0.00	31,510.00	26,403.50	5,106.50	31,510.00	6,185.19	5,197.38	7,470.38	12,657.05	31,510.00
See Safe	12,590.40	0.00	12,590.40	11,569.38	1,021.02	12,590.40	2,094.33	2,087.85	2,565.62	5,832.60	12,590.40
Strategic Objective 3: Improve Community Confidence in Policing											
Monitor Local Policing	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	645.00	355.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	30.00	970.00	1,000.00
PSNI Engagement	13,090.40	0.00	13,090.40	13,090.40	0.00	13,090.40	3,750.33	2,434.64	3,405.12	3,500.31	13,090.40
Neighbourhood Watch	31,271.20	0.00	31,271.20	31,248.56	22.64	31,271.20	6,253.00	6,263.56	9,256.02	9,498.63	31,271.20
Total Operational	241,647.00	-	241,647.00	194,403.37	57,243.63	241,647.00	42,952.24	36,229.41	44,671.51	118,193.84	241,647.00
TOTAL ADMIN & OPERATIONAL	301,448.00	-	301,448.00	256,843.52	58,892.47	295,733.99	53,036.41	46,496.02	57,770.86	132,830.72	295,733.99
Meeting Expenses	12,500.00	-	12,500.00	7,161.46	538.51	8,001.47	688.91	925.19	2,625.62	3,591.75	8,001.47
OVERALL TOTAL	313,948.00	-	313,948.00	264,004.98	59,760.48	303,765.46	54,325.32	47,421.21	60,396.48	136,422.47	303,765.46

Certificate of Chief Executive Officer

I am satisfied that the expenditure shown 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.



Chief Executive Officer

23-03-24

Date

The Fermanagh and Omagh Local Policing Plan for 23/24 has three themes:

1. WE HAVE A SAFER COMMUNITY
2. WE HAVE CONFIDENCE IN POLICING
3. WE HAVE ENGAGED & SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES



OUTCOME 1:

We Have a Safe Community

Indicators	Measures	How this is Recorded/Measured
1.2 Fewer repeat offenders of crime Here for You: Here for Justice	1.2.1 • Report on the activities conducted to reduce the amount of anti-social behaviour that individuals are causing across communities in Fermanagh & Omagh.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number of anti-social behaviour reports.• Summary of work conducted to reduce the level of anti-social behaviour conducted by individuals.

OUTCOME 1:

We Have a Safe Community

Indicators	Measures	How this is Recorded/Measured
<p>1.3 People in all communities feel safe</p> <p>Here for You: Here for Communities</p>	<p>1.3.1 Report on the activities conducted to reduce the harm that illegal drugs are causing to communities across Fermanagh & Omagh District.</p> <p>1.3.2 Report on the activities conducted to make roads in Fermanagh & Omagh safer.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of drug seizures conducted. • Number of property/persons searches conducted. • Outcome rate in respect to drug related offences. • Number of enforcement actions conducted in respect to motoring related offences • Summary of the educational activities, or other proactive activities, conducted to make Fermanagh & Omagh roads safer
<p>1.4 Crime rates and trends showcase as effective police response</p> <p>Here for You: Here for Justice</p>	<p>1.4.1 Report on response times in respect to emergency calls for assistance.</p> <p>1.4.2 Report on response times in respect to priority calls for service.</p> <p>1.4.3 Report on the crime statistics relevant to Fermanagh and Omagh.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response times to emergency calls • Response times to priority calls • Crime and anti-social behaviour statistics in respect to Fermanagh & Omagh District.

OUTCOME 2:

We Have Confidence in Policing

Indicators	Measures	How this is Recorded/Measured
<p>21</p> <p>The level of public confidence in policing</p> <p>Here for You Here for You</p>	<p>2.1.1</p> <p>Summary of Neighbourhood Policing activity conducted across Fermanagh & Omagh.</p> <p>2.1.2</p> <p>Overview of Fermanagh & Omagh social media activity and reach.</p> <p>2.1.3</p> <p>Overview of victim contact made by police officers in Fermanagh & Omagh</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of the qualitative and quantitative activities conducted by Neighbourhood Policing Teams across Fermanagh & Omagh. • Social media statistics regarding Fermanagh & Omagh. • Victim update data aligned against the Victim Charter.
<p>22</p> <p>The level of satisfaction with the service received</p> <p>Here for You Here for You</p>	<p>2.2.1</p> <p>Monitor and review the number of complaints made against police officers in Fermanagh & Omagh Policing District.</p> <p>2.2.2</p> <p>Overview of victim satisfaction surveys conducted in Fermanagh & Omagh</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complaints data in respect to police officers. • Victim satisfaction survey results.

OUTCOME 2:

We Have Confidence in Policing

Indicators	Measures	How this is Recorded/Measured
<p>2.3 The representativeness of the police service</p> <p>Here for You: Here for Communities</p>	<p>2.3.1 • Report on engagement activity conducted in respect of underrepresented groups across Fermanagh & Omagh.</p> <p>2.3.2 Report on any activity conducted to encourage members of the community to join PSNI.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of engagement events focused on underrepresented groups. • Number of work experiences or other events aimed at highlighting PSNI as a potential career opportunity.
<p>2.4 Delivery of effective crime outcomes</p> <p>Here for You: Here for You</p>	<p>2.4.1 • Report on the criminal justice outcomes delivered by staff and officers in Fermanagh & Omagh Policing District.</p> <p>2.4.2 • Provide an overview of the stop and search powers used in Fermanagh & Omagh, including the outcome rate of these powers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcome rates in respect to criminal offences. • Stop and search statistics in respect to powers used in Fermanagh & Omagh.

OUTCOME 3:

We Have Engaged and Supportive Communities

Indicators	Measures	How this is Recorded/Measured
<p>3.1 Police in partnership with local communities, including PCSPs, identify and deliver local solutions to local problems.</p> <p>Here for You: Here for Communities</p>	<p>3.1.1 • Provide an overview of the collaborative problem solving approaches that are being conducted in Fermanagh & Omagh.</p> <p>3.1.2 Provide a summary of the activity conducted by the multiagency Support Hub.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Problem solving effectiveness aligned to the PSNI Hallmarks of Neighbourhood Policing. • Statistics in regards to the Fermanagh & Omagh Support Hub.

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Police Service
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G District Commanders' Report PCSP Policing Committee – 12 Month 2023/2024

Report Card – Outcome 1: We have a safe community

Indicator 1.1 Fewer repeat victims of Domestic Abuse
 Indicator 1.2 Fewer repeat offenders
 Indicator 1.3 People in all communities feel safe
 Indicator 1.4 Crime rates and trends showcase an effective police response
 Indicator 2.4 Delivery of effective crime outcomes

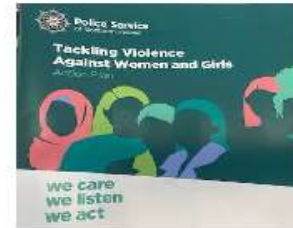
Measures: Report on and keep under review levels of Domestic Abuse across Fermanagh and Omagh
 Report on the work of Reducing Offending Unit
 Report on Drug Seizures & activity across the District.
 Report on levels of ASB.
 Report on Annual Crime Statistics

PSNI have a repeat victim's process in place to identify and review repeat victims of any crime. This process allows us to put specific mitigation in place to safeguard those most vulnerable in our society. We work in collaboration with our partners to deliver a multiagency approach which allows us to more effectively identify problems and provide a more holistic response which addresses underlying causes as opposed to treating symptoms.

1.1 Domestic abuse

Overview

This financial year to date there has been a decrease of **90** in the total number of domestic motivated crimes. During the same period domestic motivated incidents have increased by **62**.



	Total Offences Recorded			Outcomes		Outcomes (Ratio %)			Incidents		
	Previous Rolling 12 Months	Current Rolling 12 Months	Change	Previous Rolling 12 Months	Current Rolling 12 Months	Previous Rolling 12 Months	Current Rolling 12 Months	% point Change	Previous Rolling 12 Months	Current Rolling 12 Months	Change
Fermanagh & Omagh	896	806	-90	271	289	30.2%	35.8%	5.6%	1619	1681	62
Service	22291	20972	-1319	6719	5926	30.2%	28.7%	-1.5%	32820	32882	62

This decrease in reported Domestic crimes/incidents is reflected across the Province with domestic motivated crime decreasing by 2312 across Northern Ireland. Our analysts believe that the decrease is due to changes in the Home Office Crime Counting Rules. This means that only the highest offence recorded in an incident is used for crime counting purposes. For example if an incident involved an assault and a criminal damage, only the assault will be used for Home Office Crime Counting Rules as it is the higher offence. Previously it would have been counted as two crimes – assault and criminal damage. The PSNI are committed to increasing reports of Domestic Abuse and work is ongoing internally across various departments to address this. Fermanagh and Omagh are represented by Inspector Joni Beatty in this working action group.

Outcome rates for incidents of Domestic Crime have risen by 5.6% which is an exceptional figure and one which the District is extremely proud of. This means that offenders of Domestic Abuse within G District are being held to account for their actions.

The District's Vulnerability lead, continues to work in collaboration with PCSP and both Omagh and Fermanagh Women's Aid Centres to ensure an informed approach to the issue.

Operation Encompass has been embedded into our response to incidents of domestic abuse and continues to develop within district. This means that where an incident of Domestic Abuse has taken place, and there are children linked to the parties involved, PSNI will directly inform that child's school at the earliest opportunity. Once referred the School can decide what, if any, early intervention measures can be put in place for that child. It is intended to reduce the impact of adverse childhood experiences on our children. In the period 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024 **770 referrals** were made representing interventions for **1160 children**. The feedback received from schools continues to be very positive.



1.2 ROU - Reducing Offending Unit

The Reducing Offending Unit continues to play an integral part in the Reducing Offending in Partnership (ROP) strategy. The other statutory partners are Northern Ireland Prison Service, The Probation Service and the Youth Justice Agency. The Partners work together, sharing knowledge and information to manage a number of priority offenders within the district.

Period 01 April 2023 – 31 March 2024

In November 2023 ROU adapted their approach to be more responsive to the nature of repeat offending within the district. The team identified 8 prolific and repeat adult offenders who were the focus of "catch and control". The team also identified 6 juveniles who were repeatedly coming to the attention of police and provided a dedicated youth investigating officer, who worked with the Youth Diversion Officer to provide a bespoke approach to dealing with their offending.

Catch and Control

Catch and Control remained the focus for the 8 prolific and repeat offenders. This involved

1. Proactive arrest of ROU offenders who are a wanted or have been involved in crime,
2. Rigorous enforcement of bail conditions, court orders and observance of Probation licence conditions
3. Objections to bail by a dedicated ROU officer who has specific knowledge of the offender and his offending history.

Although Resettlement and Rehabilitation have been open to these offenders they have chosen not to engage in that pathway.

ROU currently manage 8 Adult Offenders in G District

1. 1 offender is currently a sentenced prisoner.
2. 2 offenders are on Remand as the investigation progress
3. 1 offenders are on Court Bail
4. 1 offenders are on Probation Licence
5. 1 is in an Adult Immigration Centre awaiting Deportation.

*Note it is possible to be both on Probation Licence and on Police Bail at the same time

Of the 6 juveniles, 4 are on Court bail, and 1 is in secure accommodation,



An ROU Offender from G District received a 6 month custodial sentence, combined with another 3 month suspended sentence in relation to causing unnecessary suffering to animals. He has also been banned from having animals for life. As a result of an arrest for a drugs offence by local police (LPT), a search of his address located a deceased dog. A good relationship was developed by the Youth Diversion Officer (YDO) with the offender's partner which led to the disclosure that another dog had also died and was disposed of at the property. An ROU officer conducted the investigation, arranging for post mortems and recommending that the offender was held on remand in prison throughout this period. This enabled the YDO to further develop trust and obtain an evidential statement while the offender was in prison. It was this statement which ultimately led to his conviction. Further to this incident, there has been additional information regarding other offences that are now under investigation.

Repeat Juvenile Offending

After a meeting with Youth Justice Agency and the Public Prosecution Service it was decided that a dedicated officer from the team would investigate the offending of six young people who were repeatedly coming to the attention of police. These young people were not managed within the ROU strand of "catch and control" or "resettlement or rehabilitation" but rather were managed as a separate juvenile cohort. Previously these young people could have a number of different police officers across various teams investigating their offending. The dedicated youth offending officer worked closely with the Youth Diversion Officer, Social Services and the Western Trust to understand the background and personal circumstances of the young people. Some of these young people are also known to other departments within the PSNI because they were victims of crime. This meant that a "trauma informed" approach to dealing with the young people could be developed.

The same investigating officer was used to investigate all offending involving the young people within the district. Interviews were expedited as the same officer was able to facilitate and coordinate social workers, solicitors and Registered Intermediaries (R.Is). The investigating officer was able to develop a relationship with the young person and accurately inform them of the progress of their investigations and relay information from officers in other departments in which the same juveniles may be victims of crime.

This approach to managing repeat juvenile offenders in G District is still in development. Early indications suggests that it has helped reduce breaches of bail, reduce offending and expedite juvenile files through the criminal justice process. It has been well received by the Western Trust, Youth Justice, PPS and the young people themselves.

Home Visits (C&C or R&R)	52	Reducing Offending in Partnership Meetings	8
Prison visits (including virtual)	0	Multi-Agency Meetings	110
Prison Productions (Art47, Sec16)	0	Prison release plans	0
Arrests / custody processed	31	Court connecting	44
PACE 10s – voluntary attenders	5	Magistrate Court Bail Applications	38
Overnight Charge Files	28	High Court Bail Applications	26
28 Day Charge Files	17	Contest / Trial	15
Report files	22	Preliminary Enquiry	8
Indictable Case Progression Files	0	Statutory referrals (Interventions)	2
New investigations	52	Non-statutory referrals (Interventions)	0

April 1st 2023 to March 31st 2024

Includes F and G District

Youth Diversion

Juvenile Offending is reviewed by two specialist Youth Diversion Officers (YDOs) who are trained in restorative justice. Located in Omagh and Enniskillen, the YDOs make recommendations in respect of Juvenile Offending based on the principle of paramourty which means “in the best interest of the child”. Recommendations from the Youth Diversion Officer can range from no prosecution, advice and warning, cautions and informed warnings, Youth Conferences, up to prosecution. Juvenile offending and engagement with Police can be graduated.

The Children’s Diversion Forum is a collaborative partnership led by the Youth Justice Agency. It involves the YDOs, Social Services, Education Authority and Community Youth Services. It is designed as a preventative measure to engage and support young people. The young people are identified by each partner agency as individuals who may benefit from the education, support or youth schemes that are on offer via this forum. Children do not have to have be involved in criminality to be recommended to the Forum and it is entirely voluntary. This year 33 Children across F and G District have been referred.

The process of “Youth Engagement” as a result of offending assists in the identification of, and early intervention in those cases which are deemed suitable for diversion from the court system. If the nature of the offending necessitates a file to be submitted to the Public Prosecution Service, the YDOs will be involved in that diversion up to the point of Prosecution. This is processed via Youth Engagement Clinics where the YDOs will explain the decision of the Public Prosecution Service and offer the child the informed warning, Caution or Conference.

YDOs also maintain close connections with the Residential Children’s Homes for young people in the district. Attending risk management meetings and visiting the Homes on a regular basis they will also be attending the Operational Missing Group as part of the Interface Protocol between Health and Social Care Trusts and the PSNI in respect of children reported missing and other police interactions with residential homes

Youth Enquiry Clinics	143
Informed Warnings	48
Cautions	28
Court Directed Youth Conferences	19
Directed Youth Conferences	97
Community Resolution Notices	234
File recommendations	395
Children’s Diversionary Forum Referrals	33
3+ Missing children management (Per Child)	4
Enhanced Return Interviews	2
Non-offence letters / contact	124
Home visits	87
Children’s Home / Residential Unit visits	61
Multi-agency meetings* (Looked After Children, risk management, freedom panel i.e. focused on one individual)	169
Internal / external partnership meetings* (Vulnerability, Childhood Sexual Exploitation, 3+ etc.)	89
*Inc. virtual attendance at meetings by WebEx etc.	-
Statutory referrals (Interventions)	158
Non-statutory referrals (Interventions)	35

April 1st 2023 to March 31st 2024

Includes F and G District

A juvenile managed by the dedicated Youth Investigating Officer from ROU and the Youth Diversion Officer had spent a period of time in secure accommodation due to the nature of his offending. During this period, psychiatric assessments were undertaken by his legal team to ensure he could engage fully in the Criminal Justice Process. Collaborative working between the Western Trust, Youth Justice Agency and the PSNI sought to safeguard the victim but also act in the best interests of the young people involved. As a result an application was made regarding this young person and he is in the process of being transferred to a therapeutic residential unit out of the jurisdiction where they will receive intensive and appropriate support. The Public Prosecution Service will take this into consideration when reviewing files relating to his offending.

1.3 Drugs

G District Drugs	Apr 22- Mar 23	Apr 23- Mar 24
Drug Arrests	78	100
Drug Seizures	369	411

Drug seizures incidents for Fermanagh and Omagh by drug type 12 months to 31 December 2023

Drugs Seized	Fermanagh & Omagh
Number of Cocaine seizures	75
Number of Ecstasy seizures	9
Number of Heroin seizures	1
Number of LSD seizures	2
Number of Methadone seizures	0
Number of Morphine seizures	1
Number of Other Class A seizures	5
Number of Amphetamines seizures	2
Number of Cannabis seizures	320
Number of Mephedrone seizures	0
Number of Other Class B seizures	19
Number of Anabolic Steroid seizures	1
Number of Benzodiazepines seizures	31
Number of Gabapentin seizures	2
Number of Pregabalin seizures	19
Number of Other Class C seizures	7

As you will see from the above figures, the main drug being found within F&O continues to be cannabis, followed to a lesser extent by cocaine.

All policing teams within Fermanagh and Omagh contribute towards our district drugs enforcement with the District Support Team (DST) leading on most of the intelligence led activity and proactive operations.

Throughout the year DST have conducted approximately 45 premises searches under warrant across the district resulting in significant seizures of a wide variety of drugs worth well in excess £120,000. In addition to this, around £42,000 and €9650 of cash has been seized from criminals and remains at various stages of the seizure process with the ultimate goal to have the cash forfeited and where possible re-invested into the local area.

We continue to detect and deal with a significant number of individuals for lower level 'possession only' drug offences. Over the course of the last year DST alone have issued 49 Community Resolution Notices for a variety of these type of offences, a portion of which, where eligible, will result in the recipient attending a Drug and Alcohol Awareness Course at the Bawnacre Centre in Irvinestown, led by colleagues in VST. Those who are not eligible for this disposal having previously offended etc. will be issued with cautions or brought before court.



DST have also worked closely with NPT and LPT particularly over the last number of months and through proactive intelligence led work have conducted a number of premises searches leading to the arrest of individuals for drug supply offences. DST have supported their LPT colleagues by giving advice around stop and searches and relevant powers and offering taster days to officers along with secondments. They have allocated nominals to each LPT team to encourage targeted activity against them relating to drugs. DST officers are now EDIT trained which allows them to support their district colleagues to field test Class A drugs to an evidential standard. This should help reduce investigation times.

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District Support Team launched a search operation in the Ballinamallard area yesterday.....Needless to say it ended with no bangs...

During the search we located approximately £30,000 worth of suspected Class B Controlled Drugs, just under 500kg of fireworks and 30,000 suspected counterfeit cigarettes.

One male has been arrested for numerous drug and firework offences and is currently assisting Police with enquiries.

Yesterday's seizures will no doubt disrupt the funding of further criminality and drug supply trade in the Enniskillen and greater Fermanagh area and we will endeavour to continue to disrupt such activities.

If you have any information regarding criminality such as drug dealing, money laundering or other illegal activities, please let DST know via 101 or report it online through our website. You can also report information 100% anonymously via charity Crimestoppers. To find out how Crimestoppers works, visit this link Crimestoppers in Northern Ireland | (<https://nri.uk/10eyr>)



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"Go and catch some real criminals!" said the fine, upstanding member of the public that we had the pleasure of speaking to on Friday afternoon.

So we did.....

Whilst on patrol in Irvinestown, a vehicle caught the attention of District Support Team. After stopping the vehicle the driver decided to make a run for it but was quickly apprehended by District Support Team officers.

A search was carried out and the suspect had approximately £5000 worth of controlled drugs in their possession. Following his arrest for numerous drug offences, a search was carried out at his home address. During the search officers located a further £1000 worth of controlled drugs and approximately £13,000 cash. The suspect has been interviewed and is currently assisting Police with enquiries.

Examples

On 12/05/23 the District Support Team carried out a warranted search at a property in the Belleek area. Two persons were arrested for drug supply offences following the seizure of a large amount of Class B and C drugs with an estimated street value of £15,000.

On 5/07/23 DST officers conducted a premises search in the Enniskillen area. During this search they seized 5kg of suspected cocaine, £1200 cash and a taser. A male was arrested for a number of drug offences and money laundering.

On 17/09/23 following a parcel intercept of 10,000 Zopiclone tablets DST officers conducted a premises search of a house in Omagh, where they seized €8000, £5000 in cash, quantities of cannabis and cocaine and 600 rounds of ammunition. Two males arrested for numerous offences relating to drugs and ammunition.

On 26/10/23 DST officers conducted a premises search in Ballinamallard during which they seized 5kg Cannabis (street value £50,000-75,000), 30,000 counterfeit cigarettes (value £8000) and 660kg of fireworks (value £20,000). A suspect was arrested for drugs and fireworks offences.

Snapshot of proactive work

- Suspect wanted for Handling Stolen Goods was observed and apprehended. A follow up search located 70 items believed to be linked to 5 burglaries.
- Vehicle circulated as being involved in shoplifting was located by DST. 3 suspects were arrested and £1600 worth of groceries recovered. All persons were overnight charged to appear at court.
- DST officers observed a trailer for sale at a local auction house which they suspected to be stolen. They attended the location and seized the trailer. They conducted further enquiries regarding this trailer and applied for warrants to search a premises at Lisnarick which resulted in locating a further 2 trailers and caravan also believed to be stolen property. One suspect arrested.
- Numerous motorists stopped and roadside breath tested which resulted in their arrest for Drink Driving.

Community Resolution Courses

The Drug & Alcohol Awareness Course is funded by the Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) and delivered by PSNI and ASCERT. The course takes place over one evening every 6-8 weeks where low level offenders participate in an education programme around the dangers and consequences of substance misuse. This process allows for certain types low level offending to be dealt with by way of non-court disposal, thereby reducing pressures on the criminal justice system. From 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024 **35 referrals** were made for the course with **24 individuals (68.6%)** attending.

Knife Rapid Bins

Also funded by PCSP, these bins are located in the main recycling centres in Enniskillen and Omagh. In the last financial year (1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024) Fermanagh has received **335 items** (323 Domestic; 12 Non-Domestic), Omagh has received **205 items** (202 Domestic; 3 Non-Domestic). All items were seized and safely disposed of. These bins are serviced annually, the cost of which is covered by PCSP.

Drugs Rapid Bins

These are funded by PCSP and are located across the district; **11 bins** in total. Located in Belcoo, Newtownbuler, Lisnaskea, 3 in Enniskillen town, Irvinestown, Sixmilecross and 2 in Omagh town. The latest addition has been placed in Mountfield community centre. Monthly and bi-monthly seizures are conducted. In the last financial year (1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024) a total of **15,347 items** have been seized and safely disposed of. The bins are serviced annually, the cost of which is covered by PCSP.



Crime Prevention

Our District Crime Prevention Officer (CPO) delivers a variety of Crime Prevention presentations to groups and individuals across the district. These presentations offer advice and guidance on subjects such as personal safety, home security and scams. The CPO is also involved in business premises inspections, visits to farms, trailer marking events and age friendly sessions. In the last financial year (1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024) CPO received **754 referrals**, attended 23 community groups to deliver presentations and 4 trailer marking events. The CPO recently delivered a series of presentations to groups made up of victims of domestic violence, 4 presentations were delivered in the Omagh area and 4 in Enniskillen. These sessions provided participants with information and advice on home security and personal safety with everyone receiving personal alarms and door wedge alarms.



1.4 & 2.4 Crime Rates and Trends / Delivery of Effective Crime Outcomes

Outcome Rates

G District Case Disposals	Rolling 365 to 05/04/2024	%
PND	34	1.1%
Community Resolution	416	13.8%
Cautions	208	6.9%
Reported	1445	47.9%
No Prosecution	408	13.5%
Charge	507	16.8%
TOTAL	2720	

Outcome Rates

Month & Year	'SATURN' Outcome Rate						
	'G' District					South Area FYTD	Service FYTD
	2020/21 FYTD	2021/22 FYTD	2022/23 FYTD	2023/24 FYTD	2024/25 FYTD		
April	32.6%	34.1%	35.5%	35.2%	40.6%	35.4%	31.4%
May	32.6%	34.1%	35.7%	35.2%			
June	32.6%	34.0%	33.6%	33.9%			
July	36.2%	33.9%	33.5%	36.9%			
August	34.5%	31.9%	33.1%	37.3%			
September	31.1%	32.5%	34.4%	37.4%			
October	34.6%	31.7%	33.9%	39.7%			
November	34.0%	32.9%	34.0%	39.6%			
December	33.6%	33.7%	34.2%	39.6%			
January	32.9%	33.3%	33.2%	39.5%			
February	33.2%	34.5%	34.2%	40.4%			
March	33.7%	35.1%	34.7%	40.8%			

FYTD / PFYTD Comparison - 1 Apr 2023 to 21 Mar 2024
Fermanagh & Omagh

	PFYTD	FYTD	Change	% Change	Outcomes FYTD	Outcomes FYTD	Outcomes (rate, %) PFYTD	Outcomes (rate, %) FYTD	% Point Change
VICTIM-BASED CRIME	3694	3538	-156	-4.3%	1887	1213	29.4%	34.3%	4.9%
VIOLENCE AGAINST THE PERSON	1904	1760	-248	-12.7%	636	634	33.6%	37.2%	3.6%
Homicide	1	0	-1	-100.0%	2	0	200.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Death or serious injury caused by unlawful driving	12	17	5	41.7%	12	16	100.0%	94.1%	-8.9%
Violence with injury	608	587	-21	-3.4%	230	199	37.6%	39.3%	1.7%
Violence without injury	846	766	-80	-9.5%	272	307	52.2%	41.1%	8.0%
Stalking and Harassment	467	418	-49	-10.5%	134	112	28.7%	28.9%	-1.0%
SEXUAL OFFENCES	180	200	20	7.5%	34	43	18.5%	21.5%	3.2%
Rape	82	59	-23	-28.0%	0	10	0.0%	16.9%	16.9%
Other sexual offences	124	141	17	13.7%	29	33	23.4%	23.4%	0.0%
ROBBERY	6	12	6	100.0%	3	2	50.0%	16.7%	-33.3%
Robbery of personal property	5	10	5	100.0%	3	2	60.0%	20.0%	-40.0%
Robbery of business property	1	2	1	100.0%	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
BURGLARY	158	165	7	4.4%	29	38	18.7%	23.0%	4.3%
Burglary - Residential	88	113	25	28.4%	16	20	20.5%	17.7%	-2.8%
Burglary - Business & Community	51	52	1	2.0%	8	18	15.7%	34.0%	18.3%
- Domestic burglary	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
- Non-domestic burglary	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
THEFT OFFENCES	800	846	46	5.8%	222	330	27.8%	39.0%	11.2%
Theft from the person	7	3	-4	-57.1%	2	1	28.6%	33.3%	4.9%
Vehicle offences	80	118	38	47.5%	27	44	27.6%	37.3%	9.7%
Bicycle theft	9	9	0	0.0%	2	1	22.2%	11.1%	-11.1%
Shoplifting	288	348	60	20.8%	139	223	51.9%	64.1%	12.2%
All other theft offences	423	386	-37	-8.8%	62	61	12.5%	18.8%	6.3%
CRIMINAL DAMAGE	694	688	-6	-0.9%	140	106	24.2%	27.3%	3.1%
OTHER CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY	580	665	85	14.7%	435	492	75.0%	74.9%	-1.0%
DRUG OFFENCES	341	360	19	5.6%	280	333	87.7%	95.4%	7.7%
Trafficking of drugs	30	50	20	66.7%	30	28	100.0%	50.0%	-50.0%
Possession of drugs	305	340	35	11.5%	250	305	88.2%	89.7%	1.5%
POSSESSION OF WEAPONS OFFENCES	38	46	8	21.1%	16	36	42.1%	78.3%	36.2%
PUBLIC ORDER OFFENCES	48	38	-10	-20.8%	38	28	79.2%	77.8%	-1.4%
MISCELLANEOUS CRIMES AGAINST SOCIETY	133	163	30	22.6%	62	83	53.6%	41.2%	-12.4%
(Not in Reference tables)	0	0	0	0.0%	0	1	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
TOTAL RECORDED CRIME - ALL OFFENCES (INCL UNDERCOUNT)	8276	8215	-61	-0.7%	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
TOTAL OUTCOMES - ALL OFFENCES	NA	NR	NA	NA	1522	1706	35.6%	48.6%	13.0%

Return: Crime Summary FYTD - Date 12/06/2023
*Return figures only available to 21/03/24



Follow up with repeat callers (Top 10)

We conduct a monthly review of the top callers within the District. The Vulnerability Support Team review each of the individual's identified, consider their circumstances, the nature of their calls for service and frequency of same. If we identify circumstances where the needs of the individual are best met by a partner organisation, we will signpost them to that organisation for further assistance. This is done with the consent of the individual and involves working with our partners to seek the most suitable and beneficial support for the individual concerned. This approach has seen a reduction in the number of calls from these individuals, helped to implement the right support strategy from the best source, reduced risk and harm and ultimately, improved their quality of life.

Case Study

When analysing the District's Top 10 callers, the Vulnerability Support Team identified a 74 year old female who had made 32 calls to police within a 38 day period. A home visit was carried out with the lady to establish the circumstances of the high volume of calls. Officers quickly established that the elderly lady appeared to be suffering from paranoia and was quite agitated and distressed. Police contacted this lady's GP and assisted in arranging a face to face appointment for the next day. Police took the lady to the appointment where a full check-up was carried out and within 6 weeks of the appointment the lady was diagnosed with Dementia. The lady was given the appropriate medication to help with her condition and a Social Worker was put in place for additional support. As a result, this lady is sleeping better, is much less distressed and police have seen a reduction in calls for service of 87.5% and subsequently 100% in the months following.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Figures - Fermanagh & Omagh

G District ASB - 01.04.23 - 21.03.24*			
Month	2022	2023	2024
Jan	143	124	120
Feb	147	151	136
Mar	94	158	96 #
April	170	169	
May	171	191	
June	178	160	
July	185	195	
Aug	212	213	
Sept	208	202	
Oct	262	189	
Nov	157	135	
Dec	132	130	

- *Saturn figures only available to 21/03/24
- # Data to 21/03/2024



G District Commanders' Report PCSP Policing Committee

Report Card – Outcome 2. We Have Confidence in Policing

Indicator 2.2 The level of satisfaction with the service received
Indicator 2.4 Delivery of effective crime outcomes

Measures: Report on Victim Updates.
Report on Complaint Data.
Report on Neighbourhood Watch Scheme figures.
Report on Hate Incidents follow up by NPT.
Report on Follow up with repeat callers (Top 10)

Victim Updates

Victim 10 Day Update - Rolling 365 Days to 06/05/2024	G District	Service
Victim Met 10 Day	2262	60575
	97.3%	96.2%
Victim Not Met 10 Day	62	2245
	2.7%	3.6%
Victim No Update Recorded	0	138
	0.0%	0.2%

*Statistics are not validated so are therefore provisional

Neighbourhood Watch

There are currently 90 active Neighbourhood Watch schemes in the Fermanagh and Omagh area, with 134 active Coordinators. These schemes cover 6254 homes. We also have 3 new schemes in the canvassing and initial set-up process. This will increase the coverage of Neighbourhood Watch across the whole Fermanagh and Omagh area.

PCSP and PSNI will hosted the annual Neighbourhood Watch Conference in The Manor House, Hotel, Killadeas, Co. Fermanagh on 4th November 2023. The delegates were principally NHW Coordinators but some invited guests and PCSP members also attended.

As well as updates on local policing matters and a review of this year's Neighbourhood Watch Survey there was a presentation on refugee and newcomer issues by Mary Lafferty of the ERANO Group (Empowering Refugees and Newcomers, Omagh). This was followed by a Q & A session with Chief Inspector Fallis of the local District Command Team on matters of concern to delegates in respect of crime, anti-social behaviour or other policing issues in the District.

Coordinators also had the chance to attend two training events in January 2024 where Keith Collen from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council provided instruction and practical demonstrations on the use of Defibrillator Machines and CPR, to increase awareness of the AED machines in our area and how to use them in a medical emergency.

NHW Coordinator Cluster Meetings also continued throughout the past year. This initiative involves local NPT officers and PCSP staff meeting Coordinators from all the local NHW Schemes in a venue in their own area. This reduces the amount of travel for Coordinators and focuses more on the issues of most concern to the Coordinators in their own and immediately adjacent NHW Scheme areas. This is a much less formal, more relaxing environment than the traditional meetings held in Omagh and Enniskillen Police Stations and usually leads to more open discussion. It is hoped this will continue to improve relationship building between NPT and local NHW Schemes and their Coordinators. These events have proved to be very popular and will continue as a feature of PCSP, PSNI and Neighbourhood Watch engagement.

Hate Incidents

G District Hate Incidents 01.04.23 - 31.03.24		PFYTD	FYTP	CHANGE	%CHANGE
Sectarian	Incidents	7	5	-2	-28.6%
	Offences	8	3	-5	-62.5%
Racist	Incidents	4	2	-2	-50.0%
	Offences	3	1	-2	-66.7%
Homophobic	Incidents	2	1	-1	-50.0%
	Offences	1	1	0	0.0%
Transphobic	Incidents	0	0	0	-
	Offences	0	0	0	-
Disability	Incidents	0	0	0	-
	Offences	0	0	0	-
Religious	Incidents	0	0	0	-
	Offences	0	0	0	-

*Statistics are not validated so are therefore provisional

*This FYTD there has been a -58.3% decrease in the total number of hate motivated crimes. During the same time period hate motivated incidents have recorded a -38.5% decrease

- Historically our numbers are & remain low.
- Hate incidents are Hate Calls where no criminal offence has taken place.
- The impact of hate on victims can be significant therefore strict procedures are in place to ensure Victims are supported and all hate calls are subject to review at our daily Morning Meeting.
- Unsurprisingly Sectarian hate remains our largest category followed by racially motivated Hate.

G District Commanders' Report PCSP Policing Committee

Report Card – Outcome 3. We Have Engaged & Supportive Communities

Indicator 2.1 The level of public confidence in policing
Indicator 3.1 Police in partnership with local communities and partner agencies, including PCSPs, identify and deliver local solutions to local problems

Measures: Report on the delivery of Neighbourhood Policing in Fermanagh & Omagh District.
Report on the work of the District Vulnerability Support Hub.
Report on the use of Problem Solving Folders
Report on effective crime outcomes

2.1 Public Confidence & 3.1 Partnership with Local communities and Partner Agencies.

We recognise the critical role our communities play in assisting us to provide an effective policing service for all. By improving public perceptions and increasing trust through positive engagement with members of the public and partners, we can significantly increase confidence in policing and thereby enhance legitimacy. Effective engagement enables members of the public and communities to engage and participate in policing at their level which can include a one –off contact through to a long term partnership.

To increase the support of the community we must ensure our engagement is effective so that we can understand their needs and then in partnership, work with them and other relevant stakeholders to deliver local solutions to these problems. PCSPs play a particularly important role, working collaboratively with communities and partners to enable and facilitate us to make a positive difference to improve the safety and wellbeing of the people of Fermanagh and Omagh.

Neighbourhood policing provides the foundation for us to increase trust and confidence in policing and enhance community safety and it is through their continued work with PCSP's we can deliver against this outcome.

2.4 Effective Outcomes

Victim Satisfaction G District	% Responding Strongly Agree / Agree		
	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
1. The Police Officers / Staff treated me with fairness and respect	87.7%	84.0%	85.7%
2. I am satisfied with how well I have been kept informed of the progress of my case	59.0%	57.7%	61.9%
3. I am satisfied with my contact with PSNI.	66.4%	68.7%	68.6%
4. If a family member or friend were a victim of crime in the future, based on this experience, I would recommend they report it to police.	76.2%	73.8%	76.1%

* The Volume Crime Survey is indicative only as the Sample Size is small (954 victims have been invited to participate in the v

3.1 Neighbourhood Policing in Fermanagh & Omagh

Community confidence is critical within Fermanagh & Omagh District. Genuine engagement with the community will increase confidence and ensure that service delivery meets the needs and aspirations of the whole community.

- Continued engagement with key community groups to build and maintain critical relationships with partners
- Identification of new groups to build relationships with
- Establish links with communities which have traditionally / historically had a difficult relationship with police
- Continue to develop links with local youth groups, sports clubs and schools where a critical need is identified
- Collaborative working to address vulnerability and drugs misuse in the District
- Effective use of funding streams to challenge violent extremist narrative & community control
- Effective use of media, including Social Media

Neighbourhood teams continue to visit and engage with pupils at local primary schools, post primary schools, further education colleges and CAFRE campuses throughout the district providing information and education on a range of topics such as People who help us, Road safety, Cycle safety, Criminal responsibility and consequences, Internet safety and awareness/Sexting/Sextortion, Online bullying, One punch kills, Substance misuse. Given recent media attention focusing on incidents involving young people and knife crime, a number of presentations have been delivered to post primary students on Gun & knife crime.

NPT officers recently visited the Skills Centre in Enniskillen to provide a road safety presentation to students, aimed specifically at young drivers and were assisted by colleagues in Roads policing. This was very well received by a very inquisitive and engaging audience.

We continue our efforts to maximise our NPT profile whilst balancing organisational resourcing pressures with community demands and expectations. With a reduction in budgets/resources it is particularly challenging requiring increased flexibility and bigger emphasis and focus on specific community problems.

Example of proactive NPT work

During a conversation with a paramedic Constable Armstrong of Erne West Neighbourhood Team discovered a concerning vulnerability in regards community defibrillators in rural areas, namely that many were not registered and many were not emergency-ready due to faulty batteries or pads. If a defib is not registered, the 999 operator cannot direct anyone to it during a cardiac arrest. Every minute without a defib decreases the survival rate by 10%, so in rural areas this is a matter of life and death.

As this was an issue affecting our local communities, Constable Armstrong was determined to improve the picture and help save lives. Working in partnership with the NIAS Community Resuscitation Lead, a strategy was developed and a pilot project commenced for Erne West. Technical feedback was also given to NIAS in relation to their website, which was very gratefully received.

Constable Armstrong used his network of community contacts and during his patrols visited every shop, school, sports ground, community group, church, factory etc. in his area. Leaflets were designed and distributed for all these visits. He encouraged everyone to register their defib with NIAS, which everybody spoken to did. The rest of Erne West did likewise and 'black spots' with no defibs were also identified. New contacts were made during these visits and the whole project was a fantastic engagement opportunity with the community, with positive feedback received from everyone involved. One local rep called it an "excellent endeavour and very worthwhile cause". Working in partnership with the British Heart Foundation, communities in the areas when 'black spots' were identified were also encouraged to apply for free defibs, with several communities doing so. The end result was the number of emergency-ready defibs in Erne West doubled from 21 to 43! The project results were shared on social media, which attracted a lot of positive feedback and helped build trust and confidence in local Police.



*Constable Armstrong pictured with a newly installed defib in Kinawley

Problem Solving Folders

In addition to the engagement work undertaken by NPT they are also responsible for dealing with more protracted issues and problems affecting the community. They do this through the use of Problem Solving Folders. Problem solving folders are initiated in response to specific community issues. The concern may result from crimes or incidents and, if that is the case, will exist in tandem with the police investigation. More often than not, the concern will arise as a result of an observation or a referral to police such as persistent / frequent callers with an underlying vulnerability, a recurring issue relating to a Local Policing Plan objective or problems that require partnership working including additional resources. Covering a range of topics including ASB, Public Safety, and vulnerable individuals.



Enniskillen NPT took part in the Big Fermanagh Litter Pick recently using the Police boat. This initiative was in partnership with Lough Erne Landscape Partnership and 500 volunteers from across all communities. Officers assisted by removing litter from along the water's edge which was a hazard to wildlife and unsightly.



Omagh NPT officers along with members of 'Campsie Sew&Sews' arranged for a group of 5 teenage girls and 5 older women to make shoulder bags and attach reflective panels to them in the Hub - Campsie. This is an intergenerational project which aims to impart new and highly practical skills to younger women and to encourage them to speak with older women within their community. Once the youngsters were taught to sew, sewing kits were distributed to them to encourage them to perfect their skill and by having the confidence to repair their own clothes, assist with easing the cost of living burden. Officers are now in the process of arranging a VAWG walkabout to demonstrate the new bags and to impart advice to women about keeping safe when out and about. Female officers from the team will take part in this initiative and use the opportunity to engage with local women and chat to them in an informal and private manner in case they wish to make any disclosures or seek advice.

Mid Tyrone NPT officers along with PCSP member Greg attended Knockmoyle youth club for an evening of fun and games. Children were able to ask questions about a Constable's job and were shown his belt and body armour. This was followed by a pizza for all in attendance, courtesy of the PCSP.



Police Fermanagh & Omagh
15 Apr · G

On Friday officers from Mid Tyrone Neighbourhood Policing Team returned to Knockmoyle Youth Club for an evening of games and engagement. Constable Ruane showed the children what items we have on our belt and body armour that we can use to help us. We would like to thank Greg from the Police and Community Safety Partnership for providing the children with some tasty pizza. Thank you to Amy, Clare & Odhran as always for making us feel very welcome.



Police Fermanagh & Omagh
29 Mar · G

As part of our Northern Ireland wide day of action on business crime, Enniskillen Neighbourhood Policing Team have been out speaking with local retailers today about our Safe Shop Scheme.

We also were joined by our partner, Fermanagh and Omagh Policing and Community Safety Partnership in our local shopping centre to speak about local issues and provide some crime prevention advice. #SaBa



Enniskillen NPT officers have been delivering information sessions and advice to retailers on the Safe Shop scheme. An information stand was in place at Erneside shopping centre where members of the public could come and have a chat about local issues. It was also a good opportunity to impart crime prevention advice to both retailers in the centre as well as members of the public. Our colleague from the PCSP was also on hand to assist with advice.

West Tyrone NPT along with PCSP colleagues welcomed the Seskinore young farmers club to Omagh PSNI station recently. This was an excellent opportunity to engage with the young members of the local farming community in the run up to a busy farming period. There was lots of engagement from the youngsters and advice and guidance imparted on road safety, farm safety and agricultural crime. Following the discussions the group got to see and test some police equipment.

Police Fermanagh & Omagh
14 Mar · G

On Tuesday evening, our West Tyrone NPT team and PCSP members welcomed the Seskinore Young Farmer's Club to Omagh PSNI Station. This was an excellent opportunity for our officer's to speak with young members of the local farming community and offer advice and guidance on several topic's such as road safety and agricultural crime.

Once the introductions and discussions were finished, it was out to the yard where our visitor's got to test and try out some Police equipment. An interesting conversation ensued between the pulling power of a Massey and a Pangolin!



Police Fermanagh & Omagh
31 Mar · G

Officers from Omagh Neighbourhood Policing Team were at Omagh County Primary last week following reports of vehicles speeding past the school. Thank you to all the parents who stopped with us to express their concerns. We will be revisiting the area over the coming weeks.



In response to a number of complaints about cars speeding by the school in the mornings, officers from Omagh NPT completed a number of Hi-Vis beat patrols in the environs of the Omagh County Primary School on the Campsie Road. The officers concerned spoke with parents and the lollipop person who thanked police for their presence and confirmed that the problem is a recrudescient one. This will lead into a wider traffic control, speed awareness and enforcement Op, which will feature both SID (Speed Indicator Device) and the use of LASER.